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George De Baptiste Homesite

George De Baptiste, a long-time Mason, and one of Detroit's most active and impassioned black community leaders, lived on this site during the 1850s and 1860s. Born in Virginia about 1815, he moved to Madison, Indiana, in 1838 and became involved in the Underground Railroad. Forced to leave because of his antislavery activities, De Baptiste became the personal valet of General William Henry Harrison, whom he accompanied to the White House as a steward. In 1846 De Baptiste came to Detroit and conducted several successful businesses. At the same time he served as a delegate to the Cleveland National Convention of Colored Citizens, and as an agent for the Freedman's Aid Commission. During the Civil War he was an organizer of Michigan's Colored Regiment. De Baptiste died in 1875.

Significant Date:

Registry Year: 1975 **Erected Date:** 1975

Marker Location

Address: SW corner of East Larned and Beaubien Sts.

City: Detroit

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Wayne

Township:

Lat: 42.33145100 / **Long:** -83.04038000

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