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Significant Date:

Native People and the French (< 1760)

Registry Year: 1961 Erected Date: 1964

Marker Location

Address: Morris Avenue Between First & Second

Sts.

City: Muskegon

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Muskegon

Township: Muskegon

Lat: 43.23744100 / Long: -86.25210000

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Old Indian Cemetery

This cemetery was already established when the first white man came to the area. It is believed to have been used by the Ottawa as early as 1750 and is known to have been a burial ground from 1806 to 1854 for both Indians and settlers. The Daily-Badeau trading post existed from 1830 to 1848 on the shore of Muskegon Lake below the cemetery. Louis B. Badeau purchased Lot 2, containing the cemetery and much of downtown Muskegon, in 1839. This was the starting point for all the early surveys in the area. Near here Martin Ryerson set up his first sawmill. He obtained title to the cemetery, and in 1926 his son, Martin A. Ryerson, deeded it to Muskegon with the stipulation that it be maintained in perpetuity.

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