

EAST GRAND RAPIDS HISTORY

William Laraway – Charles P. Limbert Estates

A History of the property and addresses on Fisk Lake on which the homes at
2002, 2008, 2010 and 2020 Robinson Road SE were built

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The William Laraway Estate

Fisk Lake

Located on Fisk Lake property on which the current homes at 2002, 2008, 2010 and 2020 Robinson Road SE were built.

1875/6 - 1896

The William Laraways build a home on Fisk Lake, 1875/1876

William Laraway, Grand Rapids gravestone monument maker

Birth 1833. Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, USA

Death 23 Dec 1885 (aged 51–52)

Burial Fulton Street Cemetery. Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan

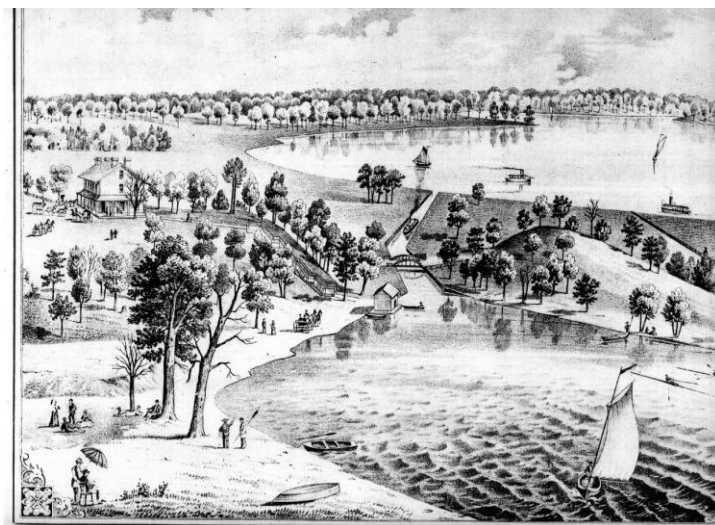
Harriet A. *Fisk* Laraway, spouse

Birth 4 Jan 1841. Ada, Kent County, Michigan, USA

Death 9 Jun 1915 (aged 74). Hollywood, Los Angeles County, California, USA

Burial Fulton Street Cemetery. Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan. Findagrave.com

John W. Fisk came to what is now East Grand Rapids in 1837. He established this area's first inn on the shore of the lake that would later bear his name. The business, located on Robinson Road and Lakeside Drive was known as the Fisk Lake Inn. It was also known as the Lake House and the Fisk Lake Tavern. By the 1870s he had widened and expanded the band of water between Reeds and Fisk Lakes creating a channel that was navigable by small boats. The lake and channel were named for him. Reeds Lake was named for the Reed family who settled in this area by the summer of 1834.



Fisk Lake Inn with a view of Reeds and Fisk Lake in the foreground

Belden, H. & Company. *1876 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Kent County, Michigan*. Chicago: Shorer & Company, 1876

According to East Grand Rapids' historian, William L. Bennett, Fisk's daughter Harriett (1841-1915) married William Laraway (1833 – 1885), a notable gravestone monument maker. By 1875/76 the Laraways had established themselves on the north shore of Fisk Lake and had built a formidable brick home there on the property. William died in 1885. The home was purchased by 1896 by Charles P. Limbert, who would prove to be a recognized Arts & Crafts furniture designer and builder. This home sat on Robinson Road. Its address would change during the years of Limbert ownership from 997 Robinson, 1720 Robinson and lastly 2002 Robinson. After its demolition in 1955/56 several homes with newer addresses were built on the property.

Mr. Fisk is credited with cutting the channel between Reeds and Fisk lakes, the channel showing in a drawing in the *Illustrated Historical Atlas of 1876*. The drawing also depicts an improbable steam ship in that channel. At that time the tavern was named Lake House and indicated as the property of Jerome Trowbridge. In 1902 this property was purchased by Judson C. West who came from Lowell and with his son Ben E. West, founded the West Drug Stores.

Judson's granddaughter, Helen, and her husband John T. Osier, were the owners in 1954 when the top two stories were removed and the building no longer reminded people of the tavern.

Mr. Fisk's daughter married William Laraway, one of the earliest monument makers in Grand Rapids who designed and constructed many of the old monuments which may be seen in Fulton Street Cemetery. The Laraways built a fine brick home on Fisk Lake, about at the end of what is now Woodward Lane, and was later owned by the Limbert family. That residence was torn down and the site is now the property of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Jarecki.

Bennett, William L. *Memories of East Grand Rapids: 1834 – 1982*. Grand Rapids, 1982. P1

NOTE: The Jarecki family lived at 2020 Robinson Road on the former Limbert property.

There were several homes with different addresses built at this location.



Laraway Lake Addition. Fisk Lake. The location of William Laraway's home is the black square closest to F.

Belden, H. & Company. *1876 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Kent County, Michigan*. Chicago: Shorer & Company, 1876. Grand Rapids Township map. P7



William Laraway estate – later to be purchased by Charles P. Limbert and named "Clarimere"
 Belden, H. & Company. *1876 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Kent County, Michigan*. Chicago: Shorer & Company, 1876

William Laraway was a Grand Rapids stone cutter and a monument maker. His shop was located near Fisk Lake.

MARBLE—STONE CUTTING.

Daniel S. T. Weller in 1848 brought into the village a small stock of Vermont marble, and opened a shop near the foot of Monroe street, for the manufacture of grave stones, monuments, table tops, mantels, and other similar work pertaining to the marble cutter's trade. The demand at that time was small, and only for the plainest and simplest of work, orders for elaborate carving being very rare; but, being the first, and the only one of its kind then in the place, this shop

furnished fairly remunerative employment for two or three workmen. The first journeyman there was Dudley Handley, who worked at the trade in the city for several years. In 1855 William Laraway opened a second shop on Monroe street, and the two side by side found paying business. The panic of 1857 proved embarrassing to this trade as well as many others, and not much advance was made until after the war. Subsequently John P. Fisk became a partner with Laraway, and in turn sold out to Herman W. Liesveld, and the firm of Laraway & Co. operated for some years on Monroe street between Ottawa and Ionia. About 1870 the partnership was dissolved, and Liesveld with his brother, started a new shop on the east side of Division street, a short distance south of Fulton; Laraway removing his plant to near Fisk's Lake. Soon after this, John M. and Henry C. Ramsey established marble works, under the firm name of Ramsey & Son, at the corner of Pearl and Campau streets, putting in steam machinery, and carrying on there for several years quite an extensive business. Later workers in the marble trade have been: Charles Schmidt & Brothers, West Fulton and Straight streets; Miles H. Witeman, Pearl street; A. R. Gibson, South Division street; Alexander Matheson, with Granite Works on Almy street; Albert L. Russell, Fourth and West Bridge street, and Charles Spencer, North Front street. The marble and granite works of Mr. Matheson are extensive and include stone sawing by steam power machinery. They were situated at 91 to 101 Almy street; but he has lately removed to the east side of Division, near Island street.

Baxter, Albert. "William Laraway" History of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Grand Rapids: 1881 p489-90

The Charles P. Limbert Estate Overview

Fisk Lake

Located on Fisk Lake property on which the current homes at 2002, 2008, 2010 and 2020 Robinson Road SE were built.

1896 - 1955

“Clarimere”

Formerly the William Laraway estate

A History of the Charles P. Limbert property on Fisk Lake on which the current homes at 2002, 2008, 2010 and 2020 Robinson Road SE were built

These addresses are located on property once owned by renowned West Michigan Arts & Crafts furniture designer and maker, Charles P. Limbert (1854 - 1923). He was a contemporary of Arts & Crafts furniture maker, Stickley. Limbert began producing furniture in Grand Rapids and then moved his factory to Holland, Michigan. The property was formerly owned by the William Laraway family.

The Limbert Family lived at one home on Robinson Road SE with 3 different addresses from 1897 through 1954: 997 Robinson, 1720 Robinson and lastly 2002 Robinson.

Limbert named his large stately home “Clarimere” and lived there from 1896 until his death in 1923. After his death in 1923 his sister Clara lived in the home until she died in 1954. Limbert & Company went bankrupt in 1942. Clarimere was demolished in the mid to late 1950s to make way for new homes to be built on the large property. The Limbert boat house, most likely built circa 1897 is still present on Fisk Lake.

Several home addresses are now located on Limbert's former property, 2000 Robinson Road SE, 2002 Robinson Road, 2008 Robinson Road, 2010 Robinson Road and 2020 Robinson Road.



1907 Kent County Historical Atlas shows C.P. Limbert's “Clarimere” estate on Fisk Lake. Robinson Road was formerly known as “Thorneapple Road”.



4.7 acres originally Charles P. and Clara T. Limbert property 1899 - 1954.
Year 2023 – Kent County Parcel Mapper

2000 Robinson Road SE, 2002 Robinson Road, 2010 Robinson Road, 2020 Robinson Road
A closer look at the Limbert property on the north shore shore of Fisk Lake

Limbert's home, "Clarimere" was not on a named parcel or addition. Its exact description is very complicated, but the lot can be approximately located as being in Grand Rapids Township, Section 28, Town 7, Range 11.

EGR History Room Tax Records show:

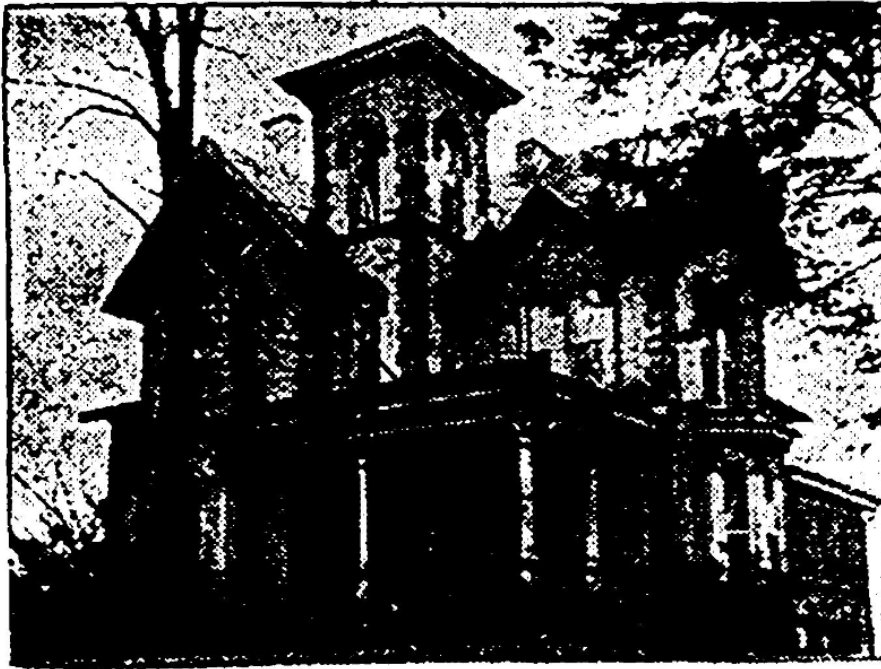
- 1909 Charles P. and Clara T. Limbert own two lots totaling 5 acres with an assessed value of \$12,000.
- 1914-1923 Charles P. Limbert is listed as owning 5 acres with assessed value rising from \$18,000 in 1914 to \$25,000 in 1915; then \$35,000 in 1919; 40,000 in 1920; \$42,000 in 1922; \$45,000 in 1923.
- 1924 The 5-acre property is now owned by the Charles P. Limbert Estate, and is valued at \$45,000. Charles died in 1923.
- 1925-1926 Clara T. Limbert is listed as owning 5 acres with assessed value \$55,000.

It should be noted that...

The 1876 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Kent County Michigan shows a structure at the approximate location of Limbert's 5-acre lot.

The 1907 Standard Atlas of Kent County Michigan clearly shows Limbert as owning land on the north side of Fisk Lake, with two structures; the one closer to the lake is the smaller of the two.

“Clarimere” the Limbert home, 1896 – 1954
 Formerly the William Laraway home [1876] – 1896: Demolished in 1955/56.



2002 Robinson Rd., S. E.

1904-1954

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Grand Rapids Press

December 30, 1954 p28. Real estate listing. 2002 Robinson Road SE

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Also 3 sets of bathroom fixtures, one glass shower door, large automatic gas water heater, gas laundry drier. Quantity of nice quarter-sawn oak flooring, white pine dimension lumber, sheathing boards. Heating radiators, piping. Interior trim, beautiful stair balustrade, decorative stone, oval mouldings, quoins, belts, coursed foundation sills. Stone caps, and a stone fountain, most of which is pink Ionia stone.

Also many other rare and unusually nice building materials. All items to be removed at once.

See Salesman at Location

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7-3427

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At 2002 Robinson Rd., SE
East Grand Rapids, Mich.
Phone GL 4-3670

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Also a quantity of nice, used, quarter-sawn oak flooring. Large mirrored door. Several used window units with frames. Good white pine dimension lumber, Interior trim lumber and decorative stone work, most of which is pink Ionia stone. All items to be moved at once. See salesman at location.

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& WRECKING CO.**

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7-3427

Grand Rapids Press
October 8, 1955 p36

Grand Rapids Press
October 22, 1955 p34

WRECKING

Large Distinguished Home

At 2002 Robinson Rd., SE.

East Grand Rapids, Mich.

Phone GL 4-3670

Quantities of good used 2x4s, 2x6s, 2x10s and 2x12s. Also good sheathing boards, used brick, doors, windows, cupboards, gas mangle, gas dryer and many miscellaneous building items to be moved at once. See salesman at location.

**CAPITOL LUMBER
& WRECKING CO.**

575 RICHMOND, NW PHONE 7-3427

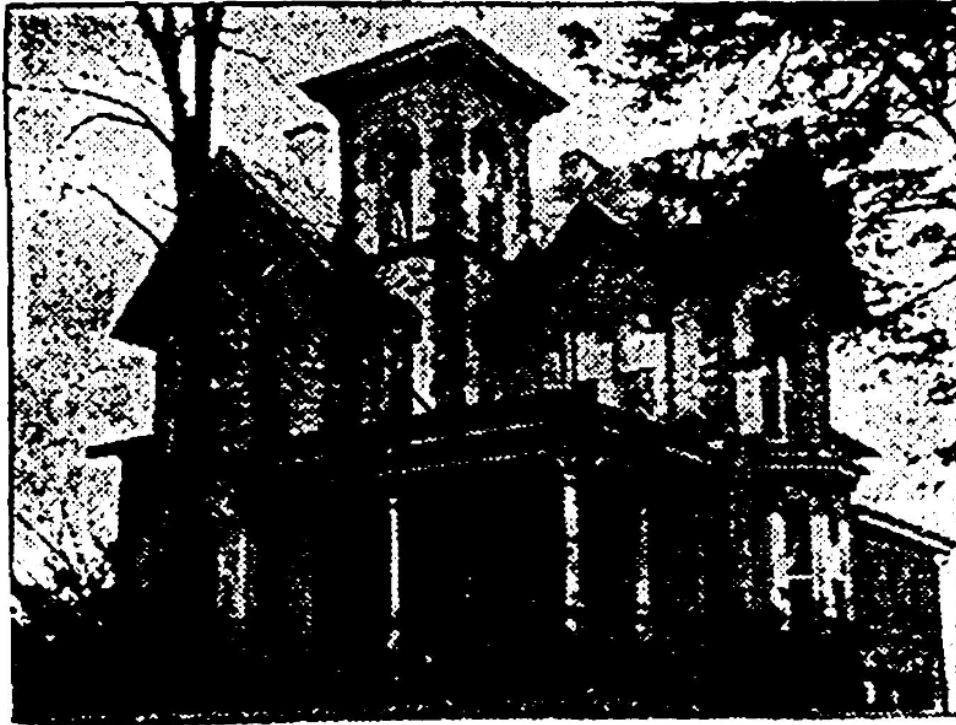
ECONOMY SHEATHING—\$92 per thousand Nice, bright dry lumber. Come in and look it over Wyoming Park Lumber AR 6-2351

Grand Rapids Press
November 4, 1955 p62

ORIGINAL HOUSE

2002 Robinson Road SE

East Grand Rapids, Michigan



“Clarimere”

Charles Potter and sister, Clara T. Limbert

1896 – 1955 (Demolition)



Limbert boat house, main house in back, boat house remains, 2023.

Boathouse photo courtesy of Ellen Nelson, former resident

History

2002 Robinson Road SE, East Grand Rapids, Michigan

1957 - 2023

HOUSE HISTORY

2002 Robinson Road SE

East Grand Rapids, Michigan

According to the City of East Grand Rapids the new home was built in 1959.

Other records show that the home was built in 1957.

This home was built during and after the Limbert home was demolished as shown in these photographs, courtesy of Ellen Nelson, former home owner.



Current 2002 Robinson Road, foreground, under construction in 1957. "Clarimere" is seen boarded up in the background. The old home is in the process of being demolished. A wrecking company has published advertisements seeking buyers for old doors, windows, fixtures, floors, etc.



Various stages of new construction and demolition of the old home.

Photographs courtesy of Ellen Nelson, former owner





Under construction, 1957

City of East Grand Rapids Property Information Photographs. 2002 Robinson Road SE



1978



1979

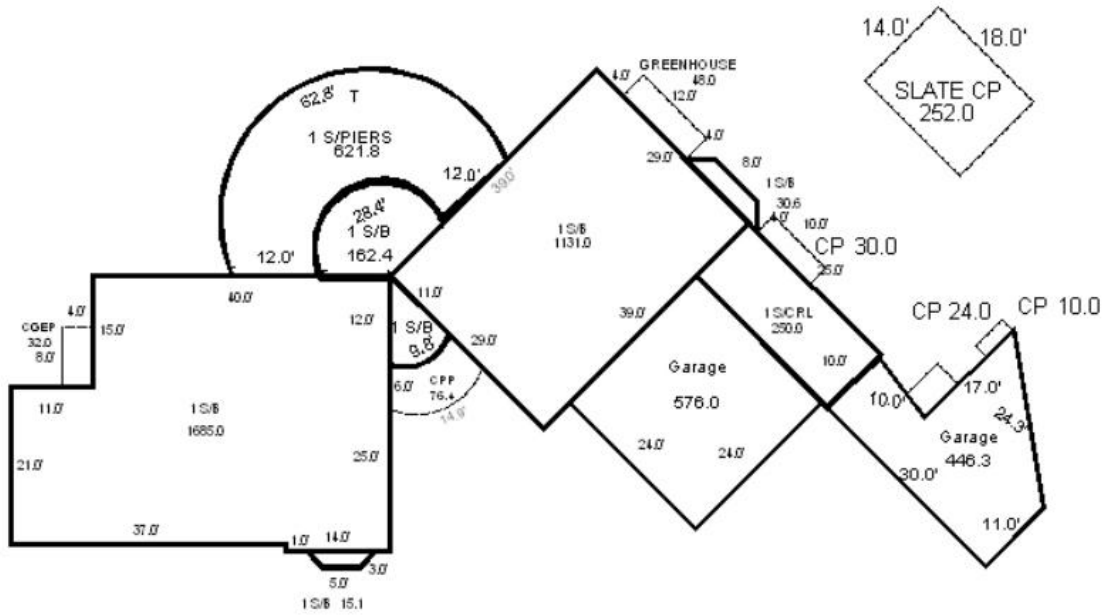


1995



1998

Eastgr.org Property Information



Summary Information

Residential Building Summary

- > -Year Built: 1957 -Bedrooms: 5
- Full Baths: 4 -Half Baths: 2
- Sq. Feet: 4,053 -Acres: 1.267

Sale History

Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Grantor	Grantee	Terms of Sale
08/23/2022	\$0.00	QC	LAFAVE MARGAUX & JORDAN	LAFAVE JORDAN & MARGAUX	21-NOT USED/OTHER
04/09/2021	\$0.00	QC	LAFAVE MARGAUX	LAFAVE MARGAUX & JORDAN	21-NOT USED/OTHER
09/10/2020	\$1,055,000.00	WD	SCHULZ MATTHEW & LORI	LAFAVE MARGAUX	03-ARM'S LENGTH
03/01/2017	\$1,025,000.00	WD	NELSON ROBERT L	SCHULZ MATTHEW & LORI	03-ARM'S LENGTH
09/23/2000	\$0.00	QC	GLASS RICHARD & PATRICIA	NELSON ROBERT & ELLEN	21-NOT USED/OTHER
04/14/1998	\$671,225.00	WD	GLASS RICHARD G	NELSON ROBERT L	03-ARM'S LENGTH
03/23/1995	\$550,000.00	WD	MITCHELL RICHARD H	GLASS RICHARD G	03-ARM'S LENGTH

Above photographs, floor plan, summary info sale history courtesy of the City of East Grand Rapids Eastgr.org Property Info

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SPACIOUS! \$375,000.00 2002 & 2010 Robinson Road, S.E. St
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Firm Name (1) Ervin D. Miller Realtor Associate Phone No. 451-7657 Phone No.	OWNER Michigan National Bank, Trust ADD 77 Monroe Ctr., Grand Rapids ZIP Res. PH. 451-7657 Mr. Mrs.
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DIRECT'S South side of Robinson Road, just East of Plymouth Avenue
 Perm Par. No. 41-14-28-376-003 & 41-14-28-376-004, Part of E₂, SW₂,
 and Leg. Desc. Sec. 28, T7N, R11W
 Approx. Lot Sz. 240 x 296 x 150 x 235x200x150

Rooms UP: 2 Master Suites w/ DRS/R & Baths, Den, Util/R, L/R, Kitchen DN: 2 BR, 2 Baths, Rec/R, Fam/R, Kitchen, Plenty of Storage. Heat 2FA Fuel Gas Exterior Brick Estimated Budget Bsm't Full In Use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pub Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pub Sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Well <input type="checkbox"/> Septic In Street (Not Connected) <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Water Blt. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dish. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disp. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R/O Central Air Type -- \$ @ % \$ Debt	Baths 4 1/2 Fire/pl 2 Est. Age 29 Shows Good Porch Enclosed Sun Why Sell Estate Trade NO Street Paved Yes Defer. Assmt. Assm'ts: Est. Tax 12,060 A.V. 176,600 Mo. Incl. <input type="checkbox"/> tax Held By <input type="checkbox"/> ins.	Garage 2 St. Htd EDO Dr. Priv. Yes Pty. Swim Pool NO Water Front 150' Gr. Wealthy Sch. Jr. East G.R. JR sr. East G.R. SR. Par Choice Gr. Sch. City Bus Payoff Date
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Additional Data: Great Location! Walkout to frontage on Fisk Lake. Home contains additional features of 2 Wet Bars, 2 kitchens, small greenhouse, grand entry, and security system. Bring qualified buyers to at closing. Zoned A-1

Computer Area 33 To Show 451-7657 Poss. Date at closing

The above information is subject to verification and no liability for errors or omissions is assumed by the listing or selling office.

NOTE: This home is listed at 2002 and 2010 Robinson Road in 1986.



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SEP 1996		\$649,000	G233114
RESIDENTIAL			
Fisk Lake			
Single family			
FRTG: 150		2002 Robinson Rd, SE 49506	
Ranch style		T: East Grand Rapids C: Kent	
BF: SA:3.5 BA:3.5 6	BRS: 5 BTH: 4+	TERMS: Conv Cash	
AJS Realty, Inc. - B	957-1680	OWNER: Mitchell, M/M Richard & SueAnn	
Schreur, A. Jeffrey	949-4540	PH: 616 949-4540 WRKPH: 616 957-1680	
DIR: S off Robinson Rd between Lakeside Dr & Plymouth			
PP#/#LGL: 41-14-23-376-003 Lengthy legal in LO & AO			
ROOMS: FOYER, SUN PORCH, MBR W/BATH, 2 BR, BATH, GR W/FP, KIT W/EA, 1/2 BATH, MFU, DN: FR W/FP, DEN, 2BR, 2 BATHS, KIT, RR		LOT: 150x234x150x285	ACR: +/- 1.0
EXT: Wood & Brick	BSMT: Walkout	#FP: 2	GARAGE: 3 or more Attached
AV: 233,800	TAX: 16,000	AGE: 999	POOL: No
ASMNT:	FOR: @ %	AIR: Central air	FEAT: EP IL PA SL
ENC: Withheld	PMT: INC:	APPL: CV DW ER GB MWRE SS BA	HEAT: Gas/Forced air
LEND:	ASSUM: No	WATER: City Water	SEWER: City Sewer
SHOWS: AAAA	PAYOFF: 00/00/00	ELEM SCH: Wealthy	SCHOOLS: East Grand Rapids
POSS: 30 DAC		KEYBOX: None	TO SHOW: Call LO
		ZONED: Res	CS: 33

AGENT COMMENTS

Fabulous custom home with spectacular views of Fisk Lake (150' of frontage) from living areas. Circular drive. Over one acre of beautiful grounds. Call LS for brochure of homes wonderful features and floor plan.

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1996 listed as 2002 Robinson Road



APR 1997

RESIDENTIAL		\$624,000		G260866	
Fisk Lake Single family		FRTG: 150 Ranch style	2002 Robinson Rd, SE		49506
BF: SA:3.5 BA:3.5 6	BRS: 5	BTH: 4+	T: East Grand Rapids	C: Kent	
AJS Realty, Inc. - C		957-1680	TERMS: Conv Cash		
Schreur, A. Jeffrey		949-4540	OWNER: Mitchell, M/M Richard & SueAnn		
			PH: 616 949-4540	WRK PH: 616 957-1680	
DIR: S off Robinson Rd between Lakeside Dr & Plymouth					
PP#/LGL: 41-14-28-376-003 Lengthy legal in LO & AO					
ROOMS: Foyer, Sun Porch, MBR w/Bath,		LOT: 150x234x150x285		ACR: +/- 1.0	
2 BR, Bath, GR w/FP, Kit w/EA,		#FP: 2		GARAGE: 3 or more Attached	
1/2 Bath, MEU DN: FR w/FP,		AGE: 999		POOL: No AIR: Central air	
DEN, 2BR, 2 BATHS, KIT, RR		FEAT: EP IL PA SL		APPL: CV DWER GB MWRE SS BA	
EXT: Wood & Brick		BSMT: Walkout		HEAT: Gas/Forced air	
AV: 251,200		TAX: 9,435		YR: 94	
ASMNT: FOR:		ELEM SCH: Wealthy		SEWER: City Sewer	
ENC: @ % PMT:		SCHOOLS: East Grand Rapids			
TYPE: Withheld		KEYBOX: None		TO SHOW: Call LO	
LEND:		ASSUM: No			
SHOWS: AAAA		PAYOFF: 00/00/00			
POSS: 30 DAC		ZONED: Res		CS: 33	

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FISK LAKE – DRAMATIC – PRIVATE OPEN 2-4



2002 Robinson Road, S.E.

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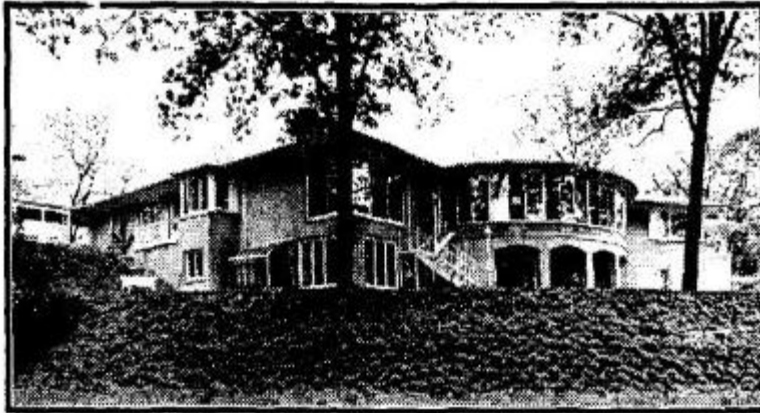
LAKELAND ASSOCIATES EAST OFFICE 942-5600
WEST OFFICE 538-3800

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Grand Rapids Press
March 10, 1994 South Pr p6 2002 Robinson Road SE

RESIDENTS

2002 Robinson Road SE, East Grand Rapids, Michigan

1896 - 2023

R.L. Polk's Grand Rapids City Directory

Residents

2002 Robinson Road SE, East Grand Rapids, Michigan

1896 - 2023

Before Limberts lived on Robinson Road

1889 – 1891 Limbert, Charles P., Klingman and Limbert Furniture Company, Blodgett Block at Ottawa

1891/2 – [‘93] Limbert, Charles P., Klingman, Limbert & Brower

1894 – 1895 Charles P. Limbert lived at 185 Jefferson Av. in Grand Rapids; Clara T. [Sister] boarded there.

1896/7 – 1912 Limbert's address is 997 Robinson Road

1896 - 1912 Limbert, Charles P. President. Charles P. Limbert & Company
Limbert, Clara T., Sister. Boards at this address
Limbert, Emmaline P., Mother. (Widow of Levi H. Limbert) Later he was found to be still alive.

Note: In 1909 William Cunningham, florist, had greenhouses at 901 Robinson Road. Cunningham was Limbert's gardener. Later the address of his greenhouses changed to 1701 Robinson Road. There was a separate home on the Limbert estate for the resident gardener.

1913 – 1914 Limbert's address is 1720 Robinson Road

1913 – 1914 Limbert, Charles P., President. Charles P. Limbert & Company
Limbert, Clara T., Sister. Boards at this address.
Limbert, Emmaline P., Mother. (Widow of Levi H. Limbert) Later he was found to be still alive.

Note: In 1913 there was only one other home listed on that side of Robinson Road: Gustaf W. Oakeson and family at 1738 Robinson Road. He was a Chauffeur/Gardner.

1915 – 1954 Limbert's address is 2002 Robinson Road

- 1915 – 1923 Limbert, Charles P. Charles P. President. Charles Limbert & Company (Charles dies in 1923.)
Limbert, Clara T. and mother Emmaline P. boarded there.
Cunningham, William, Florist, Limbert's gardener
- 1924 – 1925 Limbert, Clara T.
Cunningham, William, Limbert gardener
- Charles Limbert & Company no longer listed in the City Directory.
- 1926 Limbert, Clara T.
Cunningham, Emma (Widow William)
- Note: There was a Limbert Exhibition Room at the Pantlind Exhibition Building in 1926
- 1927 – 1930 Limbert, Clara T.
- 1931 – 1937 Limbert, Clara T., Vice President St. Cecilia Society in 1931 only
Marsden, James T. (Laura) Gardner, florist
- 1938 – 1940 Limbert, Clara T., Florist
Marsden, James T. (Laura) Gardner, florist. Marsden home in rear.
- 1941 Limbert, Clara T., Greenhouse
Marsden, James T. (Laura) Gardner, florist
- 1942 Limbert, Clara T., Florist
Marsden, James – is no longer at this address – has moved to 258 Charles SE.
Bytwerk, Edward (Frances) Gardener. Home in back
- 1943 – 1944 Limbert, Clara T., Florist
Bytwerk, Edward (Frances) Home in back. Lathe operator. York Band Instrument Co.
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Bytwerk, Edward J. (Frances) Gardener, "lived in the rear" of the property.

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 Bytwerk, Edward J. "lived in the rear" of the property.

Blanche F. Hefferan lived at 2008. The next even-numbered address in 1954 was 2060 (Boyce K. Muir).

ORIGINAL HOME IS DEMOLISHED IN 1955.

1955 – 1956 Both 2002 and 2008 are vacant; the next even-numbered address in 1955 was 2060 (Boyce K. Muir).

Limberts are deceased, 1923 and 1954.

Bytwerk, Edward J. (Frances) Gardener. Bissell Carpet Co. Still lives in the rear of the property.

1957 – 1958 Hager, Joseph A. Hager (Margaret M.) Vice President. Grand Rapids Varnish Corp.

1959/60 – 1969 Hager, Joseph A. Hager (Margaret M.) Vice President. Grand Rapids Varnish Corp.

Bytwerk, Edward J. (Frances) was still on the property, with address 2002 Robinson. He was a "caretaker" for Joseph A. Hager.

Bytwerk, Mary. Student in 1962

1970 – 1980 Hager, Joseph A. Hager (Margaret M.) Chairman of the Board. Guardsman Chemical Coatings
 Bytwerk, Edward J. (Frances) Gardener, "lived in the rear" of the property.

1981 – 1985 Hager, Joseph A. Hager (Margaret M.) Retired

1986 – 1987 VACANT

1988- 1994 Mitchell, Richard H. (Sue Ann) Vice President. Mitco Company

1995 Not Verified

1996 – 1998 Glass (Patricia) Employee. Perrigo Inc.

1999 – 2016 Nelson, Robert L. (Ellen R.) Lawyer

2017 No current listing

2018 – 2019 Schulz, Matthew A.
2020 City Directory missing
2021 LaFave, Margaux T.
2022 – 2023 LaFave, Margaux T. and Jordan E. LaFave

Limbert Family

Robinson Road

1896 – 1954/5

R.L. Polk's Grand Rapids City Directory
Listings
2002 Robinson Road SE
East Grand Rapids, Michigan

1896/7 – 1954/5

Charles Potter Limbert
1896/7 - 1923

Clara T. Limbert, sister
1896/7 – 1954

Emmaline P. Limbert, mother
1896/7 - 1901

Before Limberts lived on Robinson Road

1889 – 1891 Limbert, Charles P., Klingman and Limbert Furniture Company,
Blodgett Block at Ottawa

1891/2 – [’93] Limbert, Charles P., Klingman, Limbert & Brower

1894 – 1895 Charles P. Limbert lived at 185 Jefferson Av. in Grand Rapids; Clara
T. [Sister] boarded there.

1896/7 – 1912 Limbert's address is 997 Robinson Road

1896 - 1912 Limbert, Charles P. President. Charles P. Limbert & Company
Limbert, Clara T., Sister. Boards at this address
Limbert, Emmaline P., Mother. (Widow of Levi H. Limbert) Later he was
found to be still alive.

Note: In 1909 William Cunningham, florist, had greenhouses at 901 Robinson
Road. Cunningham was Limbert's gardener. Later the address of his
greenhouses changed to 1701 Robinson Road. There was a separate home on
the Limbert estate for the resident gardener.

1913 – 1914 Limbert's address is 1720 Robinson Road

1913 – 1914 Limbert, Charles P., President. Charles P. Limbert & Company
Limbert, Clara T., Sister. Boards at this address.

Limbert, Emmaline P., Mother. (Widow of Levi H. Limbert) Later he was found to be still alive.

Note: In 1913 there was only one other home listed on that side of Robinson Road: Gustaf W. Oakeson and family at 1738 Robinson Road. He was a Chauffeur/Gardner.

1915 – 1954 Limbert's address is 2002 Robinson Road

1915 – 1923 Limbert, Charles P. Charles P. President. Charles Limbert & Company (Charles dies in 1923.)

Limbert, Clara T. and mother Emmaline P. boarded there.

Cunningham, William, Florist, Limbert's gardener

1924 – 1925 Limbert, Clara T.

Cunningham, William, Limbert gardener

Charles Limbert & Company no longer listed in the City Directory.

1926 Limbert, Clara T.

Cunningham, Emma (Widow William)

Note: There was a Limbert Exhibition Room in 1926.

1927 – 1930 Limbert, Clara T.

1931 – 1937 Limbert, Clara T., Vice President St. Cecilia Society in 1931 only

Marsden, James T. (Laura) Gardner, florist

1938 – 1940 Limbert, Clara T., Florist

Marsden, James T. (Laura) Gardner, florist. Marsden home in rear.

1941 Limbert, Clara T., Greenhouse

Marsden, James T. (Laura) Gardner, florist

1942 Limbert, Clara T., Florist

- Marsden, James – is no longer at this address – has moved to 258 Charles SE.
Bytwerk, Edward (Frances) Gardener. Home in back
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Charles Potter Limbert: Furniture Man - a history



GRAND RAPIDS HERALD, Grand Rapids, Mich., Wed., July 11, 1923

Birth: Nov. 2, 1854
Pennsylvania, USA
Death: Jul. 11, 1923
East Grand Rapids
Kent County
Michigan, USA

OBITUARIES

WIDELY KNOWN FURNITURE MAN TAKEN BY DEATH

**Charles P. Limbert, Among
Pioneers of Market, Was
Construcive Force.**

FUNERAL IS THURSDAY
Played Important Part in In-
augurating Exposition
Ideas.

Charles P. Limbert, all his life identified with the furniture trade, one of the founders of the Grand Rapids market as it exists today and for many years himself an extensive producer, died Tuesday night at his home, 2002 Robinson road. He had been an invalid for nearly two years following a stroke of apoplexy suffered while on a trip to Honolulu. He is survived by his sister, Miss Clara Limbert.

As a young man Mr. Limbert was traveling salesman for Munk & Roberts of Connersville, with side-lines, covering western territory. On one of his trips he met Phillip J. Klingman, like himself a furniture salesman carrying several lines. They made working arrangements whereby they divided territory, each carrying the other's lines as well as his own, the better to cover the entire field.

Early Exhibitor Here.

When Grand Rapids began to attract attention as a furniture market they brought their lines here for exhibit. Other outside lines were being shown here and the displays were in such vacant stores as



Charles P. Limbert.

the visitors could find. Klingman and Limbert took the entire first floor of the Blodgett building for their display and then forming a partnership they leased the entire building with a view to subletting to other exhibitors. This was regarded by other exhibitors and local manufacturers as downright folly, certain to lead to financial disaster. No difficulty was found in leasing all the space available and the demand was for more. The leases to exhibitors were for the year, even though the actual occupancy was only for January and July. That was the origin of the furniture exposition building idea. The time was about 1855. The success of the Blodgett building lead to the building of the

(Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

Klingman, which Phillip J. Klingman took over on his own account when the old partnership was dissolved.

Organized Own Company.

The old firm of Klingman & Limbert had production as well as selling ambitions and with John Brower as designer and associate under the style of Klingman, Limbert & Brower, began the manufacture of chairs. The enterprise was not a success and when Mr. Klingman withdrew Mr. Limbert organized a company of his own, occupying the old Clipper bicycle factory on Front-av., N. W. Later he built a factory of his own in Holland, and this in time became one of Holland's largest industries, with a production that had a national fame as representing the old Dutch arts and crafts.

When Mr. Limbert's health failed two years ago John P. Homiller became associated with him in the business. A few months ago the factory was sold to Holland interests and Mr. Limbert retired from active business.

Mr. Limbert was born at Akron, O., 63 years ago. His father was a furniture dealer and from childhood Mr. Limbert had been associated with furniture. As a young man he went to Chicago and was with the Chicago Carpet Co. and later with John Colby as salesman before going on the road. His success as salesman, exposition promoter and manufacturer followed. During all the years of his active business he retained his original space in the Blodgett building.

Funeral Thursday.

Mr. Limbert was one of the first to appreciate the value of the lake district for residence purposes and its future and in 1894 purchased the property overlooking Fiske lake and that continued to be his home for nearly 30 years. He did much to improve and beautify the place with trees, shrubbery and flowers. What then was remote suburban property now is a part of the city's growth.

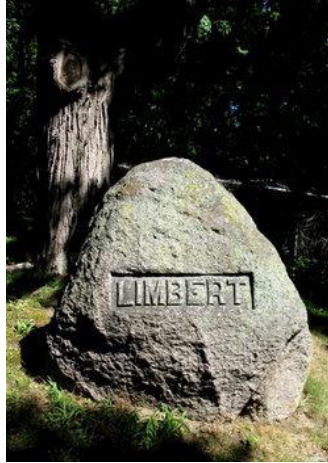
Mr. Limbert was unmarried. His sister, Miss Clara Limbert, lived with him and she was his only immediate relative.

The funeral services will be held at the residence Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, burial to be in Cascade cemetery. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

Grand Rapids Press

Wednesday, Jul 11, 1923 p2

- Dies at home, 2002 Robinson Road SE as a result of a stroke suffered several years before.
- Born in Akron, Ohio
- Father was a furniture dealer
- Went to Chicago as a young businessman
- Was a salesman with Munk and Roberts during which time he met and became associated with Phillip J. Klingman of Grand Rapids furniture fame – Klingman & Limbert



Family marker, Martin Cemetery, Grand Rapids Township
Findagrave.com

DEATH SUMMONS C.P. LIMBERT, FURNITURE MAN

NATIONALLY KNOWN MANUFACTURER STRICKEN BY APOPLEXY

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS NOT YET ANNOUNCED

DEVELOPED ARTS AND CRAFTS FURNISHINGS TO HIGH PEAK—SOLD HIS INTERESTS A YEAR AGO AND RETIRED.

CHARLES P. LIMBERT, one of the outstanding men in the history of the furniture industry, died yesterday from apoplexy at his home, 2002 Robinson road. He is survived by a sister, Miss Clara Limbert.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mr. Limbert was born in Akron, Ohio, 68 years ago. He came to Grand Rapids in 1889 as a salesman and was identified with the furniture industry from that time until a year ago, when broken in health, he disposed of his factory, located in the city of Holland, to D.D.K. VanRaalte and L. H. Landwehr. The business is still conducted under the name of the CHARLES P. LIMBERT COMPANY.

NEVER MARRIED

His start in the manufacture of furniture was made in Grand Rapids in the Front st. building now occupied by the furniture factory of the C.S. Paine company.

Mr. Lambert [Limbert] was never married. Since 1894 he and his sister lived in the home on Robinson road. Two years ago, while they were visiting in Honolulu, Mr. Limbert suffered a stroke of apoplexy, and was an invalid from that time.

Mr. Limbert was one of the leaders in the development of Arts and crafts furniture, which he brought to its highest point. He had a national reputation in the industry.

Since 1889 his company has held the same space in the Blodgett building at each furniture

exposition.

A PLANT AND POULTRY FANCIER

Of a retiring disposition, Mr. Limbert was in the public eye but little and found his pleasure in quiet pursuits. He was known as an exceptional fancier of flowering plants of which he collected many beautiful specimens from this and other countries. One of the delights, too, of his later years was the development of fancy breeds of poultry and his chicken pens always held some of the finest strains in the country.

GRAND RAPIDS HERALD, Grand Rapids, Mich., Wed., July 11, 1923, Pg. 1, Col. 5, Art. 1 (Including Photo)

- **FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY FOR CHARLES P. LIMBERT**

Funeral services for CHARLES P. LIMBERT, pioneer furniture man, who died at his home, 2002 Robinson rd., on Tuesday, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial will be in Cascade cemetery. Relatives have asked that flowers be omitted.

GRAND RAPIDS HERALD, Grand Rapids, Mich., Thurs., July 12, 1923, Pg. 1, Col. 6

RECENT DEATHS IN THE TRADE

C.P. LIMBERT

CHARLES P. LIMBERT, 68 years of age, nationally-known furniture man and former head of the company bearing his name, died July 10 of apoplexy at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich. He is survived by his sister, MISS CLARA LIMBERT. He was unmarried. He was prominently identified with the furniture industry until a year ago, when, because of ill health, he was forced to give up the cares of active business and disposed of his factory located in Holland, Mich.

THE GRAND RAPIDS FURNITURE RECORD, August 1923, Published by Periodical Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., Pg. 119

1860 U.S. CENSUS, PINE TWP., CRAWFORD CO., PA, 25 June 1860

Limbert, Levi H., 30, Mast. Cabinet-Maker, b. PA

Limbert, Emaline, 23, b. NY

LIMBERT, CHARLES, 4, b. PA

Limbert, Alden, 5/12, b. PA

Polly, John, 20, Cabinet-Maker, b. PA

1870 U.S. CENSUS, SHARON TWP., MEDINA CO., OH, 9 June 1870

Limbert, Levi H., 39, Farmer, b. PA
Limbert, Emeline P., 43, Keeps House, b. NY
LIMBERT, CHARLES P., 14, At Home, b. PA
Limbert, Alden H., 10, b. PA
Limbert, Clara F, 7, b. OH

1880 U.S. CENSUS, AKRON, SUMMIT CO., OH, 3 June 1880
Limbert, Levi H., 49, Retired Mcht, b. PA (Parents b. PA)
Limbert, Emeline (Wife), 53, Keeping House, b. NY (Father b. NY / Mother b. CT)
LIMBERT, CHARLES P. (Son), 24, Furniture Dlr., b. PA (Father b. OH / Mother b. NY)
Limbert, Alden H. (Son), 19, Clerk Furniture S, b. PA (Father b. OH / Mother b. NY)
Limbert, Clara F. (Daughter), At School, b. PA (Father b. PA / Mother b. NY)
Live at 137 S. Summit.

1900 U.S. CENSUS, VILLAGE OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, GRAND RAPIDS TWP., KENT CO., MI, 5 June 1900
LIMBERT, CHARLES P. (Head), 40, b. Nov. 1859, PA (Father b. PA / Mother b. NY), Single, Furniture Manufacturer
Limbert, Emaline (Mother), 74, b. Feb. 1826, NY (Parents b. England), WIDOW, Mother of 5 Children - 3 Living
Limbert, Clara T. (Sister), 27. b. Jan 1873, PA (Father b. PA / Mother b. NY), Single

MICHIGAN, DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1921-1952
Name: CHAS P. LIMBERT
Event Type: Death
Event Date: 10 Jul 1923
Event Place: East Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan, United States
Gender: Male
Age: 68
Marital Status: Single
Birth Date: 02 Nov 1854
Birthplace: Lyonsville, Pennsylvania
Birth Year (Estimated): 1855
Father's Name: LEVI H. LIMBERT
Mother's Name: EMILIE POTTER
GS Film number: 1972810
Digital Folder Number: 005237775
Image Number: 00847
Family links:
Parents:
Levi Houstin Limbert (1830 - 1901)
Emmaline Potter Limbert (1826 - 1901)

Sibling:
Charles Potter Limbert (1854 - 1923)
Clara T. Limbert (1866 - 1954)

Note: Although only a boulder with the LIMBERT name occupies the space, adj. Lots 1 & 12 in the 2nd Add. are under the name of CHARLES LIMBERT. Each Lot has 8 burial spaces. Also, the 1928 D.A.R. transcription lists Charles Limbert, with no dates.

Burial:

Martin Cemetery

Grand Rapids

Kent County

Michigan, USA

Plot: Second Addition, Lot 1 (Limbert Monument)

Created by: Mike Cronk

Record added: Aug 03, 2012. Find A Grave Memorial# 94740899

Clara T. Limbert
Obituary

Death Takes Old Resident

Miss Clara T. Limbert Here Since 1897

Miss Clara T. Limbert, 87, resident of this area most of her life and prominent many years in horticultural circles, died late Tuesday night at her home, 2002 Robinson rd. where she resided since 1897.

Born in Ohio, Dec. 3, 1866, she was brought to Michigan as a girl. She and her brother, Charles P. Limbert, moved into the Robinson rd. home on the shores of Fisk lake 57 years ago. The home was enlarged and the grounds became a showplace because of Miss Limbert's interest in gardening.

In her early years Miss Limbert was interested also in horses and riding, but later confined her activities to gardening in her greenhouse and out-of-doors. She was credited with developing several new flower strains. She also was interested in art and music.

Funeral on Friday.

She was a life member of Kent Garden club and was a member of the National council of State Garden Clubs and of Women's City club. She was a trustee several years of Fountain Street church.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p. m. Friday in Fountain Street chapel with Dr. Duncan E. Littlefair officiating. Interment will be in Martin cemetery, Robinson rd. Until the time of services the body will be at the Metcalf mortuary.

Bearers will be Isaac S. Keeler, Lee Wilson Hutchins, Donald W. Steketee, Leslie A. Weary of Virginia Beach, Va.; Douglas W. Hillman and James H. Sheppard. There are no immediate survivors.

LIMBERT—Miss Clara T. Limbert, aged 87, passed away Tuesday evening at her home 2002 Robinson rd., SE. Miss Limbert was taken to the Metcalf Mortuary and will repose there until time of services which will be held in Fountain St. church chapel at 3:30 Friday afternoon. Dr. Duncan E. Littlefair officiating. Interment Martin cemetery.

Grand Rapids Press
Wednesday, Sep 08, 1954 p13

Grand Rapids Press
Wednesday, Sep 08, 1954 p44
CLARA LIMBERT RITES WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

Funeral services for CLARA T. LIMBERT, a longtime Grand Rapids resident prominent in horticultural circles who died at her home at 2002 Robinson SE, late Tuesday night, will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Fountain Street chapel. Burial will be in Martin Cemetery, Robinson SE.

Miss Limbert, who was 87, was born in Ohio and brought to Michigan as a girl. She and her brother,

CHARLES P. LIMBERT, moved into the Robinson home on the shores of Fisk Lake in 1897. The grounds of the home have become a showplace because of Miss Limbert's interest in gardening.

Miss Limbert was credited with developing several new flower strains. She also was interested in art and music. She was a life member of Kent Garden Club and a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs and of the Women's City Club. She was a trustee for several years of Fountain Street Church.

Bearers will be Isaac S. Keeler, Lee Wilson Hutchins, Donald W. Steketee, Leslie A. Weary of Virginia Beach, Va., Douglas W. Hillman and James H. Sheppard.

There are no immediate survivors. The body will be at the Metcalf Mortuary until time of services.

GRAND RAPIDS HERALD, Grand Rapids, Mich., Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, Pg. 14, Col. 5, Art. 3
Findagrave.com

List Estate At \$100,000

Clara Limbert Heirs Named in Will

Miss Clara T. Limbert, formerly prominent in horticultural circles who died Sept. 7, left an estate nominally valued at \$100,000, according to a petition filed Monday in probate court. Miss Limbert lived at 2002 Robinson rd., SE.

After a cash bequest of \$5,000 to William Golkhe of Holland, the will stipulates one-tenth of the remainder of the estate go to Leslie A. Weary of Virginia Beach, Va., a friend.

Other Divisions.

Two-tenths of the remainder of the estate was left to Weary and James H. Sheppard of Grand Rapids. In trust, the net income of which is to be divided as follows: One-half to Miss Eva Moore of Grand Rapids, Miss Limbert's secretary, and half to Edward Bywerk of Grand Rapids, gardener.

Remainder of the estate was left to Sheppard and Weary, in trust, net income of which is to go "to such benevolent, cultural, charitable and educational purposes as the trustees see fit."

Sheppard is executor of the estate.

Household Goods 53

ANDIRONS — Chinaware, silverware, glassware and furniture of all kinds, kitchen equipment, garden and work tools.

ESTATE SALE—Of late Miss Clara T. Limbert at Calrimere on Fisk Lake.
2002 ROBINSON ROAD., SE.
Beginning Thurs., Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Linens on sale Friday, 12.
A LEE SALE

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, Sep 13, 1954 p34

Grand Rapids Press
Friday, Nov 12, 1954 p55

Estate Listed At \$391,539

Clara Limbert Leaves Bulk for Philanthropy

An estate of \$391,539 was left by Miss Clara T. Limbert, formerly prominent in horticultural circles, who died Sept. 7, according to an inventory filed in probate court. Miss Limbert resided at 2002 Robinson rd., SE.

Real estate comprised approximately \$100,000 of the total and the balance was personal property, of which the bulk was in stocks and bonds valued at \$274,444. Household items totaled \$14,000 and there was \$3,000 in cash, according to the inventory.

Trustees to Administer.

Under terms of the will, half the estate is to be put in trust, administered by three trustees, with the net income to go "to such benevolent, cultural, charitable and educational purposes as the trustees see fit."

Two-tenths of the estate is left to Fountain Street church, one-tenth is left to Leslie A. Weary of Virginia Beach, Va., a friend, and the remaining two-tenths is to be held in trust by the three trustees, with the net income to be divided evenly between Miss Eva Moore of Grand Rapids, Miss Limbert's secretary, and Edward Bytwerk of Grand Rapids, gardener.

James H. Sheppard of Grand Rapids is executor of the estate.

Limbert Matriarch

Emmaline *Potter* Limbert

Birth 1 Jan 1826

Wyoming County, New York, USA

Death 5 Dec 1901 (aged 75)

East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, USA

Burial Martin Cemetery

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan

LIMBERT - Thursday evening, December 5, 1901, at the residence of her son, CHARLES P. LIMBERT of Robinson avenue. EMMALINE P. LIMBERT, in the 75th year of her age. Funeral today at 2:30 p.m. from the residence. Interment private.

GRAND RAPIDS HERALD, Grand Rapids, Mich., Sat., Dec. 7, 1901, Pg. 5, Col. 3, Obit. 2
Findagrave.com

Limbert Patriarch Levi Houstin Limbert

Birth 18 Jul 1830

Pennsylvania, USA

Death 15 Mar 1901 (aged 70)

Kent County, Michigan, USA

Burial Martin Cemetery

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan

Findagrave.com

More details to be found at

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/95481951/levi-houstin-limbert>

Accessed 5/25/23

Martin Cemetery is located at 4400 Cascade Road SE, GR Twp, 49546

OBITUARY
William Cunningham
Gardener and florist, Limbert Estate

William J Cunningham

Birth 16 Aug 1848

Stirling, Scotland

Death 23 Nov 1925 (aged 77)

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, USA

Burial Greenwood Cemetery

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan Findagrave.com

William Cunningham

William Cunningham, a resident of Grand Rapids, Mich. since 1881, died at his home, 2002 Robinson rd. S. E. on Monday morning, Nov. 23, after an illness of two weeks.

He was born at Sterling, Scotland, in 1848, married in England in 1878 and came to Grand Rapids three years later. He had been a florist here more than 40 years, including nine years' association with Henry Smith, six years at John Ball Park and the past nine years spent at Clarimere for Miss Clara Limbert.

Mr. Cunningham was an active member of the East Congregational Church, having been a deacon there several years. He was also a member of the Woodmen of the World and of the Odd Fellows. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Emma Cunningham; a daughter, Mrs. M. A. Fitzgerald; a son, Fred B. Cunningham, and several grandchildren, all of Grand Rapids.

Florists Exchange and Horticultural Trade World. 1925 · Floriculture google.com

A NEW FURNITURE CONCERN.

**A Company Organizing to Manufacture
Fine Upholstered Chairs---Jobbing on
a Large Scale.**

The business of Mr. P. J. Klingman will be enlarged about the first of January and manufacturing will be engaged in as well as the sale of goods. Mr. Klingman came here last spring to open a wholesale chair jobbing store and commission house, removing from Chicago to this city as a better point to meet the buying trade. He has been so successful he has interested other capitalists and with the new year will occupy three floors and the basement of the Blodgett block on Ottawa street, next to the Phoenix store instead of one floor as now and will do business under the firm name of Klingman & Limbert. In addition to the jobbing business in chairs exclusively a stock company will be organized with \$50,000 capital, some of it local money, to manufacture a high class of upholstered chairs, a line of goods not now manufactured here.

Klingman & Limbert
GR Evening Leader
Tuesday, Oct 01, 1889 p1

The New Chair Company.

The Klingman & Limbert chair company, incorporated today, to manufacture fine chairs and to sell the same. The capital stock is \$50,000, of which \$7,000 is paid in and the incorporators are Philip J. Klingman, Chas. P. Limbert and A. E. Worden, each holding 250 shares in the business. The company's headquarters at present are in the new Blodgett building.

Evening Leader
Thursday, Jan 02, 1890 p4

KLINGMAN & LIMBERT

BLODGETT BLOCK, OTTAWA-ST.

SACRIFICE SALE OF NEW AND FASHIONABLE

FURNITURE AT RETAIL!

Commencing Monday Morning, March 10, 1890. Not to be repeated.

The Sale we will inaugurate, will present opportunities for buying NEW and DELECTABLE FURNITURE AT LESS THAN MANUFACTURERS' COST.

The wholesale season is over and rather than repack and reship our immense stock of WHOLESALE samples away, we propose to offer the entire stock (over \$40,000 worth) at retail until every piece is sold. We are prepared to present a BARGAIN FESTIVAL unequalled in the annals of the

FURNITURE TRADE.

This sale includes almost every desirable article in the furniture line. We can safely guarantee you a saving of fifty per cent. Remember this is no exaggeration, no sensationalism, but facts. We ask but one thing, and that is wait for Monday, March 10. Goods will be stored until wanted. For the convenience of all the price of each article will be marked in PLAIN FIGURES on a large red tag—CASH! ONE PRICE!

See Sunday papers for an enumeration of some of the bargains.

REMEMBER THE DATE, MONDAY, MARCH 10!

The [GR] Telegram Herald, Thursday, Mar 06, 1890 p8



FURNITURE

FURNITURE

THE WISE

WILL AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE

RED TAG SALE!

SACRIFICE SALE OF

FURNITURE

AT RETAIL

BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 10, '90

A Dollar's Worth of Furniture going
for Sixty Cents.

Do you expect to buy any Furniture now, this Spring, or any time this year? If so, your best interests will not excuse a failure to carefully note some of the following bargains in Furniture, among which there must certainly be some article you want.

CHAIRS AND ROCKERS!

(FIRST FLOOR)

Lot 1-40 Odd Chairs at.....	\$1.00 each, value	\$ 1.50
Lot 2-65 Chairs and Rockers at.....	1.25 each, value	1.75
Lot 3-400 Upholstered Rockers, assorted finishes and coverings at.....	\$4.25 each, value	6.00
Lot 4-40 Old Chairs and Rockers at.....	1.75 each, value	2.50
Lot 5-80 Upholstered Chairs and Rockers in leather, plush or tapestry, assorted finishes, at.....	\$8.00 each, value	11.00
Lot 6-25 Reed and Wood Seat Chairs and Rockers at.....	\$7 each	
Lot 7-18 Polished Wood Seat Chairs and Rockers at.....	\$4.00 each, value.....	5.25
Lot 8-16 Polished Wood Seat Chairs and Rockers at.....	\$4.50 each, value.....	6.00

Bedroom Suites-3-Pieces

(FIRST FLOOR.)

Lot 9-Antique Elm Suite, bevel plate.....	\$15, value	20.00
Lot 10-Antique Ash Suite, German bevel plate.....	\$18.50, value	27.00
Lot 11-Antique Oak Suite, French bevel plate.....	29.00, value	37.50
Lot 12-16th Century Suite, French bevel.....	42.50, value	52.50
Lot 13-Antique Oak Suite, French bevel.....	60.00, value	72.50
Lot 14-Antique Oak Suite, French bevel.....	61.00, value	73.00
Lot 15-16th Century Suite, French bevel.....	83.00, value	110.00
Lot 16-Antique Oak Suite, French bevel.....	95.00, value	120.00
Lot 17-16th Century Suite, French bevel.....	127.50, value	155.00
Lot 18-Antique Oak Suite, French bevel.....	102.00, value	135.00
Lot 19-16th Century Suite, French bevel.....	135.00, value	175.00
Lot 20-16th Century Suite, French bevel.....	115.00, value	145.00

SIDEBOARDS!

(FIRST FLOOR.)

Lot 21-Antique Ash Sideboard, Ger. bevel.....	15.00, value	20.00
Lot 22-Antique Ash Sideboard, Ger. bevel.....	18.00, value	23.00
Lot 23-Antique Oak Sideboard, Ger. bevel.....	20.00, value	27.00
Lot 24-Antique Oak Sideboard, Ger. bevel.....	25.00, value	35.00
Lot 25-Antique Oak Sideboard, Ger. bevel.....	25.00, value	35.00
Lot 26 to 27 - Cases Sideboards in Antique Oak and 16th Century, ranging from.....	\$20 to \$70, worth from \$40 to 120.00	

In addition two other floors of our vast establishment are filled with almost every desirable article in the furniture line, at equally low prices. The collection is arranged so that you can see quickly and compare easily.

Each article has a LARGE RED TAG giving the number of the lot with the price marked in plain figures. You can cut the list out and easily identify any item which has impressed you, without the aid of a salesman.

ALL GOODS WILL BE WARRANTED, we will allow NO MISREPRESENTATION, NO EXAGGERATION, NO INTENTIONAL LIE; if goods are not as represented, they can be exchanged or money will be refunded. All we ask is that you will examine the quality and style of our goods, and get prices, and we will guarantee you will pronounce them the greatest bargains ever shown.

Everything will be marked in plain figures—CASH—ONE—PRICE. The wise will avail themselves of this sale. Inspection invited. Out of town Correspondence Solicited.

THE GREAT SACRIFICE SALE OF FURNITURE AT RETAIL!

Now in progress, presents opportunities for buying FURNITURE at ~~(the)~~ *Manufacturers' Cost*. This is a REGULAR HARVEST for parties intending to buy furniture, as they can supply themselves during this sale with *New, Reliable Goods*, at prices that are most satisfactorily. We are displaying very much the LARGEST assortment, and our prices are unquestionably the LOWEST EVER QUOTED in Grand Rapids. We cannot enumerate the many hundreds of bargains, *but they can be seen*. Everything marked in plain figures—CASIL.

KLINGMAN & LIMBERT, (BLODGETT BLOCK) OTTAWA-ST.

Grand Rapids Herald
Sunday, Mar 16, 1890 p7

KLINGMAN & LIMBERT

North half Blodgett block, Ottawa St.

Furniture Factory Agents.

We control the output of 17
large factories. See our lines
before buying elsewhere.

Evening Leader
Saturday, Jan 10, 1891 p4

Worden Furniture Company.
FOLDING BEDS AND SIDEBOARDS.
KLINGMAN, LIMBERT & BROWER, *Blodgett Block.*
SELLING AGENTS

Grand Rapids Herald
 Tuesday, Jul 07, 1891 p7

Hon. Delos A. Blodgett has divided his valuable real estate in the business section of the city with his son, John W. Blodgett, and his son-in-law and daughter, Edward and Susan Blodgett Lowe. To John W. Blodgett he has given a quit claim deed to an undivided one third interest in the splendid Blodgett building on Ottawa St., occupied by the Phoenix Furniture company, Klingman & Limbert and others, the handsome five story brick block on Ionia street between Fulton and Island streets, the property at the corner of Campan and Waterloo streets, at present occupied by old wooden rookeries and the vacant lot on Waterloo street now occupied as a wood yard by the city. To Edward and Susan Blodgett Lowe in papers similar in form and substance to the others he also gives an undivided one-third interest in the same property. Presumably he retains the remaining one-third himself. The consideration named in each deed is \$1 and the aggregate value of the property is in the neighborhood of half a million dollars.

A LAND SLIDE.
 Valuable City Real Estate
 Changes Hands by Purchase and Gift.

Evening Leader
 Saturday, Nov 12, 1892 p1

CUT RATE FURNITURE SAMPLE SALE

All Sample Lines shown at the Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition in the Blodgett Block, comprising \$100,000 worth of Furniture, to be sold at less than the makers' carload jobbing prices. A genuine chance to get the best goods and latest styles below any price heretofore quoted in the country.



BLODGETT BLOCK.

SALE OPENS

Monday Morning, Feb. 1

At Which Time

800 Fancy
Chairs
And Rockers.

NO TWO ALIKE—In Oak, Birch, Chestnut, Walnut, Birdseye Maple and Solid Mahogany is of the choicest imported covering, including Tapestry, Brocatelles, Velours, Leather and Wood Seats, will be sold from

\$2.00 TO \$15.00 EACH.

Which is less than One-Half the Retail Prices.

As these samples have been left with us to dispose of, we invite every one needing Furniture to come and take advantage of the situation—Good chance for dealers to secure sample stocks.

CHARLES P. LIMBERT & COMPANY

Blodgett Building, Ottawa St., First Block South of Monroe St.

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Feb 01, 1896 p2

DO NOT BE DECEIVED

BY OTHER ALLEGED FURNITURE SAMPLE SALES.

THE ONLY GENUINE CUT RATE FURNITURE SAMPLE SALE.

GRAND RAPIDS

—FURNITURE

—EXPOSITION.

Charles P. Limbert & Co.
Cut Rate Sample Sale.

BLODGETT BLOCK, OTTAWA ST.

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, Feb 24, 1896 p4



REAT VALUES

THIS WEEK we place 67 **SAMPLE BOOKCASES**. All new, exclusive patterns from the maker of the country. We expected to return this line of samples to the factory, but owing to the great success of our cut-rate sample sale, we placed this rare line on the floors to be slaughtered. Every sample is sold at the price we put on them.

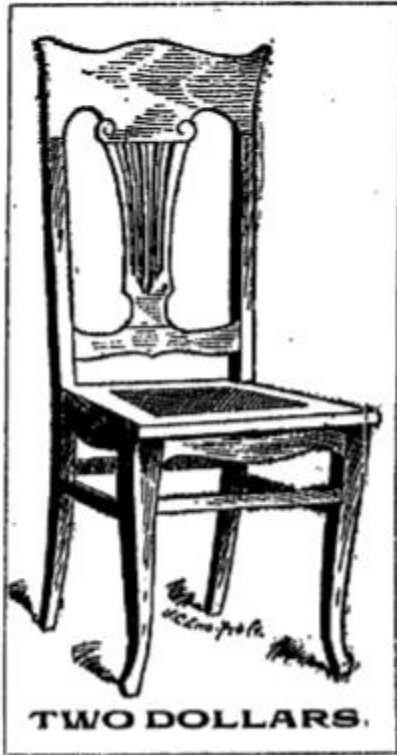
Next Saturday we will place I. H. Dewey Furniture Company samples of Fancy Chairs and Rockers on sale.

Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition

BLODGETT BLOCK, OTTAWA ST.

CHARLES P. LIMBERT COMPANY

Grand Rapids Press
Friday, Feb 28, 1896 p4



GRAND RAPIDS.

Furniture Exposition

Blodgett Block.

A rare bargain for those wanting a large heavy Oak Dining Chair, full box seat, quartered, and polished, French shaped legs—a perfect beauty in outline and design—made in cane and leather—25 other patterns at less than wholesale prices.

Charles P. Limbert & Co.
Cut Rate Sample Sale.




ANOTHER CHANCE AT THE SUPERB SAMPLES—Samples of Furniture that charmed America's foremost furniture buyers, going at even less than our low prices.

KLINGMAN, - - Masonic Temple, Ionia Street.



Grand Rapids Press
Wednesday, Mar 11, 1896 p4



An Easy Chair

—At
—An
—Easy
—Price.


The chance comes about once in a life time to get a Morris Chair at any such a price as we are offering today, we can do it because the Chairs were samples at the exposition and we bought them cheap.

—\$8.75
—Will Buy One.

That is made of quarter-sawed oak or a mahogany finish. The upholstery is of real hair, covered with Imported Velvet Corduroy, tufted—making two reversible cushions. The brass rod at the back admits of adjusting it from an upright position to a reclining one. This chair retails for \$15.00 anywhere.

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Chas. P. Limbert Co.

Blodgett Block—Ottawa Street.



**THEY
CANNOT
BE
DUPLICATED**

In the city—these Curly Birch Chamber Suits of ours. You can look at as many as you want in other places, but there are none like ours.

There's One at \$31

That is a corker. Swell Top, Beveled French Plate Mirror, selected Curly Birch, Hand Carved, beautifully finished—three pieces, worth \$45.00 anywhere.

They Tell Us

These prices demoralize trade, but how can we help it. The makers order us to sell them. It's their loss, not ours.

Chas. P. Limbert & Co.

Furniture Exposition,
Blodgett Building, Ottawa Street.

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, May 02, 1896 p3

**CHARLES P.
LIMBERT
& COMPANY,
Blodgett Bldg., 47-53 Ottawa Street**

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Oct 17, 1896 p8

MORRIS CHAIRS.

\$8.75



THEY are the most comfortable and most serviceable reading or lounging chair we know of. The back is adjustable so you can raise or lower it. The cushions are loose and reversible, so they are easily kept clean.

We have many sample patterns in Oak, Mahogany and Mahogany Finish, all covered in serviceable materials, and all hair cushions, ranging in price from **\$8.75** to **\$30.00**.

CHARLES P.
LIMBERT
& COMPANY
Blodgett Bldg. 47-53 Ottawa St.

Grand Rapids Press
Friday, Nov 20, 1896 p2

TRUTH STRANGER THAN ANY FICTION

Dying Wife Cries for Return of
Long-Absent Husband,

Who Miraculously Reappears After
25 Years and Dies from Shock
of the Reunion.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 20.—
Within the beautiful country house of
Charles P. Limbert, of this city, in
the past 10 days has been enacted a
drama of romance, terrible suffering,
and death so strange that in fiction
its relation would be discredited. The
strange experiences and the subse-
quent anguish through which Mr.
Limbert, his aged mother and his sis-
ter have passed, came about through
the unexpected appearance of the
father, who had not been seen for a
quarter of a century and who for
years had been thought dead. The
Limbert family, which is of high
standing, has always allowed it to be
understood here that Mrs. Limbert
was a widow.

When Mrs. Limbert, the mother of
Charles Limbert, was lying in her
room suffering from the effects of a
stroke of paralysis two weeks ago
and her life was almost despaired of,
she commenced to call for her hus-
band, asking to see him if only for a
few minutes. The children were
alarmed and tried to soothe her, but
without avail.

One week ago Wednesday a stranger
drove up to the house and asked to
see Mrs. Limbert. Miss Limbert, who
is the constant companion of her in-
valid mother, answered the call with
a refusal, on account of her condition.

"Are you Clara?" said the old man.

"Yes," was the answer.

"I am your father," he said, with a
sob, and he was ushered in when Miss
Limbert had recovered from the first
shock. The old man was greatly agi-
tated and sank in a faint into a chair,
but revived and after consultation
with the doctors, was permitted to
see his wife. The recognition was
instantaneous and as the two em-
braced, the household withdrew to
consider. The door was shortly shoved
open, and ashy white, the father stag-
gered into the hall and sought the
arms of the nurse as props. He rallied
during the afternoon, but in the even-
ing when he witnessed his wife's suf-
fering again he collapsed, and was
carried to a bed in a semi-unconscious
condition. Later he became totally
unconscious, and never revived. Fri-
day he died and Saturday, with the

DECEASED!

greatest secrecy, he was buried in a country cemetery nearly 10 miles out of town. There was no coffin used, but the children insisted on reviving an old Indian idea of wrapping the body in rich linen and rolling it in a beautiful shawl and then resting it upon a frame with handles.

Before he was gone the venerable man said he was a ranch owner with property in Colorado, and on his person was found a large amount of currency and some valuable papers. The funeral was conducted so quietly that the mother still believes the father lives and is in the room opposite her own, ill. It is feared that she will not survive if the news of the death is communicated to her.

Miss Limbert does not know why her father came back after so many years unless it was because he had a stroke of apoplexy and thought his end was near and wanted to be with his family. She said he told of sickness and of spending three years in search of health. He was 71 years old, and the children are in the thirties. Mr. Limbert is a prominent furniture man, known all over the country.

Kalamazoo Gazette, Thursday, Mar 21, 1901 p7

Note: This and other articles have the incorrect name for the father of Charles P. and Clara T. Limbert. The correct name of the father is Levi H. Limbert.

LONG LOST.

Father of Grand Rapids Man Appears and Dies Suddenly.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 20.—Charles Limbert deserted his family in Akron, O., 25 years ago and for many years was supposed to be dead. His family eventually moved here and his son, Charles P. Limbert, is at the head of a large furniture company, with a handsome country residence, where his invalid mother and sister live with him.

Last Wednesday an old man drove up to the house and anxiously inquired for Mrs. Limbert. He proved to be the long missing husband. He recognized his daughter, who was a little girl when he went away, and then was ushered into the sick room of his wife, who had for several days been saying she wanted to see him before she died. The recognition was instantaneous and they were left for an hour together.

After the interview the old man was faint. The next morning he suffered a stroke of apoplexy and on Friday died. The wife has not yet been informed of his death for fear of the effect it would have on her health. Limbert had been in the west, and before his death spoke of a large property interest in the neighborhood of Colorado Springs. He had a large amount of money on his person, also valuable papers, but did not live long enough to go into the details as to his life or his property interests.

TRAGIC ENDING

DRAMA FROM LIFE RIVALING FICTION.

MOURNED AS DEAD

FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

Man Returns to Die at Wife's Bedside
—Found Fortune in the West.

Grand Rapids, March 20.—A dramatic story from real life, which for strangeness and tragic ending would do credit to novelist or playwright, has reached its close here within the last few days.

The scene was the home of Charles P. Limbert, a well known furniture dealer, who for years has been prominent in business and social circles.

The dramatic personae are an aged man, mourned for a quarter of a century as dead, who, stricken with illness, returns to his home to die; his wife who, thought to be a widow, calls from what is supposed to be her death-bed, for a husband of whom none about her knew, and a son and daughter of the pair, who in astonishment witness the reuniting of their parents, and the death of their father within a few moments after his reappearance has given their mother a new hold on life and made her recovery likely.

One week ago an aged stranger drove up to the house and asked Miss Clara Limbert, who is the constant companion of her invalid mother, if he might see Mrs. Limbert. Miss Limbert refused on account of the illness of her mother, who was suffering from paralysis.

"Are you Clara?" asked the old gentleman.

"Yes," was the reply.

"I am your father," he said with a sob, and he was ushered in when Miss Limbert had recovered from the first shock.

The old man was greatly agitated and sank in a faint into a chair, but revived, and after consultation with the doctors was permitted to see his wife. The recognition was instantaneous, and as the two embraced the household withdrew.

The door was shortly shoved open, and, ashy white, the father staggered into the hall and fell into the arms of the nurses. He rallied during the afternoon, but in the evening, when he witnessed his wife's suffering again, he collapsed and was carried to bed in a semi-conscious condition. Later he became totally unconscious.

Friday he died, and Saturday, with the greatest secrecy, he was buried in a country cemetery nearly 10 miles out of town. No coffin was used, the children insisting on reviving an old Indian custom of wrapping the body in rich linen and rolling it in a beautiful shawl and then resting it upon a frame with handles.

In his last moments the venerable man said he was a ranch owner, with property in Colorado, and on his person was found a large amount of cur-

rency and some valuable papers.

The funeral was conducted so quietly that the mother still believes the father lives and is in the room opposite her own, ill. It is feared that she will not survive if the news of the death is communicated to her.

Miss Limbert does not know why her father came back after so many years, unless it was because he had a stroke of apoplexy and thought his end was near and wanted to be with his family. She said he told of sickness and of spending three years in search of health. He was 71 years old and the children are in the thirties.

Jackson Citizen Patriot
Wednesday, Mar 20, 1901 p1

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

Long Lost Father Returns, But Dies, Being Overcome by Feeling.

Grand Rapids, March 20.—The home of Charles P. Limbert, of this city, has been the scene of a strange, sad drama, during the past week. . . The father, Chas. Limbert, who has been absent for 20 years and whom the family allowed friends to believe dead, returned home a week ago Wednesday. His coming so deeply affected himself that he was overcome, taken ill and died Friday. He had spent the period of his absence in Colorado, where he is believed to have amassed a fortune. Mrs. Limbert, being ill, is still in ignorance of his death. He was buried in secrecy and the story has but just become known.

Saginaw News
Wednesday, Mar 20, 1901 p8

Charles P. Limbert has dropped for a time his project to organize a new furniture factory in this city, in which he was interested with some Eastern men and one or two other Grand Rapids men. Mr. Limbert found it impossible to rent a suitable building for the enterprise and another reason for temporarily abandoning the enterprise was the scarcity of skilled labor of the class required, other factories already established having difficulty in getting enough men. The project may, however, be taken up again after the January season ends.

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Nov 09, 1901 p13

Sidelights on Politics.

A peculiar result was attained in the village election in East Grand Rapids yesterday. The entire Republican ticket was elected and at the same time, the entire Citizens ticket, with one exception was also elected. This peculiar condition resulted because there was but one

Republican candidate and he defeated the only Citizen candidate who fell down. A week or more ago all of the candidates upon the regular Republican ticket with the exception of David Schoenfeld withdrew, leaving the way clear for the Citizens ticket with one exception, and leaving Schoenfeld as the entire Republican ticket. At the election yesterday Schoenfeld defeated John H. Tancey for trustee, the winners being as follows: President, John H. Bonnell; clerk, Charles F. Sargeant; treasurer, Hobart P. Miller; trustees, Robert H. Havens, Charles P. Limbert and David Schoenfeld; assessor, James W. Weston.

Grand Rapids Press Tuesday, Mar 11, 1902 p6

UPHOLSTERER wanted for flat seat work; steady work. C. P. Limbert & Co., Old Clipper plant, Butterworth avenue and P. M. tracks. 16

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, Sep 15, 1902 p5

WANTED—An operator who has experience on leather work to run a power Singer sewing machine. Chas. P. Limbert & Co., Butterworth and Front. 18

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, May 18, 1903 p7

GRAND RAPIDS NEED

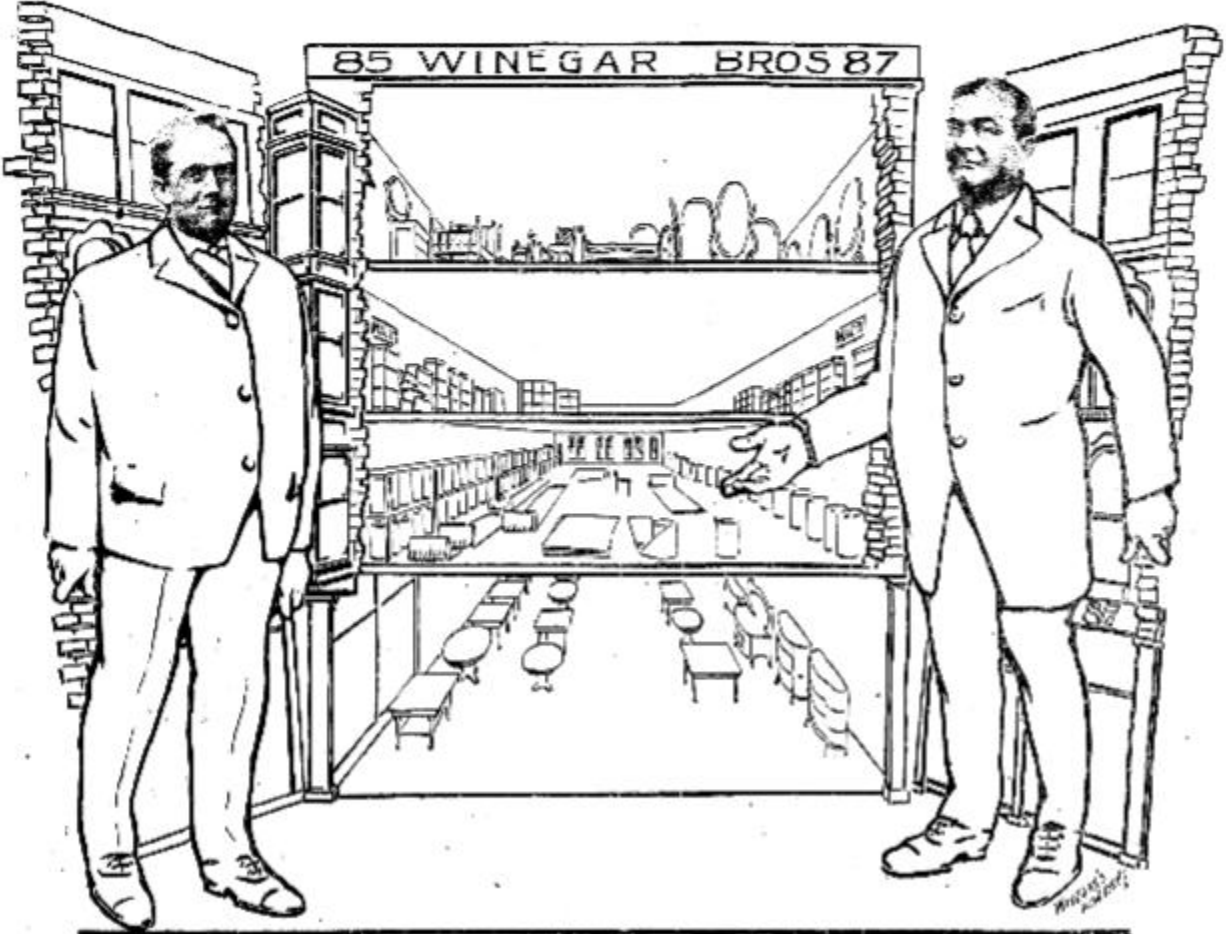
Factory Facilities for the Smaller Manufacturers.

Charles P. Limbert & Co. May Have to Move Its Business to Another City.

A striking illustration of the great need in Grand Rapids for facilities for small and medium manufacturing plants, is furnished in the case of Charles P. Limbert & Co.

Mr. Limbert states that his company employs about 100 hands in the manufacture of special furniture, but has been unable to secure factory facilities, such as the business require, anywhere in Grand Rapids. This condition has become so serious a one for the company that it may have to move both offices and factory to some other town. The matter is under consideration and the decision is expected to be reached this week. In his search Mr. Limbert has found that others are confronted with the same difficulty in securing manufacturing facilities unless they build their own plants.

OPEN TO THE WORLD!



WE BID YOU WELCOME

FIRST MENTION OF LIMBERT ARTS & CRAFTS

WE BID YOU WELCOME

TO THE GREAT CENTRAL HOUSE-FURNISHING STORE OF THE CITY,

Filled from cellar to peak with everything to furnish the cottage or mansion, This store will be distinguished as

The Home of Grand Rapids Made Furniture--Furniture of Quality

As we begin today, so we shall continue, to give full measure at the minimum of cost. "Courtesy to all with never a dissatisfied customer" will always be our ambition. We invite the people everywhere to come and enjoy the benefits of a progressive, up-to-date house-furnishing store whose policy is liberality, whose terms are satisfying.

Twenty-Two of the City's Great Furniture Factories

Will pour their complete line of classic furniture into our store to be sent out among the people. It's the furniture of beauty and utility combined, and will prove enduring heirlooms for the future. Here they are:

 Macey-Wernicke Co.—Sectional Bookcases Luce Furniture Co.—Bedroom Furniture Michigan Chair Co.—Dining Chairs and Rockers New England Furniture Co.—Sideboards and Buffets Fancy Furniture Co.—Desks and Ladies' Library Cases Nelson-Matter Co.—Bedroom Furniture	Grand Rapids Brass and Iron Bed Co., Beds Stickle Bros.—Rockers Stow-Davis—Dining Tables Welch Folding Bed—Folding Beds Michigan Barrel Co.—Refrigerators Barber Bros.—Mission Furniture Shelton & Snyder—Music Cabinets and Buffets National Wooden Ware Co.—Kitchen Cabinets Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co.—Carpet Sweepers	 Mueller & Slack—Couches Michigan Desk Co.—Desks Limbert & Co.—Arts and Crafts Michigan Vapor Stove Co. Standard Mfg. Co.—Kitchen Tables and Cabinets Hot Blast Feather Co.—Springs and Mattresses Valley City Desk Co.—Office Desks and Office Tables
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Patronize home industry—show your loyalty and your good judgment—it will repay you tenfold. Your

Carpets, Draperies, Dishes, Bedding, Stoves, all useful and ornamental furnishings, are here and at the prices you wish to pay. **Your Promise to Pay Will Do**

WINEGAR BROS., 85-87 Canal

W. S. WINEGAR.

(HARLEY C. SMITH, Manager.)

F. B. WINEGAR.

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, Apr 03, 1905 p7

WANTED—First-class stainers, shellackers and sandpaperers, C. P. Limbert & Co., Butterworth avenue. 26

Grand Rapids Press
Wednesday, May 24, 1905 p11

WANTED—Cabinetmakers' helpers. Chas. P. Limbert & Co., Butterworth avenue. 8

Grand Rapids Press
Friday, Sep 08, 1905 p9

MOVEMENT TOWARD THE LAKE.

Handsome Homes Are Being Erected and More Are Contemplated.

"When I first placed my Lakeview Park addition upon the market not more than two years ago," said Charles E. Mercor, "many of my friends thought I was taking a pretty big load upon my shoulders. I didn't think I had anything easy in the real estate line myself, but I was confident the Ionia electric line would be built and convinced that the suburban movement was to develop, I thought the undertaking would well repay me, although it might take years.

"Since that plat was laid out there has entered an entirely unforeseen element in the development of lake properties, and this has been the quickly borne and rapidly growing movement among some of our wealthiest citizens for fine country homes. They have given a wonderful impetus to the demand for building sites around Reed's and Fisk lakes, and while some very attractive, and even pretentious, homes have been erected there in the past, there will be many more undertaken in the spring. With such fine places as Edward Lowe, Amos S. Musselman, Van A. Wallin and others are to build, probably next year, added to such fine properties as have been secured by James C. West, Ben S. Hanchett and Charles P. Limbert, the future of that portion of suburban Grand Rapids is assured.

"But great as has been the influence of such men as these, not all the credit is due them. They will have the show places, to be sure, but there are a number of citizens who have erected modest yet most attractive homes in that district, which are doing much to make the lake region one of which the city and its people can well be proud.

"During the year Dr. F. W. Temple, Anthony Thomas and N. P. Winchell have built home which have cost about \$4,000 each. Others are to build homes of this type next year, neatly appointed and modern dwellings, which will range in cost from \$2,500 to \$4,000 each.

"And mind you, the lake region is not the only portion of Grand Rapids' suburban district which is being developed in this manner. Perhaps because I am so intimately connected with it, I consider it of first importance, but north, south and west suburban tracts are being opened up in a manner which means a whole lot for the future of the city's realty. These properties may be outside the corporate lines, but to all intents and purposes they are part and parcel of our real estate interests.

"In connection with the lake properties, I recently sold a tract of land on Fisk lake to Frederick A. Tusch, upon which he intends to build next year. It was known as the Benjamin tract and contained one acre. The purchase price was \$2,500. But little more than a year previous Mr. Benjamin had bought it for \$1,100. This increase is probably exceptional, but all property there is steadily improving in value, and the price paid for this tract shows the demand which exists there for fine home sites, especially upon the lake shore."

Grand Rapids Press
Friday, Dec 22, 1905 p8



LIMBERTS HOLLAND-DUTCH ARTS & CRAFTS FURNITURE

TO build a home is an experience ; to furnish one is an education. Sure !

☞ To build a home makes a pessimist ; to furnish one, a lunatic, unless you do it *a la Limbert*.

☞ Furniture reflects the taste of the individual—it mirrors the mind.

☞ The home beautiful is the home that is harmonious, where everything is a symphony of color, proportion, symmetry.

☞ "Limbert's" has become a name to conjure with, by reason of their helpfulness in solving furniture and furnishing problems.

☞ And their product is all furniture of character *plus*, made by experts, backed by the Limbert guarantee—the pride of the possessor and the envy of the noncogibund.

☞ A beautiful Style Book will be gladly mailed to you, free, on request.

☞ And say, you ought to get a pair of those miniature Dutch wooden shoes for 20 cents—just for an ornament.



Charles P. Limbert Company

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Address Dept. 285 - - - - - Holland, Mich.

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Operating New Furniture Plant.

The Charles P. Limbert company is operating its new plant at Holland with an addition of about sixty hands. The force now employed is 150 and there is room on the site for further extensions. The new building is three stories in height and is of brick construction. The dimensions are 80x254 feet, and it gives about three times the former floor space. The company makes mission furniture and will continue along this line.

Evening Press.
Saturday, Jul 28, 1906 p13

Charles P. Limbert Company

HOLLAND AND GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.



Our New Factory, which is located in Holland and contains the most modern facilities that can be utilized to improve the construction of our Holland Dutch Arts and Crafts furniture, and for the convenience and comfort of our Craftsmen.

Limbert's Trade Mark is a Guarantee of Quality Excellence

Write for the name and address of the firm which is associated with us in your locality.

Evening Press.
Saturday, Sep 11, 1909 p15

Naughty Willie Is Happy; Cedar Shingles Vanish

The old-fashioned pine shingles are not in as much favor as formerly. Perhaps it is because "there ain't no such thing." In the old days when pine was king, and also abundant, shingles were made of clear stuff and aside from fire hazard they were as good a roofing material as could be desired.

A. Hoekzema, a local contractor, has just replaced two roofs which illustrates how good the old cedar shingles were. One of the roofs was that of the Charles Limbert residence on Fisk lake. The shingles were of cedar, hand shaved and were laid more than fifty years ago. Except for a few troublesome leaks they were still in good condition. This roof was replaced with creosoted cypress.

Grand Rapids Press

Saturday, Nov 10, 1917 p13

This article suggests that one of the Limbert homes/structures on Fisk Lake was built in 1867 or earlier.

HOLLAND FURNITURE FIRM REORGANIZED

Limbert Company Deal Said to Involve Three-quarters of Million.

Holland, Sept. 27.—An important business deal said to involve approximately \$750,000 was made here this week when the Charles P. Limbert Furniture Co. was reorganized with A. H. Landwehr as president. C. P. Limbert and John F. Homiller of Grand Rapids, the largest stockholders in the concern, disposed of their interests to a company of Holland men. The other officers are: Vice president, William J. Gohiko; secretary, Volney L. Dibble; treasurer and manager, D. B. K. VanRaalte. Mrs. Louise Landwehr also became a stockholder in the new company.

The Limbert factory has become widely known as the home of arts and crafts since the plant was moved here from Grand Rapids in 1908. The capacity of the factory since has more than doubled and now ranks among Holland's foremost institutions in the furniture industry.

Grand Rapids Press
Wednesday, Sep 27, 1922 p4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1927.

CHARLES P. LIMBERT LONG IN INDUSTRY

Starts with Furniture Sales Company; In 1900
Founds Dining Room Line Which
Bears His Name.

From the day Charles P. Limbert entered the sales company known as Klingman, Limbert & Brower in 1889 his name has been a sign of continued progress in the furniture world, first by the sales company and second by the Holland, Mich., manufacturing organization which bears his name.

Buyers throughout the country visited the old sales company space in the Blodgett building and continued to visit this space after it was given over to Mr. Limbert's first manufactured product back in 1900. The line was shown in the Blodgett building until the erection of the Pantlind Exposition building when the company moved its display, taking over the entire eighth floor.

First Factory Here.

His first factory was known as Charles P. Limbert & Co. and was located at Grandville-av. and the Pere Marquette tracks in Grand Rapids. First product of the firm was a line of porch and lawn furniture, bolted together to withstand the elements, a product in marked contrast to the high grade dining room line built today.

The outdoor furniture was manufactured for about five years, the first factory being under the direction of Louis Gohlke, skilled Bremen craftsman, whose son is an officer of the present company. The line gradually was developed into the nationally known Limbert's Arts & Crafts furniture of straight line type which enjoyed popularity for a number of years. This furniture was originally finished in a beautiful brown stain prepared from walnut shucks gathered on Mr. Limbert's estate.

The organization soon outgrew the capacity of the old building and moved into the factory vacated by the Clipper Bicycle Works on Butterworth-st. near Front-av.

Moves to Holland.

From this factory the firm moved to Holland and built a new plant larger than the one vacated. This was about 20 years ago. The product of the new factory included furniture for hotels, clubs and public buildings, Limbert furniture being placed in Old Faithful Inn and other hotels in Yellowstone Park, in several hundred Y. M. C. A. buildings and other institutions.

Five years after locating in Holland a factory addition was built and more recent improvements include erection of new dry kilns, an enlarged boiler room, a motorized machine room and rearrangement of machines to permit progressive production. Capacity of the plant today is three times that when the firm went to Holland.

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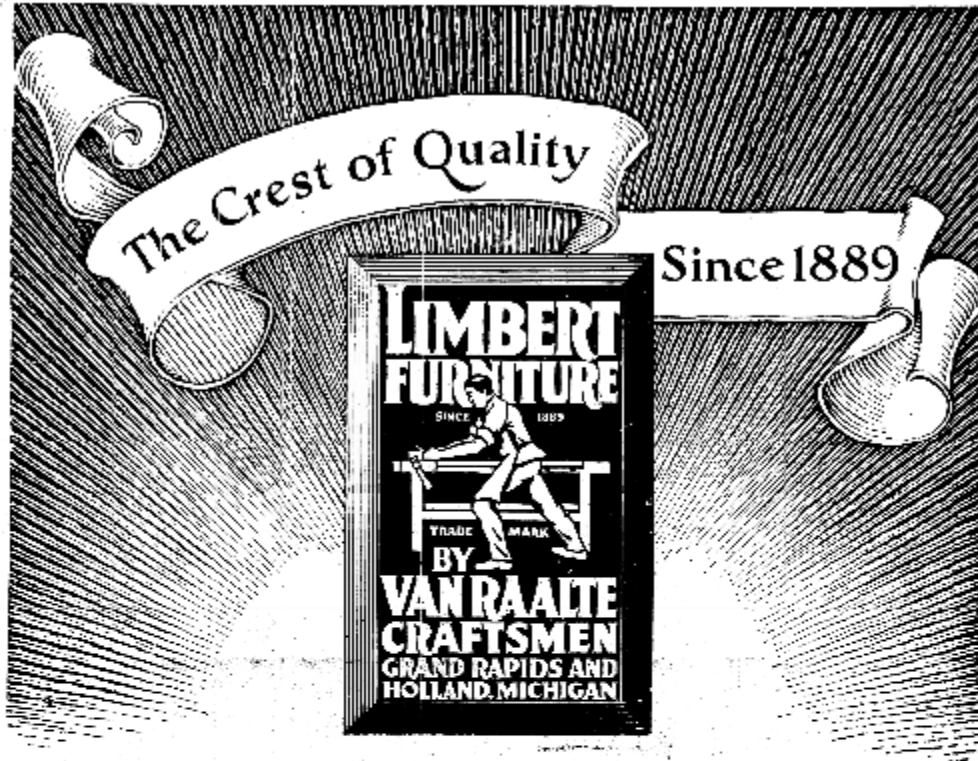
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Down through the years the name Limbert has always stood for leadership. Today with a wealth of traditions and experience to draw upon, Limbert announces a line of dining creations, brilliantly styled, embracing new finishes and remarkably beautiful effects in rare woods, joined to offer values unparalleled in the fine furniture field. An achievement truly consistent with Limbert traditions since 1889.

Charles P. Limbert Company
 Holland and Grand Rapids, Mich.

LIMBERT *Furniture*

VAN RAALE CRAFTSMEN

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1927.

CHARLES P. LIMBERT LONG IN INDUSTRY

Starts with Furniture Sales Company; In 1900
Founds Dining Room Line Which
Bears His Name.

From the day Charles P. Limbert entered the sales company known as Klingman, Limbert & Brower in 1889 his name has been a sign of continued progress in the furniture world, first by the sales company and second by the Holland, Mich., manufacturing organization which bears his name.

Buyers throughout the country visited the old sales company space in the Blodgett building and continued to visit this space after it was given over to Mr. Limbert's first manufactured product back in 1900. The line was shown in the Blodgett building until the erection of the Pantlind Exposition building when the company moved its display, taking over the entire eighth floor.

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First Factory Here.

His first factory was known as Charles P. Limbert & Co. and was located at Grandville-av. and the Pere Marquette tracks in Grand Rapids. First product of the firm was a line of porch and lawn furniture, bolted together to withstand the elements, a product in marked contrast to the high grade dining room line built today.

The outdoor furniture was manufactured for about five years, the first factory being under the direction of Louis Gohlke, skilled Bremen craftsman, whose son is an officer of the present company. The line gradually was developed into the nationally known Limbert's Arts & Crafts furniture of straight line type which enjoyed popularity for a number of years. This furniture was originally finished in a beautiful brown stain prepared from walnut shucks gathered on Mr. Limbert's estate.

The organization soon outgrew the capacity of the old building and moved into the factory vacated by the Clipper Bicycle Works on Butterworth-st. near Front-av.

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cedars and hemlocks have been planted by the new garden and a stepped pathway of stone has been built.

The Lambert grounds have a variety of trees including some fine hard maples, large walnuts, a tulip tree, said to be one of the largest in the state, and a Japanese weeping cherry tree.

Miss Lambert's greenhouses, which have been developed by James Marsden, are filled with color at this season. In the cool house, snapdragons are ready to bloom. In the intermediate houses are flowers such as schizanthus, primroses, cinerarias and English wall flowers grown from seed obtained in New Zealand. Of interest in the stove house was a very large fuchsia plant, a lemon tree, heavy with fruit, a smaller orange tree, and scores of other plants growing around a small pool. Many of the flowers will be transplanted to natural habitat when the weather is warmer.

Miss Lambert also has lovely roses and one of the oldest varieties in the world, the Marshall Neil, a climbing rose now is in bloom.

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Miss Clara Lambert, whose place is on the shore of Fisk lake, has two new ventures underway this year. One is a wild flower garden which will be screened by newly-planted evergreens; the other, a rock garden. Many low junipers,

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Apr 04, 1931 p7

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Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, May 07, 1932 p7

**KENT
GARDEN CLUB
ANNUAL
FLOWER SHOW**

**Tuesday and
Wednesday**

June 20 and 21

All Day and Evening

Limbert Estate

2000 Robinson Road

ADMISSION 25c

Public Invited.

Wonderful showing of garden
flowers with added attractions.

See "VALLEY LANE."

(Something new in garden ar-
rangements).

**Fashion Review 4 p. m. daily
Italian Singers and Music**

Old and new garden designs—
Latest garden light arrange-
ment for night illumination.

Venetian nights on Elk Lake
with unusual and novel boat
decorations.

*Get up a party of friends and spend
a pleasant afternoon or evening at
one of Grand Rapids' oldest estates.*

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, Jun 19, 1933 p2

A Junior Gardener's day is listed for May including the showing of films at the Owl theater. The pictures will include an educational film from the University of Chicago and a biological one entitled "Flowers at Work." "Plant Growth" and "Seed Dispersal." French color pictures of flowers growing, and a feature film, "Chu Chin Chow," also will be shown.

The garden club spring program includes a tour of small gardens, bird day at Miss Clara T. Limbert's lovely estate on Fisk lake, a walk talk through Mrs. F. Stuart Foote's country place in daffodil time and a meeting at the home of Mrs. Preston Rice of Kent Hills when Japanese iris bloom.

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Mar 07, 1936 p5

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Saturday, May 07, 1932 p7

Lovers of Blossoms Plan Show

KENT GARDEN CLUB will open its 1933 season next week with plans already under way for the Garden village, the annual flower show to be held June 20 and 21 at Clarimere, the estate of Miss Clara Limbert on Fisk lake,

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Mrs. Joseph H. Brewer, general chairman of the flower show, and her assistant, Miss Limbert, have named the following chairman: Specimens, Mrs. W. J. Wallace; schedules, Mrs. Joseph W. Heald; waterfront, Mrs. Wallace Hook; junior committee, Mrs. Marcus B. Hall; artistic arrangements, Mrs. Orra Chadwick; dinner tables, Mrs. Claude C. Hopkins; boathouse decorations, Mrs. Tom S. Handley; boathouse luncheons and teas, Mrs. W. S. Emery and Mrs. C. N. Acomb; tearoom tickets, Mrs. A. R. Huford; costumes, Mrs. Grover Good; music, Mrs. Z. C. Irwin; roses, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Greenway; evergreens, Benjamin S. Warren; hostess, Mrs. John B. Martin; duck pond, Mrs. Cora Storrs Clark; terrace tables, Mrs. James Evierett; publicity, Mrs. J. G. Currie and Miss Christine M. Keck; tickets, Mrs. A. Brooks Smith; gate, Bernard Falton; parking, Mrs. J. Hampton Hoult.

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One of the features of the affair will be a village lane flanked on either side by flower-laden stalls. Mrs. Parke H. McMullen is chairman of the village lane and Mrs. F. W. Hefferan, Mrs. Henry O. Robinson, Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Frederick P. Willcox will have charge of various exhibits. Another feature will be an Italian float to be built for the waterfront under supervision of Mrs. Clark.

The Garden club board of directors this year includes: President, Mrs. McMullen; first vice president, Mrs. Dudley E. Waters; second vice president, Mrs. Chadwick; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Huford; recording secretary, Mrs. N. Rugee White; treasurer, Mrs. Smith; and the following chairmen of standing committees: Program, Mrs. Claude C. Hopkins; flower show, Mrs. Joseph H. Brewer; membership, Mrs. William H. Gay; transportation, Mrs. John B. Martin; civic Mrs. Hefferan; place of meeting, Miss Limbert; telephone, Mrs. V. G. Rowe, and publicity, Mrs. Currie.

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—Pictures by Maurice Cornea LaClair.

A group of Kent Garden club members recently met at the home of Miss Clara Limbert at Clarimere on Robinson-rd. to discuss plans for the Garden village to be held at Miss Limbert's estate on Jue 20 and 21. The flower show committee includes (from left to right) Mrs. Joseph H. Brewer, general chairman; Mrs. Parke H. McMullen, president of Kent Garden club; Mrs. John I. Martin, Mrs. B. S. Warren, Mrs. Cora Storrs Clark, Mrs. Grover C. Good and Mrs. Henry T. Heald, who is in charge of the garden club library.

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Mar 18, 1933 p7



—Pictures by Maurice Cornea LaClair.

Kent Garden club's annual flower show will be an event of next Tuesday and Wednesday at Clarimere, the estate of Miss Clara Limbert on Robinson-rd. Hostesses who will act as guides for visitors to the show include (from left to right) Mrs. Grover C. Good, who is chairman; Mrs. Arend V. DuBee, Mrs. James Rowland Lowe, Mrs. J. Brayton Deane, Miss Elizabeth Avery and Miss Jane Smith.

TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR FLOWER SHOW

Kent Garden Club Will Hold Special Meeting Tues- day Morning.

Final arrangements for the annual flower show of the Kent Garden club will be made at a special meeting of the club at Women's City club at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. A large attendance of members is desired at the meeting as volunteers are needed for some of the details of the exhibition.

Among the features of the show, which will be held at the gardens of Miss Clara Lambert on Robinson-rd. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 20 and 21, will be the decorations. The boat house on Fisk lake will be arranged as a sort of lounging room for the guests and a number of booths also will add to the attractiveness of the affair.

Cash, ribbons and honorable mention are to be awarded entries in the various classes. There is no entry fee and the public is urged to enter exhibits for the prizes. There will be a special department for exhibits by children, including displays of vegetables. Potted plants may be entered in one of the divisions.

The schedule committee, which arranged the classes for entry, comprises Mrs. J. W. Heald, chairman; Mrs. W. J. Wallace, Mrs. E. E. Dennis, Miss Helen Steketeg and Miss Christine Keck.

There will be plenty of parking space and it is announced a traffic officer will be on hand to care for traffic and parking.

The Press has 100 of the schedules showing classes in which entry may be made and these may be obtained at the information counter in the first floor business office of The Press.

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, Jun 12, 1933 p14

Show Will Be Open to The Public

KENT Garden club will present its annual flower show at Clarimere, the home of Miss Clara Limbert on Robinsonrd., next Tuesday and Wednesday. The show, which is to be known as the Garden Village, is open to the public at a nominal fee.

Local folk will have opportunity to see one of the finest and oldest of the local estates when the flower show takes place at Clarimere. This will be the first time the grounds have been opened to the citizens of Grand Rapids and environs. Show hours are: Tuesday, 1 p. m. to 10 p. m.; Wednesday, 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Final arrangements are being completed this week for the show which is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph H. Brower. Although all members of Kent garden club will be hostesses the special group named by Mrs. John H. Martin, hostess chairman, include Mrs. Charles H. Bender, Mrs. M. R. Bissell, Jr., Mrs. E. E. Dennis, Miss Jessie Boyce, Mrs. William H. Gay, Mrs. Grover C. Good, Mrs. Henry Idema, Mrs. M. S. Keeler, Mrs. I. H. Keeler, Mrs. Charles J. Kindel, Mrs. Thomas G. Kindel, Mrs. S. A. Norman, Mrs. Eugene Richards, Mrs. E. W. Tinkham, Mrs. Frederick P. Wilcox, Mrs. Lewis T. Wilmarth, Mrs. Marcus B. Hall, Mrs. Joseph W. Heald and Miss Genevieve Swift.

Mrs. Good is in charge of guides who will be about the grounds to show visitors points of interest. The guide group comprises Mrs. Alexander Martin, Mrs. D. Bradford Apter, Miss Betty Konkle, Mrs. Phillip Cornelius, Mrs. Fred Dunaikin, Mrs. Leon DeVet, Mrs. Chalmers H. Quantance, Mrs. James M. Crosby, Jr., Mrs. Roger B. Keeney, Mrs. G. Mortimer Roberts, Mrs. Walter Young, Mrs. Fred M. Deane, Jr., Mrs. Frank Stoketee, Miss Nancy Jackson, Mrs. Eugene Stoketee, Miss Dubarry Campan, Mrs. Dudley H. Waters, Mrs. Robert Kusterer, Miss Margaret Robinson and Miss Marie Smith.

A feature of the show will be the village lane bordered with booths which will be presided over by members of Kent Garden club. Among those who will be in charge of booths will be Mrs. Frank L. Dykema, Mrs. Frederick P. Wilcox, Mrs. B. S. Warren, Mrs. William F. Lake and Mrs. Carl N. Adams.

Overlooking the cutting gardens will be a sidewalk cafe in charge of Mrs. James C. Everett, Mrs. John R. Rogers and Mrs. M. R. Bissell, Jr. All the booths and the cafe will be gay with striped awnings in color as well as especially decorated with flowering plants.

Young women who will assist at the sidewalk cafe include Miss Anne and Miss Eleanor Bissell, Miss Helen and Miss Sarah Everett, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Anne Chilton, Miss Frances Talluferro, Miss Margaret Williams, Miss Emmeline Hefferan, Mrs. B. Russell Buck and Miss Harriet Sexton.

The "before and after" exhibit, for which Kent Garden club received mention at the Northwestern Flower show in Detroit in 1932, is being reconstructed on the shore of Flak lake under supervision of Mrs. F. A. Votey.

Mrs. A. H. Smith is ticket chairman and will be at the gate. Her coworkers are her son, A. B. Smith, Jr., Bernard Fallon and Parke H. McMullen.

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A Venetian motif is being introduced this year, made possible by the fact that Clarimere overlooks Flisk lake. The grounds are to be lighted and at night a program of music will be given along the water front. There will be musicians in gondolas as well as a band of six musicians on a gayly decorated raft.

A bit of old Venice will be created just opposite the boathouse by Mrs. Cora Storrs Clark. Italian pottery, lanterns and flowers will be used and hangings from the windows will be placed in the Venetian way. A bronze fountain from Italy will center the circular duck pond and other attractions will be added to make the corner an attractive place for visitors to loiter. In the evening Giuseppe Oreste, Italian, will sing songs from old Venice and give a serenade.

Accordion players will wander about the grounds in the afternoon and toward twilight preceding the night music. Mrs. Thomas C. Irwin and Mrs. Edwin Reilly are assisting with arrangements for the water events.

Rowboats and canoes will be available both afternoons and evenings from the Lambert landing where a group of young sailors from the Grand Rapids Yacht club will act as guides. Arrangements for boating are in charge of Mrs. R. Wallace Hook, Mrs. Marcus B. Hall and Mrs. Louis J. DeLamarter. The Garden club also has arranged with the yacht club for a group of three sailboats with picturesque sails of orange, green and blue.

The comfortable boathouse on the Lambert estate will be opened as a lounge for flower show guests. The path to the house is lined with gay potted fuchsias. Mrs. Tom S. Handley is boathouse chairman. Benches also will be provided on the wide sweeping lawns along the lake front and buffet service will be available.

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Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Jun 17, 1933 p7

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1942.

AUCTION! AUCTION!

By order of the U. S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, Southern Division, we will sell at Public Auction on

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1942

AT 11:00 A. M. (E. W. T.),
the following assets belonging to the
estate of

Charles P. Limbert Co.

BANKRUPT.

On the Premises at

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Woodworking Machinery, Equipment,
Land, Buildings and Raw Materials.

Court Appraisal in

EXCESS OF \$184,000.00

MOTORIZED WOODWORKING MACHY.

Mattison No. 229-10" Moulder, Wilken
Challoner Tenoner, Minnesota 16-Spindle
carving Machine, Solem No. 430 Endless
Bed 3-Drum Sander, Nash No. 22 10-
Spindle Automatic Sander, Buss No. 4-36"
Surfacer, Mattison No. 202 Chain Feed Rip
Saw, Power Hoist, Diehl No. 55 Chain Feed
Rip Saw, Tannewitz and American 36"
Band Saws, Porter No. 666 Electric Routers,
Oliver No. 71 and No. S1 Auto. Horiz. Bor-
ers, Buss No 9 Double Spindle Shaper, Mer-
ritt & Platten Veneer Dryer, Francis Hydrau-
lic Press, 75 Heads Woodworking Machinery
for all Woodworking Operations.

All Motors A. C.—425 State Trucks.

Lumber, Veneer, Finishing Materials.

Valuable Industrial Buildings and Land.

GEORGE F. LA BOUR, Trustee.

For Particulars Write or Call

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AUCTIONEERS SINCE 1894

35 S. Dearborn-st., Chicago, Ill.

Grand Rapids Press
Wednesday, Sep 09, 1942 p24

All the well-known Hefferan ingenuity has gone into the redeco- rating of the quaint little care- taker's cottage located *House of the Week* on the Limbert estate at Fisk lake. Mrs. T. W. Hefferan and daughter Patty, with the neigh- borly help of Mrs. Noyes Avery, have turned this odd little Vic- torian dwelling into a "peasant's chateau." Patty and her mother will live there in the winters and continue to summer at Eastman- ville.

When one walks in the front door he finds himself on the bedroom floor, where there are two bed- rooms and a sitting room. Down below is a kitchen, dining room and sun porch. The dining room used to be a dark, dank place lighted only by one high, tiny window. A magical transformation has oc- curred and now when the Hef- ferans eat their meals there they feel they are eating in an outdoor garden. On the painted walls a paper black wrought iron fence has been pasted and a lovely coral rho- dodendrons grow through the fence. The rhododendrons also are cut from wallpaper, but the illu- sion is perfect. Mirrors are placed inside the wrought iron to make the small room seem larger. All of which goes to prove there just isn't

any such word as "can't." Wall- paper just wouldn't stick to the walls, hence this clever and ef- fective solution.

The coral of the flowers is car- ried out in the slipcovers in the adjoining sunroom. Even we wouldn't mind doing dishes in the cheery Italian kitchen. Bright yel- low is the color and Italian figures are painted on the cupboard doors. There are Italian tiles on the wall, and a big old-fashioned clock. Mrs. Hefferan brought back a set of yellow and brown decorated pot- tery dishes from Italy years ago, and these dishes are in her new cupboards. Again the coral crops up—this time in the curtains. Up- stairs the sitting room has been papered in pine paneling paper.

Perhaps the greatest charm of this house is its view. From three exposures a view of the lake can be had and the house sits on a knoll looking down on the lovely Limbert garden.

Once again the Hefferans have proved they really have the magic touch!

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Jan 24, 1948 p14

Interiors Made Attractive By Industrious Owners

Vision—a dab of this and a touch of that—and presto, an unsightly corner becomes a gay nook of interest. Remodeled apartments, the number of old homes attractively redone and the clever ideas seen in new homes, show that Grand Rapids men and women are "up" on what makes a home original and personalized.

The Robert J. Riekse have papered, painted and done immense amounts of carpentry work themselves in their home on Byron-st. Mr. Riekse oak-paneled the den himself and inclosed on one wall is an old radio encased with the oak, a book shelf and a small bar. Also in the room are two small tables which he made of pecky cypress, a relatively inexpensive but interesting wood.

Mr. Riekse has also transformed a small unused upstairs room into an unusual dressing room and utilized the vacant area under the basement stairs into a half-size doll house—truly the envy of all the neighborhood children.

Patience, a knowledge of flowers and a great deal of work transformed a small dark room used originally for storage into an attractive dining room for Mrs. T. W. Hefferan and her daughter Patricia. The Hefferans painted the room a light gray and cut out and pasted individually each blossom and leaf which adorns the walls. Assisting Mrs. Hefferan with the idea and work was Mrs. Noyes L. Avery. The "iron work" seen around the mirror and forming the dado was cut from wall paper.

The Hefferans' home on Robinson-rd., formerly the gardener's home for the Limbert estate, has been attractively arranged through-

out and there is a delightful view of Fisk lake from the lower level living room.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Morrissey, jr's., apartment on Lake-dr., has many features which one would want to remember for use in his own home, but the reading room is of particular interest. Along one whole side of the wall is a built-in magazine rack resembling the racks seen in drug stores. It is painted white, contrasting vividly with the steel gray and white tweed wall paper, and it offers a place not only for magazines but for displaying Mrs. Morrissey's favorite knickknacks.

Although the Morrisseys had their magazine rack made for them, an amateur carpenter could very easily assemble one to fit his home.

Hints for making the rack were carried recently in the Designing Woman column of The Press.

The Ralph F. Baldwin home on Mercer-dr., which was completed this winter, is becoming famous for its very attractive and unusual greenhouse window in the dining room. What a pleasure, with snow on the ground, to see blooming hyacinths, tulips and azaleas blooming in your window. The window, which is one whole expanse of the

(Continued on page 16).

HISTORY OF
A NEW BUILD AT
2002 ROBINSON ROAD SE
1957 - 2023

Built in 1957 for Joseph Arthur and Margaret Mabel *Walbaum* Hager
on the property of the former Limbert estate.

EAST GRAND RAPIDS.
Joseph Hager will build a \$35,000 dwelling at 2002 Robinson rd., SE. East Grand Rapids officials reported, and S. Anema & Son was given permission to construct a \$14,000 house at 2045 Wilshire dr., SE. Two permits also were issued for minor work valued at \$5,300.

Grand Rapids Press
August 4, 1956 p10

Wilfred P. McLaughlin, architect

R.L. Polk's Grand Rapids City Directory

Residents

2002 Robinson Road SE

Joseph Arthur and Margaret Mabel Walbaum Hager

1957 – 1985/6

2002 Robinson Road was built in 1957. This property is definitely on Charles P. Limbert and Clara Limbert's property. Their house was numbered 2002. Limbert's home "Clarimere" was demolished to make way for the Hager's new home.

1957 – 1958 Hager, Joseph A. Hager (Margaret M.) Vice President. Grand Rapids Varnish Corp.

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Bytwerk, Edward J. (Frances) was still on the property, with address 2002 Robinson. He was a "caretaker" for Joseph A. Hager.

Bytwerk, Mary. Student in 1962

1970 – 1980 Hager, Joseph A. Hager (Margaret M.) Chairman of the Board. Guardsman Chemical Coatings
Bytwerk, Edward J. (Frances) Gardener, "lived in the rear" of the property.

1981 – 1985 Hager, Joseph A. Hager (Margaret M.) Retired

1986 – 1987 VACANT



GOLD ALL AROUND—Joseph A. Hager, president of the 50-year-old Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc., and Mrs. Hager show off the golden items—a clock, a paint spray gun and two dozen roses tied with a huge bow, also gold—they were presented at the firm's 50th Anniversary dinner for employes at the Pantlind Hotel.

Grand Rapids Press
September 21, 1965 p33

OBITUARIES

Joseph Arthur Hager

Birth 5 Jan 1900

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA

Death 27 Nov 1985 (aged 85)

East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, USA

Burial Graceland Memorial Park and Mausoleum

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan

HAGER — Joseph A.
Hager passed away
Wednesday evening at his
home, 2002 Robinson Rd.
SE. Funeral Services will
be held Monday at 11am
in the funeral home, Dr.
Duncan E. Littlefair offici-
ating. Entombment Grace-
land Mausoleum. Repos-
ing for Mr. Hager begins
Saturday at
METCALF & JONKHOFF
4291 Cascade Rd. SE

Grand Rapids Press
November 29, 1985 E6

Joseph A. Hager, Civic And Business Leader, Dies

Services for Joseph A. Hager, former chairman of the board of Guardsman Chemical and a civic leader, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at *Metcalf and Jonkhoff Funeral Home*, 4291 Cascade Road SE.

He died Wednesday night in his home at the age of 85.

Hager joined the firm in 1924 when it was known as Grand Rapids Varnish. He served as its sales director, vice president, president and finally as chairman of the board.

He helped expand the company from \$900,000 in annual sales to more than \$60 million.

Hager was born in Chicago just four days into the 20th century. His father, born in Germany, had come to America to establish a chain of restaurants.

Instead of following his father into the restaurant business, Hager headed for Texas to search for oil. Six months later, riches having eluded him, he returned to Chicago to teach in public schools and attend Northwestern University.

After graduation, he worked as a purchasing agent, then as head of his own manufacturing firm. He first began working in the paint business at a Chicago firm in 1922.

Hager became a fixture on the Grand Rapids business scene. He became a member of the Peninsu-

lar Club in 1924, and served the club both as president and as a member of its board of directors.

In 1929, Hager married Margaret Mabel Walbaum, the daughter of a farmer, and the marriage endured until Margaret died in 1982. The couple had no children, and Hager has no survivors.

He worked on numerous Community Chest and United Way campaigns, serving as chairman of the annual fund drive on at least two occasions.

For many years, he was director of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association and founded the Grand Rapids Sales and Marketing Executives Club. He received the club's Top Management Award in 1964.

Hager received many service awards, including an All-America City Award from then-Grand Rapids Mayor Stanley Davis in 1964. He received commendations from the War Production Board for his work in Washington in its chemicals bureau during World War II.

For 55 years, Hager was a member of the Elks Club, and was also a long-time member of the Grand Rapids Rotary. In 1976, he received an honorary business administration degree from the Detroit College of Business.

Margaret Mabel Walbaum Hager

Birth 1899

Death 1982 (aged 82–83)

Burial Graceland Memorial Park and Mausoleum

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan

Findagrave.com

HAGER — Mrs. Margaret M. Hager, the wife of Joseph A. Hager of 2002 Robinson Rd. SE, passed away at her home, Saturday morning, July 17, 1982 after a prolonged illness. Also surviving are two nephews, Oliver Masterson of Chicago, IL and James Masterson of Concord, CA. During her lifetime Mrs. Hager was noted for her artistry, she was an accomplished painter. Funeral services will be Monday at 3pm in the Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Bruce Bode of Fountain Street Church officiating. Entombment Graceland Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Emphysema Society will be appreciated. The family will receive friends, Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm at the METCALF & JONKHOFF FUNERAL HOME, 4291 Cascade Rd. SE, east of I-96.

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ESTATE SALE

An outstanding large quality estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hager to be held in their lovely East Grand Rapids home on Fisk Lake.

PAINTINGS/ART — M. Allen, A. Merizon, Roseland, Zinga, Renault, Ranney. 2 Maxfield Parrish, Sister Lois, Chinese stitchery, watercolors, pastels, etc. Many frames. 2 choice 24" bronze man/mark horse statues signed Coustou, converted to lamps.

CARS — Choice 1978 Lincoln Continental Mark V (6,400 mi.). 1964 Ford Thunderbird Landau.

JEWELRY — Magnificent diamond ring/band plus 3 smaller. Diamond/sapphire (broche, earrings), ruby/diamond ring. Bracelets (pearl, pearl/sapphire, jade, gold). Pearl (ring, earrings, pin, pendant), gold rings. Man's (Linde star sapphire ring, 18 kt gold Patex Philippe wristwatch, 14 kt gold pocket watch, cuff links). Plus costume.

Marble top Marquetry commode. 7 desks (choice custom secretary breakfront, Imperial drop front, old "Macey" oak ribbon fold knee-hole, marble top knee-hole, Stow-Davis Executive, lady's, Steelcase). Widdicomb king bedroom suite, bookcase breakfront, 2 sofas, sofa-bed, day-bed, many chairs (wingback, leather, more!), many end tables (Nesting, hard rosewood, more!). Marble top game table/leather chairs, carved gilt buffet, marble top console, Baker etegere, benches, chaise lounge, chests (cherry chest on chest, flip top, more!). Folding screens, Burl double bed, leather game table, table/6 chairs,

choice office cabinets. Ficks Reed and Woodard porch furniture (many) plus metal marble top table/ chairs, settees, etc. Mirrors, brass tea cart, more!

Magnificent Tiffay "English King" flatware for 8 (active), Wallace "Grand Baroque" for 6. Many misc. serving pieces, holloware plus many fine pieces of silver plate holloware, pewter. CHINA/GLASS - Royal Copenhagen "Brown Rose", Haviland (74 pieces), Johnson "Regency" (120 pieces), Tuscan, Royal Doulton "Evesham". Gouda, Lithophane cups/saucers, more! 1985 Hummel plate, Satsuma, 18 collectors plates, Flow Blue. Dozens of choice figurines (Royal Copenhagen Mermaid, 16" porcelain group, 8 Bing Grondahl, Venetian Blackamoor Maidens, metal Victorian, more!). Dog figurines, dozens (12 Royal Doulton, R.C., B & G, Mortens, more!). Cranberry candlesticks/prisms, Lalique perfume, stemware (cut, Cobalt stems, etc). Rouge Flambe, Val St. Lambert 31" vase, Heisey, Orrefors, Kosta, Wedgwood, Staffordshire, more! more!

Ivory, (8 horses, elephants/tusk, vase, opium lamps). Large German ship model plus brass one. Artist signed Terra Cotta bust, clocks (2 Seth Thomas, as is, Carriage, more!). Brass (sconces, unusual and irons/tools, Art Nouveau box). Candelabras, Oriental incense burners, jeweled frame, 3 fans framed. Cloisonne vases/box, Oriental panels, 64" Tibet horn/stand, Haitian, Mud Men, soapstone, Roy Crofter, more! Linens (cutwork etc), men's clothing, washer/dryer, Sears refrigerator (1 yr), 3 color TV's, records, Singer, hospital bed, electric/manual

typewriters, file cabinets, sales motivation cape, wood panelling plus door from executive office. Over 900 BOOKS (art, business, cook, etc.). Wood tool bench, 11' aluminum boat, MORE! MORE! Numbers at 8am Tues
Please do not park in drive.

2002 Robinson Rd SE
Feb 18-19-20, Tues, Wed, Thurs
9am-5:30pm
SONIA SPEAKMAN IN CHARGE

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EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Joseph Hager will build a \$35,000 dwelling at 2002 Robinson rd., SE. East Grand Rapids officials reported, and S. Anema & Son was given permission to construct a \$14,000 house at 2045 Wilshire dr., SE. Two permits also were issued for minor work valued at \$5,300.

Grand Rapids Press
August 4, 1956 p10

Wilfred P. McLaughlin, architect

Orr Again Heads Board of Church

Edgar K. Orr, president of the Edgar S. Kiefer Tanning Co., has been re-elected and installed as chairman of the board of governors of Fountain Street Baptist church.

Also installed were: Vice chairman, **Joseph A. Hager**; secretary, Howard F. Darrow, and treasurer, H. Samuel Greenawalt, sr.

New members elected to the board at its annual meeting were Charles H. Bertsch, jr., Campbell B. Chase and Dr. Harry B. Luton. Re-elected were Darrow, Hager, James M. Idema, Mrs. Siegel W. Judd and Francis T. Russell.

Honors J. A. Hager

Joseph A. Hager, vice president of Grand Rapids Varnish Co., was elected this week to a three-year term on the board of directors of the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer association at the group's seventieth anniversary meeting in Washington. Hager previously was chairman of the industrial product finishes steering committee and was on the executive advisory committee.

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November 8, 1957 p6

Grand Rapids Press
June 9, 1958 p34



He Wears the Apron in the Family

Joseph A. Hager, Robinson rd., takes over in the culinary department for the Thanksgiving feast and his friends will testify he's well qualified for the job. Mr. and Mrs. Hager will serve roast duck with apple and prune dressing; wild

rice with mushrooms and sweet potato souffle to the C. A. Smith, jr., family, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Alexis de Sakhnoffsky.

Fountain Church Selects Officers

Joseph A. Hager, vice president and director of sales of the Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. was elected chairman of the board of governors of Fountain Street Baptist church at an organization meeting of the board Sunday.

Campbell B. Chase was named vice chairman, Charles H. Bertsch, treasurer, and James M. Idema, secretary.

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May 25, 1959 p30

Points of Interest on May 1 Tour

Dream Kitchens Are Reality

If a man's home is his castle, a woman's kitchen is her kingdom.

There she reigns as queen for a goodly share of each day . . . and into the evening when the dinner dishes pile up!

The kitchen kingdoms of five Grand Rapids women could never be termed "four walls where the chief cook toils over a hot stove." Instead, they are functional and imaginatively decorated . . . in short, dream kitchens become reality through the planning energies of the women who work in them.

These kitchens will be on display May 1 when the Bread Board of Blodgett Memorial hospital holds its annual "Tour of Kitchens." Included in the "cook's tour" will be the cooking realms of Mrs. Charles R. Burgess, Robinson rd.; Mrs. Joseph A. Hager, Robinson rd.; Mrs. Robert E. Jaqua, Lake dr.; Mrs. M. A. Houseman, Plymouth blvd. and Mrs. George W. Richel, Conlon dr.

There's an old French proverb which translates roughly, "The house will reveal the woman who runs it, just as the bird's nest shows the habits of its

owner." (The French: Selon l'oiseau le nid, selon la femme le logis.)

This proverb can be applied to the homes and kitchen which will be open May 1. Each shows the personality, tastes and living patterns of the "woman" behind it all." One home reflects the artistic inclinations of the wife from the sunken garden room to the novel kitchen murals. Another shows the ingenuity of a woman and her family who converted a traditional front-entrance colonial house into an original place with side entrance, paneled dining-cum-sitting room and functional kitchen.

On the tour are two homes and kitchens planned with children (four of them!) in mind. By contrast, there's a more formal home where children would stand in awe, rather than pitch in and grill their own hamburgers.

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The atmosphere of the M. A. Houseman home, Plymouth blvd., makes the visitor wonder, "Where's the artist's studio?" And it's there: overlooking a sunken garden room with a skylight. Mrs. Houseman's abstract paintings (and one realistic still life her husband likes) decorate the white walls. Colors

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She Can See the Lake From the Stove

Mrs. Joseph A. Hager, Robinson rd. (right) lives in a house with views of Fisk lake from almost every room, including the kitchen. Mrs. H. Randel Dickinson (left) had many admiring comments as she previewed the kitchen for the "Tour of Kitchens" May 1. A feature

worthy of comment is the artistic fluted metal cornice above the cooking units. Painted aqua to match the tiled wall, it conceals a ventilating fan. A television set is built into the wall (above Mrs. Dickinson) and the counter space is edged with boxes of ferns and ivy.

In the Joseph A. Hager home on Robinson rd. scarcely a room lacks a view of Fisk lake. And this is as it should be when a house is built on a body of water which rivals Italy's famed Lake Como. Across the lake, the sight of the handsome French style home of the Dudley Waters transports one from the here and now to somewhere in the chateau country of the Loire in France. The Cort Gravengoods' place, designed along Mediterranean lines, has a different set of associations. Small wonder the Hagers cherish the lake view.

Mrs. Hager's kitchen overlooks the lake. At the stove, she can watch the water birds . . . or perhaps she prefers the built-in television on her kitchen wall!

Boxes of ivy and fern in the kitchen reflect Mrs. Hager's delight in growing things. (She has a green house on the lower level.) Gay vegetables are even "growing" on the wall . . . not really; they're painted as a design on the aqua tile beside her counter-top stove units.

The paneling is pine, lighted with smart diamonds of green and beige harlequin vinyl tile flooring. Further light notes are furnished by an antique white provincial table and chairs in the bow window overlooking the lake.

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Joseph A. Hager Home Commands Panoramic View of Fisk Lake

Accents Are French and Italian

House Contemporary in Style

A wooded bank on the northwest shore of Fisk lake is the setting for the rambling contemporary home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hager, 2002 Robinson rd.

Constructed of salmon brick and cream colored siding, the home has many windows framing sweeping views of lake and woods. Overall is a feeling of the outdoors brought in. The property was once part of the estate of the late Miss Clara T. Limbert.

Designed by Wilfred P. McLaughlin, the house was planned around sketches made by Mrs. Hager, an amateur painter.

"I really got more house than I anticipated," she said. A circular foyer divides the two main areas of the house, the living section at the right and the bedrooms at the left.

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Entrance to the home is paved in slate. Presently forget-me-nots and geraniums are in bloom, pushing their heads through small openings in the paving. Later, moss roses will bloom in their place.

The circular foyer has windows to the floor, opening to the gallery with its colorful furniture. The gallery, too, has a circular wall of windows overlooking the lake. The striking

panoramic view of gallery and lake greets the visitor as he steps through the front door.

Gold and white, with accents of black and turquoise, set the color theme for the foyer. Walls are covered in off-white grass cloth; the circular rug is turquoise. Centering one wall is an Italian table painted white and gold, while four empire benches in black and gold with off-white upholstered cushions stand in front of the windows.

Dominating the living room is the fireplace wall, paneled in bleached American walnut. A portrait of Mrs. Hager hangs above the marble fireplace. Beige tones are employed in the living room decor, while accents are turquoise.

Mr. and Mrs. Hager planned most of the decorating themselves with some help from a color stylist.

Furnishings in the living room, as in most of the home, blend eighteenth century Italian and French pieces.

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"We enjoy entertaining, but quite informally, usually serving buffet style," Mrs. Hager said. They have a built-in walnut drop-leaf table planned especially for buffet service.

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CHARMING ENTRANCE — Forget-me-nots and geraniums grow among the slate slabs which pave the entrance to the contemporary home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hager, 2002 Robinson rd. The slate paving is continued in the foyer. The home, built of salmon brick and cream colored siding, is trimmed with wrought iron grillwork. Wilfred P. McLaughlin was the architect.

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It divides the living room from the kitchen and breakfast room area. Folding panel doors between the areas may be closed when food is being prepared or cleared away.

The beige and turquoise tones of the living room are repeated in the breakfast-kitchen area. Cupboards are walnut and painted walls and tiles back of the built-in stove are turquoise. The tiles, hand decorated with "specialties of the house" — roast goose, strawberries and cream and popovers — were made by artist friends. Centering the

room is a work table topped with a maple chopping block. An Italian table and chairs, painted antique white and gold, are used for family meals. It overlooks the patio, a popular spot for entertaining during warm weather. There, Mr. Hager presides over the charcoal grill.

Off the kitchen is a convenient utility room and on the lower level is Mrs. Hager's studio, a pleasant room with fireplace and greenhouse at one end. Also on this level is a four-room apartment for the gardener and his family and a terrace.

In the bedroom area are two bedrooms, each with its own dressing room and bath; a den and powder room. The den can double as an extra bedroom.

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Pine, finished in a warm brown tone, is teamed with beige paint and fabric in the den. Bookshelves and color television are built in. Floral chintz covers a sofa and ladies' chair, and a lounge chair is done in beige leather. Mrs. Hager's collection of china dogs, from all over the world, is displayed in this room.

Mrs. Hager's bedroom is French provincial in styling, the furniture hand decorated in a floral motif. Walls are pale blue and carpeting and bedspread, ivory.

The dressing room and bath are done in pink.

Her bedroom commands a beautiful view of the lake and also the rock garden with fountain.



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The master bedroom is done in tones of beige and olive green. An Oriental mural decorates one wall; the others are painted beige. Furniture is elm in a warm brown tone. A pair of chairs and round cocktail table form a grouping in front of the windows, which look out onto the lake.

Mr. Hager's dressing room, fitted with drawers and compartments sized for every need, is paneled in fruitwood. The large bath is done in fruitwood and beige.

A high fidelity system operates throughout the house as does the intercom.

The entire house is planned for easy, casual living.

"We haven't any favorite spots; we live all over the house," Mrs. Hager commented.



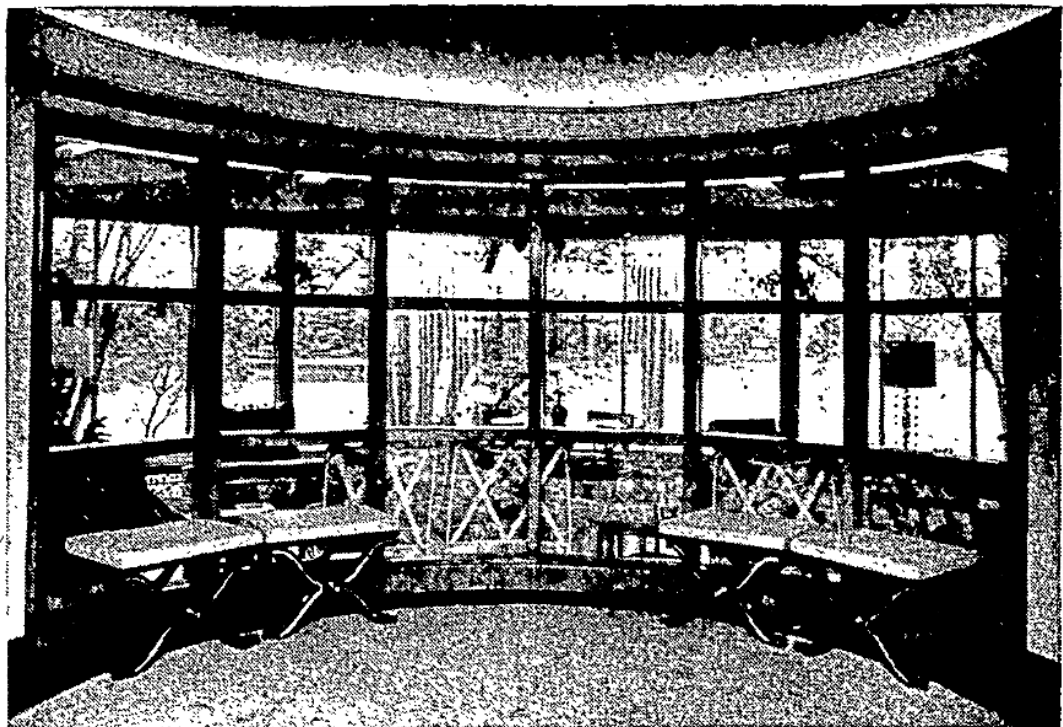
ELEGANCE KEYS ROOM—A feeling of restrained elegance is apparent in the living room of the Joseph A. Hager residence. Furnishings are predominantly Italian and French

in styling. A portrait of Mrs. Hager centers the paneled walnut fireplace wall. Large windows overlook the lake.



VIEW FROM THE LAKE—The Joseph A. Hager home, with its hillside setting on the shore of Fisk lake, has a two-level appearance when viewed from the lake. The circular wall

of windows enclose the gallery, visible from the entrance hall. Many windows provide numerous interesting views.



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Hager Set For Europe

Will Tour Design Shows, Factories

Joseph A. Hager, vice president of the Grand Rapids Varnish Corp., has been added to the roster of 30 American furniture manufacturers who will make a three-week tour of European furniture factories and design exhibitions Sept. 7-28.

Announcing that Hager has accepted an invitation to join



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the group, John M. Snow, executive vice president of the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers, tour sponsor, noted that Hager, as an expert on furniture finishing, could give his interpretation of finishing methods used in European countries which would be of technical aid to the manufacturers on the tour.

Also making the tour from Grand Rapids will be Adrian VandenBout, president of the Hekman Furniture Co., and Karl Schmidt, Hekman designer.

Study Production Methods.

Hager, who has been affiliated with the varnish firm 35 years, the last 15 as a director and vice president, also is a member of the board of directors of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer association, serving as chairman of its furniture finishes education committee. He formerly was chairman from 1949 to 1956 of the chemical coatings steering committee.

Objective of the tour is to give American manufacturers opportunity to study production methods, new finishing techniques and developments in European design as well as an inspection of retailing methods in European stores.

Families to Model

Hillman Guild To Show Fashions

Hillman guild of Fountain Street Baptist church will present "Festive Fashions," a style show and tea, Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the church hall.

Mrs. Joseph A. Hager is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Frank

Ehrett and Mrs. C. A. Smith, jr., Mrs. John B. Martin will be commentator and music will be furnished by Mrs. Lee Wilson Hutchins and Mrs. Donald D. Armstrong.

Other chairmen are: Models, Mrs. Carlton B. Meyers; decorations, Mrs. Herman Schoonbeck; posters, Mrs. M. M. Kesterson; tea, Mrs. Charles F. Anderson; tickets, Mrs. Campbell B. Chase, and publicity, Mrs. Edward H. Brink, sr.

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JOSEPH A. HAGER
President



CHARLES F. ANDERSON
Director



FRANK E. EHRETT
Vice President



W. E. MARTIN
Vice President

NEW VARNISH FIRM OFFICIALS —

Three new officers and a new director-general manager of Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. have been elected by the 45-year-old firm's Board of Directors, it was announced Wednesday.

Names Leaders

Varnish Firm Fills Vacancies Left By Death of Howard Lawrence

Election of Joseph A. Hager as president and Charles F. Anderson as a director and general manager of Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. to fill vacancies left by the death of Howard C. Lawrence, May 20, was announced Wednesday by the Board of Directors of the 45-year-old firm.

Mr. Lawrence, widely known in the state as an industrial, political and financial leader, had been president of the locally-based firm since 1944 and was a director more than 25 years.

Select 2 as Vice Presidents

Frank E. Ehrett, veteran of 33 years in the coating industry and sales manager for Grand Rapids Varnish since 1953, was elected vice president in charge of sales, and W. E. Martin, formerly director of technical service and a Varnish Corp. employe 29 years, was named vice president—works manager. Miss Nina E. Shippy, secretary to Hager the last 15 years, was named assistant secretary of the firm.

Re-elected officers were: Treasurer, Anderson, and secretary, George B. Kingston. Directors besides Hager, Anderson and Kingston are Harry J. Brown, Myron DiVittorio and Zeno H. Nelson.

Hager, a veteran of 37 years with the firm, will continue as director of sales, a post he has held since 1924. He had been a vice president of the corporation since 1944 when the firm underwent a reorganization.

Gets National Award.

Recipient in 1954 of the George Baugh Heckel Award for outstanding service to the

paint industry, Hager is active in the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association, having served on its board of directors and executive committee from 1957 to 1960 in addition to holding several committee posts. He also is widely known for his lectures on furniture finishes.

He is past president of the Grand Rapids Rotary Club and the Peninsular Club and is immediate past chairman of the governing body of Fountain Street Baptist Church. He is a member of Blythefield Country Club and the Elks.

Anderson, now No. 2 man in the corporation, has completed 28 years with Grand Rapids Varnish. Kingston, senior member of the legal firm of Kingston, Porter & Day, joined the Varnish company as legal counsel in 1915 and was elected secretary in 1944.

Grand Rapids Varnish was founded by Wallace E. Brown. It does an annual volume of business exceeding \$8 million and has facilities here at 1350 Steele Ave. SW and a wholly-owned subsidiary, Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. of North Carolina at High Point, N. C.

Hager Heads Drive for Gifts

Randall House Board Seeks \$515,000 for Hotel Project

A campaign for gifts to a \$515,000 fund to defray the purchase price of the Manger Hotel and operation of Randall House, a hostel for senior citizens, was announced Wednesday under leadership of Joseph A. Hager.

Appointment of Hager, president of Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. and a member of the Randall Fulfillment Corp. Board of Directors was announced by Dr. H. P. Ireland, president of the Randall group.

Starts Drive Aug. 31

Serving as director of the financial campaign will be Willis W. Atwell, executive director of the Coordinating Council for the Aging. The council last week approved of Atwell's participation as a council "project," in line with the policy of assisting and promoting all activities designed to assist aging citizens. Atwell, former director of the Community Chest, has had wide experience in this type of solicitation.

Hager said money will be sought through solicitation of various charity foundations, in-



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dustrial and business firms and church memberships. Pastors will be asked to sound the appeal from their pulpits and to assist in forming campaign committees in their congrega-

tions. Solicitation will begin on Aug. 31.

Dr. Ireland also announced at a Randall board meeting Tuesday the appointment of seven members of the board in line with the expansion to a basis of communitywide participation.

Named were Charles R. Armstrong, a partner in the Terryberry Co.; Edward J. Frey, president of the Union Bank & Trust Co.; Paul Moore, business counsellor and former executive vice president of Lear, Inc.; David Hunting Sr., vice president of Steelcase, Inc.; William H. Martindill, president and general manager of Michigan Lithographing Co.; John J. Foley, president of Herpolsheimer's, and Jack Barnes of C.D. Barnes & Associates.

\$120,000 Mortgage

Other board members are L. V. Mulinix Jr., president of the Carpenter Paper Co.; Charles R. Lively, special agent for Travelers Insurance Co.; James Victor Stuart, vice president of Michigan National Bank; Mrs. Walter S. Goodspeed, Mrs. Mari-

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Joseph Hager Heads Randall House Drive

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on C. Steketee and Mrs. Herman J. Hoek, former president of the YWCA.

The Randall corporation Tuesday made down payment of \$50,000 to the Manger Hotel corporation. Total purchase price is \$515,000. The Randall corporation is assuming a \$130,000 mortgage on the property held by an insurance company which is included in the purchase price. Payments of \$25,000 each are due Sept. 30 and Oct. 30.

Chairman Hager pointed out that in addition to the capital assessment the financial campaign will provide an operating fund to cover the transition period while the institution is emerging from a commercial hotel to a residential home for persons 50 years or more.

"I have accepted this appointment because I believe we should sustain our reputation as an All-America city by providing this type of residence for a certain segment of our senior citizens," Hager said. "These people are not destitute. Many of them have been members of the teaching profession, of the ministry and other groups. They have been thrifty enough to lay aside a nest egg from their modest earnings, but not one of sufficient size, even when supplemented by Social Security and other forms of pensions, to permit them to maintain the standard of living to which they have been accustomed. Establishment of the Randall House on a community, nonprofit basis now makes this possible. Such a project calls for community-wide financial backing. I am confident this will be forthcoming."

Hager, who has been associated with the varnish corporation 37 years, has done foot-soldier work in past Community Chest campaigns. He is a past president of the Grand Rapids Rotary Club and Peninsular Club; a former member of the board of Blythefield Country Club, a member of the board of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, serving three years as chairman of its steering committee.

He is a former member of the Metropolitan Planning Commission and former president of Fountain Street Church governing board. He acted as chairman of the Sales Make Jobs campaign in 1937 that led to organization of the Sales Executives Club of the Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. He resides at 2002 Robinson Rd. SE.

Hager Is Named To National Unit

Joseph A. Hager, president of Grand Rapids Varnish Corp., has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association at its 74th annual convention at Washington.

He previously served as a member of the Executive Committee and long has been active on committees within the association.

Varnish Corp. Wins Award

Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. has been selected for a third place award for its annual stockholder report in the Paint and Coating Industry classification by Financial World, national weekly magazine. The publication holds an annual judging of financial reports.

Joseph A. Hager, president of the local company, will attend an awards banquet Oct. 29 at New York City at which time he will be presented a certificate.

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Spotlight on Business

Company President Takes Big Hand in Annual Report

By Rene Pelissier

What happens when the big boss himself decides to write the annual report?

Well, at Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. it has resulted in a factual, hard-hitting booklet which comes straight to the point in telling the story of the year's business.

Of course President Joseph A. Hager has something to write about. Grand Rapids Varnish, down 14.3 per cent in sales in the first quarter of 1961 from the corresponding period in 1960, made a strong comeback later in the year and wound up exceeding 1960's sales.

Price of the stock is rising, prospects look good for 1962 and the financial community has made a reassessment of the firm. Hager points out that the company's entry into the polyester resin business seemingly has passed the period of product refinement which was a handicap last year and important new customers produce glass fiber boats, truck body tops, school, bus and stadium seating and a wide variety of plastic products.

Hager says that contrary to the corporate name "Varnish" represents the smallest part of production and sales and the company is a precision manufacturer of highly technical, scientifically arrived at chemical formulae of protective and decorative coatings and resins designed to meet the increasing demands for greater quality by the manufacturers of almost endless numbers of consumer and industry products.

Hager makes sure stockholders share in the excitement of the new fields opening up by letting them handle samples of items with the new finishes at the plant.

Hager's annual report was written with the dual purpose of giving the security analysts and other professionals in the financial field the information they require as well as to assist the average stockholder. Most of the annual reports you see these days are slick jobs with effective use of color and graphs, and Hager's job ranks with the best.

He received assistance on layout and having his charts reproduced in professional form but did all the writing. Normally you wouldn't inquire on the authorship of an annual report, but the writing in this one has an authoritative, undiluted tone which arouses interest.

Professional prices quoted to Hager for the writing of the annual report, exclusive of make-up, printing and photography, ranged from \$100 to \$200 a page. Since the annual report has 16 pages plus the front and back covers an incidental result of Hager's effort in direct communication was in the saving of money for the company.

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We don't want to encourage this do-it-yourself writing at the expense of any authors of annual reports who may be around, but it might be pointed out that Hager probably has more background for this type of work than some company presidents. A graduate of the University of Chicago and Kent College of Law, he was a high school editor and took Northwestern University Journalism School courses.

Hager's direct approach is in sharp contrast to some companies which can weaken the impact of their messages by giving too many persons the authority to make changes. We are thinking of Robert Wozniak, former Grand Rapids Press reporter, who left here in 1939 for additional degree work at the University of Chicago.

Bob, also known to Civic Theater audiences here as an actor, later went to work in the public relations department of a large corporation which is nationally known. Bob liked the company and the people he was working with but became discouraged because he estimated about 15 persons, including legal department personnel, had to approve every line he wrote. Bob was tapped by the corporation for its executive training program but resigned.

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He starts work Monday with the Associated Press in Detroit. Before he was hired by AP he passed a series of tests including the rewriting of three poorly written stories and the creation of a fourth from jumbled notes within 40 minutes. Woe to the aspiring AP man or woman who reveals inability to spell in these tests.

Clement F. Brossier, AP chief of bureau at Detroit, a native of Orlando, Fla., is normally a jovial southerner, but Clem can be vehement on the subject of correct spelling. One of the first questions he asks when inquiring about a prospective worker is "Can he spell?"

Probably few boys and girls studying spelling in the schools ever envision the day when a misspelled word can change their whole lives and determine their lifelong careers, but it can be literally true. Some of the graduates of the nation's leading universities go out into the business world ill-equipped on spelling words correctly. Cub reporters on the police beat frequently wrestle with "resuscitate" and "meteorologist."



ALL HAIL! Mrs. Joseph A. Hager, wearing an authentic ivory brocade geisha costume with gold and crimson obi, received the sequined flowered crown from Mrs. John F. Borg, right, at the Mardi Gras party given Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Borg on the Grand River at Belmont. Marvin D. Stahl, wearing the colorful costume of a Japanese baron was crowned king. Mr. Borg, left, in true Mardi Gras fashion, dressed as a clown.

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When **Joseph A. Hager**, president of Grand Rapids Varnish Corp., steps up before more than 1,000 business and financial leaders, their associates, wives and friends Monday night in the grand ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York City to accept an award for the company, there won't be any one who can say the wrong man took the bows.

Grand Rapids Varnish has won a third place award for its stockholder annual report in the paint and coatings industry classification in a survey sponsored by Financial World, national weekly magazine. Considering that Hager wrote the annual report himself, he did pretty well on his first try.

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October 28, 1962 p50

J. A. Hager Heads Paint Association

Joseph A. Hager, president of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc., has been elected vice president of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association at its 76th annual convention at New York City.

Hager had been a member of the board of directors and executive committee and in 1954 received the association's George Baugh Heckel Award for outstanding service to the coatings industry.

Another Michigan man, F. G. Weed of Detroit, was elected a director. R. S. Bennett of Salt Lake City, Utah, is the new president.

Business News

Local Industrialist On Meeting Panel

Joseph A. Hager, president of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc., will be part of a panel discussing woodworking at the 35th annual convention of the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers Sept. 24-26 at New York City.

Hager is a director and member of the executive committee of the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association. The convention is open to all segments of the home furnishings industry—manufacturers, furniture and department stores officials and salesmen.

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September 10, 1963 p6; November 1, 1963 p40

Local Business Leaders Form 1st Davenport Board

Appointment of Davenport Institute's first board of trustees was announced Thursday by Robert W. Sneden, president of the Grand Rapids college. Trustees are Wallace M. Chamberlain, general manager of Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., Grand Rapids district; Joseph A. Hager, president of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc.; Donald J. Porter, president of Porter-Hadley Co.; Albert Schrottenboer, president of Sackner Products, Inc., and a

graduate of Davenport; J. Philip DeJourno, president and general manager of Wurzburg's, and L. V. Eberhard, president and treasurer of Eberhard Foods, Inc.

Hager Is Chairman

All have long records of community service and high offices in civic organizations. Hager was elected chairman and Schrottenboer secretary. "We are grateful that you men of high business and civic caliber accept our invitation to serve on our first board of trustees," Sneden said. "Your wisdom, experience and knowledge of Grand Rapids' business needs will be of great value to Davenport Institute as it grows and broadens to meet those needs."

In reply, Chairman Hager said, "We accept these appointments because, as businessmen, we are keenly aware of the increasing needs for higher education in the field of business. As men interested in our community, we believe Davenport makes a very real contribution to this area's cultural and educational environment and does it with the self-supporting, free-enterprise independence we all so heartily endorse."

The trustees constitute a policy-making and advisory board primarily concerned with educational standards and programs and the growth and development of the college, the president explained.

600 Students

"Appointment of this board is part of the Davenport evolution which started in 1910 when the late M. E. Davenport became the head of a typical small business school offering a few special training courses," said Sneden. "Now it is an ac-

credited junior college for business with 600 full-time students, a nonprofit educational institution so recognized by the concerned state and federal agencies, with a broad curriculum including general education subjects as well as a full schedule of business courses from professional accounting to stenography."

"Appointment of this board looks ahead to the day when Davenport will be operated as a community institution by a constituted permanent board of trustees," he said.

Sneden explained that the other five schools of the Davenport system — in Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Bay City, Lansing and Detroit—are not affected by the change.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS . . . met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hager, Robinson Rd., to complete plans for the fashion show which Hillman Guild of Fountain Street Church will present Wednesday. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Charles F. Anderson, Mrs. Carlton E. Meyers and Mrs. Robert H. Denham and, seated, Mrs. Edward H. Brink Sr. Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Brink are general chairmen. The fashion show will be shown at 2 p.m. in Fountain Street Church followed by tea.

Grand Rapids Press
Sunday, Nov 17, 1963 p65

Guardsman Staff Is Re-elected

All officers of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc., were re-elected this week at the annual meeting of the board of directors

Renamed were: President and chief executive officer, Joseph A. Hager; executive vice president and general manager, Earl R. Correll; vice president and director of sales, Frank E. Ehrett, vice president and director of research, Dr. S. O. Greenlee; secretary, Myron DiVittorio; assistant secretary, Miss Nina Shippy, and treasurer and controller, W. T. Newman.

Elected to the board of directors at the annual stockholders meeting were Hager, DiVittorio, Harry J. Brown, G. B. Kingston and Charles E. Lambert.



JOSEPH A. HAGER

Will Confer With LBJ

Local Man Called To Industry Meet

Joseph A. Hager, president of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc., will spend part of Wednesday with President Johnson, cabinet members and several national business executives for a one-day Government-Industry Conference.

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At the morning and afternoon sessions, cabinet members and others of the president's staff will outline programs and ideas being promoted by the administration and will answer questions.

Of the conference, Hager said, "Presumably this conference will largely reveal and define the roles of government and industry in the President's 'Great Society.' I consider participation a privilege and a duty."

Heads Trade Group

Hager is known nationally for the role he has played in the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association. He is now serving as the association's president.

During the war, Hager was a consultant on coating materials to a section of the Chemicals Bureau of the War Production Board. After World War II, he served as consultant to the Smaller War Plants Corp. at Washington, D.C.

Wednesday's meeting will be at the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

Grand Rapids Press
February 16, 1965 p16

Guardsman Fete Highlight

Announcement of the development here of a revolutionary coating for wood that will make it competitive with aluminum siding for house exteriors was made by Joseph A. Hager, president of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc., Monday night.

Hager told of the product, to be sold under the name Keon, at the Golden Anniversary Banquet of the company at Pauline Hotel attended by about 250 employees and their wives.

The new material, a polymeric-type chemical, is expected to "have first year sales in the seven-figure bracket," Hager told his audience. It is to be ready for distribution in January.

Pronouncement of the product was made in connection with a pair of awards given two Guardsman chemists who "fathered" Keon, Dr. Taki J. Anagnostou and Harry J. Golub. The surprise awards included walnut plaques and "substantial tax-free checks," the president said.

Hager Gets Most Awards

Although he was there to give out these two honors plus 19 service awards, the tables were turned somewhat and Hager walked off with the most honors, three; all in gold, commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the local concern.

Daniel S. Ring, of Washington, chief counsel for the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association, presented Hager a gold desk clock in appreciation of his service to the association and the industry. He is completing his first term as president of the association and has accepted the nomination for a second term.

Most novel gift was the gold-finished paint spray gun he was presented by John E. Rowe, vice president of Binks Manufacturing Co., Chicago. Final award was the 42-year service pin presented by Harry J. Brown, a Guardsman director and son of the company founder, the late Wallace E. Brown.

Mrs. Hager was not forgotten. She received two dozen gold roses, tied with a huge gold ribbon, from the paint and varnish association.

Gets Silver Tea Service

One person received a 40-year service pin, two 30-year pins, one a 15-year, and seven 10 and seven 5-year pins. A special 25-year award, a sterling

tea service, went to Robert W. Bulliment.

Hager said Keon "is the answer to the needs of wood siding manufacturers to become competitive with aluminum siding manufacturers."

"It can be (factory) applied at the rate of 280 feet a minute and dries to the point where it can be packed face to face in four minutes without any disfigurement to the finish. "It's what the wood siding people have been waiting for," he said.

Dr. Anagnostou, a native of Chicago, joined Guardsman slightly more than a year ago following nine years as a project chemist in charge of resins and polymer research for two Chicago concerns. He is a graduate of North Dakota State University at Fargo.

Joined Firm in 1958

Golub joined Guardsman in 1958. He was a chemistry major at Aquinas College and had been employed as a paint store manager and laboratory tech-

nician before coming with Guardsman.

Congratulatory notes to the firm came from all over the country, including Congressman Gerald R. Ford and Gov. Romney. Special guests at the dinner were Mayor Sonneveldt and his wife, Carl H. Morgenstern, president of the Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Morgenstern; Francis Filner, industrial sales manager for DeVilbiss Co. of Toledo; Robert Carrier and Rowe of the Binks Co.; William Foley of Southern Gravure, and Ring.

Monday was the first of a three-day anniversary celebration for Guardsman. Tuesday the firm opened its Guardsman Galleries in the Black & Silver Room of the Civic Auditorium, a display of the variety of products coated with Guardsman-made coatings. The event closes with a sales meeting Wednesday.

Executives Win Honors

Three Grand Rapids business leaders, Edward J. Frey, president of Union Bank & Trust Co.; C. Lincoln Linderholm, president of Central Bank, and Joseph A. Hager, president of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc., came in for high individual honors Wednesday.

Frey was presented a Founders Day plaque, in absentia, at a Washington conference of Junior Achievement as one of the founders of the local JA program in 1956. Richard C. Simkins, vice president at the bank and former president of the local JA board, accepted on behalf of his boss.

Hager was re-elected to a one-year term as president of the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association at its 78th annual meeting at Atlantic City, N.J. It was reported at the firm's 50th anniversary dinner Sept. 20 at the Pantlind Hotel that he had accepted nomination for a second term.

Linderholm was elected a vice chairman of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce at its board meeting at Lansing. He had been a director.

Grand Rapids Press
October 27, 1965 p17

Hager Becomes Chairman of Firm

JOSEPH A. HAGER, president of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc. since 1961 and a 43-year veteran of the firm, has stepped up to chairman of the



JOSEPH A. HAGER

board, a long unfilled post, but will retain the title of chief executive officer of the local concern.

Succeeding Hager will be **FRANK E. EHRETT**, formerly executive vice president. Named vice president and director of sales in the top-level reorganization was **KEITH C. VANDER-HYDE**. All promotions are effective immediately.

"The promotion of Ehrett and Vanderlyde," Hager said, "will



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allow me more time for acquisitions and long-range planning which have become an important factor in recent Guardsman growth."

Under Hager's regime, Guardsman acquired a system of subsidiaries — Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. of High Point, N.C. (Grand Rapids Varnish is the old corporate name of Guardsman); Lambert Corp. of Houston, Tex. and Orlando, Fla.; Schaefer Varnish Co. of Louisville, Ky., and Monarch

Furniture Finishing Products Co. of Butler, Pa.

Hager has been active in the coatings industry. He was president and chairman of the executive committee of the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association 1965 and 1966, serves as paint consultant to the Small Business Administration and was a paint consultant to the War Production Board during World War II.

He is a president of Grand Rapids Rotary Club and the Peninsular Club and past chairman of the board of governors of Fountain Street Church.

Ehrett, with 34 years experience in the finishings industry, joined Guardsman as industrial sales manager in 1954, became general sales manager in 1956 and then moved up until he was elected executive vice president a year ago.

He, too, is active with the NPVLA, is a past president of Sales & Marketing Executives Club, member of the Grand Rapids Rotary Club, past director of the Royal Order of Jesters and a member of the DeWitt Clinton Consistory of the Saladin Shrine and York Blue Lodge.

Vanderhyde joined the company in 1959 as manager of its Resin Division. He worked up through the sales and marketing units and most recently was director of those operations. He is a member of the joint Paint and Lumber Steering Committee of the Lumbermen's Association and the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association. He is a member of the Forest Products Research Society, South Rotary Club and the World Trade Committee of the Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.



—Grand Rapids Press Photograph

Long Search for Trees Ends on Wintery Note

A hard to find trio of large Oriental Sycamores out of Hoosier country were given a foothold in new Fisk Lake surroundings Wednesday. Treemen from Durrant Nurseries, Inc., used three special tree trucks to transport the 4-ton tree from Plymouth, Ind., to the Clare F. Jarecki home at 2020 Robinson Rd. SE. Reputedly more attractive than the American Sycamore in some respects and a lot more resistant to anthracnose disease

that kills leaves and twigs in the spring, the Oriental is equally noted for dense shade and interesting bark that comes off in patches to mottle the trunk. The unusual trees, long sought by the Jareckies, were planted so as to compliment a curved walk from the residence to the lake shore and to provide shade for a new patio as well as reduce sun glare in a picture window exposed since a huge walnut tree was taken down.

Grand Rapids Press
January 30, 1967 p33

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Thursday, Feb 22, 1968 p33



JOSEPH A. HAGER

Joseph Hager Heads Board Of Davenport

Joseph A. Hager, chairman of the board of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc. here, Thursday was named chairman of the first public Board of Trustees at Davenport College of Business.

His election was part of a complete switch at Davenport from a family-held to a publicly run, independent college. The step was taken in a move to gain full accreditation eventually as a full-fledged junior college from the North Central Association of Colleges and

Secondary Schools.

Other board officers elected were: Secretary, Albert Schrotenboer, President of Sackner Products, Inc., and treasurer, Robert McBain, Davenport's accountant.

The board's membership was completed with Mrs. Marian Wynalda and Mrs. Robert Sneden, daughters of Davenport's late founder M. E. Davenport; Wallace M. Chamberlain, general manager of Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.; L. V. Eberhard, President of Eberhard Foods; Harold V. Hartger, president of Hartger & Willard; Donald J. Porter, president of Porter-Hadley Co.; James N. DeBoer Jr., attorney for the college, and Robert W. Sneden, president of the college.

Sneden's appointment expanded the original number on the board to 11, and there reportedly is room for another trustee under the bylaws, should the board decide to increase the membership.

He also was continued as president of the college for a five-year term. A formal contract for Sneden will be reviewed at a later meeting, when his salary is expected to be set.

College Treasurer Tyrus R. Wessell was installed as a nonvoting adviser to the board.

Terms will last three years, members will serve without compensation and the board will fill vacancies. At the outset, however, Mrs. Wynalda, DeBoer, Hartger and Sneden will serve for three years, with Mrs. Sneden, Chamberlain and Schroetenboer holding two-year terms

Davenport Adds 4 Trustees To Board

By Marianne Rzepka

Davenport College has named four more persons to its Board of Trustees, increasing the number of members to 20.

Two members are retiring, so the size of the board grows by two trustees, according to college President Donald Maine.

New trustees include: Robert L. Sadler, executive vice president of Old Kent Bank and Trust Company; Claire H. Bissell, active in many local civic activities; Dwight W. Sawyer, director of Personnel at Amway Corp., and James Hallan, president of



Wilbur A. Lettinga

SquirtPak of Holland.

Retiring from the board are two of its "original" members, Joseph A. Hager and Donald J. Porter.

Hager and Porter have served 15 years, Hagen as board chairman. Both men were named "trustees emeritus."

They named Wilbur A. Lettinga as the new chairman.

With Us Today

The term senior citizen does more than just mark someone who is retired or over 60 years old. The words also can apply to achievers whose accomplishments and leadership over the years have contributed substantially to society. This is another in a series of articles about those special people in the Grand Rapids area.



Joe Hager
Paint Industry Leader

Joe Hager received a bachelor of law degree from the Kent College of Law in Chicago when he was hardly more than 20 years old. With his diploma in a pocket, he walked away from the law school and law.

Recently when he was asked why he had entered the school, he said: "I thought lawyers had a soft touch." And, he recalls, lawyers were believed in those days to make a lot of money.

Hager wanted to make a lot of money and eventually he did acquire a substantial amount of it, but it didn't come easily or quickly.

He was born in Chicago on Jan. 4, 1900, and his parents, Adam and Wanda (Ehrmann) Hager, named him Joseph Arthur Hager. Two other children, a boy and girl, were born to the Hagers, but both of them died many years ago.

Adam, who was born in Germany, came to this country and Chicago to establish a chain of restaurants. The only thing his son Joseph ever has had to do with restaurants has been to eat in them.

Joe attended Lane Technical High School in Chicago. But when the United States got into the Great War, he enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps at Kelly Field, Tex. He was discharged in June 1919, and went to San Antonio to become assistant commandant at the Lukens Military Academy.

Although he found teaching to his liking, it wasn't teaching that attracted him to San Antonio. It was the lure of "black gold" — oil. In the evenings and on weekends he searched for oil, but with no luck at all.

Six months in San Antonio convinced him that he wasn't going to strike it rich, and so he returned to Chicago to teach woodworking in the public schools and to attend Northwestern University.

By September 1920, he had decided that he would try law. But that career was abandoned when he was offered the position of

personnel director in the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.'s Chicago office.

He soon was made purchasing agent for the office and today he says, "That's where I really learned to sell — from all of those fellows who were selling us." And selling was to become his long-time career.

He became so enamored of selling that he organized his own firm of manufacturers agents operating in five Midwestern states. And at the same time he became eastern sales manager for Panay Horizontal Showjar Co. of Milwaukee.

In 1922 he got his first whiff of paint when he went to work for Bradley-Voorman Co., a Chicago manufacturer of paints and varnishes, and he was hooked for life.

He stayed with Bradley-Voorman until 1924, just long enough to learn the business, and then came to Grand Rapids to become director of sales for the Grand Rapids Varnish Corporation.

"The company's sales grossed only \$900,000 the year I came here," he says, "but I thought there was a great opportunity for Grand Rapids Varnish to expand."

He wasn't wrong. Today, under its present name of Guardsman Chemical Coatings Inc., it boasts an annual sales volume in excess of \$60 million.

Wallace E. Brown had organized the company in 1915 when he was 45 years old and had virtually nothing to look back on except a series of business failures.

When Brown died in 1943, Howard C. Lawrence, a power in state and national Republican politics, became president. And Joe Hager became vice-president, while continuing as director of sales.

When Lawrence died in 1961, Hager was named president and chief executive officer. He held those twin posts until 1966, when he was elected chairman of the board, while retaining the title of chief executive officer. Since 1970 he has been chairman emeritus.

One of his early actions as chief execu-

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tive officer was to change the name of the corporation. "We had purchased several other companies," he explained, "and were operating virtually coast-to-coast. 'Grand Rapids' in our name didn't seem accurately to describe the nature of the corporation or the scope of its operations."

There was another reason to change the

name. "Guardsman" had become a widely known trade name in the paint, varnish and lacquer industry, and Hager thought his company ought to capitalize its fame. And, he says, "by 1963 varnish accounted for no more than 3 percent of our total sales."

There was another company trade name, even better known to the general public than was Guardsman or the flat varnish called Sil-Kote. It was Dutch Kraft, the name carried on the company's interior and exterior paints since 1944.

Famous as Dutch Kraft paints are, they never accounted for more than a small part of Guardsman's total sales, chiefly because, both as Grand Rapids Varnish and Guardsman Chemical Coatings, the firm concentrated most of its attention on developing and selling products to industry.

In 1961, the year Joe Hager became president, trade sales (made to dealers) amounted to only 4.3 percent of the company's total volume. That was less than the total — 5 percent — accounted for by the sale of Guardsman Cleaning Polishes, sold to furniture manufacturers and dealers.

The cover of the December 1962, issue of *Paint and Varnish Production*, a trade publication, carried a picture of a nattily dressed **Joseph A. Hager**. Inside the journal was a story titled "Expansion — An Answer to Meet the Rapid Growth of the Coating Industry." The author was Joe Hager.

The article concluded with this paragraph: "I feel that the name change is desirable because these days a company must sell its image just as it sells its products. Our new name, Guardsman Chemical Coatings, says just what we are — a precision manufacturer of protective, decorative coatings and resins."

By the time Hager had become president of the company, varnishes and shellacs as finishes for furniture had almost vanished. Lacquers and acrylics were coming into their own. In 1962, with 1,427 competitors in the United States, Hager's company doubled the size of its resin-polymer laboratory.

Almost from the beginning, the company had reinvested a substantial part of its earnings in research. From 1953 through 1962, Grand Rapids Varnish spent 11.6 percent of its total fixed assets investment on research facilities. In 1964, 15 percent of its employees were involved in research. And thereafter, it continued to spend more than 6 percent of total sales — double the national average — on research.

With all of that competition, it was either stay ahead of the field or risk extinction. "We never were the biggest," Hager says today, "largely because we didn't seek to expand our trade sales. Outfits like Glidden and Williams have had a far larger volume because of their sales in interior and exterior products for houses and other buildings."

Guardsman went in another direction. Although sales to the furniture industry in Grand Rapids declined sharply, Guardsman continued to sell heavily to furniture manufacturers in other areas.

To meet the demands of those manufacturers, as well as of makers of refrigerators, appliances and a wide range of other goods, Guardsman acquired companies in several parts of the country, including Lambert Corp. in Houston and Florida, Schaefer Varnish Co. in Louisville, Monarch Furniture Finishes in Butler, Pa., Alma-Guard and Alma Paint and Varnish of London, Ontario — and Joseph Hager was president, chief executive officer or chairman of the board, or all three, of those companies.

His activities in some of those places earned him such distinctions as Kentucky colonel and honorary citizen of Texas, the latter signed by the then-governor of Texas, John Connally, in 1963.

Much of Joe Hager's time in the World War II years was spent in Washington, first as an administrator in the chemicals bureau of the World Production Board and later as a procurement officer for the Smaller War Plants Board.

Every Monday, for three years, he flew to Washington, returning Friday nights to Grand Rapids. Much of that time he was in charge of allocating materials to the furni-

ture industry, a large part of which was in war production.

But selling always has been his great joy. He developed for his company a course in selling based on what he had learned firsthand, and he was more than an occasional contributor to trade journals.

One of the byproducts of his career has been a good game of golf. "It has been my greatest hobby," he says, "because I had a lot of golf-playing customers." An early member of Blytheheld Country Club, where he was a board member for three years in the 1950s, he remains loyal to the game — although he can't say as much for the game's treatment of him.

In the 1968 spring issue of the *Peninsular Club* magazine, Hager was given the major credit for having pulled the club through the dark years of the Depression. Here, as in his business, he put heavy emphasis on expansion and renovation in a period in which money was short.

"He is the member and officer who directed the efforts that saved the club from bankruptcy and oblivion in the last dismal days of the Great Depression," wrote Louise Shaefer in the magazine. A member of the Pen Club since 1924, he was its president from 1937 to 1941 and a member of its board of directors from 1933 to 1948.

Joseph A. Hager's entry in "Who's Who in America" concludes with this line: "God's greatest gift is the opportunity to serve one's fellow man."

He has lived by that philosophy. No one knows, not even he, how many Community Chest and United Way campaigns he has worked on, but he does remember that he was chairman of the annual fund drive on two different occasions.

He also served on the board of directors of Davenport College of Business from 1963 to 1976 and was its chairman.

For many years he was a director of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association and served as its president, chairman of the board and chairman of its executive committee from 1964 to 1966.

He is the founder of the Grand Rapids Sales and Marketing Executives Club and was the recipient of its Top Management Award in 1964.

Joe Hager's many services have not gone unrecognized. He has an imposing collection — mostly stored in boxes in the basement — of awards, among them the George Baugh Heckel Award of the Paint Industry, the Industry Statesman Award from the Coatings Industry, and All-America City Award from Grand Rapids' Mayor Stanley Davis in 1964, the Half-Million Miler Award for his contributions to air progress, and commendations from the War Production Board and other private and public agencies he has served.

He has belonged to the Elks Club 55 years, and also to Grand Rapids Rotary for many years. In 1976 the Detroit College of Business conferred on him the honorary degree of doctor of business administration in recognition of his service both to business and education.

The day after Joe Hager turned 29 he married Margaret Mabel Walbaum, daughter of a farmer near Geneva, Ill. Margaret and Joe have no children and so have been able to travel pretty much at will — when business permitted.

Their travels have taken them to Europe several times, to the Philippines and as far into Asia as Peking. The only state in the Union they haven't been in is Alaska. Hawaii long has been a favorite vacation spot.

Although Hager says he now is fully retired, he also says "I don't find any free time to worry about." One reason for that is that he continues to do a great deal of reading, almost none of it light.

He also spends a great deal of time with his wife, who is confined to a wheelchair. And it is because of her that Joe still smells paint. An accomplished oil painter whose subjects range from still lifes and landscapes to abstracts, Mrs. Hager continues to paint. She has had her own show at the Grand Rapids Art Museum and the Pen Club. And one of the greatest admirers of her talent is her husband, who, understandably, has a predilection for oil paintings and has acquired several in his travels.

— Gerald Elliott

Grand Rapids Press
June 30, 1981 A15

The Hagers are deceased by 1985. The home goes up for sale.

There are many more articles about this very prominent and social couple. This history contains a representative grouping.

Residents

2002 Robinson Road SE

Richard H. and Sue Ann Mitchell

1988 – 1995

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Richard H. and Sue Ann Mitchell

1988 – 1995

1988- 1994 Mitchell, Richard H. (Sue Ann) Vice President. Mitco Company

1995 Not Verified

Breen-Mitchell

Miss Sue Ann Breen is engaged to marry **Richard H. Mitchell** June 14 as announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Breen, 32nd St. SE. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard D. Mitchell, Greentree Dr. SE. Both Miss Breen and her fiance attended Alma College and Grand Rapids Junior College. She attends Michigan State University.



Grand Rapids Press
December 9, 1972 p37

MARRIAGE LICENCE SEEKERS

Richard H Mitchell, 21. Sue A Breen, 21

Grand Rapids Press
July 17, 1973 p39

Limited information about Mitco Inc.:

purchased in December 1985 by Donald J. Mitchell and his mother, Harriet Mitchell. Both are executives of **MITCO**, Inc., a Grand Rapids-based family company which specializes in water treatment.

Grand Rapids Press

May 31, 1987 A15 Purchased a theatre in Saugatuck in Dec 1985

Brother's obit:

MITCHELL — Donald James Mitchell, aged 41, of Grand Rapids, passed away early Sunday morning, December 22, 1991 at Butterworth Hospital. He is survived by his son, Bradley J. of Clarendon Hills, IL; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard (Harriet) Mitchell of Grand Rapids; sister, Mrs. Michael (Carol) Betz; brother, Richard (Sue Ann) Mitchell; also surviving are his grandfathers, Wilbur Nelson of Luther Village and William Mitchell of Boca Raton, FL; and nieces, nephews, aunt, uncles and cousins. He served as vice president of **Mitco**, Inc. until his retirement in 1990. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Butterworth Hospital Neo-Natal Unit. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Fountain St. Church, Rev. Edmund Burkey of Fellowship Bible Church, Adrian, MI, officiating. Cremation has taken place. Family and friends will receive visitors Monday evening 6 to 9 p.m. at

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December 23, 1991 D12

Common name. Limited information.

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Patricia Glass

1996 - 1998

1996 – 1998 Glass (Patricia) Employee. Perrigo Inc. (Husband not listed)

Groups and associations

Kyle Irwin as named president of Opera Grand Rapids. Robert D. Brower, Patricia Glass Stocking, and Donald W. Maine have been named members of the board of director.

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LIMITED INFORMATION

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Residents

2002 Robinson Road SE

Robert L. and Ellen R. Nelson

1999 – 2016/17

1999 – 2016 Nelson, Robert L. (Ellen R.) Lawyer

2017 No current listing



ROBERT L. NELSON

"I've played everything but the harp."

Football 2,3,4, Manager 1; French Club 1, President; Finance Club 4;
Trojan Honor Committee 1; Band 1,2; Orchestra 1,2.

East Lansing
East Lansing High School
1964
Born in 1947
Ancestry.com

HISTORICAL ARTICLES

Before and during residence at 2002 Robinson Road SE

EGR schools benefit from grants

\$1,000 shopping spree for books

Ellen Nelson, president of the Friends of the Library of East Grand Rapids, gave the EGR school board a \$6,000 check Monday night so that all five schools, plus the Early Childhood Center, could spend \$1,000 each on new books. Saying the Friends wanted "to show support for all libraries," not just the East Grand Rapids Library, Nelson said the money for the schools came from fundraisers like the Friends' used book sales and the membership drive which is currently under-way.

"This is no small sum," Superintendent Jim Morse said in thanking the Friends for their book-buying donation. "Our (school) libraries are at a standstill in replacing books... and when the grade schools have their reading contests, our kids just chew up these books."

Animal art and reading boosted by EGR foundation funds


Wildlife artist Bonnie Marris will spend time with students in the East Grand Rapids schools this year, thanks to a \$900 grant for the Cultural Arts Committee from the East Grand Rapids School Foundation.

A second EGR Foundation grant for \$1,300 will be used by Jeannine Kemp, Candy Prevetts, and Carolyn Wolkie, EGR's elementary media specialists, to expand a successful reading program for fourth-graders called "Book Champs - The Sequel" into the fifth grade.

The \$2,100 total in grant money is part of the EGR School Foundation's ongoing mission to fund educational enrichment programs that aren't provided for in the schools' regular budget.

Cadence, 29 November 1989 p1

Monday, June 8th
ELECT BOB NELSON



**East Grand Rapids Schools
Board of Education**

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Robert L. Nelson

Cadence, 27 May 1992 p11

Three newcomers running for two open school board seats

By JENNY GRIFFES

Three candidates will vie for two open seats on the East Grand Rapids Board of Education in the June 8 election.

Rick DeBlasio, of 420 Cambridge Boulevard, is the most recent of the three candidates to announce his plans. The deadline to file petitions for the election was last week Monday.

"Up until now, I have dedicated myself to my job duties and the company I work for. Now it's time to help my chil-

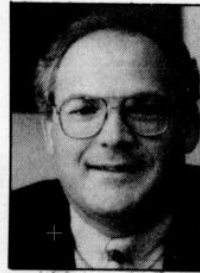
dren by using my experiences in business and become involved in the community and our schools," 43-year-old DeBlasio said.

DeBlasio said he is concerned about the pace of progress within the district and on many issues confronting the board.

During his campaign, DeBlasio said, he intends to focus on such issues as board leadership, developing a "blueprint for excellence" in education to guide the system in curriculum

and other activities, improved communications, and involvement in the district by all groups. He also said he would like to see a cultivation of an effective presence in Lansing to bring about school finance reform.

DeBlasio serves as president of Cascade Die Casting Group, Inc. of Grand Rapids. His wife, Marlene, is PTA vice president and Project CHARlie coordinator for Wealthy Elementary. The DeBlasios have two children.



RICK DeBLASIO

Also running in the June 8 election are Andrea Haidle, of 1942 Sherman Street, and Robert L. Nelson, 922 Plymouth Road.

A licensed social worker, Haidle, 45, was the first to announce her candidacy. She is vice president of the East PTA Council, Academic Boosters president, and a board member of Music Parents Association.

She also has served as a Project CHARlie volunteer, East

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CANDIDATES

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Middle School PTA president, and the school's annual magazine sale chairperson.

She said her decision to run for the school board stemmed from a desire to help the district overcome internal and external difficulties, including state funding cuts and negativism in the community.

"I am aware of negativism here in the district," she said. "I also think the district is facing very severe difficulties. I want to try to help solve these problems with the community."

Nelson, 45, an attorney with the Grand Rapids firm Dykema and Gossett, has served on the school board's long-range financial planning committee and the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation.

He said his interest in serving on the school board is an extension of his concern as a parent and his work with the board's committee and the school foundation. Nelson also pointed to school finances as a critical issue facing the board.

"I am persuaded that we're going to have to change the way educational services are delivered to students to continue to offer high quality education with our financial means," he said. "I think we can do that."

The candidates are seeking to fill seats now held by board Vice President James Zarafonitis and Treasurer David Smith, both of whom decided not to seek reelection.



ROBERT L. NELSON

Age: 45

Address: 922 Plymouth Road SE

Occupation: Lawyer

Personal: wife, Ellen; children, Steven, John and Leyton

Education: Bachelor's of arts degree, humanities, Michigan State University; law degree, University of Michigan

What political and/or community offices have you held? Member, East Grand Rapids Schools Long Range Financial Planning Committee, 1991-92
Director, East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation, 1991-92
Trustee, State YMCA of Michigan Board of Trustees, 1986-1992

Why are you seeking office and what, in your opinion, best qualifies you for this position?

Education is second to none among the factors that influence the future of my children and our community. With children at the middle school, elementary school, and preschool levels, my personal stake in our schools couldn't be greater.

EGR schools have a tradition of excellence created by

supportive residents, concerned parents, committed students, and hard working and effective teachers and administrators, and I'm grateful for their contributions over the years to the preeminent system that EGR has today. Now it's my turn to contribute.

For more than 20 years, I've practiced law in a state-wide firm. I've learned that when lots of people are involved in an effort, progress is a product of teamwork, teamwork flows from leadership and leadership need not be noisy.

As a lawyer, I know how to draw upon experience, without being hog-tied by it, to resolve conflicting priorities and competing points of view so that progress can be made in a stable environment. This is the chief task confronting our board as it addresses the increasing demands on our schools and the diminishing financial resources available to them.

What issues/concerns do you feel are the most pressing in the district? How would you address these issues?

Most of the concerns are financial. The principal issue is what kind of leadership will foster continued vitality in our schools and opportunities for our children so they can compete and contribute in the 21st century.

People ask whether all of the programs we provide are necessary and, as to those we wish to preserve or expand, whether we're getting our money's worth as they are delivered today. Just as we may be able to drop some programs and re-configure others without impairing our schools, so must we recognize the need in a changing environment to add programs from time to time to maintain our leadership position.

As a member of our school board, I will (1) seek the opinions of all constituencies served by EGR's schools as to whether their expectations of our schools are being met, and for their suggestions on how to do better; (2) urge that these comments be incorporated into an action plan for our schools, and that the plan be put into effect as soon as possible; and (3) do my best to see to it that procedures are in place to measure our progress with the

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plan and enable us to improve the plan as we gain experience with it.

This will be an ongoing effort that I suspect will produce some surprises and result in some changes from the way things are done today.

No group will be more important than our teachers in determining whether we succeed in making needed changes.

Their jobs will become even more demanding. We must recognize this and deal with our teachers fairly and realistically, as they must deal with us, as we look for common ground on the salary, benefit and other contract issues that will arise.

Do you support the district's request for an override of the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment? Why or why not?

Yes, for two reasons. First, it is impossible in today's legislative climate to predict what cuts in state aid EGR will have to absorb. Five months ago, it appeared that we would lose only \$25,000 next year through the tax base sharing law.

Since then, we have been threatened with a loss in state aid next year ranging from \$600,000 to \$1.2 million. Additional property tax limitations could become law in November, compounding our problem.

Second, our school administration understandably has been unable to formulate a comprehensive, long-term response to these rapidly changing proposals in state funding. The Headlee override will buy needed time to fashion a cogent plan without requiring serious reductions in our school programs.

What is your opinion of the programs offered to students attending East Grand Rapids schools? Where, in your opinion, could improvements be made?

I'm impressed with the scope of our academic and co-curricular programs, but we must consider whether, in light of our financial constraints, some reduction in their breadth is required to preserve and expand the best of the rest.

Quality education for all children is a mix of academic, athletic, and co-curricular programs, so a balance between them must be maintained.

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largest law firm.

Nelson is a member of the firm's real-estate group, where he specializes in capital and finance, loan work-outs, and commercial development. He received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a law degree from the University of Michigan law school. He is also a member of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education.

Heads GR office

Robert L. Nelson has been named partner-in-charge of the Grand Rapids office of Dykema Gossett, Michigan's

Cadence, 5 May 1993 p19

Above and beyond

The East Grand Rapids PTA Council recently honored a teacher and resident for their contributions to youth in the community. Ellen Nelson is the recipient of the PTA Council Member of the Year Award. Nelson is a parent volunteer who has served as the President of PTA Council, President of Academic Boosters, served on Music Boosters, the Homecoming Committee and many other PTA Committees. The Distinguished Service Award went to Dan Brown , who has been a teacher in East for 25 years, including 23 years teaching fifth grade at Lakeside Elementary, and currently teaches math and reading at the middle school. He also coaches varsity wrestling at the high school and began chess clubs in the district in which hundreds of students at all grade levels participate.



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Schools to volunteers: 'we couldn't do it without you'

By LINDSAY ACKERMAN

The list of tasks is endless. From providing worms for Earth Day activities to keeping an eye on students out on the playground, residents in East Grand Rapids have logged hundreds of hours each year helping the local school system.

Now school leaders are taking the time to say just how valuable those extra hands are, in honor of National Public School Volunteer Week.

The face of volunteerism takes on many appearances in East Grand Rapids, said Superintendent James Morse. From parents of current students to senior citizens eager to lend a hand in their community, the school has come to count on the generosity of residents.

"They bring a different perspective, and provide support to our classrooms," said Morse. "Volunteers are essential to maintaining our quality instructional programs."

Kim Rossi, president of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Lakeside Elementary, said many of those volunteers go unrecognized, quietly operating beneath the public radar and taking on thankless tasks that help ease the burden of teachers and building staff.

"It is really great how our community rallies," said Rossi. "There is such an open door to volunteers in our district."

For many volunteers, the decision to pitch in at one school event ends up translating into years of assistance. Parent Nancy Heiser said her involvement as a school volunteer started with attendance at PTA meetings at her children's elementary school.

"They asked me to be the recording secretary and I said yes. It kind of snowballed from there," said Heiser, who has shepherded four children through the district, including two graduates and two students currently at the high school.

After her recording secretary days, Heiser went on to

hold leadership roles as president of the Breton Elementary and East Middle School parent groups, as well as less high profile tasks like helping out in the office at the middle school.

"I think that for your kids' sake you need to show up at school, and when people see you showing up on a regular basis, they tend to ask you to do things," Heiser said.

Nancy Hejna can certainly relate to Heiser. Her entrée to school volunteerism was when a friend recruited her to assist in the student publishing center at Wealthy Elementary eight years ago.

"People should just say yes when they are asked to do something at school," Hejna said. "It doesn't have to be about being PTA president, because there are so many rewarding, behind-the-scenes things to do. And it really ends up being such a great way to become part of the school community."

Hejna, who is mother to students at the middle school and Wealthy and Breton elementaries, said vol-

unteering has not only benefited the building sites, but it has benefited her own family.

"I think my kids see that my commitment at school is more about just them," she said. "They see the benefits to the school community and it's a good example. I've also been able to get to know my kids' teachers and that has been invaluable."

As she anticipates the spring high school graduation of her youngest child, Patty Kabat looks back at her own years of school volunteerism with fondness.

"I wouldn't change a thing," Kabat said of the countless hours she spent in activities from chaperoning field trips to sitting on the Community Action Council. "You really felt like you were helping and that you were genuinely appreciated. They use volunteers well here."

Kabat said she discovered over the years that the key to volunteering is making sure the activity is personally fulfilling.

"I always felt like my time was well spent, and that I was not only contributing but receiving, which is why I kept at it," she said. "I never went out and created volunteer opportunities for myself, but the schools know that this is a great community to tap shoulders and ask for help."

Ellen Nelson said of all the times she has ever pitched in to help at school, her current role in the Garden Club at the high school has been the most rewarding.

"This is the most fun I've ever had volunteering," she said of her efforts with other community members to keep up the grounds at the school.

The group stepped up to the gardening duties last year, after the city and schools had to make cuts to the funding in grounds maintenance.

"Really we were just waiting to be asked, we were so happy to do it," she said. "And like with any volunteering, you always seem to get back more than you ever give."

All the women agreed that no matter what level of time or skill people have to offer, there is always a job waiting for anyone with an interest.

"In light of the budget (cuts) there will become more opportunities and hopefully people will step up, and will realize they can make a difference," said Kabat. "It's been a great experience."

Morse said volunteers don't have to rely on entirely selfless reasons to be motivated to help out.

"When you are a little discouraged or down, there's nothing like walking into a room full of kindergarten students with their positive attitudes and enthusiasm," he said. "You can't help but say, 'What do I have to complain about?'"

EGRHS recognizes Top 10 seniors from Class of 2005

By LINDSAY ACKERMAN

The following students received Top 10 honors for the 2005 graduating class of East Grand Rapids High School. They are listed in alphabetical order.

Thomas Bander, son of Sam and Wendie Bander, plans to study at University of Michigan. Special awards and activities include Student Council president, marching band, jazz band, drama, Young Republicans Club, Math Field Day, Physics Club, volunteer soccer coach, and Students Together Educating People (STEP).

William Frayer, son of Chuck and Julie Frayer, plans to attend Colgate University. Special awards and activities include swim, soccer, and We the People.

Rachael Kerr, daughter of Lisa Kerr, plans to pursue degrees in chemistry and piano performance at Johns Hopkins University and Peabody Conservatory. Special awards and activities include Madrigals, TEAM, Young Life, piano teacher, drama, tennis, and Student Council.

Teresa Monticello, daughter of John and Carol



THOMAS BANDER



WILLIAM FRAYER



RACHAEL KERR



TERESA MONTICELLO



LEYTON NELSON



CATHERINE PEASE
CATHERINE PEASE



ALENA KENYON SMALLIGAN
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Monticello, participated in special awards and activities including water polo, youth group, piano, church volunteer, French Club, and CAD Club.

Leyton Nelson, son of Robert and Ellen Nelson, plans to study Chinese at the University of Michigan.

Special awards and activities include Drumline,

Latin Club, French Club, Student Council, and We the People.

Catherine Pease, daughter of Rod and Pat Pease, plans to pursue political science studies at Dartmouth College. Special awards and activities include swimming, water polo, violin, We the People, and Tae Kwon Do.



SARAH STEVENS
SARAH STEVENS

Alena Kenyon Smalligan, daughter of Mary Kenyon and Donald Smalligan, plans to study business at University of Michigan. Special awards and activities include crew, Key Club, Math Club, Spanish Club, Healthy High, STEP, and volunteer tutoring.

Sarah Stevens, daugh-



ELAN WINTERBERGER
ELAN WINTERBERGER

ter of Richard and Mary Stevens, plans to study at the University of Michigan. Special awards and activities include soccer, Key Club, Spanish Club, We the People, National Honors Society, dance, volunteer tutoring, United Synagogue Youth, TEAM, SADD, and Math Club.

Elan Winterberger, son of Omri and Michelle Winterberger, plans to seek a degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan. Special



KATHERINE WISEMAN
KATHERINE WISEMAN

awards and activities include marching band, drumline, drama, math tutor, Math Club, Physics Club, Spanish Club and jazz band.

Katherine Wiseman, daughter of Doug and Francesca Wiseman, plans to study philosophy at Davidson College. Special awards and activities include soccer, Premier Soccer, National Honor Society, Youth in Government, We the People, Vision, church cantor.

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2002 Robinson Road SE

Matthew A. Schulz

2018 – 2019/20

2018 – 2019 Schulz, Matthew A.

2020 City Directory missing

No further information.

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Residents

2002 Robinson Road SE

Margaux T. and Jordan E. LaFave

2020/21 - 2023

2020/21 LaFave, Margaux T.

2022 – 2023 LaFave, Margaux T. and Jordan E. LaFave

No further information.

HISTORY OF
2008 ROBINSON ROAD SE
The Gardener's Home
Limbert Estate
1915 – 1959/60

No longer an address.

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Listings

2008 Robinson Road SE

East Grand Rapids, Michigan

Gardeners' House on the Limbert estate

Gustaf [Gustave] W. and Hilda Marie Johnson Oakeson

1915 – 1948

1915 – 1917	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Aileen) Gardener, Limbert estate
1918	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Aileen) Chauffeur, Chas. P. Limbert
1919 – 1923	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Aileen) Chauffeur, Chas. P. Limbert Oakeson, Odin. Chauffeur, Heritage Hill in 1923
1924	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Aileen) Chauffeur Oakeson, Arnold W., Son.
1925 – 1935	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Hilda M.) Chauffeur
1936	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Hilda M.) Chauffeur Oakeson, Arnold W., Son (Bernice/Beatrice) Chauffeur
1937 - 1938	Oakeson, Arnold W., Son (Bernice/Beatrice) Chauffeur
1939 – 1942	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Hilda M.) Chauffeur at 1335 Garfield NW
1943 – 1944	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Hilda M.) Chauffeur
1945	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Hilda M.) No occupation
1946 – 1948	Oakeson, Gustaf W. (Hilda M.) Gardener
1949 – 1954	Hefferan, Blanche F. (Widow, Thomas W.) No occupation
1955 – 1960	Not listed in City Directory. Demolished?

OBITUARIES

Gustaf William Oakeson

1867–1959

Birth DEC 1867 • Sweden

Death 7/6/1959

Hilda Marie Johnson Oakeson

1873–1947

Birth 15 JULY 1873 • Goteborgs Karl Johan, Västra Götaland, Sweden

Death 29 SEP 1947 • East Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan, USA

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SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>none</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. 341 2845	
If veteran, name was <u>none</u>		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Records and Statistics Marie		Local File No. <u>172</u>	
FULL NAME Mrs. Hilda Oakeson					
PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Kent</u> Township _____ City or village <u>East Grand Rapids</u> Name of hospital <u>2008 Robinson Rd., S.E.</u> (If not in hospital, give street address.) Length of stay: In hospital <u>none</u> In this community <u>50 Yrs</u>			USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: State <u>Michigan</u> County <u>Kent</u> Township _____ City or village <u>East Grand Rapids</u> Street No. <u>2008 Robinson Rd., S.E.</u> Citizen of foreign country? <u>no</u> If yes, name country <u>none</u>		
Sex <u>female</u> Color or Race <u>white</u> Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced <u>married</u>			MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		
NAME OF HUSBAND-or-WIFE Name <u>Gustaf W. Oakeson</u> Age, if alive <u>81</u>			Date of death <u>September 29</u> , 19 <u>47</u>		
Birth date of deceased <u>November 15, 1873</u>			I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>May</u> , 19 <u>46</u> to <u>Sept. 29</u> , 19 <u>47</u> I last saw him alive on <u>AUG.</u> , 19 <u>47</u> Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at <u>5:10 P. M.</u> Duration _____		
Age: Years <u>73</u> Months <u>10</u> Days <u>14</u> If less than one day hrs. _____ min. _____			Immediate cause of death <u>Coronary occlusion</u> <u>30 min</u>		
Birthplace <u>Gottenberg, Sweden</u>			Other contributory causes of impotence <u>Arteriosclerosis</u> <u>years</u>		
Usual occupation <u>housewife</u>			Major findings and dates:		
Industry or business <u>at home</u>			Of operations _____		
Father (Name <u>unknown</u>) Birthplace <u>Sweden</u>			Of autopsy _____		
Mother (Maiden name <u>unknown</u>) Birthplace <u>Sweden</u>			In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide _____ Date _____, 19____		
Informant <u>Mrs. Allan W. Parrott</u> Address <u>2138 Wealthy St., S.E.</u>			Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city, county, or state)		
Burial, cremation or removal (Circle the word which applies) Place <u>Kent County Michigan</u>			In industry, home or public place? _____		
Cemetery <u>Marip</u> Date <u>Oct. 2, 1947</u>			Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? _____		
Funeral director's signature <u>Geo. H. Brumham</u>			Signature <u>[Signature]</u>		
Address <u>406 Michigan St., N.E.</u>			Address <u>55 Sheldon Ave. SE</u>		
Filed <u>Oct 2, 1947</u> <u>Louis A. Brittle</u> Local Registrar					

Michigan Death Certificate – Hilda Oakeson – wife of Gustaf. Ancestry.com

Name Hellda Johnson
 Gender Female
 Race White
 Age 19
 Birth Date 1874
 Birth Place Sweden
 Marriage Date 21 Oct 1893
 Marriage Place Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan, USA
 Residence Place Grand Rapids, Michigan
 Father August Johnson
 Spouse Gustaf Okason

NOTE: Variations in spellings of first and last names. Ancestry.com

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Resident

Blanche Fuller Hefferan
2008 Robinson Road SE
East Grand Rapids, Michigan

1949 – 1954

1949 – 1954 Hefferan, Blanche F. (Widow, Thomas W.) No occupation

Blanche Fuller Hefferan

Birth 1884 Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, USA

Death Mar 1968 (aged 83–84) Bermuda

Burial Burial Details Unknown

HEFFERAN — Mrs. Blanche Fuller Hefferan, aged 84, the widow of Thomas William Hefferan, of 547 Cherry St. SE, passed away unexpectedly Friday night in the King George Hospital at Bermuda. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Alexander (Mary) Frith of Bermuda, Mrs. H. Randel (Emeline) Dickinson of Spring Lake, Mrs. Robert L. (Patricia) Currier of Eastmanville, a son, Robert F. Hefferan of Scottsdale, Arizona, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Services will be Monday at the Scotch Presbyterian Church at Warwick, Bermuda. Rev. George Buchanan, Pastor, will officiate Interment Bermuda. Memorial services will be Wednesday, March 6 in Mayflower Congregational Church at 2 p m. Dr. Bruce H. Masselink, Pastor, will officiate. Arrangements by Metcalfs.

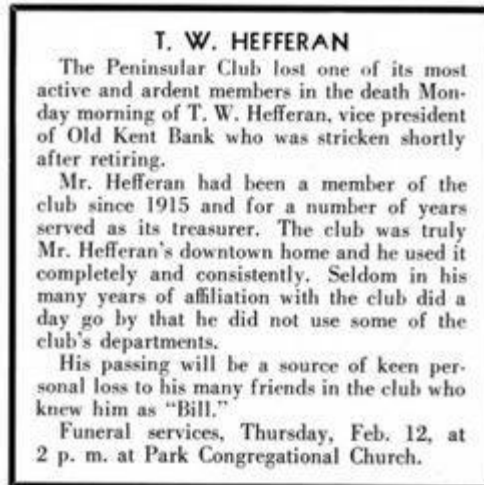
GR Press. nd, March 1968

Thomas William Hefferan

Birth 22 Jul 1876. Eastmanville, Ottawa County, Michigan, USA

Death 9 Feb 1942 (aged 65) Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, USA

Burial Fulton Street Cemetery. Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan



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Local Women Win Honors

Kent Club Members Gain Recognition

Several members of Kent Garden club have received honors and recognition in spring and early summer events, it has been revealed.

Mrs. Herman Schoonbeck, 338 Morrison av., SE, was awarded the blue ribbon in the invitational class for judges at the Metropolitan Flower show at Miami. She also was awarded the tricolor ribbon at the same show for the most distinguished exhibit.

At the Lakeland State Flower show, Mrs. Schoonbeck was awarded two gold seals for "merit and distinction," and she won second place in the invitational class at the West Palm Beach Flower show.

Mrs. T. W. Hefferan, 2008 Robinson rd., SE, during her sojourn in Bermuda, was asked to do the flower arrangements at the island home of Mrs. A. B. Smith, for the Bermuda Garden club's famous Home and Garden tour. She won high praise and recognition for her arrangements in color and design.

Mrs. Leonard Stallkamp of Holland, an out-of-town member of the club, was awarded three blue ribbons for her arrangements of roses entered at the National Rose show, in Lansing June 13.

Mrs. F. A. Votey, as formerly announced, was awarded the Minnie A. Robinson medal and citation by the Michigan State Horticultural society, awarded annually for the garden considered most typically Michigan.

HISTORY OF
2010 ROBINSON ROAD SE
1996 – 2023

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2010 ROBINSON ROAD SE
1996 – 2023

According to City of East Grand Rapids records this home was built in 1996.



Summary Information

Residential Building Summary

- Year Built: 1996
- >-Full Baths: 4 -Bedrooms: 4
- Half Baths: 1
- Sq. Feet: 3,352
- Acres: 0.620

*Two BOE candidates
face uncontested race*

Two residents are running unopposed for two open seats on the East Grand Rapids Board of Education.

Diane V. Bok, 2010 Robinson Road SE, and Julie Ridenour, 925 Orchard Drive SE, are each seeking a first four-year term. The term of office begins July 1.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 2 and residents will have until 8 p.m. to vote. For information about voting locations, contact City Hall at 949-2110.

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HISTORY OF
2020 ROBINSON ROAD SE

1957 – 2023

E. Hawkins & Son Builders

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2020 Robinson Road SE

East Grand Rapids, Michigan

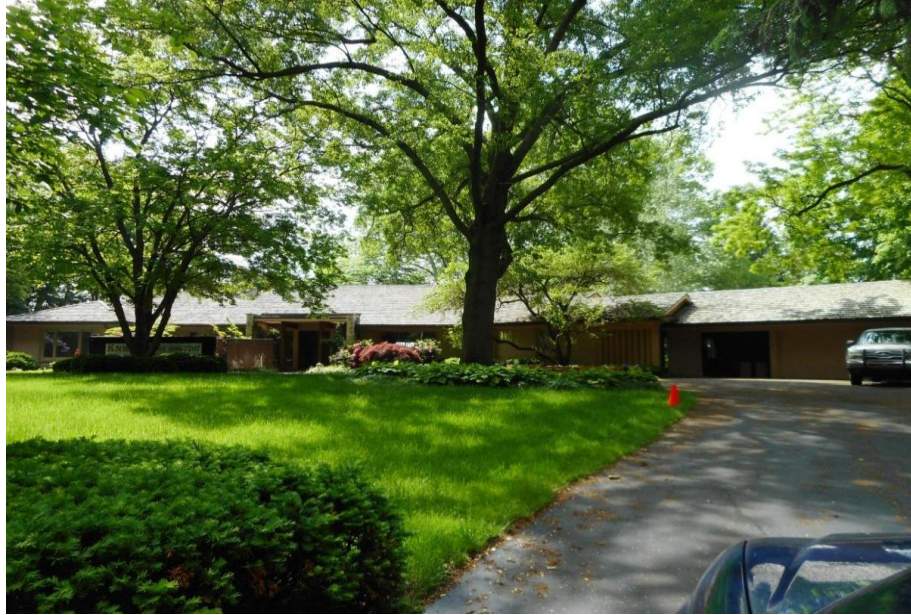
1959 – 2023

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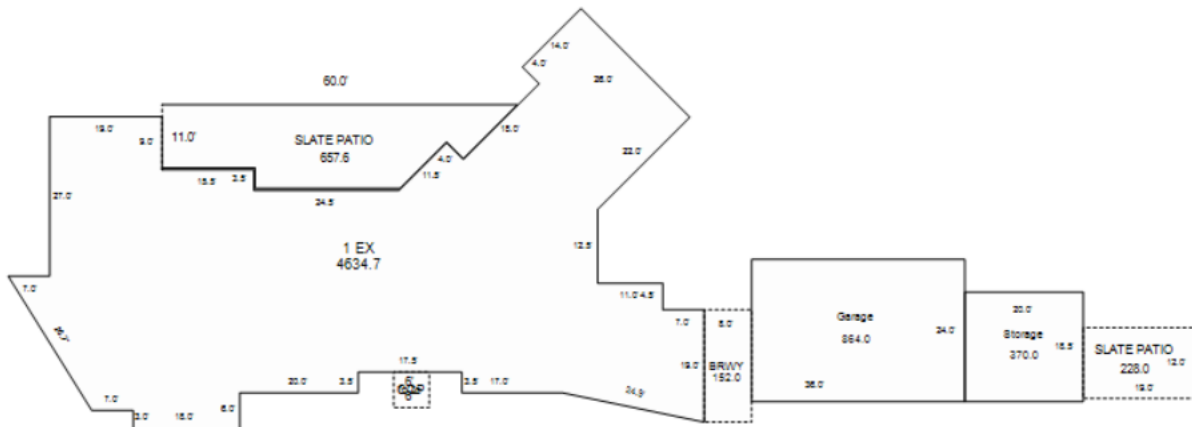
Construction information was located for 1957/58.



1978



2019



Summary Information

Residential Building Summary

- > -Year Built: 1959 -Bedrooms: 3
- Full Baths: 3 -Half Baths: 3
- Sq. Feet: 4,634 -Acres: 2.035

Sale History

Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Grantor	Grantee	Terms of Sale
05/31/2019	\$0.00	WD	FABER PETER	MAHER DIANE R TRUST	21-NOT USED/OTHER

Above photographs, summary information, floor plan and sale history courtesy of Eastgr.org
Property Information

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Resident Listings

2020 Robinson Road SE

1957 – 2023

1957/8	Under construction
1957/8 – 1985	Jarecki, Clare F. (Grace) President. Jarecki Company
1959 – 1960	Jarecki, Clare F. (Grace) President. Jarecki Company Jarecki, Judith. Student
1961 - 1980	Jarecki, Clare F. (Grace) President. Jarecki Company
1981 – 1985	Jarecki, Clare F. (Grace) Retired
1985	VACANT
1986 – 1987	Hecht, David M. (Joyce E.) Lawyer. Frey Building
1988	Hecht, David M. (Joyce E.) Lawyer. Frey Building Hecht, John I., Student
1989 – 1994	Hecht, David M. (Joyce E.) Lawyer. Frey Building
1995 – 1999	Hecht, David M. (Joyce E.) Lawyer. Bridgewater Building
2000 – 2015	Hecht, David M. (Joyce E.) Lawyer. "Tech"
2016 – 2018	Hecht, David M. (Joyce E.) Lawyer. Haslem, Mark. No occupation listed
2019	Haslem, Mark. No occupation listed
2020	City Directory missing.
2021 – 2023	Maher, Diane R. No occupation listed. Maher, Hannah

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AUG 8 1983 **STREET**

RES **251' Fisk Lake** **\$ 495,000** **2020 Robinson Rd. S.E.** **St.**
Magnificent **One-Story** **East Grand Rapids** **County Kent**
BF 7 (6) **No Bdrms. 3** **67731** **TERMS Cash, Conv. ***

Firm Name Fletcher Realty **Phone No.** 456-7974 **OWNER** M/M Clare Jarecki
Realtor Associate Nancy V. Orr **Phone No.** 949-2628 **ADD ZIP** Same 49506
Reg. PH. L.S. Only **Bus. PH.** **Mr. Mrs.**

DIRECT'S W. of Lakeside - E. of Plymouth
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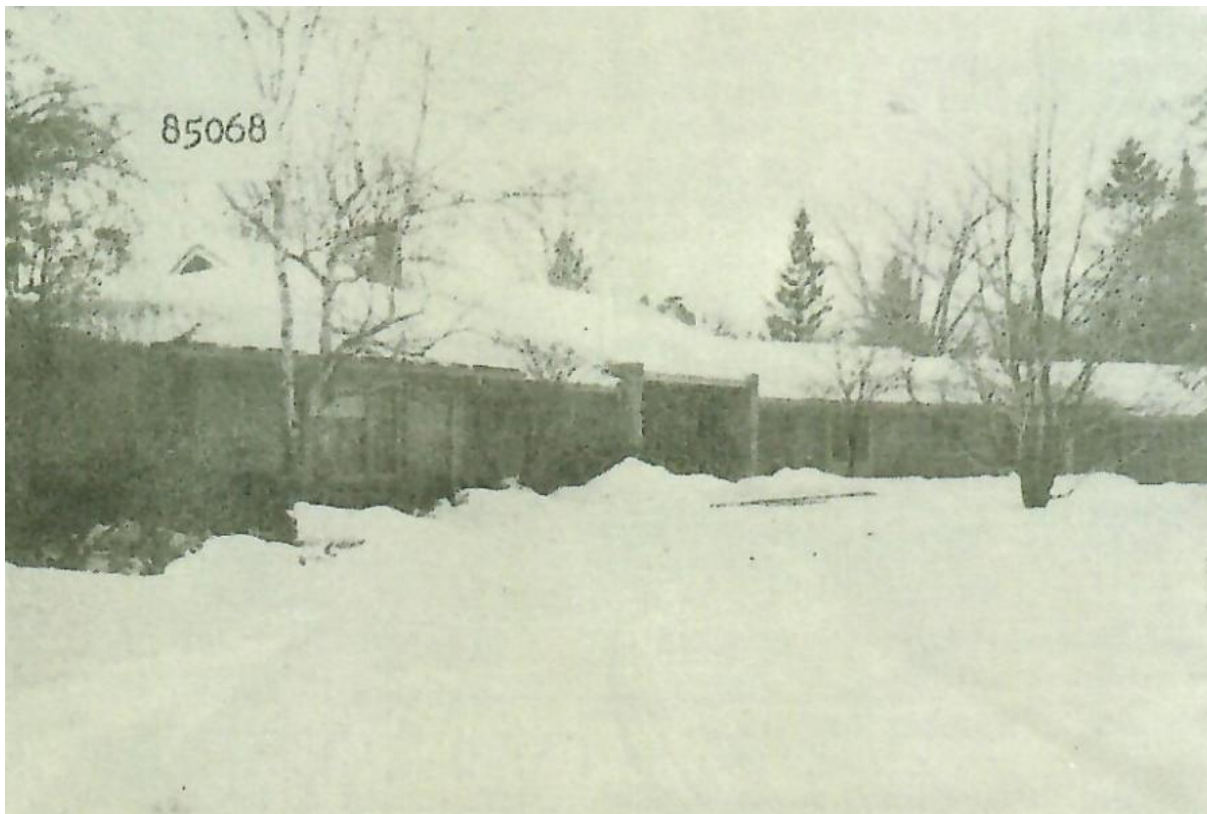
Approx. Lot Sz. 251x434x296x270, 2+ acres
Rooms LR (20x25), DR, FR (20x32), Sun Rm., UR, 1/2 B, Kit., Dinette, Powder Rm., MBR (20x20) Dr. Rm.-Bath, Bdrm-DR-B, Bdrm-B
Baths 3 + 4-1/2 Baths **Garage** 3 St. Htd. El. Dr.
Fire/pl. 3 Beautifully Showr **Dr. Priv.** Yes **Pty.** **Water** 251'
Est. Age 25 **Pool** No **Front** **Water** 251'
Porch Terrace **Gr.** Wealthy
Why Sell Smaller **Jr.** EGR Middle
Trade Street Paved Yes **Sr.** EGR
Defer. Assmt. **SCHOOL** Choice
Asm'ts **BLKS** Par. Gr. Sch. City Bus
Est. Tax 12,000 v. 204,800 **Payoff Date**

Heat FA-3Fusion-Gas **Exterior** Brick & Stone
Estimated Budget \$214 **Bsm't** Full-perfect

In Use Pub Water Pub Sewer Well Septic
In Street (Not Connected) Sewer Water
Bit. Ins. Dish. Diap. R/O Refrigerator
Type Debt F&C \$ @ % \$ **Mo. Incl.** tax ins. **Held By**

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SOLD 4/2/84 A.S. PRICE \$ 455,000 LC

251' Fisk Lake RES Magnificent One-Story BF 7 (6) No. Bdrms. 3	\$ 495,000	2020 Robinson Road S.E. st City East Grand Rapids county Kent
85068	TERMS Cash, Conv. *	OWNER M/M Clare Jarecki
Firm Name Fletcher Realty Phone No. 456-7974	ADD Same 49506	Mr. Mrs.
Realtor Associate Nancy V. Orr Phone No. 949-2628	Rep. PH. LS Only	Sup. PH.

DIRECT'S W. of Lakeside - E. of Plymouth
Perm Par. No. and Leg. Desc. 41-14-28-376-005 Lengthy Legal in LO & BO

APPROX. Lot Sz. 251x434x296x270 2+ acres	Garage 3St. Htd. El. Dr.
Rooms LR (20x25), DR, FR (20 x 32), Sun Rm., UR, 1/2B, Kit., Dinette, Powder Rm., MBR (20x20) Dr. Rm. - Bath, Bdrm - Dr. - B, Bdrm. - B	Baths 3 + 4 1/2 Baths
Heat FA-3FUNG - Gas	Fire/pl. Est. 3 Beautifully
Exterior Brick&Stone	Dr. Priv. Yes Pty. Water Front 251'
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Type F&C \$ @ % \$	Defer. Assmt.
Debt	Asm'to Est. 12,000 v. 204,800
RESIDENCE OF UNEXCELLED ELEGANCE, LUXURY. THE FINEST OF EVERYTHING, PERFECTLY DETAILED, INCREDIBLY CONSTRUCTED-ALL IN PERFECT CONDITION. 5000+ sq.ft. plus full fin. Low Lev. Beautifully landscaped. *Poss LC	Mo. <input type="checkbox"/> tax Held By
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2020 Robinson Road SE
Clarence "Clare" Frank and Grace Evelyn Disk Jarecki
1957 – 1985

R.L. Polk's Grand Rapids City Directory

Listings

2020 Robinson Road SE

Clarence "Clare" Frank and Grace Evelyn Disk Jarecki

1957 – 1985

1957/8	Under construction
1957/8 – 1985	Jarecki, Clare F. (Grace) President. Jarecki Company
1959 – 1960	Jarecki, Clare F. (Grace) President. Jarecki Company Jarecki, Judith. Student
1961 - 1980	Jarecki, Clare F. (Grace) President. Jarecki Company
1981 – 1985	Jarecki, Clare F. (Grace) Retired
1985	VACANT



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December 12, 1996 D1



GRACE EVELYN DISK
Chorus (1); One Act Plays (4); Senior Play (4); Girl Reserves (1); Student Council (3); Boosters Club (4); Chairman of Color and Flower Committee (4); Chairman of Thrift Accounts (4); Deltathenian (4).
• If she says she'll do it, she will and there's an end to it.

Grand Rapids. Central High School, 1927. Ancestry.com



Clarence Jarecki

East Lansing. Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, 1930. Ancestry.com

Michigan State University
Distinguished Alumni Awards, 1976
Clare F. Jarecki

Class of 1933. Administrator. Businessman. Industrialist. President and Chairman of the Board of Jarecki Corporation, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Born in Grand Rapids, he attended Ferris State University and Michigan State University. As President of Jarecki Corporation - at one time the largest tool and die operation in the world - Mr. Jarecki has been recognized internationally for numerous innovations in the use of plastic and metal products. Previously, he was President of North Shores Marina, Inc. of Grand Haven; Jarecki Products and Nichols & Cox Lumber Company, both of Grand Rapids. In 1963 he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Ferris State University and in 1972 that University conferred upon him the Honorary Doctor of Law Degree. Mr. Jarecki has been a long-time supporter of Michigan State University through the Presidents Club; also he is a former member and Chairman of the MSU Development Council. Additionally, he is a founder and current chairman of the MSU Foundation, established to enhance and promote the private fund-raising efforts of the University.

1976 Michigan State University Graduation program. Accessed 5/25/2023
https://projects.kora.matrix.msu.edu/files/162-565-1029/S201_1976f.pdf
Accessed May 25, 2023

OBITUARIES

Clare F. Jarecki

Birth 8 Jun 1909

Death 1 Oct 2004 (aged 95)

Burial Graceland Memorial Park and Mausoleum

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan

Findagrave.com

CLARE JARECKI OBITUARY

JARECKI - Clare F. Jarecki, aged 95, of Grand Rapids, passed away on October 21, 2004. His wife, Grace Disk Jarecki, preceded him in death. He is survived by his two daughters, Judith Schwarzer of Birmingham, MI and Cheryl J. (Richard) Stabnick of West Hartford, CT and two granddaughters, Jennifer Stabnick of Boston, MA and Courtney Stabnick of West Hartford, CT. He was a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids, graduated from South High School, attended Ferris State University, Michigan College of Mining and Technology and Michigan State University. He was former president of Jarecki Corp., Nichols and Cox Lumber Co. and North Shore Marina, Inc. He was former President of Ferris State College Alumni Association where he received Distinguished Alumnus Awards in 1963 and received Hon. Doctor of Laws in 1973. Also Chairman of the Board of the MSU Foundation and he received the distinguished Alumnus Award in 1976. He was Board of Trustees at Blodgett Memorial Hospital, Board of Directors of YMCA, United Way, and member of Downtown Rotary International for 55 years. He was a member of Metropolitan Grand Rapids Development Association and one of his greatest contributions to this community was his work as chairman of the Railroad Expressway relocation. His memberships included Penninsular Club, Kent Country Club, Pere Marquette Rod and Gun Club, University Club, US Power Squadron and several Michigan Yacht Clubs and a member and former Trustee of Fountain Street Church. He was a very generous donor to the community including the Frederik Meijer Seasonal Gardens, Aquinas College and Grand Valley State University. Funeral Services will be held on Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the Metcalf & Jonkhoff Chapel. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Aquinas College Library fund or Grand Valley State University Endowment Fund. Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service 4291 Cascade Rd SE at Kenmoor, EAST of 1-96 www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com

Published by Grand Rapids Press from Oct. 23 to Oct. 24, 2004.

<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/clare-jarecki-obituary?id=14553989> Accessed May 25, 2023



Olson, Gordon L., "Clare Jarecki: Premier Tool and Die Man" (2001).
Grand Valley Reports and Histories. ScholarWorks Citation 11

To view a full history, visit:

<https://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/reports/11/>

Grace D. Jarecki

Birth 11 Apr 1908

Death 14 Mar 2003 (aged 94)

Burial Graceland Memorial Park and Mausoleum

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan

Findagrave.com

GRACE JARECKI OBITUARY

JARECKI — Grace Disk Jarecki, aged 94, of East Grand Rapids died peacefully in her sleep at home on Friday March 14, 2003. Born on April 11, 1908, she was a graduate of Central High School and was proud to be a life long resident of Grand Rapids. In the 1930's she was employed by the gas company in their advertising department and later worked for Inez White Huyge as an interior decorator. On March 5, 1938 she married her husband Clare F. Jarecki also of Grand Rapids. They very recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. After Grace and Clare married, Grace devoted her energies to raising her two daughters, assisting her husband in his business, Jarecki Corporation, and volunteering for the Camp Fire Girls and the Florence Waters Guild of Blodgett hospital. She was a past president of the Kent County Garden Club of which she was an active member for many years. In 1996 she assisted in developing a seasonal garden display room in her name at the Frederik Meijer Garden. Grace is survived by her husband, Clare F. Jarecki of East Grand Rapids; a sister, Helen, also of Grand Rapids; two daughters, Judith Schwarzer of Birmingham, MI and Cheryl J. Stabnick and her husband, Richard of West Hartford, CT; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Courtney Stabnick of Boston, MA. Funeral Services will be held Monday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in the Metcalf & Jonkhoff Chapel. Private Entombment will be in Graceland Mausoleum. Her family will receive friends on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Kent County Garden Club or the Frederik Meijer Gardens. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service 4291 Cascade Rd SE at Kenmoor, East of I-96
www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com

Published by Grand Rapids Press from Mar. 15 to Mar. 16, 2003.

<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/grace-jarecki-obituary?id=15154796>

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No. 13 **Marriage License** 3-1

Kent County, Michigan

In my office legally authorized to solemnize marriages,

Greeting:

Marriage May Be Solemnized Between

Mr. Clarence F. Jarecki and M. Grace E. Disk

affidavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, by which it appears that said

Clarence F. Jarecki is 29 years of age, color is white, residence is 845 Iroquois Dr., SE, and birthplace was Grand Rapids, Michigan, occupation is general manager, father's name Frank J. Jarecki, and mother's maiden name was Bertha Kesper

has been previously married one time S; and that said Grace E. Disk is 29 years of age, color is white, residence is 656 Kollong SE and birthplace was Grand Rapids, Mich., occupation is interior decorator, father's name Anthony Disk, and mother's maiden name was Josephine Hornedahl

and who has been previously married no time S, and whose maiden name was _____, and whose _____ consent, in case she has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed in my office.

Parent's or Guardian's

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and the seal of Kent County, Michigan, this 3 day of March, A. D. 1938

L. S.

LEWIS J. DONOVAN
George [Signature]
deputy clerk

Certificate of Marriage

Between Mr. Clarence F. Jarecki and M. Grace E. Disk

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined in marriage by me, at Grand Rapids County of Kent, Michigan, on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1938, in the presence of Helen E. Disk of Grand Rapids and R. Lee Browning of Mount Pleasant, as witnesses.

Milton M. McGorrill
Name of Magistrate or Clergyman.

Clergyman
Official Title

This copy is to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; then it is to be completed by endorsement and forwarded on the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Health.

Michigan Marriage License, 1938 via Ancestry.com

Clare Jarecki was previously married to Nellie M. Norton of GR from 1933 to 1934.

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SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
398	CLARENCE FRANK JARECKI. <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	1225
2. ADDRESS (Print)		
942 PLYMOUTH BLVD EAST GRAND RAPIDS KENT MICH <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS	5. PLACE OF BIRTH
34415	31	Grand Rapids <small>(Town or county)</small>
DATE OF BIRTH		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
Grand Rapids June 8, 1909 <small>(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>		U.S.A. <small>(State or country)</small>
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON
Mrs Grace Evelyn Jarecki <small>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>		Wife.
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON		
942 Plymouth Blvd East Grand Rapids Kent Mich <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME		
Jarecki Machine & Tool Co		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
320 Hall St. S.W. Grand Rapids Kent Mich <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		16-17105 <i>C. F. Jarecki</i> <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
			EYES	HAIR
White	6-1"	175	Sallow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gray	Red	Ruddy	
	Hazel	Brown	Dark	
Oriental	Brown	Black	Freckled	
	Black	Gray	Light brown	
Indian		Bald	Dark brown	
			Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....
None.

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

R. S. Halgren
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for *2nd East Grand Rapids Mich.*
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration *Oct. 16-1940*

LOCAL BOARD NO. 4
221 HOUSEMAN BLDG.

WENT COUNTY
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-17105

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HISTORICAL ARTICLES

2020 Robinson Road SE

1957 - 1985

EAST GRAND RAPIDS.

Permits for only four houses were approved by East Grand Rapids but the total valuation was \$82,000.

Topping this list was one issued to E. Hawkins & Son for a \$40,000 dwelling to be built at 2020 Robinson rd., SE. Other permits went to Jordan Sheperd for a \$20,000 house at 1062 Monterey dr., SE, to Peter Dykwell for a \$12,000 dwelling at 2556 Boston st., SE, and to Ted Johnson for a \$10,000 home at 255 Hodenpyl dr., SE.

Also approved were permits for three miscellaneous jobs to cost \$1,900.

Grand Rapids Press

Saturday, Dec 07, 1957 p10 E. Hawkins & Son Builders

ALSO SAILING the bounding
main will be Judy Jarecki,
who boards the Nieuw Amster-
dam on Friday for a summer in
Europe on a student art study
tour of 10 countries. Judy left
for the east on Tuesday with
her parents, Grace and Clare
Jarecki, and sister Sheri, who
after seeing her off will drive
through Vermont and New
Hampshire.

Grand Rapids Press

Thursday, Jul 07, 1960 p17



—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

SENIOR CLASS LEADERS — Graduating seniors at East Grand Rapids High School who were outstanding in their class and school activities are, left to right, student council vice president, Joan Terryberry; senior class secretary, Mary Sidell; senior class vice president, G. Thomson Pantlind; student council president Stephen Idema; student council activity committee chairman, Barbara Albers; senior class president, Bruce Osterink; and senior class treasurer, Marguerite Landman.

Grand Rapids Press
Thursday, May 25, 1961 p29

Class Night First

East Seniors Also Schedule Picnic, Reception Before Exercises

Starting June 1 with Class Night, East Garnd Rapids Seniors will experience the bitter-sweet excitement of graduation activities before their last day as high school students, June 8, Commencement Day.

At Class Night, all senior awards and honors will be presented. A reception for seniors and faculty will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Denman, 1155 San Jose Dr. SE, with Diane Denman, Nancy Heaton, and Laura Suzan Trotter as hostesses.

Baccalaureate June 4

A class picnic Friday, June 2, which is Skip Day, at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Thomson, on Lake Michigan, is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rev. Dr. James W. Wright of First Methodist Church will speak at the Baccalaureate exercises at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4, and following the service Cheryl N. Jarecki will entertain the seniors and faculty at a buffet supper in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Jarecki, 2020 Robinson Rd. SE. The Inter-Club Council Prom will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Pantlind Hotel.

Commencement exercises will climax the activities at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8 in the school auditorium.

Dr. Walton Cole of the First Congregational Church of Detroit will speak on "Using Our Greatest Power," and the Rev. Ellis Khouri of St. Nicholas' Orthodox Church will give the Invocation and Benediction. A double piano number will be presented by Martha Gallmeyer and Marguerite Landman.

Schedule Reception

Following the exercises, Stephen Idema, Fred Kingwill, Bruce Osterink and John Ryan Jr. will give a reception and dance for the graduates and faculty members at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Osterink, 928 Princeton Blvd.

Seniors who have gone through four years of school with an all-A record are Miss Denman,

Osterink, Ryan and Heather Tipping.

Senior class officers are president, Osterink; vice president, G. Thomson; Pantlind; treasurers,

Miss Landman and Stephen Lewis; and secretary, Mary Sidell.

Student council officers are president, Idema; vice president, Joan Terryberry; and activities committee chairman, Barbara Albers.

Seniors on the debating team are Ronald Bookholder, Joanne Herscher, Joel Krissoff, John Porcelli and James Robinson. In forensics, district winners have been Barbara Abers, 1960-1961, humorous reading division; Miss Herscher, 1961, extempore division; Krissoff, 1961, extempore division; Osterink, 1961, declamation; Porcelli, 1961, declamation and original oratory; and Eileen Sarafis, humorous reading in 1959, original oratory in 1960, and interpretive reading in 1961.

National Merit finalists are Blakeslee Benjamin, Carol Campbell, Miss Denman, Madelon Hack, Andrew Heiduck Jr., Porcelli and William Robb.

List Honor Students

Outstanding in the musical program are Robert Donaldson, William Donley, John Emmons, Miss Herscher and Thomas Petiet.

Seniors in the National Honors Society are Miss Albers, Miss Benjamin, Carol Bryant, Miss Campbell, Christine Coolidge, Miss Denman, Lucinda Dewey, Donaldson, Miss Gallmeyer, Miss Hack, Miss Heaton, Miss Hersher, Dirk C. Hoffius, Idema, Miss Landman, Peter Leidlein, Carolyn Little, Osterink, Mary Anne Ruoff, Ryan, Mary Sidell, Miss Terryberry, Miss Tipping and Carolyn Sue Wood.

Members of Theta Pi Eta, honorary society for seniors selected for service to the school are Miss Albers, Anne Benjamin, Blakeslee Benjamin, Miss Bryant, Miss Campbell, Miss Coolidge, Miss Denman, Miss Dewey, Miss Heaton, Miss Herscher, Hoffius, Idema, Kingwill, Miss Landman, Leidlein, Miss Lillie, Osterink, Pantlind, Margo Prentice, Miss Ruoff, Ryan, Miss Sidell, Miss Terryberry and Miss Tipping.

Win Sports Letters

Richard Budden, James Burton, Clay, Dodge, Hoffius, Kingwill, Kosht, Lewis, Michael McKee, Meyer, Nind, Osterink, Pant-

Win Sports Letters

Letter winners for sports are: Football—David Bergsma, Jeffrey L. Binder, Roger Bolthouse, Thompson Clay, James Dodge, Hoffius, Russell Hook, Idema, Karl A. Karg Jr., Kingwill, Robert G. Knerr, Leidlein, Lewis, Norman Miller, Osterink, Pantlind, Porcelli, Arthur Romence, Ryan, Steven Sisson and Edward D. Wells Jr.

Cross country—Wayne Kildegaard and William Krumm. Basketball—John E. Adams, Kingwill, Leidlein, Osterink, Ryan and William Wares.

Swimming—Hook, Krissoff, Pantlind, Robert Taylor and Frederick Zwald.

Wrestling—Bergsma, James Dunwell, James Folger, Halduck, Kildegaard, Lewis, D. Craig MacIntire, Bruce Meyer, Romence, Thomas Nind Jr. and K. Curtis Welch.

Track—Lawrence Beckmann.

**Approves Suggestion to Name
North-South Expressway in
Honor of Jarecki.**

Editor of The Press: I would like to support Mr. C. B. Meyers' suggestion that the North-South Expressway be named Clare Jarecki Expressway.

From its beginning I was active in the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Development Association, and I remember the great amount of time and money Mr. Jarecki spent in developing the plan and promoting the expressway.

He had made, at his own expense, a 50x30-inch scale map of the city which was on display at the old Junior College building where state and city officials could lay out various routes for the expressway. He had many conferences with railroad officials, both here and in New York, and was instrumental in getting their co-operation.

I am sure that Mr. Jarecki had more to do with bringing this expressway to Grand Rapids than anyone else.

Frederick J. Vogt

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, Sep 04, 1961 p13



HOME IS WHERE THE heart is. And that's the refrain Grace and Clare Jarecki are humming. They returned Monday from their trip to India, and although they report it was an exciting venture (they flew from Bombay to New Delhi just one day before the airlines banned civilian flights), there's nothing like the United States' great comfort, beauty and warmth to come home to.

The Jareckis were given the red carpet treatment wherever they went. Brahman and Hindu business associates entertained them in their homes in Bombay. Also during their Bombay stay they were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Sinclair at the Cricket Club.

Grand Rapids Press
Sunday, Nov 11, 1962 p57

Ferris Honors Alumni

GR Man Is One Of Three to Get Special Awards

BIG RAPIDS — Three Ferris Institute alumni who have achieved distinction in their communities and in their fields of endeavor will be honored with Distinguished Alumnus Awards at the college's ninth annual alumni reunion here today.

Saluted will be Clare F. Jarecki, Grand Rapids industrialist; Charles S. Neithercut, Flint attorney, and the Detroit area's Dr. John W. Tenny, prominent educator.

The reunion, highlighted by the awards ceremonies, will serve as a co-feature of commencement activities which will see the college confer degrees and certificates on more than 700 graduating seniors.

President of Firm

Jarecki, a 1928 graduate of Ferris, is president and chairman of the board of a tool-and-die corporation bearing his name, and president of the North Shore Marina, Inc. Residing at 2020 Robinson Road, SE., Grand Rapids, he is a member of the board of trustees of Blodgett Memorial Hospital; the boards of directors of the YMCA, Community Chest and Rehabilitation League, and a member of the Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International.

He has served as director of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, a member of the metropolitan Grand Rapids Development Association; a member of the National Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the YMCA Industrial Conference.

Neithercut, for whom a Flint school was named in 1961, is a 1913 graduate of Ferris. Partner in a law firm with his brother, William, he is past president of the Genesee Bar Association, a member of the American and Michigan Bar Associations and a past president of the Flint Board of Education. During World War II he served as chairman of the Selective Service appeal board for Genesee and Shiawassee Counties. He is a director of both Davison State Bank and First State and Savings Bank of Flushing.

Dr. Tenny, a 1922 graduate of Ferris, is a college of education professor at Wayne State University and a ranking authority on the education of exceptional children. He was a member of the Dearborn Citizens Committee on School Needs and has served as president of the Michigan Federated Chapters of the International Council for Exceptional Children. In 1957 he toured South America and in 1958 the Soviet Union with the Comparative Education Society.



CLARE F. JARECKI
Honored by Alma Mater

Grand Rapids Press
Sunday, Jun 09, 1963 p20

105 Here Join UM Grads

Area Group Among 3,928 Who Receive Degrees at Ann Arbor

East Grand Rapids—Judith C Jarecki,
2020 Robinson SE, B.S., and Irene S.
Turner, 1221 Pinecrest SE, B.A.

Grand Rapids Press
Monday, Jun 10, 1963 p8

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ALL WAS IN THE PINK Friday evening in the Pen Club's blue room as Grace and Clare Jarecki hosted a dinner party marking the engagement of their daughter Judy to David DeWindt of Bloomfield Hills.

Grand Rapids Press
Sunday, Mar 08, 1964 p58



*Special event...
direct from France*

THE FRESH BEAUTY . . . of rainbow-colored flowers teamed up with the fresh beauty of youth when Miss Cheryl Jarecki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Jarecki, Robinson Rd. SE, went shopping at the Fulton Street Market.

Grand Rapids Press
Sunday, Sep 06, 1964 p60



CLARE F. JARECKI

C. F. Jarecki New Ferris Alumni Chief

Clare F. Jarecki, president and board chairman of Jarecki Corporation here, has been elected president of the Ferris State College Alumni Association for 1968-69.

Jarecki, of 2020 Robinson Rd. SE, graduated from Ferris in 1928. He was awarded the distinguished alumnus award by the Ferris Alumni association in 1963.

Grand Rapids Press
Saturday, Jun 22, 1968 p2

Jarecki Builds Big Units

Speeds Auto Die Finishing

Testing and demonstration of the largest electrical discharge machine tools ever built is taking place this week at Jarecki Corp.

More than 250 machine tool builders and users from the Midwest and from parts of Canada will visit here to witness its operation and give their respective critical opinions of the giant.

Jarecki is a coproducer of the unit with Detroit's Elox Division of Colt Industries, Inc. The two built the unit under contract to

Budd Co. and already have started work on a second one for delivery in late fall.

Combined price on the pair, both to be installed in Budd's Automotive Division tool and die plant at Philadelphia, is in excess of \$400,000, according to Ervin J. Baumrucker, Jarecki executive vice president.

The machines, each weighing approximately 125,000 pounds and standing at least 20 feet high, will be used to speed up the finishing process on dies after tempering.

This includes trimming of the male and female portion of the dies for closer tolerance, drilling a variety of patterns into the dies or for other purposes—all by electricity.

Baumrucker reports the process is new, at least when tied into larger dies, and that it is faster, more efficient and affords a truer cut.

With this tool, the die to be worked is put into a huge tank called a bolster. It sits in a bath of dielectric oil which works as a coolant, lubricant and float for metal cuttings.

Attached to the platen is the machine tool which, when dropped into the bolster "senses" the area of the die to be machined. Its control is an Elox-designed unit which not only senses the surface but also maintains peak-amperage of 500 at all times and results in the maximum metal removal rate.

The unit offers a double-sliding bolster so while one die is being worked on, another can be set up in the second tank, then automatically slid into place once machine tools have been changed on the platen.

The dielectric oil is stored in a 5,000-gallon tank which appears next to the electrical discharge machine tool at the Jarecki plant, but once installed will be sunk below floor surface. The bolsters, which slide on tracks much like railroad tracks, will be attached to the floor of the plant rather than placed on metal "horses" as in the Jarecki work center.

Grand Rapids Press
Wednesday, Aug 07, 1968 p61

Garden teas scheduled for Monday

Kent Garden Club has planned an afternoon of garden teas to be held in the gardens of members Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. Each hostess will entertain a small group of club members at a "get acquainted" tea.

Mrs. Clare F. Jarecki, Robinson Rd. SE, will greet guests on her patio overlooking Fisk Lake. Mrs. Raymond O. Wagemaker will be co-hostess. A decorative pool of beige-toned Wisconsin lannon stone with a miniature waterfall is a new feature of the Jarecki patio.

Also recently completed is a flagstone staircase leading down the bank to Fisk Lake. Rock gardens have been planted among rugged boulders found on the property. (The story goes that Miss Limbert, original owner of the property, ordered a load of large rocks to hold the bank—these are the boulders serving as the basis of the rock gardens.) Giant tulip and sycamore trees offer shade and an afternoon pattern of sunlight and shadow.

Grand Rapids Press
Sunday, Aug 03, 1969 p68



Grace and Cloro Jarecki in the new seasonal display greenhouse at the Frederik Meijer Gardens.

PRESS PHOTOS/LANCE WYNN

Grand Rapids Press
December 12, 1996 D1

CHANGING SEASONS, LASTING TRIBUTE

By Pat Shellenbarger
The Grand Rapids Press

First, you should understand Grace Jarecki doesn't want the publicity. "She's not one to toot her own horn," said her husband, Clare. Nevertheless, the sign on the door of the newest greenhouse at the Frederik Meijer Gardens says "Grace Jarecki Seasonal Display Greenhouse."

Named in honor of the longtime gardener and past president of the Kent Garden Club, the latest greenhouse will feature ever-changing displays of flowers tied to the season. The greenhouse, one of many at Meijer Gardens, had been largely unused in the two years since the Gardens opened.

"It wasn't finished," said Julie Francke, chief horticulturalist. "We always knew we wanted it to be a seasonal display garden."

The greenhouse itself was up, but it takes more than glass walls and a ceiling to make plants grow. "You have to have a mist system, the lighting, things people don't think about," Francke said.

Things that cost money.

"We'd always planned to bring the garden clubs in and make this their place," said Meijer Gardens development director Karen Burns. She needed someone willing to donate money to finish the project.

"We found someone who loved gardening," she said. "Or they found us."

Clare Jarecki, 87, former owner of a Grand Rapids tool and die business, offered to donate the money to the Meijer Gardens. His wife, Grace, 88, thought it a splendid idea. But when told the seasonal garden would be named in her honor, she said: "Oh, no, you can't do that."

Her husband persuaded her.

The once-vacant greenhouse became a showplace. Shiny copper sheet metal, wood-framed mirrors and Christmas wreaths have been added to the once bare walls. Baskets of poinsettias and ivy hang from the ceiling. A thousand pink and white poinsettias fill the flower beds around a center brick floor. The Meijer Gardens staff and volunteers planted ornamental peppers and needlepoint ivy for variety.

Christmas trees decorated in the themes of various nations are displayed throughout the Gardens' corridors and other greenhouses.

Outside, snow swirled against the glass.

Greenhouse opens in honor of garden club's former president

Inside, the temperature was 70 degrees. The Christmas display is the first of many for the new greenhouse.

"Every month there'll be something new in here," Francke said. Spring will bring tulips. In the summer, it will have the look of a summer garden. Fall will feature chrysanthemums.

"I can just imagine what the Easter display will be," Grace Jarecki said. "Are you going to



Pink poinsettias and ornamental peppers fill an area in the new greenhouse.

OPENS TODAY

GRACE JARECKI SEASONAL DISPLAY GREENHOUSE debuts at Frederik Meijer Gardens, 3411 Bradford St. NE, off the East Beltline north of Int-96 in Grand Rapids. The gardens are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3.50 senior citizens 65 or older, \$1.50 children ages 5 through 13. Children 4 or younger admitted free.

have lilies?"

Yes, Francke said.

"Oh, it will be beautiful," Jarecki said. She pointed to the paper white narcissus among the poinsettias. "Gee, you've got a good start on those," she said. "And they smell wonderful."

Grace Jarecki knows her flowers. She joined the Kent Garden Club in 1946, when you had to fill out an application and find someone to sponsor you. Her membership was approved only after her garden passed a surprise inspection. She was club president in 1971 and 1972.

She, her husband and their children lived at Fisk Lake for years, where she had elaborate flower beds. It was the kind of place where "I could put a stick in the ground, and it would sprout," she said.

A few years ago, the couple moved into a condominium.

"It was like living in a closet," she said. "When you live in a condominium, it all belongs to everybody else, so you can't do anything. I've just always loved flowers. It got to the point where I couldn't stand it."

A couple of years ago, they moved into a new house near Aquinas College, and Grace Jarecki renewed her love affair with gardening.

She hopes the new greenhouse will inspire others. "I just hope all the garden clubs can take advantage of everything that's here, because it's exquisite," she said, then, referring to the entire Meijer Gardens, added: "I think this is one of the greatest gardens not only in Michigan, but well beyond."

When staff members were planning the new seasonal greenhouse, they asked Jarecki to name her favorite flower. Camellia, she said, pink camellia, the kind she and Clare had at their wedding so many years ago.

That's why next month pink camellia will bloom in the Grace Jarecki Seasonal Display Greenhouse.

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Aquinas building a legacy to kind donor

► *The \$6.5 million Jarecki Center at Aquinas College will use solar energy for 20 percent of its energy needs.*

By LZ Granderson
The Grand Rapids Press

Mention the word "legacy" and philanthropist **Clare Jarecki** winces a little and is noticeably uncomfortable.

Talk about "giving back," and Jarecki becomes an open book, with each page full of life-changing passages.

"If you've been successful you should put some of your money back into the hopper," explained Jarecki, 90.



Clare Jarecki

"Whether it's your school or church or whatever it is that's important to you... you should help make the community a better community than when you arrived."

That is the story behind the \$6.5 million building at Aquinas College being dedicated today and named in his honor — the Jarecki Center for Advanced Learning.

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When Jarecki and his wife moved to their home near the college a few years ago, he contacted Aquinas administrators because he was curious about the school's vision and wondered what he could do to help.

At first he was going to donate money to remodel the aged Manor House on the campus, but after looking at the cost, he and others decided to build what would become the Jarecki Center.

"We're in the business of educating people, not remodeling old houses," Jarecki joked. "We decided to design something that would have a good atmosphere, where students would want to go and learn... not just a box with some rooms in it."

The Jarecki Center is the first building in Michigan and one of the few in the nation to use the latest version of solar energy known as photovoltaic technology.

The roof will supply about 20 percent of the energy needed to operate the 21,000-square-foot facility, and the roofing plates will have solar cells to capture energy.

Instead of traditional classrooms with lecture-style seating, the center is designed to allow for many configurations to enhance small group work and class discussions.

The building will also house the school's distance-learning equipment. Aquinas President Harry Knopke said business leaders and former President Gerald Ford have already expressed interest in teaching distance-learning courses.

"To have a man like (Jarecki) involved with Aquinas is a tremendous asset because he is very dedicated to education," Knopke said. "He sets his mind on a goal and then he works very hard to achieve it."

Jarecki's involvement with bettering Grand Rapids is nothing new.

He helped develop the concepts for U.S. 131 and East Beltline Avenue, in addition to running a tool and die operation, a marina, and a small arms ammunition machinery plant.

But building strong minds seems to interest Jarecki more than putting up tall buildings.

"I've always said through better education we can make a better world, and hopefully this new building will help to do that," said Jarecki, who has also given money to Michigan State University, Ferris State University and, more recently, to Grand Valley State University, despite never graduating from college.

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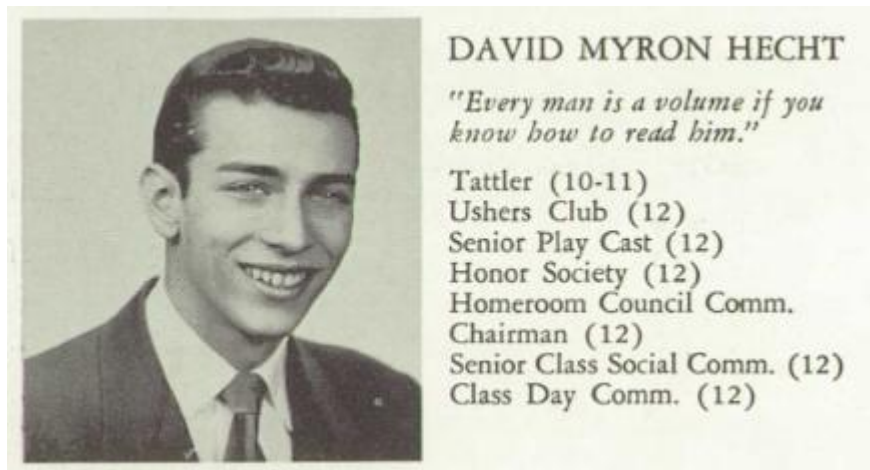
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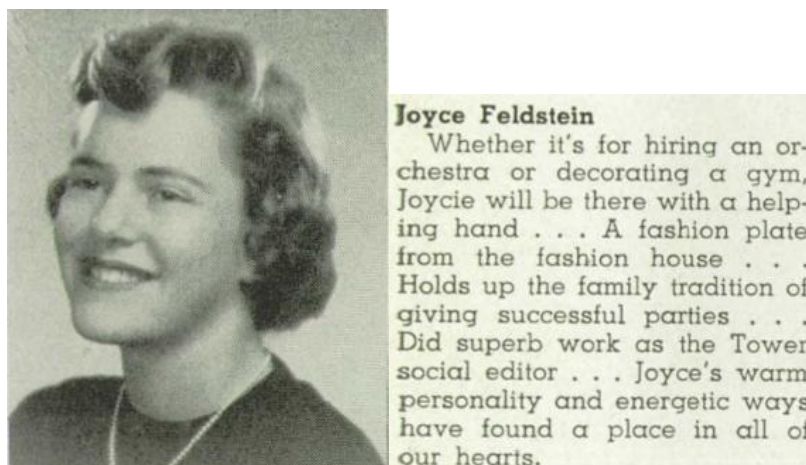
David Myron and Joyce Barbara Feldstein Hecht

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1985/6 – [1994] Hecht, David (Joyce) Lawyer. Frey Building



Grand Rapids. South High School, 1954



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HISTORICAL ARTICLES

*Joyce Feldstein to
Become Bride In
February Nuptials*

Announcement of the forthcoming marriage on Feb. 4 of their daughter, Joyce Barbara, to David Myron Hecht, was made by Mr.



MISS JOYCE B. FELDSTEIN

and Mrs. William J. Feldstein, N. Lake dr. Mr. Hecht is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hecht, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Feldstein is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and now attends law school there. Her fiance was graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and now attends law school and teaches in the college of engineering at the state university in Madison. Mr. Hecht is a member of Tau Beta Pi, and his fiancee is affiliated with Alpha Epsilon Phi.

The wedding will take place Feb. 4.

During the years at 2020 Robinson Road SE

GR Center takes shape

Grand Valley State's Grand Rapids Center continues to take shape on the west bank of the Grand River. The nine-story superstructure was topped-off in a special ceremony recently when the last beam, symbolizing completion, was placed atop the building.

In addition to the \$20.1 million from the state, funding for the new center has been raised through the ongoing Grand Design Capital Campaign, which has contributed nearly \$5 million in private funds for the project. A campaign cabinet of dedicated volunteers, including several East Grand Rapids residents, has been instrumental in spearheading the fundraising efforts.

According to GVSC Development Director Joyce Hecht, (also an East Grand Rapids resident), "The dedicated work of our campaign cabinet and committees has brought to light the

beautiful generous spirit of so many west Michigan residents. "Area businesses, foundations, and many private individuals have generously cooperated to make our Grand Rapids Center an emerging reality."

The new facility will house GVSC's Office for Economic Expansion, a service for area businesses; a projected Institute for Office Productivity; a teleconferencing facility; and the college's public broadcasting facilities.

The Center will include laboratories for graduate and undergraduate engineering courses and computer science, as well as classrooms for graduate and upper-level offerings in business, education, public administration, communication, taxation, health sciences, social work, and other programs designed primarily to meet the career needs of community college graduates and working adults,

GVSC President Arend Lubbers pointed out that the college's continuing growth downtown will benefit the main campus in Allendale, "where high enrollments are beginning to put pressure on space and facilities. Our Grand Rapids Center will actually help give us some needed room for undergraduate program growth on our main campus," he said.

Lubbers emphasized that GVSC's continuing growth on the west bank will not change the institution's cooperative relationship with Grand Rapids Junior College. A long-standing formal agreement between the two colleges provides that GVSC's offerings downtown will complement and supplement rather than compete with JC's two-year programs.

The college plans to hold its first classes in the new Grand Rapids Center in January of 1988.

Cadence, 25 March 1987 p21



East Grand Rapids attorney's Stuart Cheney (left) and David Hecht are merging their local law firm, Hecht & Cheney, with Detroit-based Dickinson, Wright, Moon, VanDusen & Freeman. Hecht and Cheney will become partners of Dickinson, Wright, effective March 1. (See story on page 8A.)

Hecht & Cheney law firm to merge with Detroit firm

The Grand Rapids law firm of Hecht & Cheney has announced it has entered into an agreement to merge with one of Michigan's largest law firms, Dickinson, Wright, Moon, VanDusen & Freeman.

Under the terms of the agreement, East Grand Rapids attorneys David Hecht, Stuart Cheney, and Bruce Lentz, of Hecht & Cheney, will become partners of Dickinson, Wright effective March 1 and will continue to operate in their present location at

650 Frey Building under the Dickinson, Wright name. Hecht will be the managing partner of the Grand Rapids office.

Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman has approximately 180 attorneys and has offices in Detroit, Bloomfield Hills, Lansing, and Washington, D.C. The firm, which is over 100 years old, specializes in corporate law, employment relations, public and private finance, and litigation.

Hecht & Cheney specializes in corporate law

and related areas and represents various businesses and financial institutions located primarily in Western Michigan. Hecht, commenting on the agreement said: "We will now have the resources of one of Michigan's largest law firms which will permit us to better serve our clients by expanding our capabilities into areas in which we do not presently practice, such as litigation, employment relations, and environmental law."

Hecht received a

degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1958 and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1961. Cheney received degrees from the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering in 1964, business administration in 1966, and law in 1973. Bruce Lentz graduated from Grand Valley State College in 1975, where he majored in political science, and received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1977.

WEDDINGS



Hecht - Posnack

Beth Allyson Posnack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Posnack of Airmont, N.Y., was married to Robert Morris Hecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hecht of East Grand Rapids, on May 5 in New York. Rabbi Louis Frishman performed the ceremony.

The bride is an associate at the New York law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher. She graduated summa cum laude from Amherst College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and received a J.D. degree cum laude from Harvard University.

The groom expects to receive an M.D. degree in June from Columbia University. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy and magna cum laude from Amherst College.

Cadence, 23 May 1990 p10

Cadence, 27 June 1990 p10

Tickets moving fast for Eastbank Towers grand opening event

With over 400 patron tickets sold, Claire Bissell and John Shepard anticipate a highly successful Eastbank Waterfront Towers' grand opening event, "An Evening with John Denver" on Thursday, May 9 at 8 p.m. at Welsh Auditorium. As co-chairs of the Grand Opening they have been busy selling tickets for a pre-concert gala which will benefit Grand Valley State University's Water Resources Institute.

Patron ticket holders will enjoy a cocktail-buffet dinner to begin at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel the evening of the concert and then be seated in the special VIP section of Welsh Auditorium. They will also enjoy a private post-concert reception at the Radisson which Denver will attend.

Bissell and Shepard are joined by honorary chairs Richard DeVos and Jay Van Andel, and more than 40 ticket committee members include: Jim and Flo Bouwman, Larry and Genny Bratschie, Ed and Tamsen Clark, L.V. and Ruth Eberhard, Paul and Jean Gaston, Tim and Sally Gleason, David and Joyce Hecht, Win and Kyle Irwin, Michael Jandernoa, Mary Ann Keeler, Marilyn Lankfer, Don and Nancy Lubbers, John and Lynn Vinkemulder and Marlene Zelasko.

Denver, a Grammy award-winning songwriter and environmental activist, will perform a medley of his songs from the past two decades and include some from his soon-to-be-released album, "The Flower That Shattered the Stone."

Patron tickets are \$150 per person and may be reserved by calling Grand Valley State University at 242-6600. Concert-only tickets are available at the Grand Center box office, at any TicketMaster outlet or by calling TicketMaster at 456-3333. Tickets are priced at \$31.50, \$26.50 and \$19.00.



John Denver will be the featured performer at the Eastbank Towers grand opening gala on Thursday, May 9 at 8 p.m. at Welsh Auditorium.

Cadence, 24 April 1991 p12

Columbia University

Robert Morris Hecht received an M.D. degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. During the graduation ceremony, he was awarded the Thomas F. Cock Prize for excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In June, he begins his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

He is the son of Joyce and David Hecht of Robinson Rd. SE.

East women pitch in for fashion benefit

East Grand Rapids women are lending a hand in a unique fashion show to benefit Liz's House, a program providing shelter and supportive services for homeless women and their children.

Debbie Meijer, honorary co-chair with her mother-in-law, Lena Meijer, announced that this popular fashion show, now in its third year, will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m., March 12, at Gorman's furniture store on 28th Street at Breton Road.

Family groups of local celebrities and area residents will model the latest spring fashions, courtesy of Hudson's, in the "Family Connections" show, which will again be underwritten by Gorman's.

Guests will sit in home-like settings throughout Gorman's and enjoy a gourmet lunch while model groups stroll through the store, visiting each "room" in turn.

Models from East Grand Rapids will include Margy Jones and her grandson Steve Mason; Mary Scanlon and

her daughter Suzanne Abraham; Sharon Sikkema and her daughter Angie; and Anne Rothwell with her daughters, Brooke and Katie.

"Tickets at \$50 include a gourmet lunch, and are available through the approximately 50 community women who form the ticket committee," Meijer said.

East Grand Rapids women on the ticket committee include Susan Brennan, Sharlene Blynt, Cathy Bissell, Joyce Hecht, Jane Meilner, Edie Shepley, Anita Silverstein, Kyle Irwin, Darrow Goodspeed, and Pat Waring.

Tickets are also available at Gorman's or Hudson's, or by calling Rosemary at Seyferth & Associates, Inc., at 776-3511.

The proceeds from the benefit will go toward supplementing the cost of shelter for homeless women and children and will help start a child care fund for Liz's House mothers who need special education or job training classes to get them started on their road to independence.

☐ Cadence ☐ 12 February 1992 p3

According to a recent Google.com search, May 27, 2023 – it may be likely that David and Joyce Hecht now reside in Naples, Florida. This cannot be confirmed.

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Mark Haslem

2018/19 – [2020]

2018/19 Haslem, Mark. No occupation listed

2020 City Directory missing.

Mark F. Haslem, PC



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Mark is married with two young children. Mark and his wife are active in the West Michigan community where they have lived for over a quarter of a century. They have coached children's soccer teams and are also dedicated "hockey parents" to their teenage son. Mark is an avid runner, cyclist, and racquet sports player who cannot resist a challenge at any level.

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Diane R. Maher

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“Diane R. Maher

Diane is the President & COO for Fox Motors. She started at DP Fox Ventures in 1993 as the firm's Vice President of Finance. She was promoted to Chief Financial Officer a few years later and to Chief Operating Officer of Fox Motors in 2009. She has handled acquisitions of all Fox Motors dealerships in her role as CFO and COO starting with the very first one in 2000. Diane previously worked at Deloitte & Touche LLP from 1987-1993 as an Audit Manager and as a financial consultant to DP Fox.

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“Diane R. Maher

President & COO, DP Fox Ventures and President & COO, Fox Motor Group

Previous Positions:

- Audit Manager, Deloitte & Touche LLP

Professional Licensure:

- Certified Public Accountant - State of Michigan

Memberships/Civic Involvement:

- Global Board Member – Our Daily Bread Ministries
- Executive Committee Member – Our Daily Bread Ministries
- Finance Committee Member – Our Daily Bread Ministries
- Past Chair of Personnel, Audit & Finance Committee – Our Daily Bread Ministries
- Board of Directors – West Michigan Policy Forum
- Executive Committee – West Michigan Policy Forum
- Board of Directors – Mercantile Bank of Michigan
- Audit Committee – Mercantile Bank of Michigan
- Past Member of IT Steering Committee – Mercantile Bank of Michigan

Educational Background:

- Ferris State University, Bachelor of Science in Accountancy - 1987

Diane Maher is the President and Chief Operating Officer of DP Fox Ventures, LLC, a diversified management company with interests in real estate, transportation, fashion, sports and entertainment. She is also the President & COO for Fox Motors. Fox Motors is a retail automotive and powersports group representing 52 locations and 48 brands. The locations stretch from Chicago to Grand Rapids to Marquette in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Diane started at DP Fox Ventures in 1993 as the firm's Vice President of Finance. She was promoted to Chief Financial Officer a few years later and to Chief Operating Officer of Fox Motors in 2009. She has handled acquisitions of all Fox Motors dealerships in her role as CFO and COO starting with the very first one in 2000. Diane previously worked at Deloitte & Touche LLP from 1987-1993 as an Audit Manager and as a financial consultant to DP Fox.

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