

Researching Your Historical Home

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Resources Available

- ❖ Abstract or Torrens title certificate
- ❖ Minneapolis Development Review Kiosk - Public Service Center
- ❖ Hennepin County History Museum and Library (<http://hennepinhistory.org>)
- ❖ Library of Congress website (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>)
- ❖ Ancestry (www.ancestry.com)
- ❖ Neighbors
- ❖ **James K. Hosmer Special Collections, Minneapolis Central Library (<http://www.hclib.org/about/locations/special-collections>)
- ❖ **Minnesota History Center - Gale Family Library (<http://sites.mnhs.org/library/>)
- ❖ **Northwest Architectural Archives - University of Minnesota

Definitions

- ❖ Abstract - A written history of all recorded documents and proceedings related to a property, kept in a single large document (sales, mortgages, liens, court proceedings). Abstract records are kept by the county recorder's office.
- ❖ Torrens - A newer, frequently used recording system. Certificates of titles are kept by the county registrar and provide conclusive proof of ownership.
- ❖ Legal Description - The official definition of a parcel of land, including information about the property's location and boundaries
- ❖ Building Permit - A city-issued document allowing the construction of - or changes to - a structure. Original building permits date to the time of construction.



Minneapolis Development Review Kiosk Public Service Center

Room 300 250 South 4th Street Minneapolis 55415 <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/mdr/index.htm>

Phone Number: 612-673-3000 Hours: Mon - Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Retrieving Original Residential Permit

- ❖ Builder
- ❖ Architect
- ❖ Original square footage
- ❖ Original home-owner
- ❖ All additional work completed on your home

Original

Owner

Architect

Builder

R. W. Munger
None
C. J. Weston

Mr. New Stars, Women's Market
PERMIT TO BUILD OUTSIDE OF FIRE LIMITS.

NO. B 50786

Office of the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS,

Minneapolis, Minn., *3/19* 190*2*

Original Owner
Architect
Original Owner

PROPOSED LOCATION OF BUILDING.

No.	Street	Part of Lot	Lot	Block	Town, Addition or Subdivision	Ward
<i>1523</i>	<i>So. Fremont Ave.</i>	<i>SW 1/4</i>	<i>88 1/4</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Grandland</i>	<i>4</i>

DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING

Front	Depth	Height	Stories	Build of	Manner of Construction	To be Used as	To be Completed	Estimated Cost	No. F	Writing Application	No. P	Permitting Application	No. E	Inspector's Certificate
<i>36</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>Frame</i>	<i>dwg.</i>		<i>6/15</i>	<i>7,600.</i>	<i>6149</i>		<i>18334</i>		<i>16403</i>	

Original Owner

Permission is hereby granted to *C. J. Weston* to erect the building foundation described in the above statement. This permit is granted upon the express condition that the person to whom it is granted, and his agents, employes and workmen, in all the work done in, around and upon said building, and any part thereof, shall conform in all respects to the ordinances of the City of Minneapolis, regarding the construction, alteration, repair and removal of buildings in the city limits; and this permit may be revoked at any time upon violation of any of the provisions of said ordinances.

as. J. P. ... Inspector of Buildings.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of the issue and delivery to me by the Inspector of Buildings of the City of Minneapolis, of Building Permit No. B 50786 I hereby agree to do the proposed work in accordance with the description above set forth and according to the provisions of the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate the Construction, Repair and Removal of Buildings in the City of Minneapolis" and amendments thereto.

Dated Minneapolis, Minn. *3/19* 190*2*

C. J. Weston (SEAL)

Retrieving Remaining Residential Permits

- ❖ Visit Kiosk at the Public Service Center
- ❖ Hennepin Country Library digitalcollections.hclib.org
Minneapolis Building Permit Index Card Collection

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

LOCATION 1823---Fremont Ave. So.

LOT None BLOCK 52 ADD. 3211 0989 0069 1370
Groveland Add.

PERMIT NO.	CONSTRUCTION	DATE	CONTRACTOR	COST
B 50786	36x38 Fr. dwlg.	3-8-02	C.J. Weston	760
D 18334	Plbg.	4-2-02	Hineline & Co.	40
F 6149	Elec.	4-14-02	Mpls. Gen. Elec. Co.	60
B 51964	26x36 Fr. barn	5-28-02	C.J. Weston	1100
F 6581	Barn	8-5-02	Mpls. Gen. Elec. Co.	10
F 15346	Elec.	12-8-05	W.O. Hartig	10
B 87090	Rep.	5-5-10	H. Archer & Co.	175
B 97576	36x12 Fr. add to dwlg. & alt.	4-13-12	N. Jensen	2500
D 58962	Plbg.	5-20-12	Mpls. Plbg. Co.	1000
F 48256	Elec.	5-29-12	Pierson Wilcox Elec. Co.	95
F 49923	Elec.	8-20-12	Chas. Wilkins & Co.	225
D 149187	Plbg.	11-1-22	M. Mattson	110
B 173617	11x17 Conc. Blk. pri. gar. add. to stu. dwlg.	10-1-23	J.L Robinson Co.	700
F 242916	Elec.	9-30-30	Parsons Elec. Serv. Co.	75
B-276150	Reroof fr. dwlg.	10-28-43	John A. Dalsin & Son	350
D-401588	Repl. gas range	8-18-48	M. Mattson	37
D 420677	gas wat. htr.	8-19-49	Chas. J. Lamb Co.	200

Hennepin History Museum

2303 Third Ave South Minneapolis 55404

612-870-1329 history@hennepinhistory.org

www.hennepinhistory.org

- ❖ Phone books - reverse look-up (1930)
- ❖ Bob Glancy Real Estate Collection
- ❖ Call the museum to have them pull any photos or documentation they may have on your address
- ❖ Take a visit through the museum!

Library of Congress

❖ <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>



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100 Years Ago Today: 5/12/1917 (102 issues)



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St. Martinsville [i.e. St. Martinville] La.



The Evening herald. (4pp.)
Klamath Falls, Or.



Evening times-Republican. (12pp.)
Marshalltown, Iowa

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R. B. Pelton, 243 Sixth avenue S, secured the general contract to erect a residence at 1776 James av S for Burt P. Munson. It will be 38x55, two stories, attic and basement, modern throughout, a frame barn, 24x36, \$7,000. He has also the contract to erect a frame residence at 406 Seventeenth avenue SE for R. M. Hessington, which will be 25x40, two stories, modern throughout. Cost, \$4,000.

Gluck Albert mngr Monarch Novelty Co
r 1734 Irving av S

Ancestry

- ❖ Family Trees
- ❖ Descendant information
- ❖ Census results
- ❖ Could lead to photographs



Albert Gluck 1734 Irving Ave So
Gluck - Sharp Family Tree. *Ancestry Family Tree Search*. Retrieved Jan 15,
2017, www.ancestry.com

Why is this important?

Connecting you to your home for preservation purposes

- ❖ “Preservation represents commitment to remembering the past and preparing for a sustainable future”
- ❖ “Demolition and new construction not only consume present-day energy, but negates and wastes the past energy investment made in a building.”
- ❖ “The architecture of your home is a direct and substantial representation of history and place.”
- ❖ “It is important to remember that the act of demolition is irreversible. No amount of regret, redoubled effort, or expense can possibly bring back a lost historic structure.”