

**Historical Marker - S515A - The Landing of Cadillac / Le Debarquement de Cadillac
(Marker ID#:S515A)**



Front - Title/Description

The Landing of Cadillac

After departing Montreal June 5, 1701, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac and his convoy of twenty-five canoes sailed down this river, and on the evening of July 23 camped sixteen miles below the present city of Detroit on what is now Grosse Ile. On the morning of July 24, Cadillac returned upriver and reached a spot on the shore near the present intersection of West Jefferson and Shelby. Pleased with the strategic features, the bank towering some forty feet above the level of the river, Cadillac landed and planted the flag of France, taking possession of the territory in the name of King Louis XIV. The erection of a fortress was immediately begun. The stockade, formed of fifteen-foot oak pickets set three feet in the ground, occupied an area of about an acre. The fortress was named Fort Pontchartrain du Detroit (the strait) in honor of Count Jerome de Pontchartrain, Minister of Marine. From this fort and settlement, Detroit, the Renaissance City, takes its origin.

Back - Title/Description

Le Debarquement de Cadillac

Après avoir quitté Montréal le 5 juin 1701, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac descendit ce fleuve avec un convoi de vingt-cinq canoes. Le soir du 23 juillet, le détachement établit son camp à l'endroit que s'appelle maintenant Grosse Ile, soit seize miles en aval de la position actuelle de la ville de Détroit. Le 24 juillet au matin, Cadillac revint en amont et atteignit le point de la rive qu'on peut situer aujourd'hui près du croisement des rues West Jefferson et Shelby. Séduit par la valeur stratégique du lieu qui dominait de quarante pieds le niveau de la rivière, Cadillac débarqua et planta le drapeau français, prenant ainsi possession du

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Significant Date:

Native People and the French (< 1760)

Registry Year: 1979 **Erected Date:** 2001

Marker Location

Address: Woodward Avenue near Hart Plaza

City: Detroit

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Wayne

Township:

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