

1882. History repeated itself in 1896 when Musselman once again sold the small eastern parcel of his quadruple lot, then bought it back two years later after the owner had made improvements. In the interim he also paid off his lien to F.W. Menke, who had united the four lots with a Mankato stone wall at the time Musselman built his own house at 2303 Maine.

The house has enjoyed at least two moments of local distinction since the Musselmans sold off the property once and for all in 1898. Robert Halbach, of Halbach-Schroeder Department Store fame, lived there briefly before his house in Lawndale was built. Also, the composer of *Santa Claus is Coming to Town* played his immortal tune on the piano.