

Historical Marker - L2197 - David and Laura Lester House (Marker ID#:L2197)



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David and Laura Lester House

This house was likely built in stages around 1855 and 1885 and reflects the prominence of David and Laura Rice Lester. David Lester (1823 - 1890), a shipbuilder, a ship owner, and a salt producer, played a key role in Marine City's economic and civic development. As a young man he scouted timberland for shipping magnate Eber Brock Ward. Then in 1855, Lester built the FORREST, the first vessel built in his own Marine City shipyard. Nearly two decades later thousands of people attended the launch of the 233-foot steamer V.H. KETCHUM, the largest ship on the Great Lakes at the time. Lester and his brother Philander built 62 ships and helped make Marine City and important shipbuilding center.

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Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 2007 **Erected Date:** 2008

Marker Location

Address: 406 S. Main St.,

City: Marine City

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Saint Clair

Township:

Lat: 42.71607300 / **Long:** -82.49435700

Web URL: