

# 1302/1304 Oak St. & vicinity, 13<sup>th</sup> & Oak Sts. intersection:

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**2017 map**, Old RR grade on the left, Oak St. is above Pine St.:



## Modern addressing & owners, 2017:

**1220:** Yde's Appliance

**1223:** Lakes Area Printing, formerly Erickson Furniture, NW corner (1927 a dry goods store)

**1224:** Yde's Giant Wash laundromat, SW corner (1903 a church & grocer)

**1301:** Now 515, no clue why! It is now a parking lot, NE corner. (1933 a filling station)

**1302:** Was 2 lots, 1302 & 1304. (Bredenberg & Erickson as early as 1903)

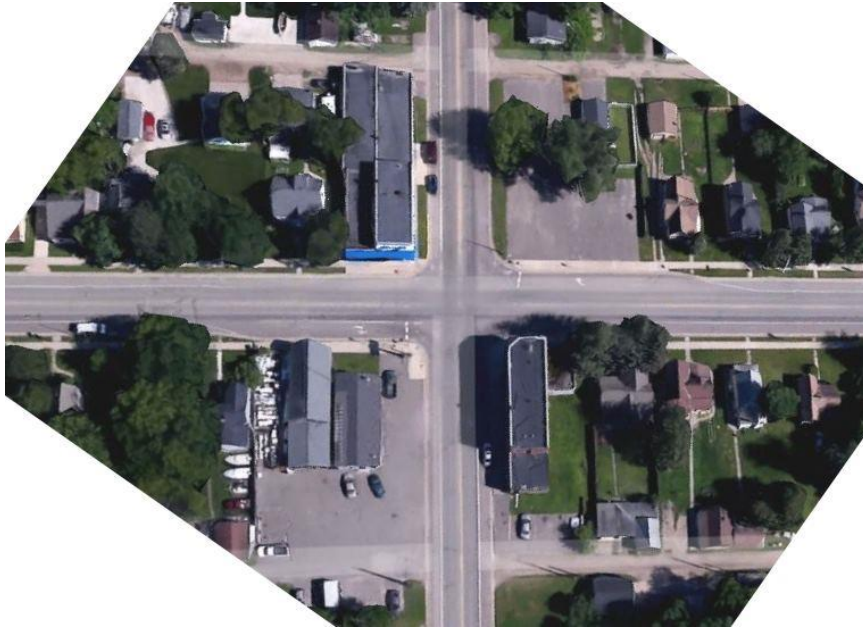
**1304:** Former Bredenberg building, SE corner. (1910 a dry goods store, 1920 shoe repair, 1927 barber shop, 1933 Oak Cash Grocery. When was this brick building built? When was the earlier frame one built?)

**1306:** Small brick residential building east of the 1302 address. (1913 K S Bredenberg residence)

This interesting and very BUSY corner has a fascinating early history. I was particularly interested in the Bredenberg store at 1302 and it's connecting building at 1304. Then I saw an old photo that appeared to show a grocery store in the building connected TO the Bredenberg store at 1304 I assume, and thought that was a bit odd, 2 grocers next to each other. To top it off, there was yet another grocer across the street to the west on the current Yde's laundromat lot, and somehow it included a church. In the old Erickson Furniture building, now a printing shop, was a dry goods store, and in the parking lot on the NE corner was a filling station. An earlier photo appears to show the Bredenberg store as a frame building, so it must have been replaced with a new brick building, the one we see there now. The 1304 adjacent frame building to its east in the old photo is either a newer brick building, or a brick facade was added to the front to make it look more modern, and math 1302.

This imposing two-story Bredenberg building is a bit out of place in the area, as if it was starting the building of a second "downtown". The building would have fit right in there as it rivals the size and look of the Cullen

Building or Slipp Block. I mention those 2 as they are also built with the corner shaved off at a diagonal, to make only 3 such buildings in town. If you know of any long-time families from “Frogtown” of old, you have probably heard them say they rarely left there to go downtown, as everything they needed was right there in their neighborhood. They had several grocers and service stations, flour & feed stores, a school, 2 churches, a shoemaker, a tavern, and even their own firehouse in the earliest days. The main reason for its growth was, of course, the NP railroad shops, which supplied steady employment for a century plus. Oak Street was the main artery in and out of town to the east, long before there was a Crosby, so this would account for the many service stations and stores along the route. See separate list of businesses on Oak St. 1903-1933 Brainerd City Directories:



### 1903 Brainerd City Directory:

**1224:** August Hallquist, Sweedish [sic] Methodist Church; **Hallquist August, Grocer**, Flour., Feed and Provisions 1224 E Oak st, res 819 S 6<sup>th</sup> st, (Josephine). (See page 11)



**1301:** Emil Eckholm; ...mach NP Shops...[This must be the NE corner, no such current address. 2018/515.]

**1302:** Bredenberg & Erickson; (K S Bredenberg, M J Erickson) **grocers** 1302 E Oak st; Bredenberg Karl S (Bredenberg & Erickson), res 607 S 13<sup>th</sup> st, (Katie) [No M J Erickson listed, only an Albert C as a clerk, and a Wm E, manager]

**1304:** Soren Tollefson; emp N P Shops

**1306:** SS Betts; carp N P Shops

1905 photo:



**1910 Brainerd City Directory:**

**1224: Hallquist August**, Grocer, Flour, Feed and Provisions 1224 E Oak st, res 819 S 6<sup>th</sup> st, (Josephine). (See page 10) {Similar ad as in 1903, but adds a phone number, 285.

**1301: F C Cheney**

**1302: Bredenberg & Erickson**

**1304: Erickson Bros Co;** (Oscar F, Albert C, W E Erickson and KS Bredenberg), Boots, Shoes and Gents Furnishings, 1304 E Oak st

**1306: K S Bredenberg**

**1307: Emil Eckholm**

### 1913 Brainerd City Directory:

**1301:** F A Eckholm

**1306:** K S Bredenberg

### 1914 Brainerd City Directory:

**1301:** Frans Mortenson

**1304:** F M Milloch

### 1916 Brainerd City Directory:

**1301:** Adolf Kotka

### 1920 Brainerd City Directory:

**1301:** Kemp Daniel N, live stock, res 1301 E Osk st, (Alice M)

**1302:** K S Bredenberg

**1304:** **Danska Chas H**, Shoe Repairing 1304 Oak st. res 1218 Oak st, (Hulda)

**1306:** J A Erickson

### 1927 Brainerd City Directory:

**1223:** Stenberg John dry gds

**1224:** Moilanen Henry dry gds

**1302:** Bredenberg Grocery Co gro and meats

**1304:** Doane S W barber

### 1933 Brainerd City Directory:

**1212:** **Danska. Chas.**, Shoe Shop [He was at 1304 in 1920 with this business.]

**1214:** **Danska, Chas**

**1223:** Stenberg John dry gds

**1224:** Moilanen Henry

**1301:** Weber's Filling Station [First instance of an address on this corner that I can find.]

**1302:** Bredenberg's Grocery Store

**1304:** **Oak Cash Grocery, h.o.;** (Karl S., Melville O. & Lester Bredenberg, props.) 1304 Oak st. [2018/Sew 'N Sew, or Jan's Sew'n With Heart fabric shop]





2014 clip:



After 5 Days Return to  
**BREDENBERG & ERICKSON**  
 Groceries, Flour and Feed  
 1302 East Oak Street  
 BRAINERD, MINNESOTA



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