

## *Mississippi Crossings*

### **Original Central Business District**

Besides serving as a boat land area, and an important river crossing between the cities of Anoka and Champlin, the Crossings served as Champlin's original central business district. The following pages show a map and a list of business occupying the Crossings around 1900.

The photographs have been provided courtesy of the Champlin Historical Society.

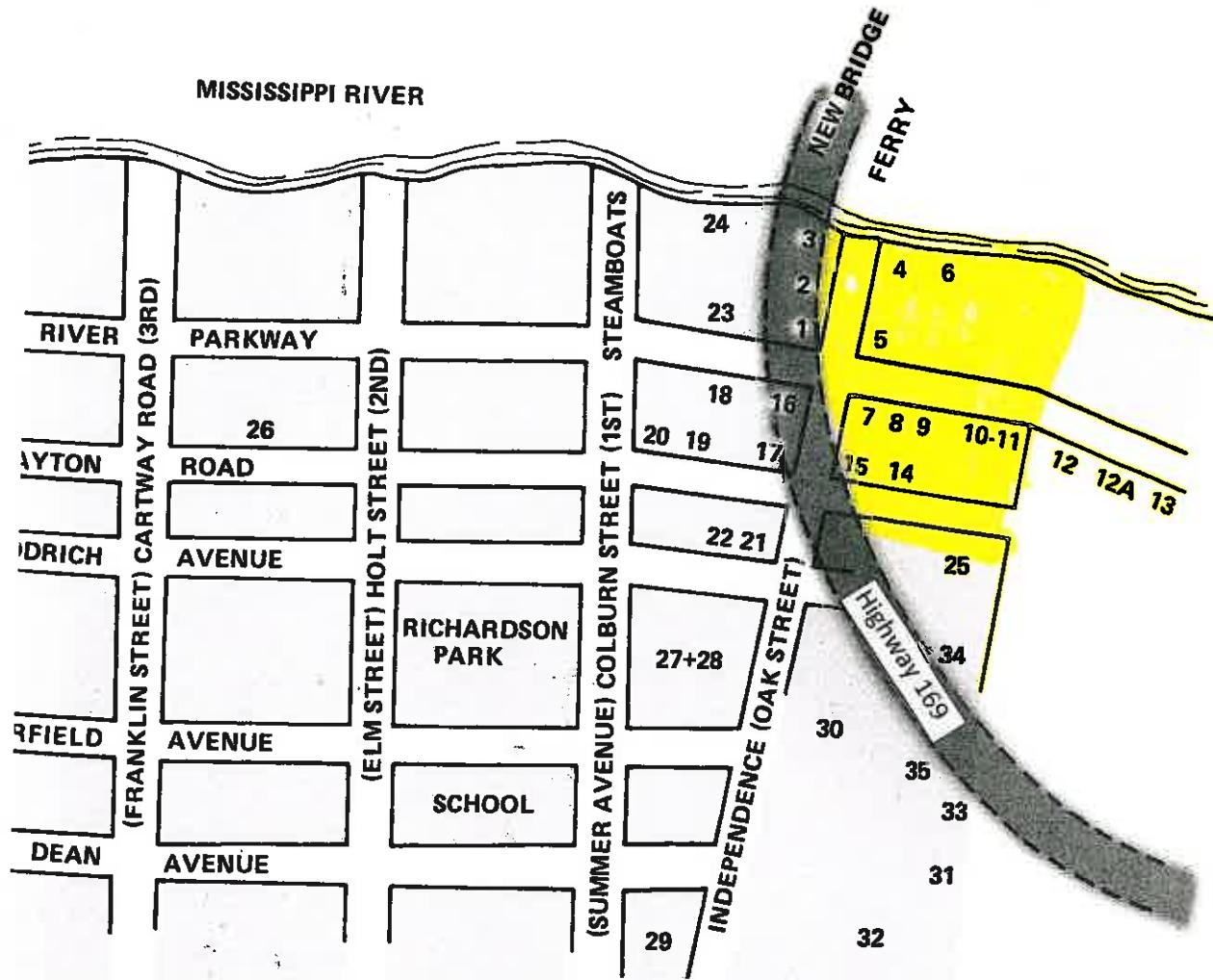
# MISSISSIPPI CROSSINGS BUSINESSES

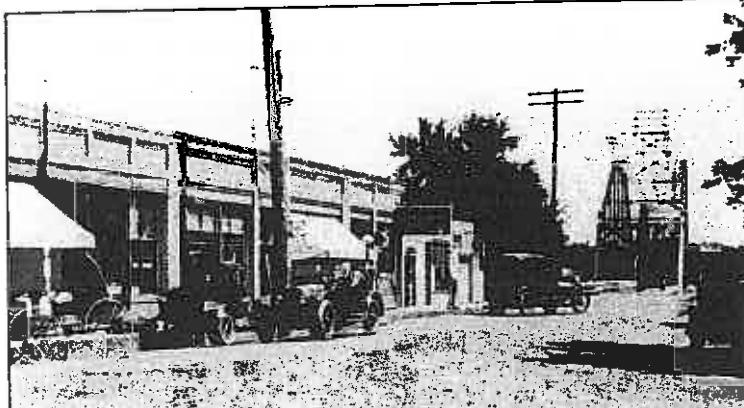
## Circa 1900-

1. O. S. Miller Store	14. LaFleur Shoe Repair
Morses' Grocery Store	Jerry's Barbershop
2. Tessie Hare's Confectionary	15. Goodrich & Johnson Feed Mill
Al Hame's Confectionary	Mobile Station
3. Champlin Garage (Felix & Leathers)	Thrift Bakery
D-X Service Station	16. Leather's Boarding House
4. Guimont's Confectionery	Coleman Boarding House
Riverview Inn	Barnsdall Service Station
5. White Eagle Gas	John Carlson's Garage
Champlin Oil Co.	Sinclair Service Station
Shell Service Station & Cafe	17. Herrick Undertaking & Embalming
Super America Station	18. Livery Stable
6. Sage's River View Cabins	19. Johannson Bus Garage
7. Champlin Bank	The Shop
Post office	20. George Adcock
8. Gem Theatre	Al Talbot's Garage
Meeting Hall	21. Library
9. Kimball & Snow building	22. R. Reynold's Blacksmith
1886 Alfred Snow	Ebnst House Moving
1895 Alden S. Kimball & Snow	Johansen's Feed Store
1909 Reynolds & Eidem	Olstad
1915 Alva Smith & Arthur Snow	Bee Supplies
1918 Alden S. Kimball	23. Morses' Grocery
1920 Kimball & Joslyn	Post Office
1928 Mr. Henry Dehn	K's Gifts
1931 Archie Butt	Champlin Hair Fashions
1934 Jack Spratt Grocery	24. Blake's Grocery
1944 Board & Tenold	George Adcock's Service Station
10. Kimball's Feed Store	25. Board & Tenold Grocery
DeJarlais Garage	Champlin Liquor
Champlin Motor Inn (Burke Garage)	26. Brander's Carriage Shop
Legg Garage	Earl Pierson Home
Anoka Independent Grain & Feed	27. M. E. Church
11. Max O Tire	28. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Methodist Church Location
Barber Shop & Pool Hall	29. Baptist Church
12. Stahlberg's Grocery	30. Bank
Champlin Post Office	31. Community Service Center
12A. Pinecrest Floral Service	32. 3 <sup>rd</sup> location United Methodist Church
13. Guimont's Confectionery	33. Homes Unlimited
Max Chelley Barber Shop	34. Leta's Motel
S. R. Coleman Blacksmith	35. Elm Creek Animal Hospital

The locations of these businesses are shown on the following map.

# MISSISSIPPI CROSSINGS BUSINESS LOCATION MAP Circa 1900-





(Top) Orange Miller's Buildings.  
CA 1916, horses and horseless  
carriages still competing.  
(Codes 1, 2, and 3).



(Left) Business block at west end  
of Champlin-Anoka Bridge,  
1916. Orange Miller's Grocery,  
General Merchandise Stores and  
Champlin Garage. Tessie Hare's  
Confectionary near end of Garage.  
(Codes 1, 2, and 3)



(Lower left) Interior of Morses'  
Grocery in old O. S. Miller  
Building. (Code 1)

(Bottom right) New Morses'  
Grocery Building to replace old  
Orange Miller Building that was  
taken out by the highway and new  
bridge construction. (Code 23)

(Bottom left) Interior of E. E.  
Morses' Grocery. (Code 23)





The corner of Oak Street and 1st Street (River Parkway). Kimball & Snow's Store (9) and Gem Theater (8). Meeting hall upstairs over theater behind first car.



River Parkway CA 1935. Scene looking west up River Parkway. In 1950, highway construction diverted all traffic from this street and made it a dead end that killed off the business on the street. (Codes 10-7) Champlin Motor Inn, Max O Tires, Barber Shop & Pool Hall. Garage built and operated by Fred DeJarlais then Lawrence Burke, later Warren Legg operated it. Ernie Peterson of Independent Grain & Feed demolished it later. (Code 10).



In the early 1930's the establishment of the River View Cabins and the Shell gas station/cafe on the Mississippi in Champlin became known as Sage's Corner. Originally owned by William Earl Sage and family. During the 1950s, Louis and Lila Durant, owned the Shell Station and Cafe. (Codes 5 & 6)

## Snow & Kimball Building (Code 9)



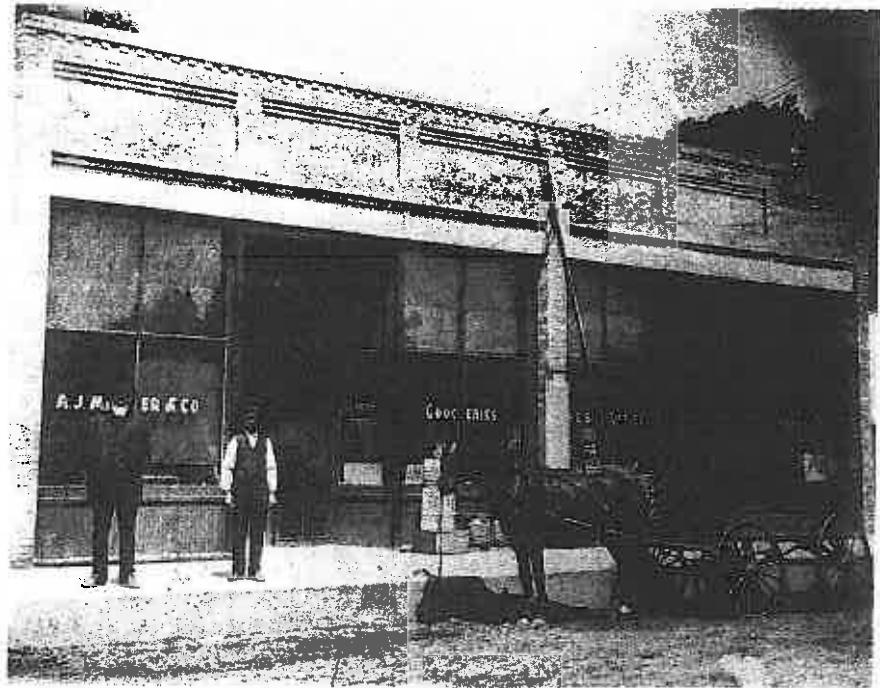
*(Top) Left to right: Mr. Hans Eidem, Mr. Charles Hinkley and Mr. Reynold Reynolds. In operation from 1909 to 1915 on 1st Street, now Riverview Parkway, Champlin.*



*(Middle) Exterior of Snow & Kimball and unidentified customers.*



*(Bottom) Interior of Reynolds and Eidem Store groceries, dry goods and notions, 1909 to 1915.*



*Horse and wagon in front of A. J. Miller's grocery store in Champlin. Arthur J. Miller was the only son of Orange and Mary Miller. Arthur died from complications due to influenza in 1917 at the age of 42. Undated Photograph*