

Historical Marker - L2287 - First Courthouse / Brooks Memorial Fountain (Marker ID#:L2287)



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First Courthouse

Established in 1829, Calhoun County made Marshall its county seat in 1831. It built its first courthouse on this site between 1837 and 1840. Designed in the Greek Revival style, the building had a rectangular footprint with four columns on each end. Structural problems became apparent in 1855 when a column collapsed. In 1872, after county offices had moved to nearby buildings, the courthouse was demolished. The city repurposed the site into a park featuring a bandstand and a fish pond.

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 2016 ***Erected Date:*** 2017

Marker Location

Address: Roundabout

City: Marshall

State: MI ***ZipCode:*** 49068

County: Calhoun

Township: Marshall

Lat: 42.27220800 / ***Long:*** -84.96424700

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Brooks Memorial Fountain

In October 1929, Marshall's mayor, Harold C. Brooks, announced his gift to the city of an "electric fountain" in memory of his late father, Charles E. Brooks. Architect Howard F. Young, landscape engineer Herman Swanson, and engineers from General Electric collaborated on the design. At its dedication, on April 26, 1930, some seven thousand people applauded with "exclamations of surprise" and "wonderment" when the mayor's son, Craig, turned on the fountain and its multi-colored lights.