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First Michigan Colored Regiment

The First Michigan Colored Regiment was organized at Camp Ward, which originally stood on this location. Formed from August through October 1863, a year of draft riots and protests against the war, this Negro regiment consisted entirely of volunteers. During training a regimental band was formed and toured southern Michigan to recruit additional volunteers. Mustered here as the 102nd U.S. Colored Troops, February 17, 1864, the nine hundred-man unit left Detroit March 28, 1864, for service in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. More than fourteen hundred men served in the regiment during nineteen months in the field; 10 percent of this number died in service. The regiment was disbanded in October 1865 in Detroit.

Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1968 **Erected Date:** 1968

Marker Location

Address: Macomb Street

City: Detroit

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Wayne

Township:

Lat: 42.34449500 / **Long:** -83.02329000

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