

Historical Marker - S272 - Marquette's Death (Marker ID#:S272)



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Marquette's Death

On May 18, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette, the great Jesuit missionary and explorer, died and was buried by two French companions somewhere along the Lake Michigan shore of the Lower Peninsula. Marquette had been returning to his mission at St. Ignace, which he had left in 1673 to go on an exploring trip to the Mississippi and the Illinois country. The exact location of Marquette's death has long been a subject of controversy.

Evidence presented in the 1960s indicates that this site, near the natural outlet of the Betsie River, at the northeast corner of a hill which was here until 1900, is the Marquette death site and that the Betsie is the Rivière du Père Marquette of early French accounts and maps. Marquette's bones were reburied at St. Ignace in 1677.

Significant Date:

Native People and the French (< 1760)

Registry Year: 1965 **Erected Date:** 1965

Marker Location

Address: Main Street

City: Frankfort

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Benzie

Township:

Lat: 44.63082500 / **Long:** -86.24349100

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