

**Historical Marker - L1395C - Flint Road Cart Factory / Durant-Dort Carriage Factory
No. 1 (Marker ID#:L1395C)**



Front - Title/Description

Flint Road Cart Factory

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Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1987 **Erected Date:** 1988

Marker Location

Address: 301-311 Water Street

City: Flint

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Genesee

Township:

Lat: 43.01745800 / **Long:** -83.69518300

Web URL:

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