

Historical Marker - S512A - Fitch-Gorham-Brooks House / Harold C. Brooks (Marker ID#:S512A)



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Fitch-Gorham-Brooks House

Built by Jabez S. Fitch in 1840, this handsome residence became the home of Charles T. Gorham, prominent Marshall citizen, in 1848. Harold C. Brooks purchased the house in 1921 and contracted with landscape architect Jens Jensen to design the grounds. The Reverend John D. Pierce and Isaac E. Crary planned the Michigan public school system in 1834 under the oak now by the west entrance. This Greek Revival structure with five-column arrangement and side entrances reflects the New York heritage of this city's early settlers.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1979 **Erected Date:** 1979

Marker Location

Address: 310 North Kalamazoo Avenue

City: Marshall

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Calhoun

Township: Marshall

Lat: 42.27435500 / **Long:** -84.96419400

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Harold C. Brooks

Harold Craig Brooks (1885-1978) was Marshall mayor from 1925 to 1931, patron, and philanthropist. His interest in city beautification set a standard for preservation and adaptive use as early as 1921. He owned and protected more than a dozen Marshall buildings. Brooks is responsible for the design of the Marshall Post Office, the conversion of the Old Stone Barn into Town Hall, and presentation of the Brooks Memorial Fountain to the city. He donated land for veterans, the airport, recreational uses, and funds for education and hospital facilities.