



# A House With Many Names, It Has A Lot Of History

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H. Fisch Company, a regionally respected builder and contractor. In 1905 J. H. Fisch created the J. H. Fisch Company. He built numerous homes and businesses in Barnesville, even contracting outside the state for many jobs. Included in his endeavors was a building moving business, with grain elevators being a specialty.

The Fisch family consisted of J.

H. and his wife Martha (Fankhanel) Fisch, along with two children Pearl and Laurence. At one time this house had the upstairs made into a separate apartment. Up to this point, Barnesville had no apartment buildings and many homeowners of large houses converted their extra space to accommodate the growing need.

As previously suggested, the number of suspects in the placing of the time capsule is substantial,

having numerous owners and tenants. Whether you know the house as belonging to the Rutherford, Knutson, Trovaten, or

the Fisch families, this house with many names has as much history to go along with it. Interior photos were provided by the Rutherfords.



The above sign has been in the Rutherford home on one of the large ceiling beams in the basement for many decades. It is unknown who placed it there and installed the hinges.



This is an original picture of the Trovaten house that was hanging in the entryway when Richard and Nancy Knutson purchased the home. It still hangs in the same spot per Nancy's request.

The porch is not enclosed in this undated photo, which was done later on. The carriage house, that has been since torn down, is seen in the background where horses were stabled during this time period.



Honorable Mayor and City Council,  
Barnesville, Minn.  
Gentlemen;  
It is with heavy heart that I herewith offer my resignation as City Clerk of the City of Barnesville, I ask the honorable council that I be relieved of my duties on November 1st.  
I would like to say that I appreciate a great deal the cooperation and understanding I have received from the past and present councils in the past thirty-five and one-half years I have been in office. I have enjoyed working in this office and found that the general public very considerate and nice to work with.  
I am sure that my successor, Mr. David J. Pederson, will find this an interesting and rewarding position.  
Yours truly,  
Marven Trovaten.

This 1970 photo of Marven Trovaten was published in the Barnesville Record with his letter of resignation as Barnesville's City Clerk for 35 years. Trovaten also served over 26 years on the board of directors for the Barnesville Building and Loan Association, being the organization's president during a portion of that time.



Courtney, left, and Rachel Rutherford are proud of the history and heritage that their home has left behind. They share its story to anyone who is curious about its uniqueness and its relationship to the overall history of Barnesville. The couple are standing in front of an original picture of the house that has hung in the entryway through multiple generations and owners.



The white pine wood floors in the dining room are a different wood than what was used in the remainder of the first floor. The clear finish was tinted to match the other flooring and trim. This bay window allows for a sitting area off to the side of the dining room table.

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