

CITY OF MARINE CITY

Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Guy Community Center, 260 South Parker Street
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022; 5:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Kim Turner; Commissioners William Beutell, Suzanne Jenken, Genevieve Prange, Rosalie Skwiers, Scott Tisdale; City Manager Holly Tatman
4. **COMMUNICATIONS**
5. **APPROVE AGENDA**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** *Anyone in attendance is welcome to address the Historical Commission. Please state name and limit comments to five (5) minutes.*
7. **APPROVE MINUTES**
 - A. Historical Commission Regular Meeting – October 19, 2021
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Resolution to Recognize 300 Broadway as City Park
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**City of Marine City
Historical Commission Meeting
October 19, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Historical Commission was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 and was called to order by Chairperson Kim Turner at 5:00 pm.

Present: Chairperson Kim Turner; Commissioners William Beutell, Suzanne Jenken, Genevieve Prange, Scott Tisdale; City Manager Holly Tatman; City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Absent: Commissioners Suzanne Jenken, Rosalie Skwiers

Motion by Commissioner Tisdale, seconded by Commissioner Beutell, to excuse Commissioners Jenken and Skwiers from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Beutell, seconded by Commissioner Tisdale, to approve the Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Tisdale, seconded by Commissioner Beutell, to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 Historical Commission meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

There were no Communications presented.

Public Comment

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

Judy White, on behalf of Friends of City Hall, stated that the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness was submitted for permission to have the Department of Public Works remove the existing bandstand due to its rotting wood and deteriorated condition.

The location of the bandstand was discussed, as well as the request for a larger footprint for the new bandstand. The application included several bandstand plan options. In addition, Mrs. White discussed what materials would work best for longevity including treated wood, vinyl, and cast iron. She stated that there was a local company in Richmond who built vinyl structures.

Chairperson Turner stated that she wanted to get the approval of demolition on record before they could proceed.

Commissioner Beutell pointed out that until the group had the money for the project, they could not approve it.

Board Members reiterated that they were only approving the demolition portion of the application.

Motion by Chairperson Turner, seconded by Commissioner Beutell, to move forward with approval of the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness, Historical Commission File No. 009, for the demolition only of the bandstand at 300 Broadway.

Commissioner Tisdale stated that he was uncomfortable with the approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness due to the application containing more than just the demolition.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Beutell, Prange, Turner. Nay: Tisdale. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Beutell, seconded by Chairperson Turner, to table the remainder of the Certificate of Appropriateness until the monies were available to do the work. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Beutell, seconded by Commissioner Tisdale, to adjourn at 5:32 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk

City of Marine City Historic Commission

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION BY THE MARINE CITY HISTORIC COMMISSION, MARINE CITY, MICHIGAN, TO RECOGNIZE THE BLOCK OF 300 BROADWAY AS HERITAGE SQUARE PARK. THE FIRST PARK ESTABLISHED IN MARINE CITY ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1834, BY THE CITIES FOUNDER, SAMUAL WARD.

WHERE AS, Samuel Ward and Gabriel Richard, did acquire from the United States, acreage that the City of Marine city now stands on.

WHERE AS, on September 12th, 1836, Samuel Ward did lay out the Village of Newport AKA Marine City and platted the land.

WHERE AS, the original plat of the land and ALL subsequent atlas maps and fire insurance maps of the region all recognize the block of 300 Broadway as the "Park".

WHERE AS, the State of Michigan in 2008, approves the Heritage Square Historic District. Recognizing the description of the single source district as follows:

The City Hall is situated in the center if a city block on Broadway on the North end of Marine City, two blocks West of the St Clair River shoreline. The property, which is designated PARK, is on the Northeast corner of Broadway and Main (also known as State Road M29). The proposed district is a single source district with one contributing building, five contributing features and three non-contributing features.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Marine City Historic Commission that the block of 300 Broadway be forever recognized as Heritage Square Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marine City, City Commission is urged to adopt this same resolution to recognize the block of 300 Broadway in Marine City as Heritage Square Park.

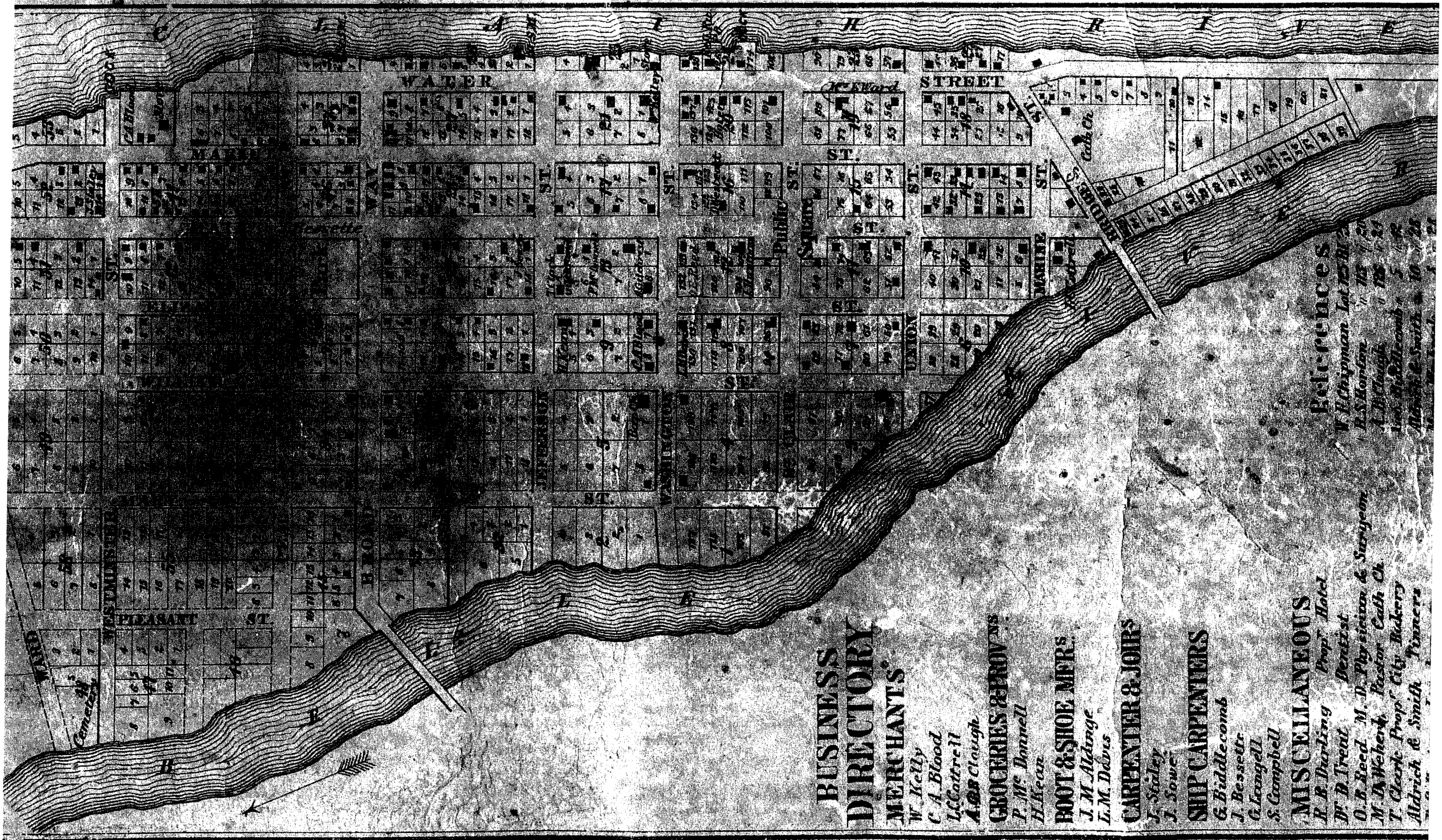
ADOPTED by the Marine City Historic Commission of Marine City, on this 19th day of January 2022.

APPROVED: _____

Historic Commission Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk of Marine City



**BUSINESS
DIRECTORY**

MERCHANTS

- W. Kelly
- C. A. Blood
- L. Gattrell
- A. B. Clough

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

- P. Mc Donnell
- H. Kean

BOOT & SHOE MFRS.

- J. M. Allinge
- J. M. Davis

CARPENTER & JOINERS

- J. Staley
- J. Sower

SHIP CARPENTERS

- G. Biddlecomb
- J. Bessette
- G. Langell
- S. Campbell

MISCELLANEOUS

- R. B. Darling Prop. Hotel
- D. B. Trent Dentist
- O. B. Reed M. D. Physician & Surgeon
- M. W. Wehenk Pastor Cath Ch
- T. Clerk Prop. City Bakery
- Aldrich & Smith Tanners

REAL ESTATE

- W. P. Chipman Lot 15 Bl 2
- F. S. Horton " 115 " 20
- A. D. Clough " 116 " 21
- Geo. H. Biddlecomb " 5 " 27
- Alfred E. Smith " 10 " 25

1897 MAP OF MARINE CITY

Mrs. Laura Lester

63

Mrs. Laura Lester

58

A. G. Westbrook

EIGHTH ST.

SEVENTH ST.

SIXTH ST.

FIFTH ST.

FOURTH ST.

THIRD ST.

SECOND ST.

FIRST ST.

WATER ST.

MARKET ST.

MAIN ST.

W. A. Sapp and S. W. Vance

ST. CLAIR

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Survey Maps, Lands Patented and Sold on Commission, Abstracts of Land in St. Clair and other Counties, furnished promptly.
 J. L. PATE, C. E.
 GEO. W. HOWE

Made by J. L. Pate, C. E., Geo. W. Howe
 Port Huron, Mich. Dec. 17th 1882

Let 18 Block 13
 Village of Marine City

Company, opening was in

No.	Date of Record	Book	Page	Class of Instrument	Date of Instrument	Grantor	Grantee	Instrument of Grantee	Quantity Acres 1000s	Description	Remarks
1				Rescission			Government Land and Federal Reserve				
2							Government Land				
3	Sept 12 36	E	324	W D	Sept 10 36	Government Land	Government Land		95	Part of same Plat	
4	July 6 50	R	361	O & D	May 25 42	Government Land	Government Land		95	Part of same Plat	
5	Mar 21 54	W	367	Young W.D.	Mar 13 54	Government Land	Government Land		95	Part of same Plat	
6	" 32 54	W	368	W.D.	Apr 21 47	Government Land	Government Land		95	Part of same Plat	
7	Nov 21 54	X	507	W D	Nov 14 54	Government Land	Government Land		1500	Part of same Plat	
8	Dec 26 54	15	131	O & D	Oct 3 54	Government Land	Government Land		1000	Part of same Plat	
9	Mar 30 66	21	330	O & D	Dec 15 66	Government Land	Government Land		10	Part of same Plat	
10	Dec 14 66	32	135	W D	Nov 22 66	Government Land	Government Land		300	Part of same Plat	
11	" 14 67	22	157	W D	Dec 9 66	Government Land	Government Land		275	Part of same Plat	
12											
13	Aug 16 70	34	600	W D	Aug 15 70	Government Land	Government Land		1200	Part of same Plat	
14	Nov 12 76	59	245	W D	Nov 14 76	Government Land	Government Land		300	Part of same Plat	
1	Apr 12 36	D	431	W.D.	Sept 10 36	Government Land	Government Land		95	Part of same Plat	
2	Dec 18 66	51	160	Young W.D.	Dec 8 66	Government Land	Government Land		1200	Part of same Plat	
3	July 6 67	Z	177	Assg. Co.	July 6 67	Government Land	Government Land		300	Part of same Plat	



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Map of
MARINE CITY
 MICHIGAN
 1875

DRAWN BY OLIVER F. WAEGON

Scale 500 feet to an inch

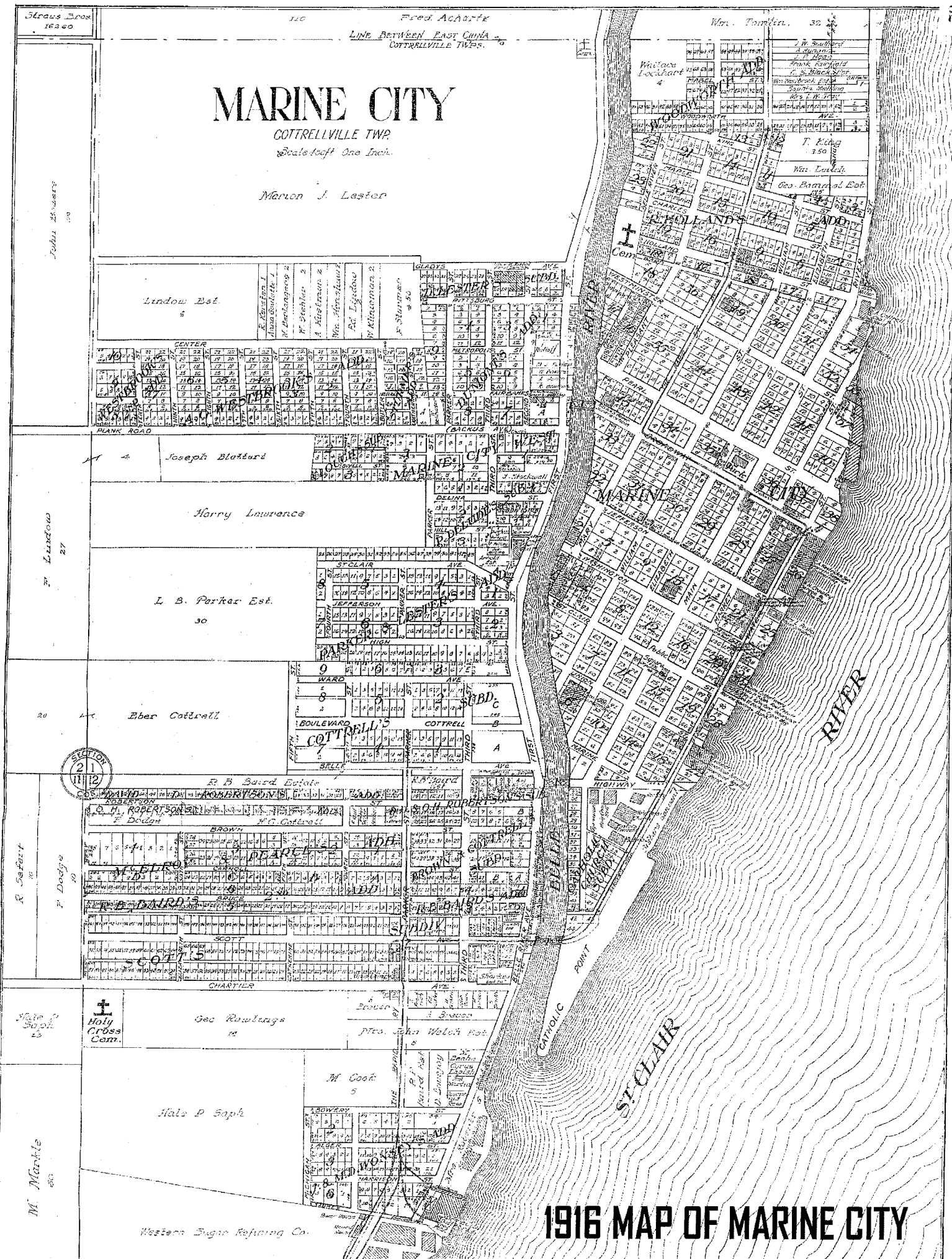
Free Mill

MARINE CITY

COTTRILLVILLE TWP

Scale: 1/8" = 1'.

Marion J. Lester



1916 MAP OF MARINE CITY

County Organized; Newport Platted. St. Clair County was organized May 5, 1821. Captain Ward made a determined but unsuccessful effort to have what is now Marine City made the county seat. He procured the establishment of a post office called Belle River, but preferred to have it called Newport, but there was a post office of that name in Monroe County. Samuel Ward was appointed the first postmaster in December, 1831. He served as an associate justice of the County Court and Supervisor of the Township. In 1834 he platted and laid out the Village of Newport. He was truly its founder.⁴

First Steamboat Built. His first steamboat, the *Huron*, was built in 1839, and came out in 1840 when she was placed on the Detroit and Port Huron route. She was the largest and best boat to be put on that route up to that time. Her first captain was Eber Brock Ward who came here from Vermont with his father, Eber Ward, a brother of Samuel.⁵

Samuel Ward prevailed on his relatives, his wife's relatives and others to come here, and they soon came. Time will not permit me to mention their names nor the names of other settlers who by this time were actually flocking to the new community. He continued to build boats and to carry on his lake trade. He discovered brick clay and manufactured brick. Built the then brick mansion in the upper end of town in which he lived many years; and a brick store or tavern on Water Street. These were built about the year 1832. The house can soon celebrate its century anniversary. It has withstood the elements for all these years. So much for Marine City clay from which brick was then made.⁶