Historical Marker - S187 - British Landing (Marker ID#:S187)





Significant Date:

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Registry Year: 1958 Erected Date: 1958

Marker Location

Address: British Landing Road at Lakeshore

City: Mackinac Island

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Mackinac

Township:

Lat: 45.87743100 / Long: -84.64509100

Web URL:

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British Landing

Here during the night of July 16-17, 1812, a small force of British regulars and several hundred voyageurs and Indian allies from St. Joseph Island landed. They occupied a height that overlooks Fort Mackinac and demanded its surrender. Lieutenant Porter Hanks, commander of the American garrison of fifty-seven soldiers, had not known that war had been declared. Realizing that resistance was hopeless and might provoke an Indian massacre, Hanks capitulated without a fight.

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