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The General Motors Sit-Down Strike

Starting December 30, 1936, this building was occupied for forty-four days by striking members of the United Auto Workers. The strikers, acting in concert with other plants that were closed or to be closed by sit-downs, asked for recognition of the union as sole bargaining representative for all hourly rated employees of General Motors Corporation. Court injunctions and threats of eviction by both the sheriff of Genesee County and the Flint Police Department did not sway the strikers from their goal. An agreement was reached in Detroit on February 11, 1937, that changed relationships between the company and its employees. This settlement led to complete unionization of the auto industry in ensuing years and added stability for workers and company.

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 1977 **Erected Date:** 1980

Marker Location

Address: 4300 S. Saginaw St.

City: Flint

State: MI **ZipCode:** 48507

County: Genesee

Township: Burton

Lat: 42.98571900 / **Long:** -83.67564000

Web URL:

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