

Washington St. NE addresses:

Here is a snip from the 2015 Brainerd Public Library Photo Scanning Project, from the Chester Roberts collection, accession # "2015.035.017-Chester Roberts-Coming from Duluth in to Brainerd-between 4th & 5th Ave.-1937". There appear to be at least 3 service stations on this view looking west towards Franklin School, seen in the background. This 1937 photo was likely taken before the Standard Oil station was built., or else it had a different brand. There was a lot of stuff crammed into a 4 block run, at least 19 businesses. It was not the usual area as nothing could be built on the NPRR side of the road.



It is strange only the 2 center lanes are paved. One would think they'd start from the curb on the business side and go from there!

Closeup snip:



I think the building in the foreground within the rounded roof was the now-gone Champion Auto building, now the Taco John's location. Moving west from there, I don't recognize the tall building that close to the Champion Auto building, but these long-view photos are deceiving... what looks like next door can be a half block away. If that is the case, it could be the Quality Grocery, later Plasteramics building, now demolished in 2017.

**List of businesses going west as best as I can determine, just based on the signs:**

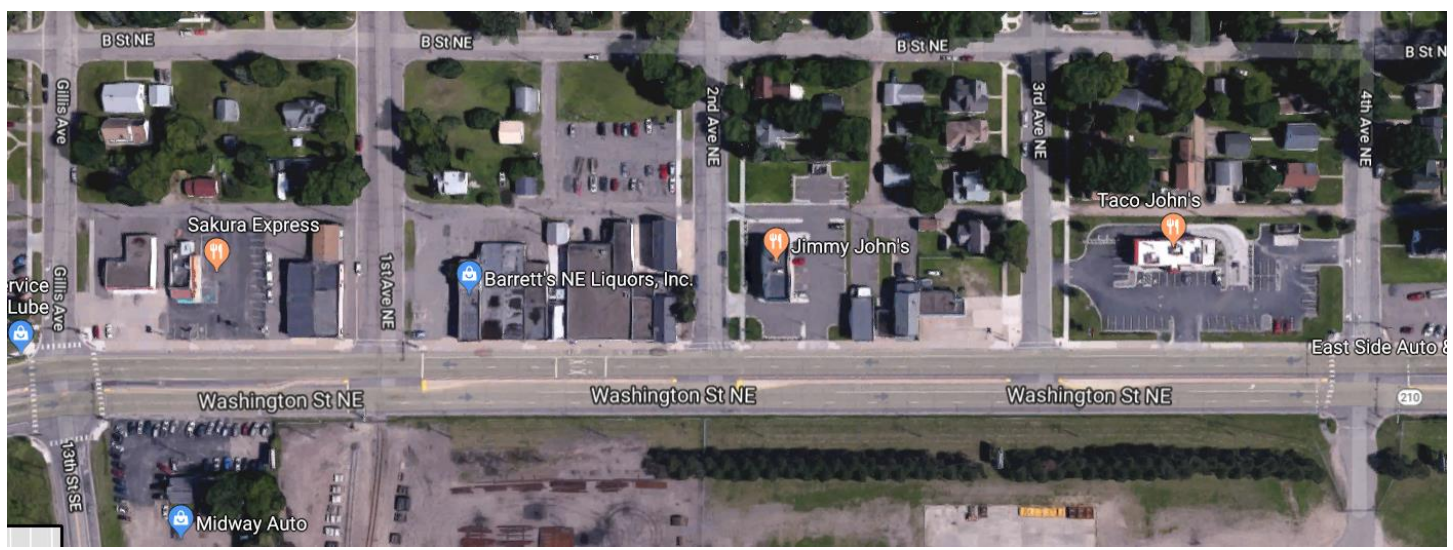
- Champion Auto east side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
- Conoco service station, possibly later that Standard Station, now Corral Auto
- Quality Grocery building
- Texaco service station-could that be the later Jul's Pure Oil on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.?
- GAS xxx sign-could this be the service station on the east side of Gillis, later the dead bread store, now vacant?
- Franklin School

**From the 1937 Brainerd City Directory, going west, A NE (earlier Kindred St., later NE Washington St.):**

- 419: Senneke Caroline Mrs; Jordan Frank H
- 415: Skarohlid [correct spelling] Eliz Mrs [2017/coin shop]
- 223: Hasted Grocery & Confectionery; Gamble Robt J; Halsted Chas L [2017/Corral Auto]
- 211: Murphy Jas P beverages; Franklin Gladys C Mrs restr [earlier Quality Grocery]
- 207: Huseby A Melvin gro; Manning Maurice P; Murphy Jas P
- 201: Miller & Son fill sta [2017/Jimmy John's]
- 123: Skiba Leo F restr [2017/Magic Skillet]
- 121: Koering Fred W meats [earlier Sanitary Meats]
- 119: Guin J Waldo beverages [2007/Esser's Liquors; 2017 NE Antiques]
- 115: Smith Frank W restr 2007/...
- 113: Ebinger Geo shoes [2017/possibly west half of former Esser's Off Sale]

- 111: Liakos Gust G restr; Bedore Earl E [2017/Kevin Matthews Pottery]
  - 109: Scrimshaw Alf F potato chips [2017/TJ Specialty Construction LLC]
  - 105: Swanson & Thoe gros [2007 NE Liquor]
  - 101: Bedore Chas L fill sta [2017/NE Liquor parking lot]
  - 25: Prideaux Frank H garage [This may have offered gas.] [2017/Bernie's TV]
  - 23: Northeast Auto Salvage auto wreckers
  - 3: Murphy Jos W; Gumm Fred A; McGarry Jas A [2017/vacant dead bread store]
  - 1: vacant [2017/Mr. Tire Car Care Center]
  - 1/2: Full Gospel Assembly Evangelical Church
- (A NE-From Creek Bluff e to limits, 1 n of N P Shops, south of A NE N P Ry Shops)

TOTALS: 3 grocers, 4 restaurants, 2 filling stations, possibly 3



TBC, no doubt!

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