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What Was That Building First ?



The building at 301 Grand, indicated, was built in 1907 for the Kenyon Printing Co. It later housed Gambs-Holmes Motor Co., a car dealership. A portion of the building was removed for the silver one-story showroom in the 1940s with windows along the street sides. That part of the building displayed the Tucker automobile in 1947. It is now part of RDg Planning and Design.

Built in 1947 at 2053 E. Grand, on a slip of land next to a house at 2051 E. Grand, this building and the house were owned by Leonard DeMoss. Mr. DeMoss was a butcher at that time. It is listed as a delicatessen the year it was built in the city directory. It doesn't have a sign out front indicating a commercial use presently.



This building at 440 E. Grand was built in 1929 as the Daniel Brothers Super Service Station. It was a full-service station in what is now the East Village. It had gas pumps, a car wash and a repair shop, the latter is the recessed part of the building, right of center in the picture. When it was opened September 4, they held a public dance there. Now the front part of the building is a bar and other businesses are along 5th street.