

# Highway 12 (BD)

## (South of the Baraboo River)

Volume VI "*BARABOO Wisconsin...1850-2010*" is in process as of this writing and is a continuation of Volumes I through V and when available will very likely contain more details you may be searching for.

## Highway 12 South of the Bridge City of Baraboo

Note: This chronology is of the development of business' on Highway 12 located in the city of **Baraboo**, which in 2012 may also be known as Highway 12, City 12 or maybe County "BD". It chronicles the growth of the retail/commercial growth along the highway starting at the bridge over the Baraboo River and continues south to the village limits. Some businesses that have addresses on an intersecting street are also listed because they appear to be on West Pine.

This is a new chronicle so I need lots of help in determining dates, locations, owners etc. of businesses along this strip. Don't be shy about contacting me.

Thanks

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Most dates shown are approximate.

### **E11086 Hatchery Road**

Parcel No. 0039-34000

West side of highway adjacent to and south of Bridge  
NW corner of Hwy. 12 and Hatchery Road

Owners are **Baraboo Properties LLC** from 2005 to present (2012), **Downie & Piery, Wr. & Lm.-Tj** 2001 to 2005, **Downie & Piery LC, Wr & L** Prior and **Marvin O. Luebke**.

### **331 S. Highway 12**

Parcel No. 0039-43021

East side Highway 12 adjacent to and south of bridge

The owner of this property in 2012 is **Jack J. Birrenkott** who operated **Badger Glass** as early as 1990 until the present (2012).

### **337 South Highway 12**

(Parcel No. 0039-43021 Continued)

**Sophies Fine Jewelry** was located here from 1990 to 1996. There is a **Mexican Grocery** store here at present (2012).

### **339 South Highway 12**

Parcel No. 0039-4302

Owner **Jack J. Birrenkott** as of this date (2012). **Andy's Nook** was here from 1960 to 1966 and **Anderson's Trunk Line**, an antique Store was here in 1969. Both businesses were operated by **Andy Anderson** and are no longer extant.

**Diane Gullison** owned the **Bird Barn** here as early as 1989. She moved from here in August of 1996 to 830 Highway 12.

### **No Highway 12 location number**

Parcel No. 0039-43010\

Lies directly south and adjacent to 339 South Highway 12  
NE corner of Hwy. 12 and Carpenter Street

Owners **Dennis C. Midthun** from 2003 to 2012, **Auto Zone Texas LP** from 2001 to 2003 and **Jack J. Birrenkott** before that.

### **No Highway 12 Location Number**

Parcel No. 1152-52010

SW corner of Hwy. 12 and Hatchery Road intersection

Owner is **GPB LLC** from 2011 to present (2012), **Richard A. & Paul Gerke & Gerke Properties LLC** from 2008 to 2011, **Riverwalk Investments LL** from 2007 to 2008 and **Paul M. & Betty Hankins LC** prior.

### **413 S. Highway 12**

Parcel No. 1152-01010

SE Corner highway 12 and Carpenter Street  
The owner is **John S. Turner** at present (2012).

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### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 002-0048-00000

Located South and adjacent to Parcel No 1152-01010  
The owner is the Town of Baraboo at present (2012).

### 413 S. Highway 12

Parcel No. 1152-01020

Lies south of and adjacent to 413 US Highway 12

**Turner's Modern 66 Service Station** was located at this site as early as 1966 and possibly earlier. It is still here as of this writing (2012). It was referred to as **Cooks Modern 66 Service** from 1961 to 1973 and was managed and operated by **Walter Cook** during those 12 years. The owner is **John S. Turner** at present (2012).

### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 1152-52011

South of and adjacent to Parcel No. 1152-52010

The owner of this property is **GPB LLC** at present (2012), **Richard A. & Paul Gerke & Gerke Properties LLC** owned it from 2008 to 2011, **Riverwalk Investments LL** 2007 to 2008 and **Paul M. & Betty Hankins LC** prior.

### 420 U.S Highway 12

Parcel No. 1152-52012

The owner of this property is **GPB LLC** at the present (2012), **Richard A. & Paul Gerke & Gerke Properties LLC** owned it from 2008 to 2011, **Riverwalk Investments LL** from 2007 to 2008 and **Paul M. & Betty Hankins LC** prior.

### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 002-0061-10000

Lies on the west side of Highway 12 between parcels No. 1152-52012 & 1152-52013.

Property of **Town of Baraboo**

### 434 US Highway 12

Parcel No. 1152-52013

Owners of this property in 2011 until this date (2012) is **GPB LLC**; **Richard A. & Paul Gerke & Gerke Properties LLC** were owners from 2008 to 2011, **Riverwalk Investments LLC** owned this property from 2007 to 2008. Prior to this **Paul M. & Betty Hankins LC** were the owners.

The last structure that was located here, to the best of my memory, **Mould's Motel**, was owned by **Thomas H. and Florence C. Mould** from 1953 to 1969. **Ralph P. Weber** owned the **Hillside Motel** from 1972 to 1973 and **Ethel A. Weber** owned it from 1975 to 1980. **Paul** and **Debbie Hankins** were the owners from 1980 to 1989. **Any Time Fitness** opened at this location in 2011.

### 630 US Highway 12

Parcel No. 1152-52040

Owners **M-M Investments of Sauk City** (2000-2012), **Weaver, Ganser & Rix LLC** (Prior), **Paul J. & Jeanne E. Romlow** (Prior).

### 640 US Highway 12

Parcel No. 1152-52050

(May include 638 & 642)

**Patricia (Losch) Lyons'** folks, **Marge & Bill Losch**, purchased a building just south of Mould's Motel at this address in 1961 or 1962, which had been a liquor store, and established the **Baraboo Veterinary Clinic**. The house was moved to Hatchery Road in 1994 or 1995.

Losch's later purchased a dwelling south of the clinic and north of **Burgess Septic Systems** for Patricia's grandparents, the **Brauns**, who then moved here from Lake Geneva.

The **Ruth and Roger Keith** family had lived at this address prior to the purchase. Patricia thinks the Braun's had the house from 1966 to 1984.

Since 1992 **Paul & Jeanne Romlow** has owned **Baraboo Motors** with sales of **Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram trucks** at this site.

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### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 002-0068-20000

Lies on NW corner of Highway 12 and Sauk Avenue  
Property of **Town Of Baraboo**.

### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 002-0068-10000

Located on the SW corner of Highway 12 and Sauk Avenue  
Property of **Town of Baraboo**.

**Robert "Bob" Burgess** had a house here which was purchased by the city of Baraboo and razed to make way for Sauk Avenue to be continued west from the east side of highway 12.

### 701 Highway 12

Parcel No. 1152-51000

Owner of this property was **RNT Properties LLC** in 2007, **John S. Turner** also owned it in 2007. **Dairy Queen** is located here presently (2012).

### 795 US Highway 12

Parcel No. 1152.50000

The owner of this property was **NAK Enterprises LLC** in 2008 and probably at the present (2012),

The first building on this site housed the **Foam Insulation Company** owned by **Wes Kuntz** who sold the building to **Jack Sullivan. Jack & Scott Sullivan** owned and operated **Sullivan's Two Limited** auto repair in 1987; **S. W. & M. R. Sullivan** were conducting business here in 2001 and **S & S Enterprises of Baraboo from** 2002 to 2008. **Scott Sullivan** is shown as the lone owner since 1989 and is in business at present (2012).

### No Highway 12 location number

Parcel No. 1152-31000

Lies just south of and adjacent to Parcel No. 1152-50000

The owner of this property was **NAK Enterprises** in 2008, **H. J. & N. Vodak Living Trust** from 2001 to 2008 and **Harley & Nancy Vodak** in 2001.

### 800 US Highway 12

Parcel No. 1152-60000

**Elgie L. Kinnamon** operated **Kinnamon Saw & Magneto Service** out of the basement of his home in 1946.

Within two years his business had reached a point where it was more than a part-time job. He then resigned from his job at the Northwestern Refrigerator Line and went full time on his own.

In April of 1948 Kinnamon constructed a building at 803 Third Street for his growing business. It was located near the second ward skating rink at the corner of Remington & Third Street.

Some of the products that he handled and serviced were Lausen & Power Products' engines, Lawn Boy Mowers, Disston Chain Saws, Fair-Banks Morse and Wico magnetos.

in 1949 an addition was made to this building and more lines were added.

Business continued to grow and on July 4, 1954, Kinnamon moved into a new building at this location of Highway 12, which incidentally was considered to be "way out in the country" at the time. At this time he employed Paul Mueller from Portage who, 9-1/2 years later, would accept a position as Service Manager for a McCulloch chain saw distributor. The business continued to add additional lines of products and finally in 1956, Elgie and Paul were joined by Elgie's son, Jerry. The business continued to add product lines.

When the 32nd. Division was activated in 1961, both Paul and Jerry ended up at Fort Lewis, Washington. Elgie struggled keeping up with his business alone unto the fall of 1962 when Paul and Jerry returned. In 1963, a new warehouse was added as well as two lines of snowmobiles in 1967 and 1970. Elgie also won a new 1963 Buick which was presented by Omark Industries.

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Elgie continued in business until August of 1972, when the business was sold to his son Jerry and Jerry's wife Edith. Jerry and Edith sold **Kinnamon's Saw and Mower Supply** in March of 2002 to **Jerry & Shawn Luther** who did business as **Baraboo Rent-All & Lawn Equipment** until at least 2009; later changing the name to **A-1 Saw and Mower Sales & Rentals** and conducted business here until January of 2012 when this property was sold and vacated.

Note...when Elgie purchased this land there were no buildings between him and the **Honey-Boy farm**

### **825 US Highway 12**

Parcel No. 1152-30000

Owners of this property was **Harley & Nancy Vodak** in 2001, **H. J. & N. Vodak Living Trust** from 2001 to 2008 and **NAK Enterprises** from 2008 to 2009. Owners of this property has been **O'Reilly Automotive Inc.** from 2009 to the present (2012),

### **830 US Highway 12**

Parcel No. 1152-70000

Owners of this strip mall are **Robert J. and Patricia Wedekind** as of this writing (2012). Tenants are as follows:

**Sophies Fine Jewelry**, owned by **Joyce Schmidt**, who moved here in 1996 from 337 Highway 12. **Wild Bird Barn/Raining Cats & Dogs** moved here from 339 Highway 12 in 1996, then moved in 2011 to 674 W. Mulberry St in West Baraboo..

### **840-880 US Highway 12**

Parcel No. 1152-80000

The owners of this rental property is **Robert J. and Patricia Wedekind** as of this date (2012). In 1969 the **Honey Boy Farm** was located here.

### **875 US Highway 12**

Parcel No. 1152-40000

Located on the NE corner of S. Boulevard and Hwy. 12

The owner of this property from 2008 until the present (2012) is **Loechler Properties LLC, Loechler Enterprises LLC** owned it from 2007 to 2008, **Loechler, James D (James L)** prior, **Loechler, James D & Donald L.** prior.

**Robert S. Pate Tractor and Equipment Company** is located here from 1960 - 1980, **Black Hawk Trailer sales** 2011 to 2012.

### **880 Highway 12**

**Wildside Adventure Sports** is located here as of this date (2011).

### **900 US Highway 12**

Parcel No. 3426-23000, Lot 3

Lies on the SW corner of South Boulevard and US Hwy. 12

The owner was **Michael T. Kohlman** in 2001, **Wal-Mart Stores East Inc.** (Prior), **Martha Miller** (Prior).

**KFC/A & W Root Beer** is located here at present (2012)

### **906 US Highway 12**

Parcel No. 3426-24000, Lot 4

Owner was **Coldwater Portfolio Partnership** in 2006, **TKG Portfolio 10 LLC** from 2004 to 2006, **West Baraboo Associates** from 2001 to 2004, **Wal-Mart Stores East Inc.** (Prior), **Martha Miller** (Prior).

**Papa Murphy's** is located here at present (2011).

### **912 US Highway 12**

Parcel No. 3426-25000, Lot 5

Owner was **Coldwater Portfolio Partnership** in 2006, **TKG Portfolio 10 LLC** from 2004 to 2006, **West Baraboo Associates** from 2001 to 2004, **Wal-Mart Stores East Inc.** (Prior), **Martha Miller** (Prior)

### **915 S. Highway 12**

Parcel No. 1152-96010

Located on the SE corner of Hwy12 and South Boulevard

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Owner of this property is **Summit Credit Union** in 2010, **Common Wealth Credit Union** in 2012, **Donald J. Pate** (Prior), **Robert S. Pate** (Prior)

Early on the owner of the Warren Hotel (probably **Harold J. Hill**) owned this rooming house for those times when no rooms were available at the hotel. About 1945, Hill sold the triangular corner lot to **Walter Malone** who planned on opening a service station on this corner. However, Malone became ill and passed away before his dream could come true.

**LaVon Puttkamer** states that her mother, **Edna Miller** from Milwaukee, purchased the building and established **Edna's Kitchen** there in 1946. The restaurant quickly became a local favorite and was known not only for the great food served, but also for Edna's super pies and rolls. Miller owned this business until 1957 when it was sold to **Robert S. Pate**.

An interesting side note...when Pate purchased this corner for his **Tractor and Equipment Company**, it was determined that the Department of Transportation did not own or even have an easement over which they had constructed a roadway, cutting across the corner. Pate soon blocked the shortcut.

Pate probably rented the building as a two-apartment resident where people lived until the building burned to the ground. **Edna's Kitchen** was located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Highway "12" and "W" as early as 1953.

*Barbara Hanger remembers...."The house that housed Edna's Kitchen was a very unique house. After talking to her siblings she believes that her family moved there about 1974. Bob Pate was across the street in the 70's and 80's.*

*We did live in that house from about 1965 - 1972 or 1973. I think it had been a rooming house at one point. When we moved in, there was an upstairs and downstairs apartment. Thanks so much for sharing the picture. It brings back a lot of wonderful memories.*

*We moved to the south side, on the corner of Martin Street and Cherry Alley. I think I was in either 7th or 8th grade. I just love this picture. I really want to find out who Edna was."*

**920 U. S. Highway 12**  
Parcel No. 3426-21000

Owner was **Wal-Mart Real Estate Bus.** in 2002, **Wal-Mart Stores East** from 1999 to 2002, **Martha Miller** (Prior)  
**Subway Sandwiches** is here at present (2012)

### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 3426--26000, Lot 6

Lies south of and adjacent to 912 Highway 12

Owner is **Wal-Mart Stores East EP** as of this date (2012),  
**Martha Miller** (Prior)

### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 3426-22000

Lies south of and adjacent to Parcel No. 3426-26000, Lot 6

Owners **Wal-Mart Stores East EP** as of 2012, **Martha Miller** (Prior)

### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 1152-96011

Lies south and adjacent to Parcel No. 1152-96010

Owners of this property is **Bender & Hall, Mark & Ed** from 1999 to 2007, **Bender & Hall, Dennis & Ma** in 1999.

### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 1152-96012

Lies south and adjacent to Parcel No. 1152-96011

Owners are **Bender & Hall, Mark & Ed** from 1999 to 2007, **Bender & Hall, Dennis & Ma** in 1999.

### No Highway 12 Location Number

Parcel No. 2552-25000, lot 5

Owner is **Menard, Inc.** 2002 to the present (2012) and **Greenwood Forest Products** in 2002 and earlier.

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Parcel No. 2552-24000, lot 4

Owner is **Menard, Inc.** 2002 to the present (2012)  
and **Greenwood Forest Products** in 2002 and earlier.

**No Highway 12 Location Number**

Parcel No. 2552-23000, lot 3

Owners is **Menard, Inc.** from 2002 to the present (2012).  
**Green & Green Living Trust** from 2000-2002 and **Edwin &  
Raymond Green** in 2002 and earlier.

**No Highway 12 Location Number**

Parcel No. 2552-22000, lot 2

Owners is **Menard, Inc.** from 2002 to the present (2012).  
**Green & Green Living Trust** from 2000-2002 and **Edwin &  
Raymond Green** in 2002 and earlier.

**No Highway 12 Location Number**

Parcel No. 2552-21000, lot 1

Owner is **Menard, Inc.** from 2002 to the present, **Green &  
Green Living Trust** in 2000 and **Edwin & Raymond Green**  
2002.

**1040 US Highway 12**

Parcel No. 2552-26000, Lot 6

Owner **Menard, Inc.** from 2002 to 2012, **Green & Green  
Living Trust** from 2000 to 2002 and **Greenwood Forest Products**  
prior to that.

**No Highway 12 Location Number**

Parcel 2552-27000, Lot 7

Lies south of and adjacent to parcel No. 2552-27000  
Owner is **Menard, Inc.** from 2002 until the present (2012), **Green  
& Green Living Trust** from 2000 to 2002 and **Greenwood Forest  
Products** prior to 2002.

**Commerce Parkway Location**

Parcel No. 2552-2900, Outlot 1

Owner of this property is the **City of Baraboo** from 2008  
to the present (2012), **Menard, Inc.** from 2002 to 2008, **Green &  
Green Living Trust** 2000 to 2002 and **Greenwood Forest  
Products** prior to 2002.

**Commerce Parkway Location**

Parcel No. 2552-28000, Outlot 2

Owner is **Menard Inc.** from 2002 until this date (2012)  
and **Greenwood Forest Products** prior to that 2002.

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800 U.S. Highway 12  
Kinnamon's Saw & Magneto Service c1954

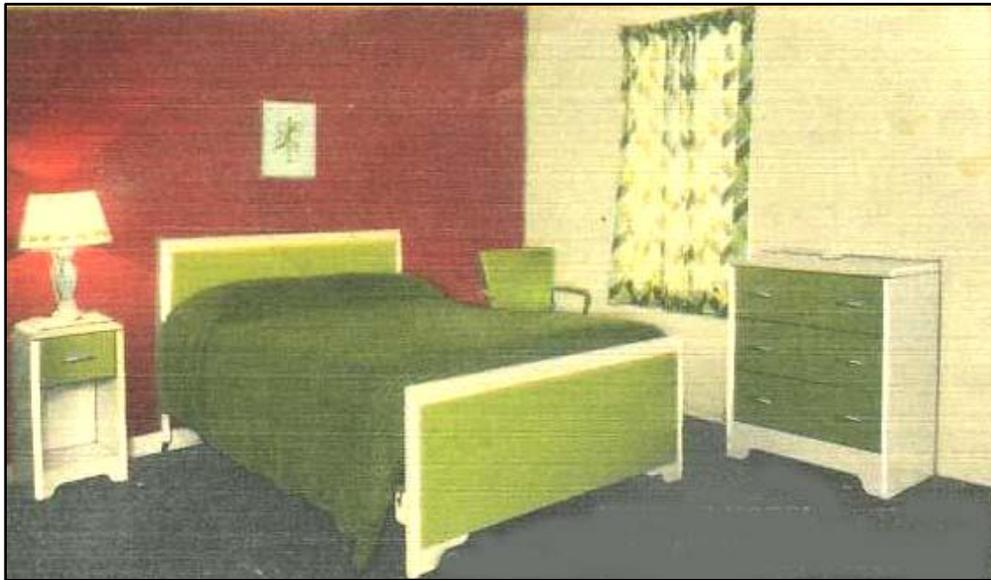


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A-1 Saw and Mower Sales & Rentals c2011

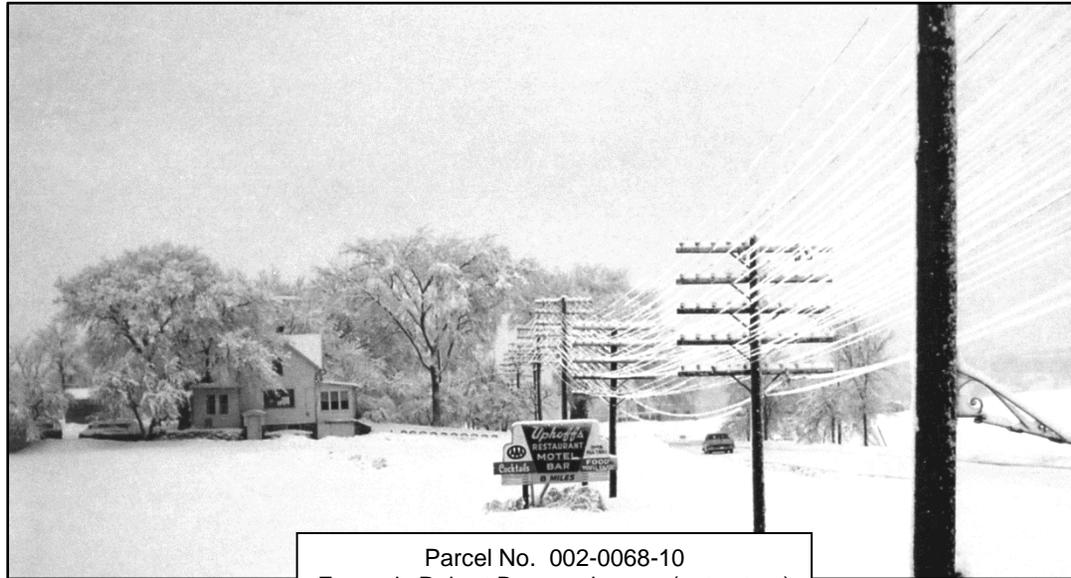
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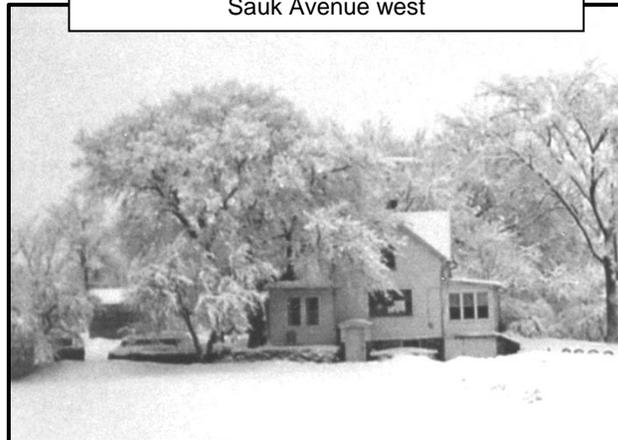
424 Highway 12  
Mould's Motel c1960



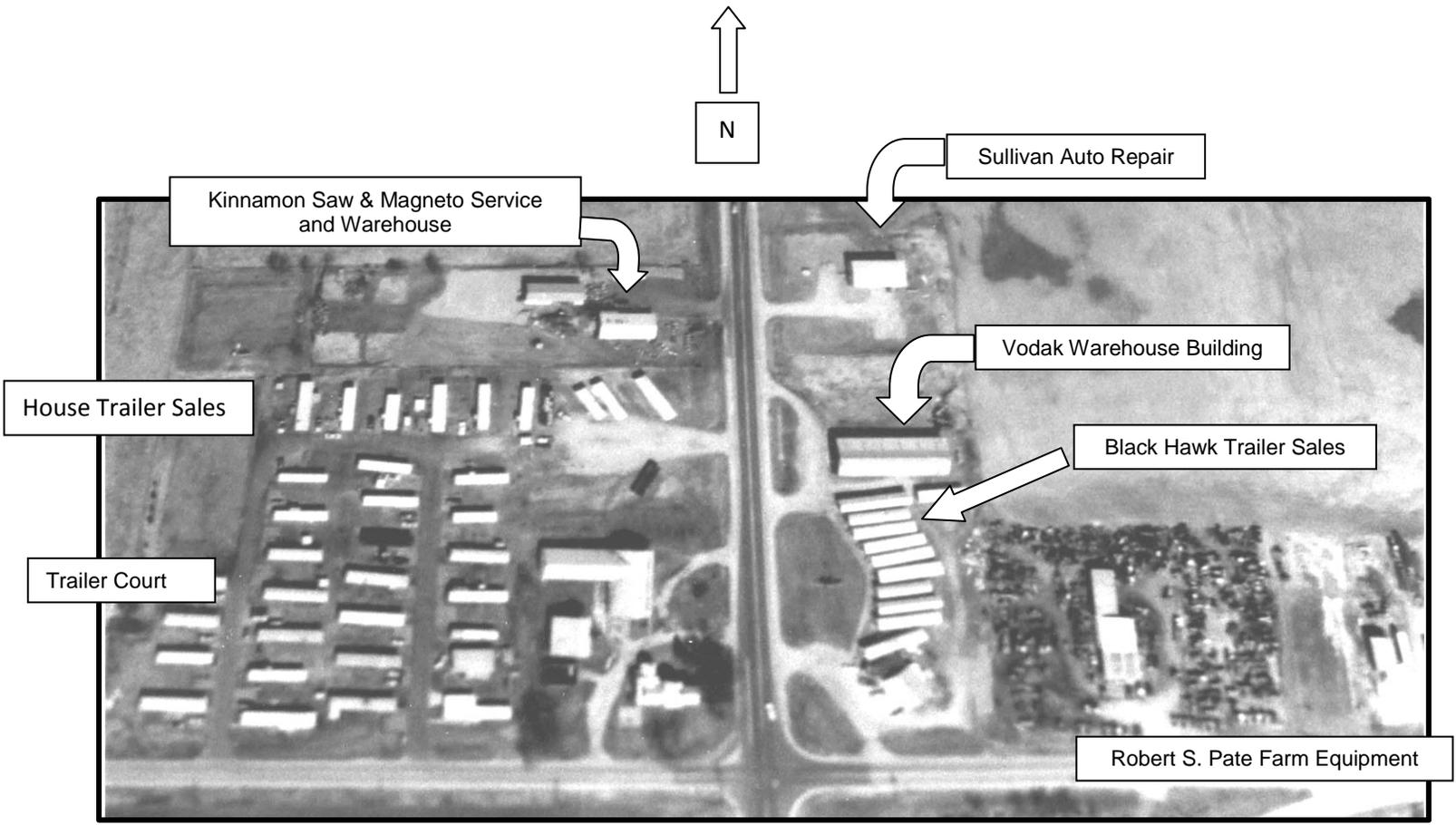
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Parcel No. 002-0068-10  
Formerly Robert Burgess home (not extant)  
Property purchased by city for extension of  
Sauk Avenue west



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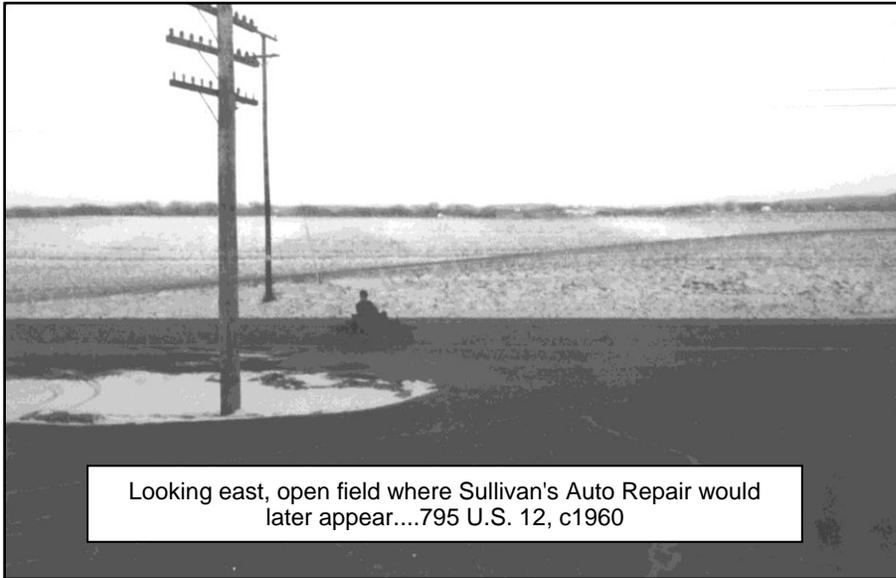


Sky-View...Highway 12 & South Boulevard intersection c1988

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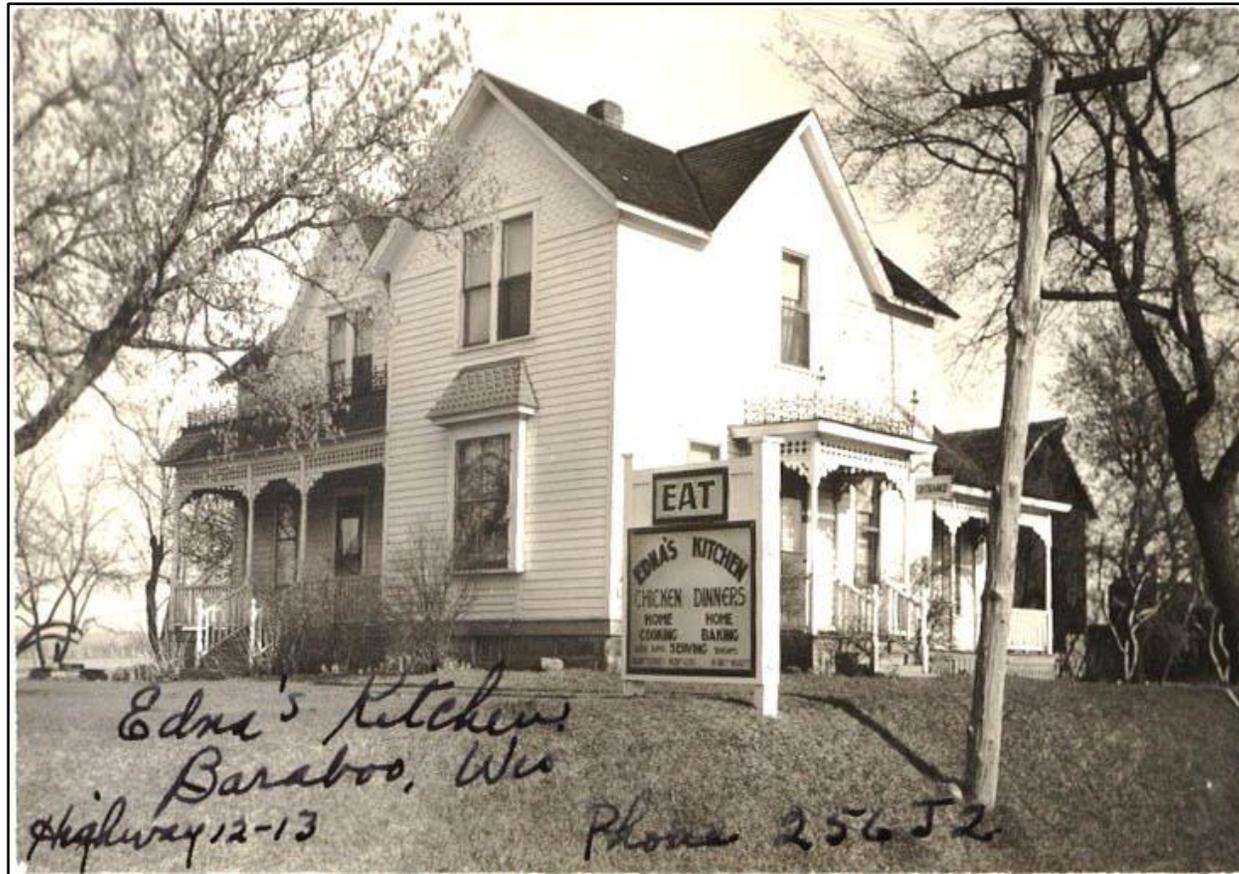


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Looking east, open field where Sullivan's Auto Repair would later appear....795 U.S. 12, c1960

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Edna's Kitchen c1950, 915 U.S 12