



Upper left photo of The Rayvic Station: circa 1960's

Upper right photo of Victor Grothjan

Lower left photo of Ed McNamara

(all photos were provided by Steve Grothjan)

The Rayvic Company

Located at 1501 E. Hennepin Ave. The original business was established in 1932 by Ed McNamara, who had the gas station on the very corner, and Bill Slathar, who had the service station. Ed lived right next door at 1134 SE 15th Ave. (the house was torn down a few years ago to make room for expansion).

Both Raymond Poquette and Victor Grothjan served in World War II and worked for Ed when they came back. Raymond lived at 635 Fillmore St. NE and Victor lived at 1067 SE 16th Ave. Ed suggested that they buy him out, so they did – in 1946 – and renamed it “Rayvics”.

Victor Grothjan sold the business to his son, Steve, in 1978. In 1981, Steve added to the company when he bought the Skelly Oil station at 451 Stinson Blvd. This station had been sitting empty and for sale for a while; Rayvic Stinson did a lot of business serving trucks in the Mid-City Industrial Area that had really developed in the late 1960's and early 1970's. The amount of trucking business has since fallen off, and he sold the property in 2005.

In 2003, Steve did a complete update of the exterior, including landscaping and painting. His goal was to take the look of the station back to its original, complete with the flying red Mobil horse.

