

Woolsey Drive, S.W.

In GRPL 125, Capitol collection, are photos of the old pre-fab World War II housing in the Black Hills along Woolsey Drive. The house numbers include:

812	816	822	828	830
834	836	840	842	844
844½	846	852	858	862
910	914	920	926	932
938	944	946	950	956

All the above numbers were divided into Apts. A & B. According to the late Fire Inspector Ernest Slade, who lived in the Black Hills and worked as a firefighter on Engine 12 at Hall & Grandville before going into the Fire Inspection Bureau, these were quonset huts originally built to house those attending the Grand Rapids Weather School. They were built during World War II and torn down about 1951-52. Subsequent housing was built along Woolsey Drive beginning about 1958.