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Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1971 Erected Date: 1981

Marker Location

Address: 25150 East River Road

City: Grosse lle

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Wayne

Township:

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St. James Episcopal Church

Lisette Denison, a freed slave, willed her life savings to build Saint James Episcopal Chapel. With supplemental funds from her employer, William S. Biddle, and his brother James, this Gothic chapel was constructed in the summer of 1867. The architect was English-trained Gordon W. Lloyd of Detroit, who summered on Grosse Ile. The first rector was the Reverend Moses H. Hunter. James Biddle built a rough altar cross, a minister's kneeling bench, and a reading stand for the first services, which were held in 1868.

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