Historical Marker - L1307C - Franklin Boulevard Historic District (Marker ID#:L1307C)



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Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1986 Erected Date: 1986

Marker Location

Address: 269 West Huron

City: Pontiac

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Oakland

Township: Pontiac

Lat: 42.63699900 / Long: -83.30237400

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Built between 1845 and 1930, this neighborhood of ninety-three structures retains a turn-of-thecentury appearance with its mix of Greek Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne, Stick Style, and Colonial Revival architecture. During Michigan's early period of industrial growth (1880-1920), prominent leaders of Michigan's timber, mining, publishing, carriage, and automobile industries made their homes in this area. Most notably, the 1848 Italian Villa-style Myrick-Palmer House located at 2323 West Huron Street was home to Charles H. Palmer, a nineteenth-century educator and copper miner. Also significant was 269 West Huron Street, home to Oliver Leo Beaudette, whose father founded the O. J. Beaudette Body Company, believed to be the first to use metal on automobile bodies.

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