

Street Notes
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Beaver Avenue was originally called the "Old Ft. Dodge Stage Road."

In 1917 Beaver Avenue was the "official" road to Camp Dodge.

Beaver Avenue was listed in a 1915 atlas as the Panora Speedway.

The Section of Beaver Avenue north of Hyperion club was once called the River Road.

Lower Beaver Road was called Ridge Road in the early days of Beaverdale.

Beaver Avenue was paved with brick in 1917.

An old map dated 1880 found in the city directory listed Grand Avenue as Greenwood, Beaver Avenue (Forest to 41st) as Oakdale, (at College Street) as Harbach Boulevard, (at Hickman) as Ravenwood Road.

Hickman Road had three different names before 1936. Between 6th Avenue and west city limits it was known as Prospect Road, St. Joseph Ave., and Hickman Road.

Leado Ave. began as an access lane to a coal mine on the south-east corner of Urbandale Avenue and 34th Street.

The Urbandale Interurban once crossed Merle Hay Road on a high wooden trestle, which was removed after World War II.

The Urbandale street car had hourly service from its earliest days.

In the 1920's the street car company provided shelters for the waiting riders, located at 30th and Urbandale, 34th and Leado, 36th and Urbandale, Merle Hay and Urbandale.

Walker's Grocery Store at 70th Street and Roseland Avenue was the end of the line for the Urbandale street car.