

Historical Marker - L447 - St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (Marker ID#:L447)



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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Founded in 1846, St. Matthew's Church has served the prominent and well-established members of Detroit's black community. The combined influence of businessman William Lambert and William Monroe, first pastor of Second Baptist Church, drew members to the new congregation. St. Matthew's was forced to close during the Civil War due to declining membership. Many members had fled to Canada to escape the effects of the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act. The Reverend Monroe resigned and emigrated to Liberia. In 1881 the church reopened, becoming the center for reform groups and self-improvement clubs. Among St. Matthew's well-known ministers were former professor Charles Thompson, and Robert Bagnall, organizer of Detroit's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1976 **Erected Date:** 1976

Marker Location

Address: 2019 St. Antoine St.

City: Detroit

State: MI **ZipCode:** 48226

County: Wayne

Township:

Lat: 42.33995500 / **Long:** -83.04364900

Web URL:

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