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Native People and the French (< 1760)

Registry Year:1956Erected Date:1958Marker LocationAddress:500 North State StreetCity:St. IgnaceState:MIZipCode:County:MackinacTownship:Lat:45.87136300 / Long: -84.73124200Web URL:

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St. Ignace Mission

In 1671 the mission of St. Ignace was established so that the Christian message could be brought to several thousand Indians living on this shore. The founder was Father Jacques Marquette, the Jesuit missionary. In 1673 he left on his great journey to the Mississippi Valley. He never returned to his mission before he died in 1675. Two years later his bones were reburied here beneath the chapel altar. In 1706, after French troops had abandoned the fort, the chapel was destroyed.

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