

Como in Davison's 1886-1887 Minneapolis City Directory
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The Como neighborhood of Minneapolis in 1886 consisted of **Elwell's Addition** (1882) and **Elwell's Second Addition** (1882) to Minneapolis. The first was platted from Como Ave. to Division St. (today's East Hennepin Ave..) and from 14th Ave. to 18th Ave. SE. The second went from Como Ave. to Division St., 10th Ave. SE to 14th Ave. SE., plus two blocks north of Division St. to Winter St., between 14th and 16th Aves. Nothing was built yet in **Elwell's Third Addition** (south of Como Ave. and west of 14th Ave. SE).

James T. Elwell, the real estate developer who platted these additions on land he had purchased along the Como Road, implemented the laying out of the streets and drained the marsh waters from the peat bog in what today we would call West Como. As general contractor, he would build 55 houses here in the first ten years of his development (not all are constructed yet, in this 1886 Directory). He also lived in Como, which he envisioned as a "suburb" for the middle classes. The houses were either single-family homes or natural duplexes; there were no apartment buildings or tenement houses in the early Como neighborhood. There was a school (Tuttle School, 1883), a grocery at 13th and Como Ave., and a Congregational church (1882), but not yet a park; Van Cleve Park would be established in 1890. James Stinson had donated his Boulevard land above Oak St. (18th Ave. SE), but it would take some time for the Park Board to develop it. The new Elwell development was not yet served by streetcars.

In the mid-1880s, the East City Limits in the Como neighborhood were at Oak St./18th Ave. SE/Stinson's Boulevard. There is nothing east of that in this Directory, although there probably were farms that would be part of Hennepin County, but not of the city of Minneapolis. The 1867 St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad line (later the Great Northern) marked the southern limit of the Como neighborhood, as it does today. In 1885, the Northern Pacific Railroad stunned the city of Minneapolis by building a diagonal rail line through Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis, unannounced. That line went east of Elwell's development, but it bisects today's larger Como neighborhood.

House numbers are different than they would be in later Directories. Here, with Como Ave. being regarded as a numerical extension of 9th St. SE, house numbers on the streets up from Como Ave. begin with 900 (later: 1000). The 1000 numbers (later: approximately 1060 and up) begin at Talmadge Ave., which seems to be an extension of 10th St. SE. The development is so new that there is confusion in the use of old and new street names (Mary St. has become 17th Ave. SE but most people don't use that yet), and often just the general area is given ("Como Ave. near 17th Ave.") rather than a precise house number.

This early Minneapolis City Directory is full of errors, and where they occur is not always detectable. Thus, the following list of the earliest Como residents and businesses is only an approximation.

Brook Ave. [“first south of Como east from 14th Ave. SE”]

Como Ave. [“from 10th Ave. SE and 9th St. —east”]

Corner of 9th St. SE Pillsbury Elevator [under Pillsbury Grain Elevator, says: 9th Ave. SE corner of 9th St., indicating that Como Ave. ==9th St. SE]

Corner of 9th St. SE W. C. Stetson and Co., planing mill.

Corner of 10th Ave. SE Eastman Bovey and Co. manufacturers and lumber dealers. [they have another yard, at 2nd St. and 11th Ave. S]

1300 Lante, Henry, grocer. [He resides 15th Ave. SE]

Near 17th Ave. SE Bailey, William C. (hardwood lumber 116 NE 5th St.).
Resides.

(no number): Haseltine, Miss Laila A., employee, C. E. Young
and Co. (printers, 208 1st Ave. S). Resides.

Corner of Oak St. [Oak St.==18th Ave. SE] Rolfe, Nelson, carpenter. Resides.

Division Street [“divides NE from SE, from 9th St. and Harrison St., to east”]

Corner of 5th Ave. SE [alt: corner of Taylor St.] Church and Graves

Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, etc.

[Separate ad: Manufacturer of and Wholesale Dealers in Doors, Sash, Blinds and Mouldings. Proprietors Chicago Steam Planing Mill, situated on track of M and St. Louis and St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railroads, where lumber is loaded on cars for all points.]

Corner of 6th Ave. SE Bellamy, Jared W., carpenter. Resides.

Corner of 6th Ave. SE Bennett, Horace G., laborer. Resides.

Corner of Lincoln St. Stewart, Walter, teamster. Resides.

Near 10th Ave. SE Cornfelt, John, laborer. Resides.

Elm Street [this street does not yet exist]

Johnson Street [“from 10th Ave SE and 9th St.—north”]

345 De Luce, Vincenzo, laborer. Resides.

Oliver, Thomas, laborer. Resides.

Patrick, Peter, laborer. Resides.

Ragle, Anthony, laborer. Resides.

Rano, Antonio, Railroad laborer. Resides.

Rano, Joseph, laborer. Resides.

Rapp, Charles, cooper, Minneapolis Bbl Co. [barrel?]

Sbassa, Angel, laborer. Resides.

Yonnono, Loui [sic] G., Railroad laborer. Resides.

Near Spring St. Rondo, Louis, herder. Resides.

Lincoln St. NE

Near Division St. Root, L. O. Resides.

Near Division St. Spaulding, N. G., employee, W. C. Stetson and Co. (planing mill, 9th St. SE and Como Ave.) Resides.

53 Hines, John, herder. Resides.

359 Speaker, Mrs. Mary. Resides.

Mary Street [original name for 17th Ave. SE; see below]

914 Phillips, Martin V. B., agent, Svenska Folkets Tidning and Folkebladet (78 Tribune Bldg.). Resides.

915 Wilkinson, Amasa P., co-owns Drew and Wilkinson (wholesale plate glass, 14 N. 5th St.). Resides. [He lists his address as 17th Ave., SE, not Mary St. like the others here]

Deming, Miss H. J., teacher. Boards.

918 Baxter, Miss Bertha A. Resides.

Bushan, H. S., special police. Resides.

919 Lesselyoung, N. A. s. engineer. Resides.

921 Smith, Cyrus L., nursery. Resides.

Oak Street [see below: 18th Ave. SE]

Rollins Ave. [“next north of SE 8th St. on 14th Ave. SE—runs east”]

Stinson’s Boulevard [aka East Side Boulevard] 200 feet wide. Listed as a Public Park.

Talmadge Ave. [“first north of Como, east from Johnson St.”]

1201 Cuzner, James, draughtsman, F. L. Straw (civil engineer 101 Central Ave.). Resides.

Tuttle Street [original name for 16th Ave. SE north of Como Ave.; “from Como Ave. north between 15th and 16th Aves. SE”]

Winter Street NE [“from Harrison St. east--first north of Division St.”]

1310 Ferrin, Loren A., teamster. Resides.

Phillips, John A. Resides.

1312 McGrath, Patrick, granite paver. Boards.

1314 McNulty, J., stone cutter. Resides.

9th Street SE

near 8th Ave. SE Auger, Thomas, laborer. Resides.

807 Williams, John D., employee, Minneapolis Furniture Co. Resides.

901 Putnam, J. L., millwright. Resides.

10th St. SE

101 Rowe, Frank W., farmer. Resides.

Rowe, Mrs. James. Resides.

10th Ave. SE

corner of 8th St. SE: C. D. Haven and Co., lumber manufacturers and dealer.
at Como Ave.: fire alarm box

11th Ave. SE

12th Ave. SE

- 901, corner of Como Ave. SE [sic]. Garie, I. E., painter at W. P. Swanberg (only an N. P. Swanberg, carriage and wagon manufacturer 605 S. 3rd St.). Resides.
- 902 Getchell, Henry L., patrolman. Resides.
- 906 Walker, George F., miller, Pillsbury A mill. Resides.
- 908 Brewster, H., student. Resides.
- 914 Bradford, Miss Lena, employee, telephone exchange. Resides.
- 917 Cosby, O. L., superintendent of factory, Minneapolis Sash and Door Co. (1019-1023 2nd Ave. SE). Resides.
Bevis, James, boards.
- 921 Babcock, D. L. traveling man (missionary). Resides.
- 927 Conroy, Joseph, contractor. Resides.
- 1023 Foyle, Robert A., employee, Minneapolis Furniture Factory (manufacturers of furniture and wire mattresses, 5th Ave. SE corner of 9th st.]. Resides.
- 1026 Lyman, Thaddeus A., stair builder, Church and Graves (mfrs. of sash, door, blinds, mouldings, etc. 5th Ave. SE at Division St.). Resides.
- 1028 Minor, Clam J., scribe. Resides.
Hancock, Frank, student. Boards.

13th Ave. SE

- 905 Morse, William, manager, Minneapolis Towel Exchange, Rm. 6, 42 Washington Ave. S. Resides.
Morse, W.W., bookkeeper, E. H. Steele (Boston One Price Clothing Store 201-203 S. Washington Ave. and 241 and 243 2nd Ave. S) Resides.
- 909 Tucker, Herbert E., real estate, 42 Washington Ave. S. Resides.
Tucker, Henry, real estate. Boards.
- 918 Yates, B. G., weigher, Pillsbury A Elevator. Resides.
- 923 Fuller, Willis W., traveling agent N. S. Boot and Shoe Co. Resides.
- 924 Bebb, William G. (Bebb and A. M. Hoffman druggists 228 20th Ave. N). Resides.
Bebb, William B., clerk Torrance and Fletcher. (lawyers, rm. 440 Temple Court). Boards
- 927 Foster, A. E., lawyer 33 and 34 Kasota Block. Resides.
- 928 Barton, Elijah, lawyer 42 S. Washington Ave. Resides.
Barton, G. C., physician, 42 S. Washington Ave. Resides.
- 1003 Gleason, Rev. H. W., pastor, Como Ave. Congregational Church. Resides.
Gleason, Mrs. H. W., teacher, North Western Conservatory of Music. Resides.
- 1004, corner of Talmage Ave. Irwin, George H., real estate. Resides.
- 1008 Christenson, William, gardener. Resides.

- Peterson, Andrew, laborer; also listed as employee, Clough Brothers
(lumber manufacturers and dealers, 42 Central Ave.)
Johnson, Adam, surveyor. Boards.
1013 Elwell, George H., president and manager, Minneapolis Furniture Company
(mfrs. of furniture and wire mattresses, 5th Ave. SE corner of 9th
St.). Resides.
1044 McCluskey, James A., real estate. Resides.

14th Ave. SE

- University Ave. at 14th Ave. SE: University of Minnesota (“take University and
Hennepin horse cars”)
914 Belknap, John S., switchman. Resides.
Belknap, Miss M. Z., clerk, J. R. Elliot (jewelry and music 251 Nicollet
Ave.). Resides.
918 Como Avenue Congregational Church. H. W. Gleason
923 Backstrom, Simon, employee, Eastman Bovey and Co. (lumber 10th Ave.
SE and Como Ave.) Resides.
Dahlgren, John, employee, Clough Brothers (lumber 42 Central Ave.).
Resides.
926 Stanley, Richard, employee, Pillsbury elevator (9th Ave. SE and 9th St.).
Resides.
at Talmadge Ave. [sic]: Tuttle School.
1000 Carleton, D. L., carpenter. Resides.
1010 Carlin, Fred E., employee, C. D. Haven and Co. (lumber manufacturers and
dealers 10th Ave. SE corner of 8th Street). Resides.
1020 Payne, George W., bookkeeper, E. J. Swan (broker and real estate. Room
38 Loan and Trust Bldg.). Resides.

15th Ave. SE

- Between 8th and 9th Streets Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway.
Yard. Selvig, N. M., yardman. Resides.
Corner of 9th St. [Como Ave.?] Weaver, John A., gardener. Resides.
903 Elwell, James T., real estate 42 S. Washington Ave. Resides.
904 Mooney, John E., rail road engineer. Resides.
905 Morse, W. D., bookkeeper. Resides. [may be typo, for 13th Av?]
907 Raymond, Hays. Resides.
Rugg, D. C., bookkeeper, Newton B. Marsh [commercial merchant at City
Market] Resides.
911 Cotton, Mrs. Mary R. Resides.
Minish, J. P., laborer. Boards.
Minish, William H., laborer. Boards.
912 Raymond, Lynn, dairy man. Resides.
923 Case, Warren, wheat inspector. Resides.
Case, Charles W., clerk. Boards.
928 Foyle, George, clerk. Resides.
929 Blackburn, William R., travelling agent. Resides.

- 1000 Lante, Henry, grocer at 1300 Como Ave. SE. Resides.
 Lante, Miss Katie E., music teacher. Resides.
- 1001 Hard, John W., comp[ositor?], Minneapolis Tribune Co. Resides.
- 1004 Fomble, A. C. Resides. [typo for Fowble, as next door, or vice versa?]
- 1006 Barkhurst, Mrs. B. S. Resides.
 Fowble, T. D., secretary and treasurer, Minneapolis Asphalt Pavement Co.
 (office 331 Hennepin Ave.). Resides.
- 1007 Aker, Andrew, bricklayer. Resides.
- 1009 Hoover, J. M., general agent for Perkins Wind Mills 304 3rd Ave. N.
 Resides.
 Hoover, William M., clerk at J. M. Hoover. Resides.
- 1016 Parlin, Horace C., U. S. Postal clerk. Resides.
 Parlin, Miss F. E. Resides.
- 1021 Cosby, C. F. job printing 4th St. between Hennepin and 1st Ave. N. Resides.
- 1022 Ellsworth, E. B., traveling agent Shotwell Clerihew and Lothmann
 (wholesale druggists 509 and 511 Nicollet Ave.). Resides.
 Ellsworth, Fred S., clerk, Shotwell Clerihew and Lothmann. Resides.
- 1023 Loring, Levi. Resides.
 Loring, Miss Etta, principal, Tuttle School. Resides.
- 1026 Way, Charles M., secretary, Minneapolis Furniture Co. (manufacturers of
 furniture and wire mattresses, 5th Ave., SE corner of 9th St.)
 Resides.
- 1029 Gilman, Carlos, carpenter. Resides.
 Ireland, Fred, fireman, Minneapolis Furniture Co. (manufacturers of
 furniture and wire mattresses, 5th Ave. SE and 9th St.) Resides.
 Ireland, S. C., s. engineer, Minneapolis Furniture Co. (manufacturers of
 furniture and wire mattresses, 5th Ave. SE corner of 9th St.)
 Resides.
 Long, F. E., carpenter. Resides.
- 1107 Van Valkenburgh, E. P. lumber. Resides. [connected to C. D. Haven and
 Co. Van Valkenburgh, et al.—they live SE; yard on 10th Ave. at 8th
 St. SE]

16th Ave. SE [originally Tuttle St., in Elwell's Addition 1882]

- 801 Anderson, Anton, laborer. Resides.
- 860 Erickson, Fred, shoemaker. Resides.
 Jernell, Alfred J., shoemaker. Resides.
 Sandy, Ellick, moulder at Smith and Wyman [mfrs. of sash, doors, and
 blinds. 8th St. corner of 2nd Ave. SE]. Resides.
- Near 9th St. SE (Como Ave.?) Brodin, John, laborer.
 Jernell, E. M., carpenter. Resides.
- 903 Furber, George, bookkeeper, Minneapolis Furniture Co. (manufacturers of
 furniture and wire mattresses, 5th Ave. SE corner of 9th St.)
 Resides.
- 904 Young, E. W., special agent, Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. room
 21 Loan and Trust Bldg. Resides.

- Couper, Edgar J., student. Boards.
Wilson, Edna B., student. Boards.
- 906 Hall, David L., scaler [in lumber mill?]. Resides.
Hall, Fred L., scaler. Resides.
- 907 Staples, Mrs. Kate. Resides.
Miller, John, laborer. Resides.
- 912 Osterhout, Charles M., machinist. Resides.
Williams, William W., contractor. Boards.
- 917 Gruber, Adam S., employee, William C. Bailey (lumber, 116 NE 5th St.).
Resides.
Potter, Frank, scaler [of lumber?]. Boards.
- 924 Avery, George A., s. engineer. Resides.
Bean, Hersey, laborer. Resides.
- 929 Reeves, Archie W., grocer. Resides.
Reeves, I. P. Resides. [Fred P. Reeves? Grocery at 300 SE 9th St.]
Corner of 10th St. [i.e., Talmadge Ave.] Ringrose, Charles, gardener. Resides.
Ringrose, George, gardener. Resides.
- 1002 Elwell, Talmadge [sic], real estate, 42 S. Washington Ave. Resides.
- 1009 Skeels, O. L., U.S. mail agent. Resides.
Parmelee, Frank L., carpenter. Boards.
- 1013 Coffin, W. F., U. S. mail agent. Resides.
- 1014 Pitts, John, clerk, Barnes Hengerer Dale and Co. [wholesale dry goods and
notions, 501 and 503 Nicollet Ave.]. Resides.
Pitts, Tomas, clerk, C. S. Leeds and Co. [elevators and building materials,
26 Syndicate Block]. Resides.
- 1017 Fritz, Alonso W., painter. Resides. [typo here, 16th Ave. instead of 15th?]
- 1600 Butler, E. O., carpenter. Resides. [no such address!]

17th Ave. SE [this is still called Mary St.; see above]

- 915 Wilkinson, Amasa P. co-owns Drew and Wilkinson (wholesale plate glass,
14 N. 5th St.). Resides.

18th Ave. SE [earlier name: Oak St.]

- 903 Lathrop, Morill D., machinist, Dakota Mill (6th Ave. S corner of 1st St.).
Resides.
- 905 Knowlton, G. W., laborer, North Star Iron Works (River St. corner of 2nd
Ave. N.). Resides.
- 919 McAfee, William J. (co-owns McAfee and Lovejoy, Nicollet Island Roller
Mill, Nicollet Island). Resides.