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TO: The Village of Howard President  
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From my address you can see that I am not a Howard resident, but my maternal great-grandmother was born there as her maiden name was Barlament. Her father moved the family to Bellevue in the 1890's so he could be manager of the Hagemeister Stock Farm.

A lot of people consider me a local historian, of which Green Bay is my main interest, after which Howard is next in line along with much of the west side. The reason I have contacted you is I'm curious if your planners will be making any changes in the name of Dousman Street between the new reconfigured Shawano Avenue and Cardinal Lane.

When the street is no longer connected to Green Bay's Dousman Street and positioned in the intersecting direction, will that name serve any relevance? One thing is for sure, "Dousman" really has nothing to do with Howard's history as it prominently is based in Green Bay's early development. "Dousman Street" got it's name from being next to the Dousman-Elmore Grain Company that was on a pier at the west end of the Main Street Bridge in the 1800's. That area now is Leight Park.

I believe that re-naming the portion of Dousman Street that currently resides in Howard opens an opportunity for Howard's early history to be given a prominent reference. What I am referring to is your area's early industry—the stone quarries around Velp Avenue. Howard's succession of four quarries in a row is a unique physical presence and the basis for the Duck Creek Station community, which was your first business district.

That being said, I think it would be a positive change for your Village to re-name the north-south Dousman Street section as "Quarry Town Drive." I believe it has a nice sound to it, and it pays tribute historically in all the ways I've mentioned.

Thank you for considering this matter I have brought before you.

Sincerely,



Jim Sanderson