

Telling Detroit's Stories and Why They Matter

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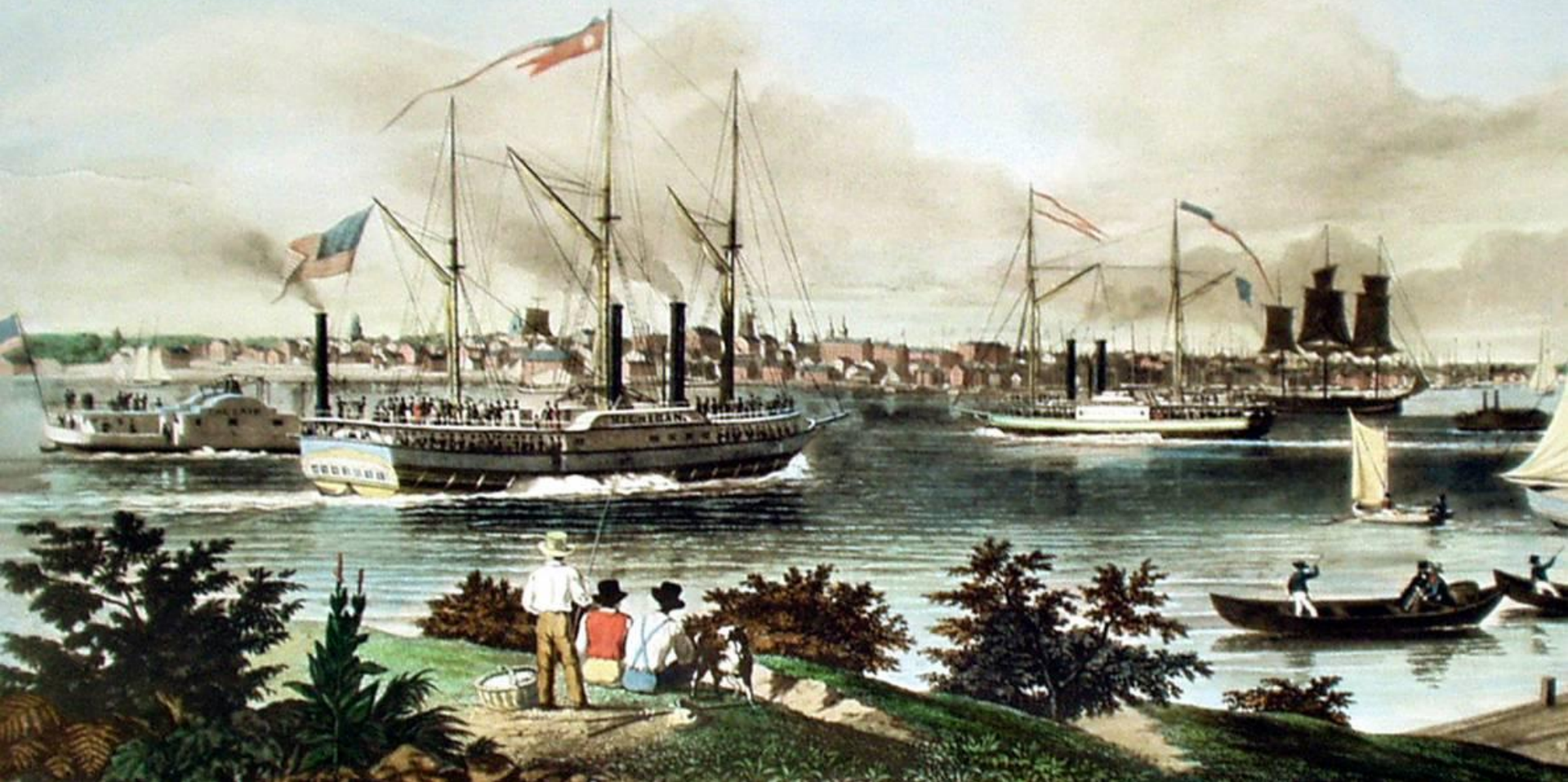
DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
ON THE STRAND

A single-story building with a blue brick facade. The words "DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM" are inscribed in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, in smaller white letters, is "ON THE STRAND". The building is surrounded by green grass and some shrubs. In the background, there are trees and a body of water under a blue sky with some clouds.

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The Detroit River *Dynamic Maritime Highway*



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12,000 Years Ago



10,000 Years Ago



8,000 Years Ago



*95,000 square miles
of surface area*

2,000 Years Ago



1000 Years Ago

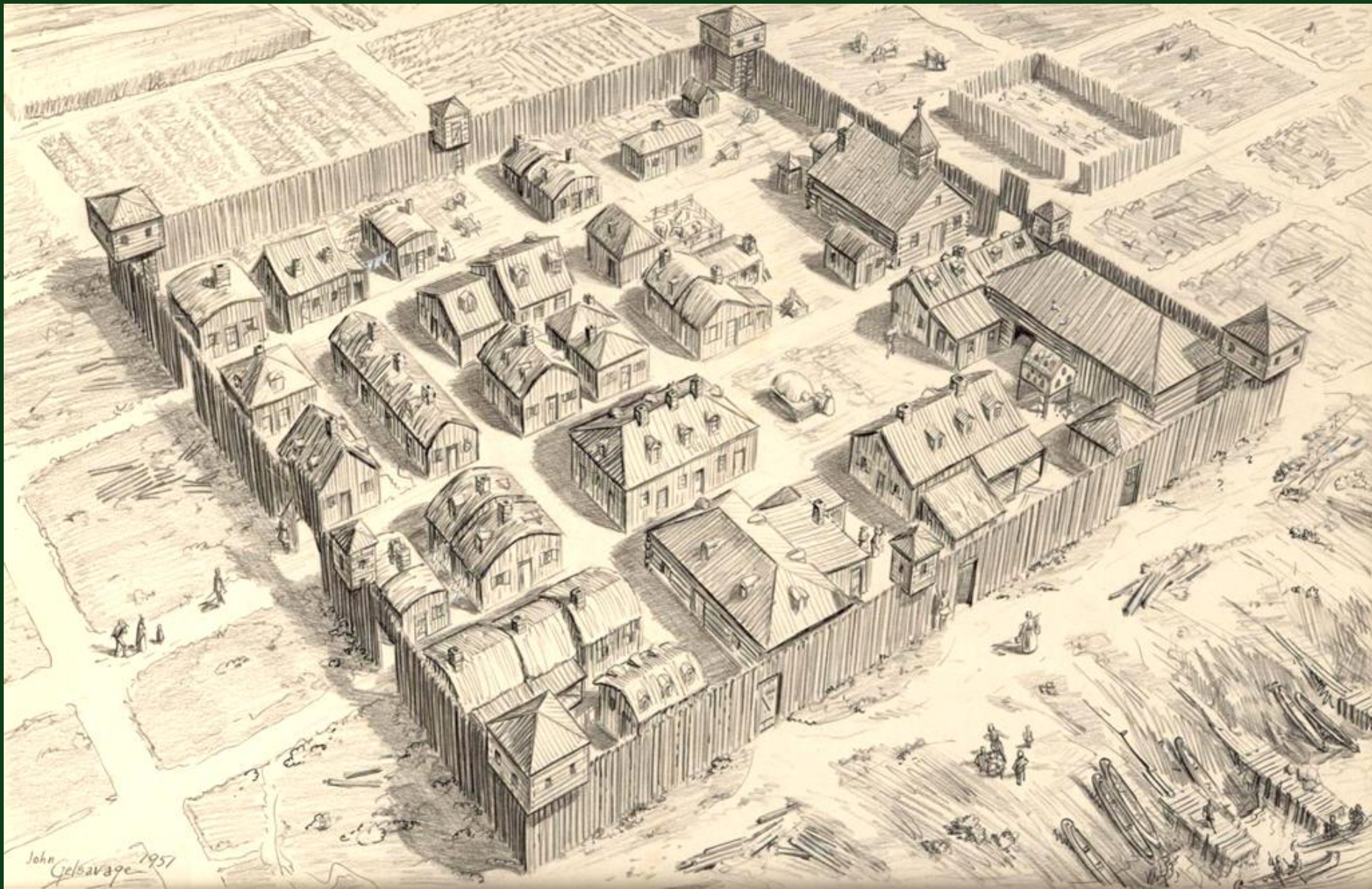
Map drawn in 1865



Walpole Island, Ontario c. 1895

Explorers and Missionaries





Fort Pontchartrain c. 1710

John Gelsavage 1950 – Detroit Historical Society



Fort Lernoult, c. 1778
Diorama at Detroit Historical Museum



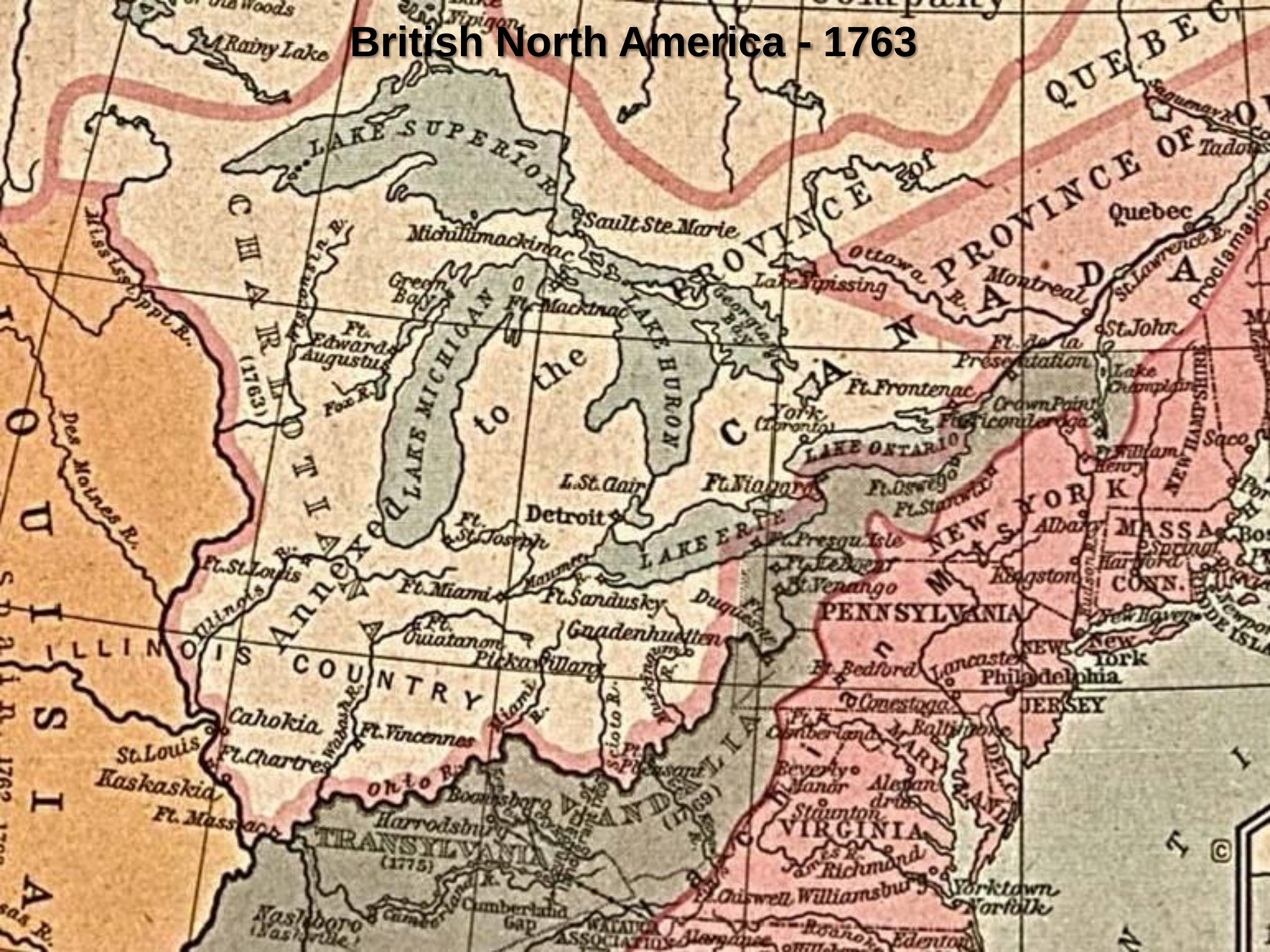
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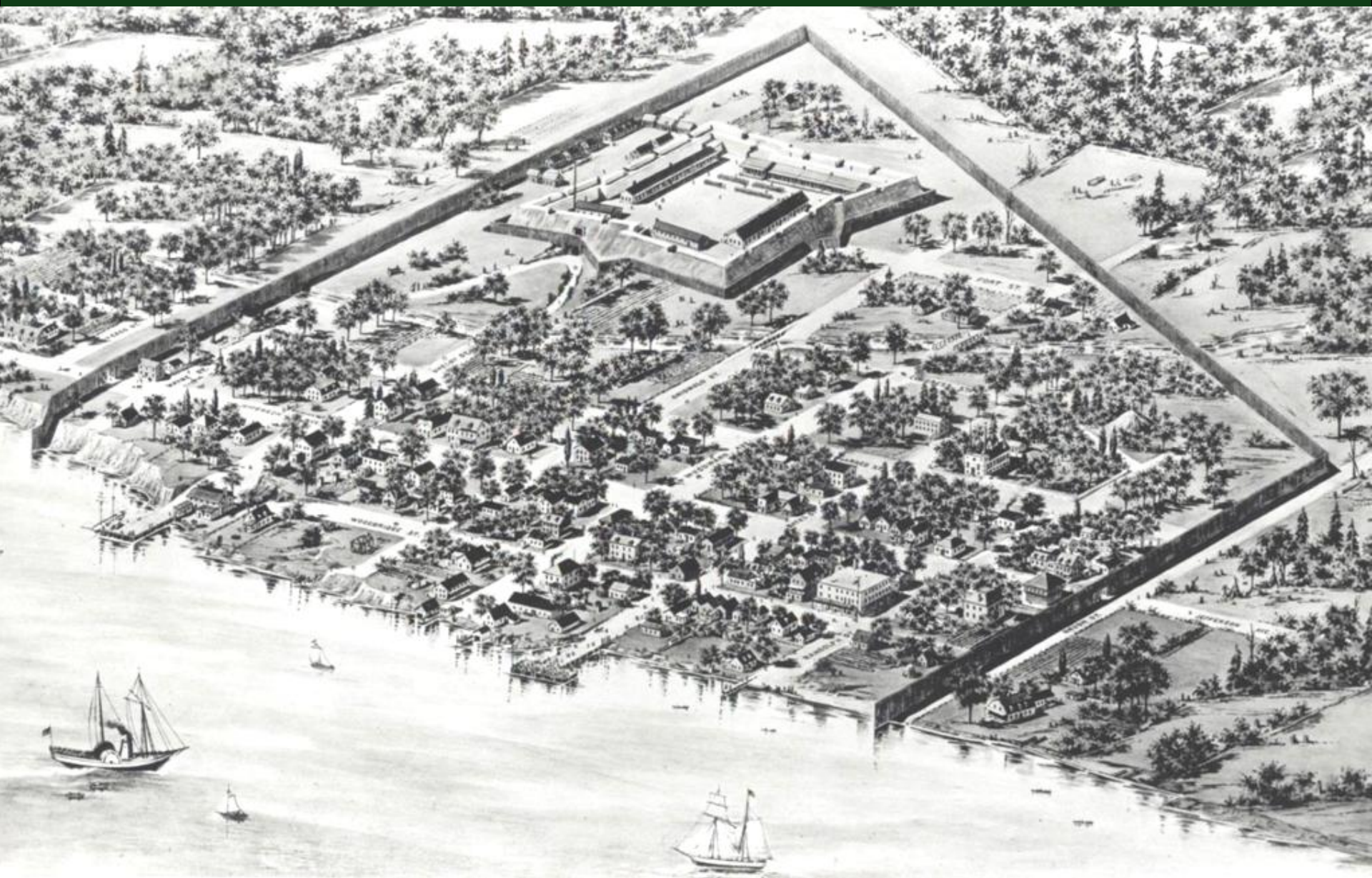


Detroit Area 1810

Detail from Aaron Greeley Map – William L. Clements Library

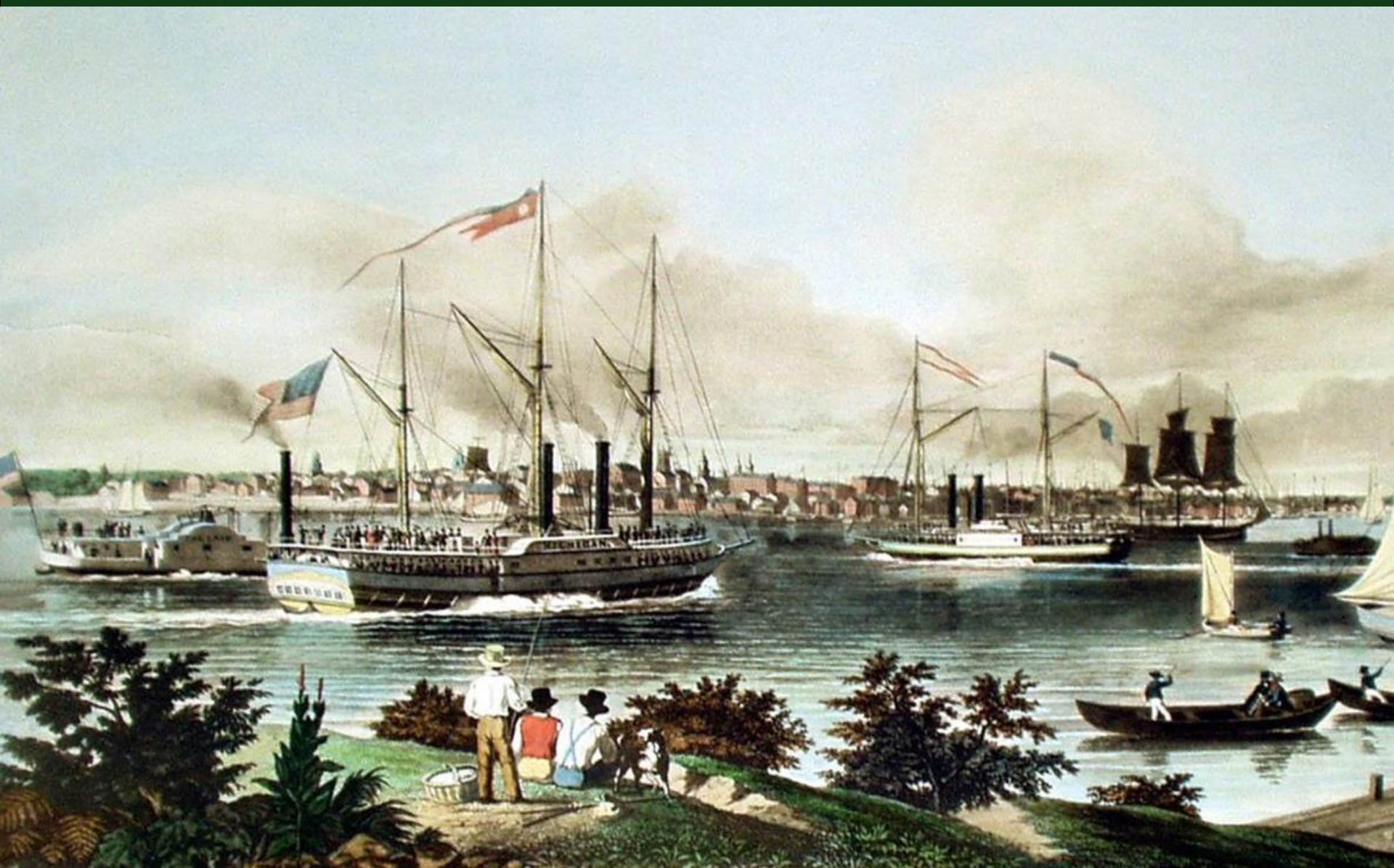
British North America - 1763





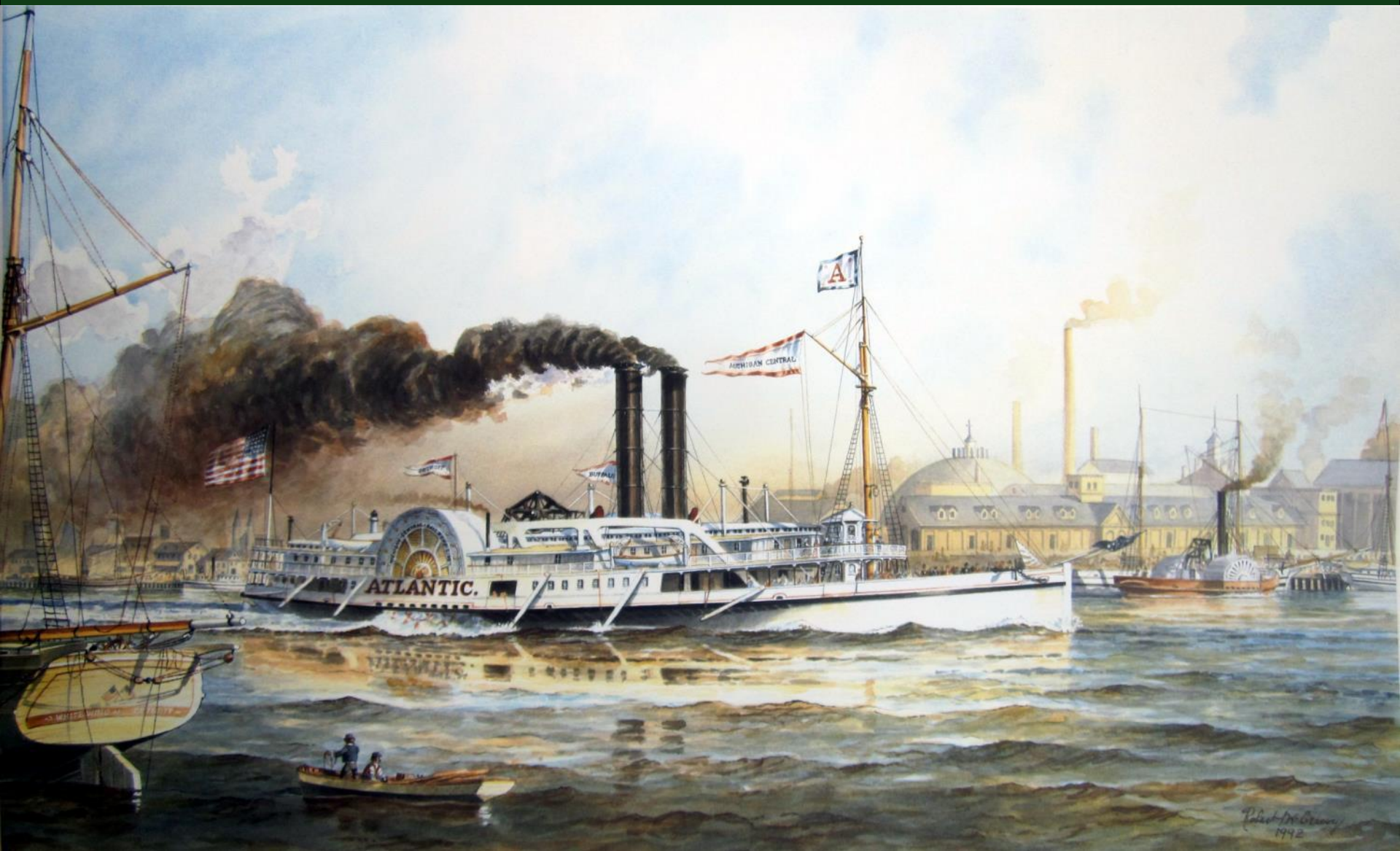
Fort Shelby 1820

John Gelsavage 1951



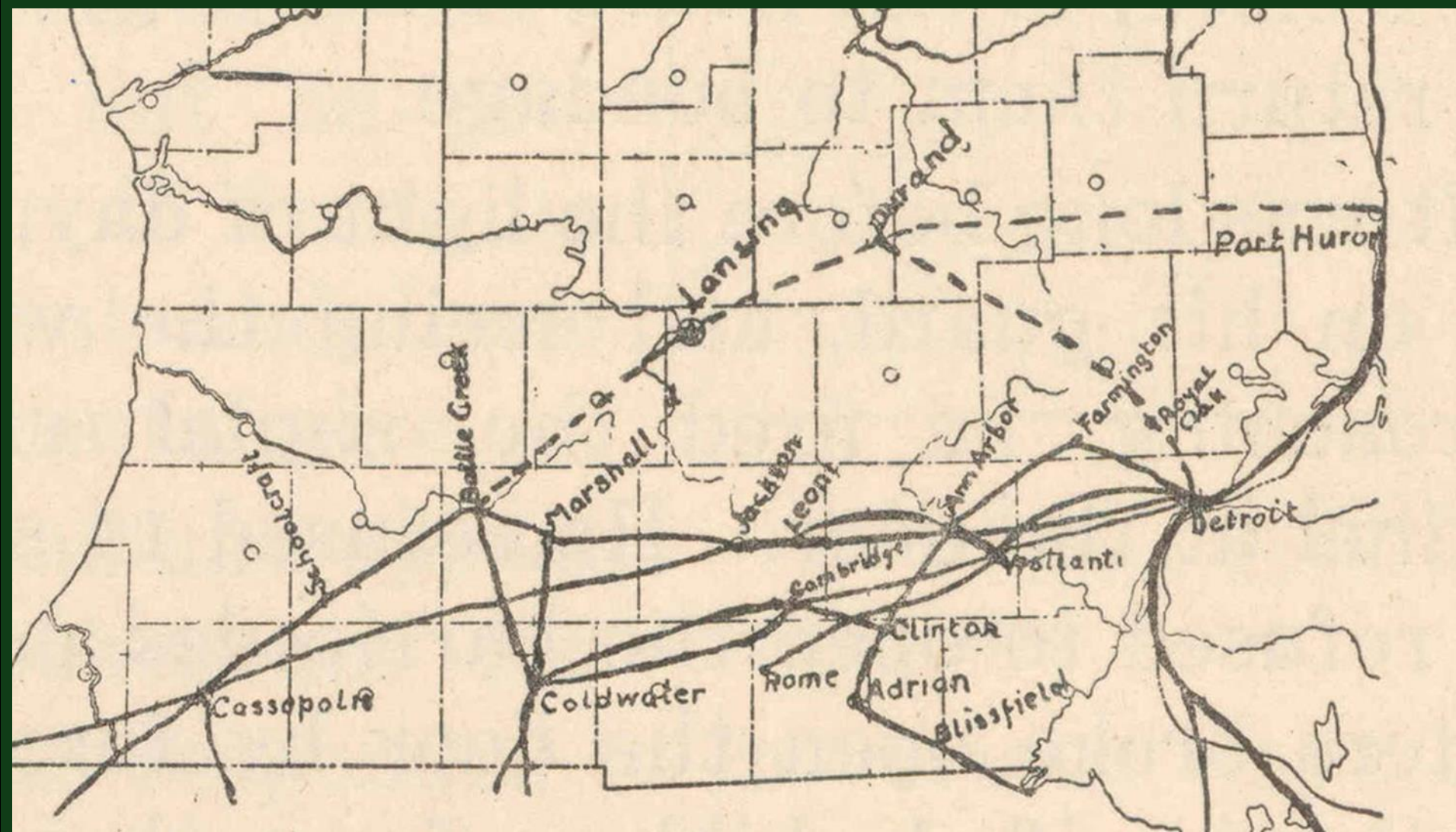
Detroit Waterfront 1837

After William James Bennett – Detroit Institute of Arts

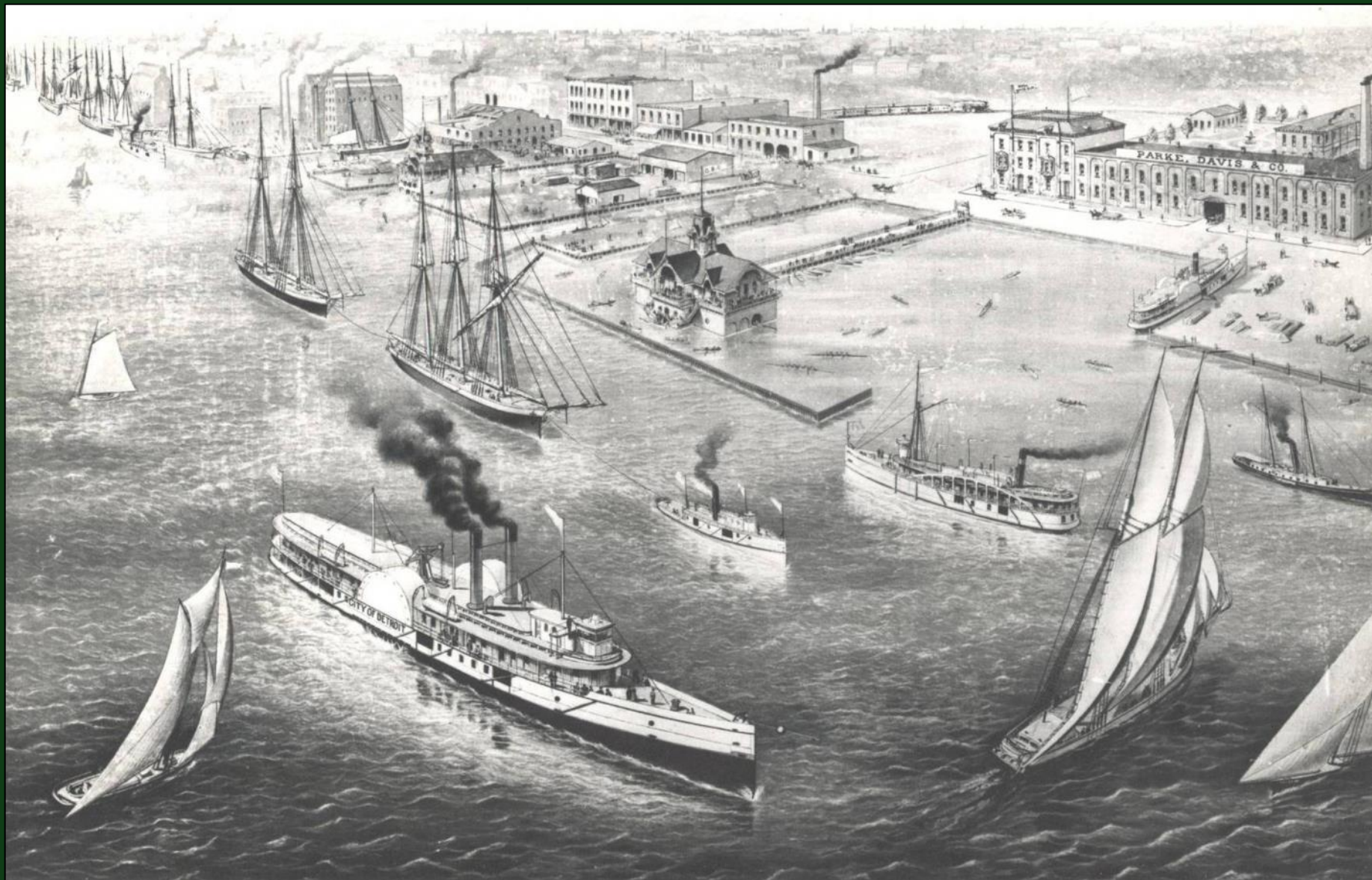


Detroit Waterfront 1850

Robert McGreevy 1992



Routes on the Underground Railroad, c. 1850



Detroit River, c. 1870



Excursion Docks, c. 1900



Detroit Fishing and Hunting Assoc., St. Clair Flats, c. 1890

BELLE ISLE ***PEOPLE'S PARK ALIVE!***





Rowing And Sailing Races



GAR WOOD'S MISS AMERICA X

Winner Harmsworth Trophy

Length 38 ft., Beam 10 ft. 6 in., 6400 Horsepower

& 12-cylinder Packard Motors

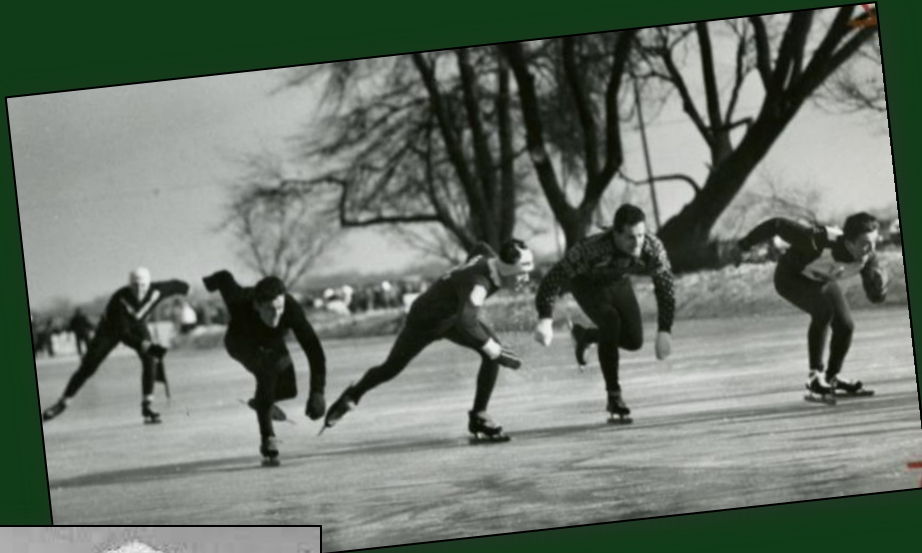
Miss American X c.1932

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Gold Cup Races c.1997





The Raceway on Belle Isle Park, August 6, 7 and 8, 1999. **Grand Prix of Detroit**

 An IBM, Monsanto Firm

Grand Prix of Detroit 1999

1960 *Great Lakes Vacation Cruises*

S.S. NORTH AMERICAN • S.S. SOUTH AMERICAN
Sailing America's New Fourth Coastline



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Sister Queens of the Great Lakes
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For RESERVATIONS:

Advertisement for S.S. North American 1960

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Detroit Waterfront c. 1950



Mike Nicholls photograph

Mail Delivery
J.W. Westcott II to Jean Parisian





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More than just cars...

At one time, Detroit was a leading producer of...

- “Bessemer” Steel in U.S.*
- Rail Cars and Wheels
- Iron Stoves*
- Brass & Copper Rolling*
- Wire and Wire Screening*
- Great Lakes Shipbuilding*
- Great Lakes Passenger Shipping*
- Adding Machines*
- Refrigeration
- Scales
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Color Postcards
- Sheet Music



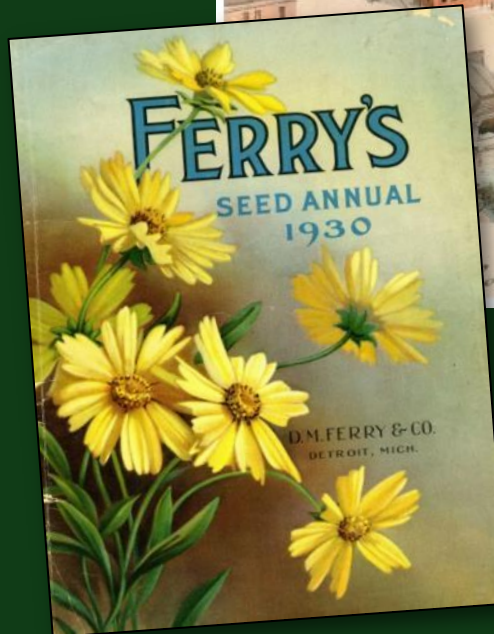
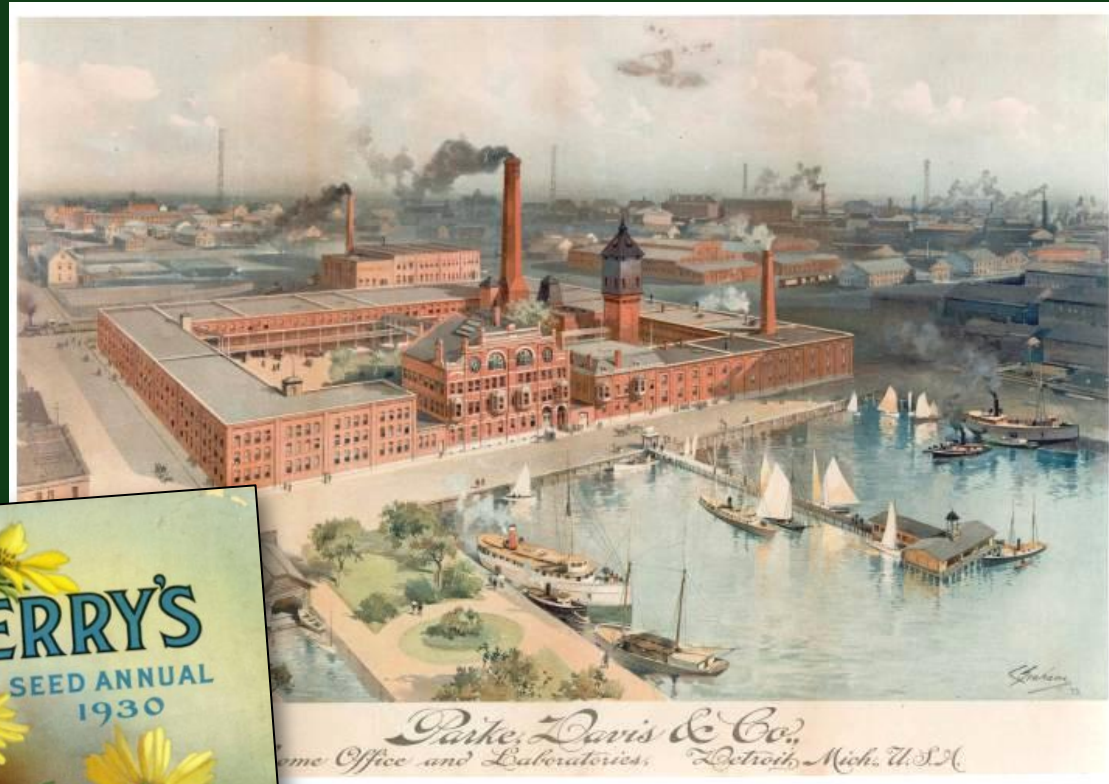
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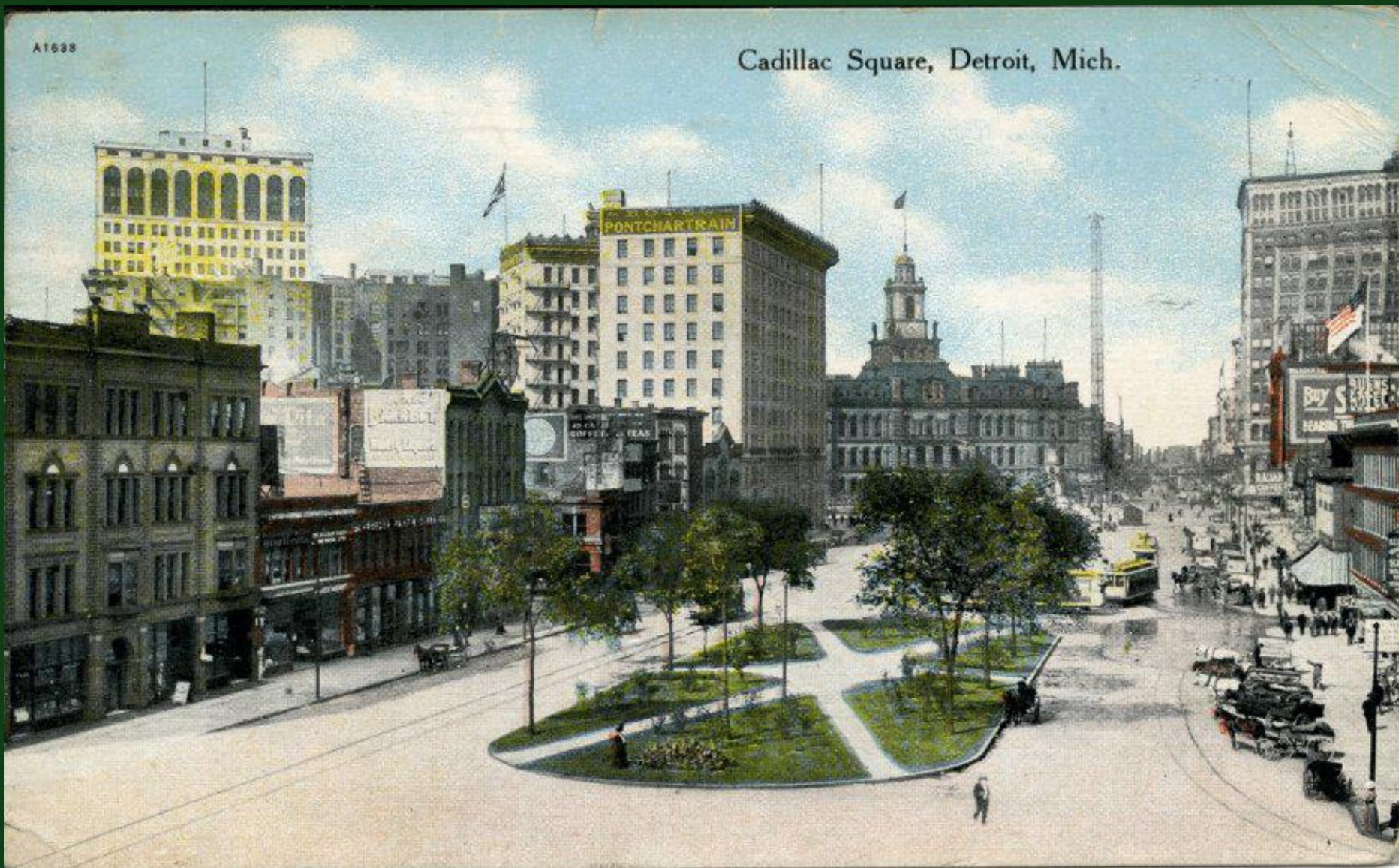
At one time in her history, Detroit was a leading producer of...

- Lumber
- Pharmaceuticals
- Tanning and Leather
- Shoes & Boots
- Paints and Varnish
- Crop and Flower Seeds
- Rubber
- Marine Motors
- Speed Boats
- Soda Ash
- Cigars



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Cadillac Square, Detroit, Mich.



Cadillac Square, c.1910

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Cadillac Square, looking West, Detroit, Mich.



Cadillac Square, c.1920

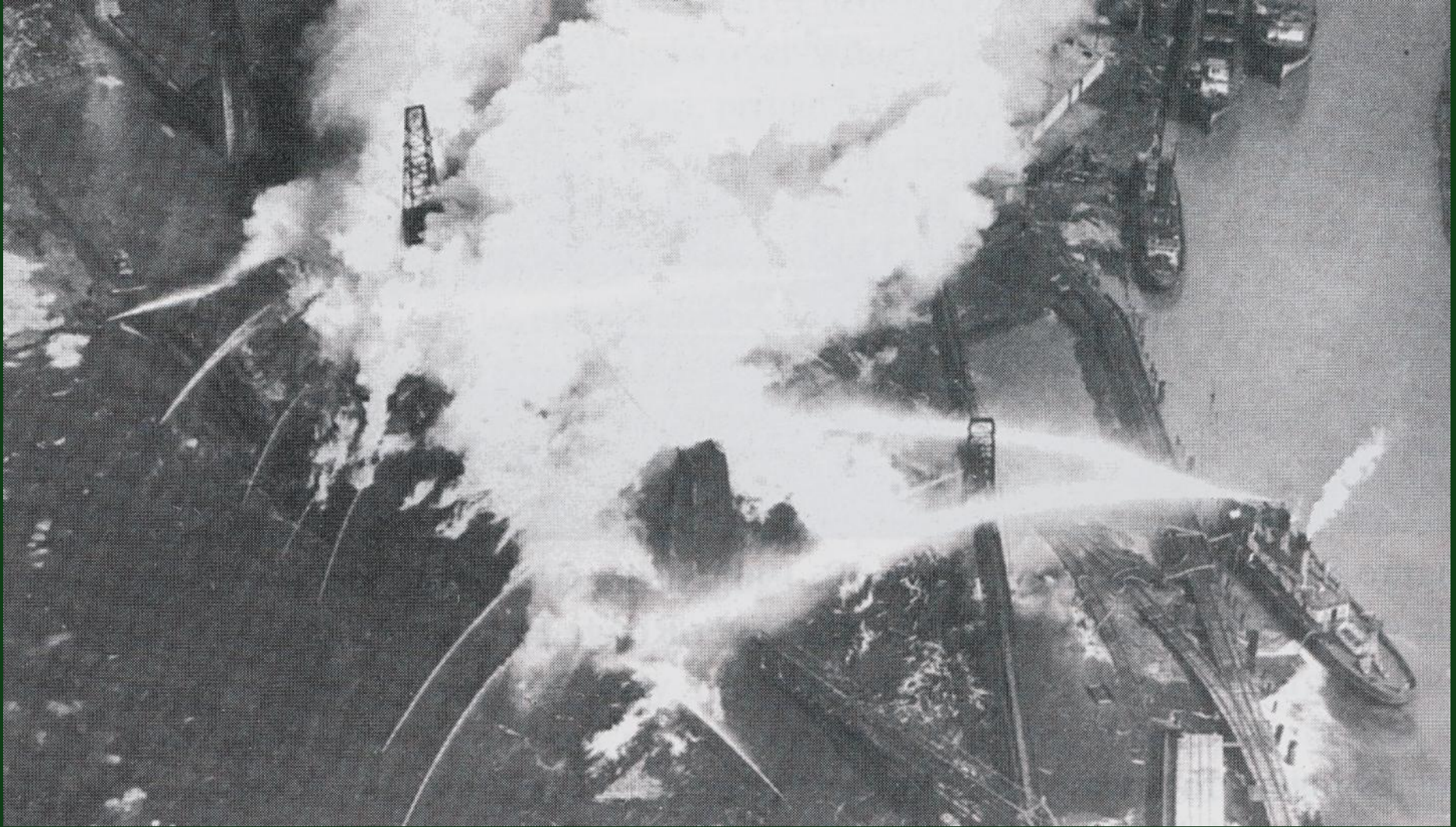


Campus Martius, 2013

Cadillac Square, 2013



Ford Rouge Plant c. 1930



Rouge River, 1932

Photo courtesy of Detroit Fire Department



Rouge River, c. 1980s

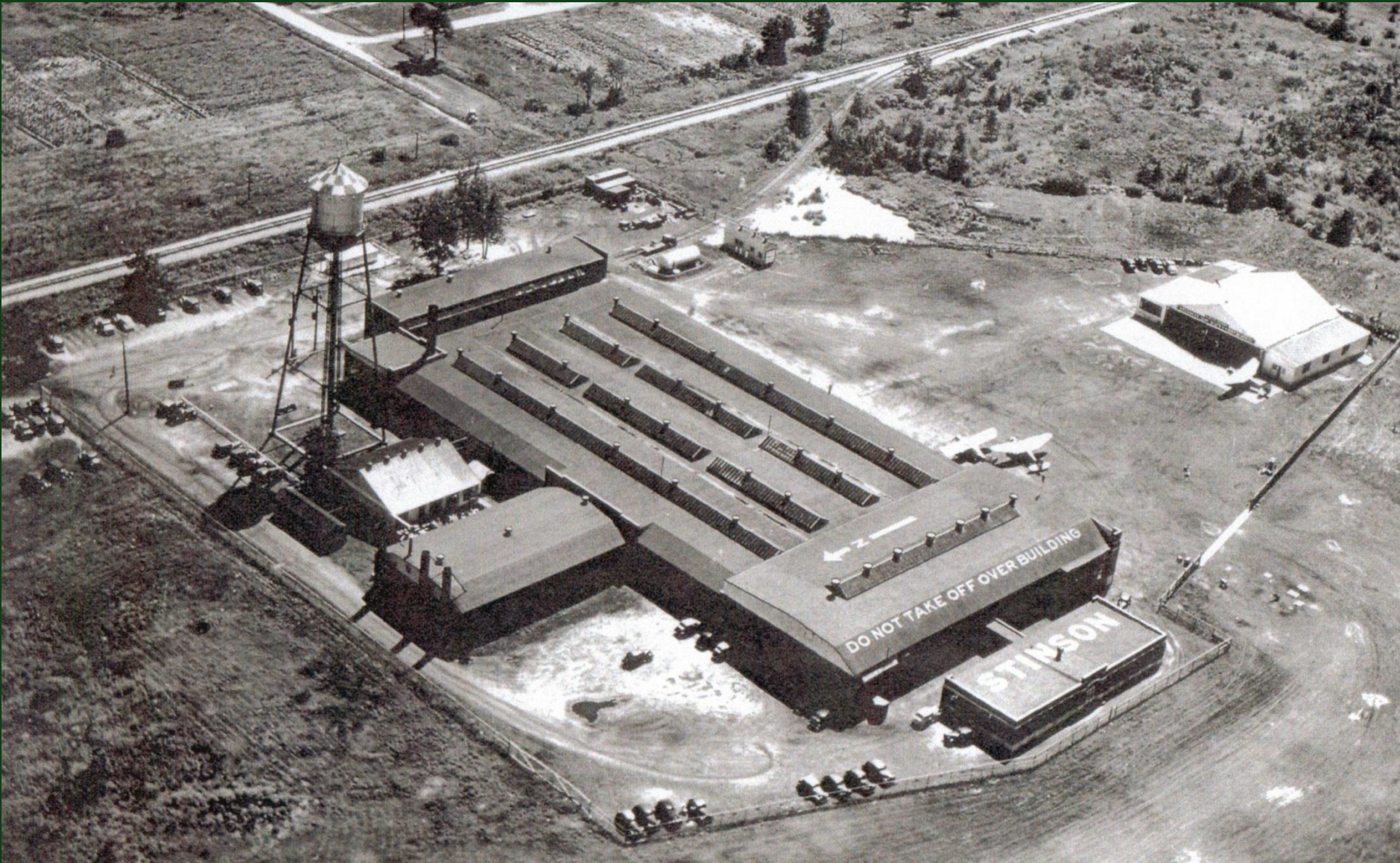
Photo courtesy of US Fish and Wildlife Service



Katherine, Eddie and Marjorie Stinson, c. 1915



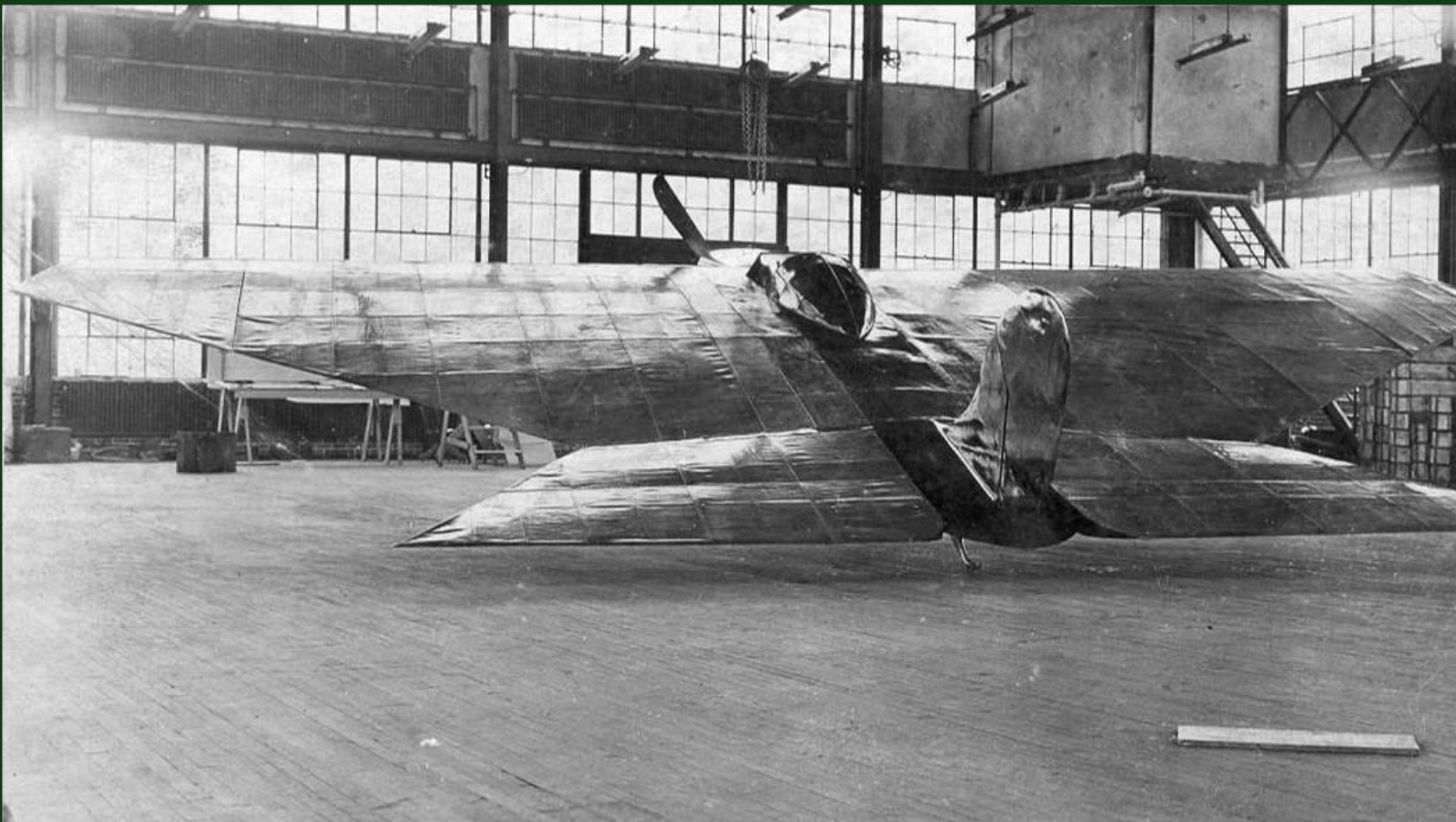
Stinson Detroit, c. 1928



Stinson Factory, Wayne, Michigan c.1928



Stout “BatWing” 1918



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Stout Air Lines, c.1925

all Aboard Luxurious Ford Tri-Motored
12 Passenger Plane
Flying Between
CHICAGO-SOUTH BEND-KALAMAZOO
BATTLE CREEK-DETROIT-TOLEDO-CLEVELAND
Convenient Departures Daily



STOUT AIR LINES
Oldest Passenger Airline Operators In United States
Division of United Aircraft & Transport Corporation



**National Air Transportation
Aircraft Development Corp. of Detroit
United Air Lines**

DETROIT MUSEUM,

Corner of Jefferson Avenue and Griswold Street.

The public are respectfully informed that this establishment has lately been fitted up in a neat and elegant style, with many additions and improvements. An entire new cosmorama has been erected, with new and splendid views. Twenty wax figures have been added, containing likenesses of the principal American and European celebrated characters. Phantasmagora, and phantascopal illusions will be exhibited every evening at 8 o'clock, in the lecture room (unless superseded by some other exhibition) and a good band of music will attend.

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top of and surrounding country. Additions will be made from time to time, as opportunity offers, and neither pains nor expense will be spared to render this Museum a pleasant resort for valuable instruction and agreeable entertainment. Open every day (Sunday's excepted) from 7 o'clock A. M. till 9 P. M. Admittance 25 cents—children under 12 years of age, half price.



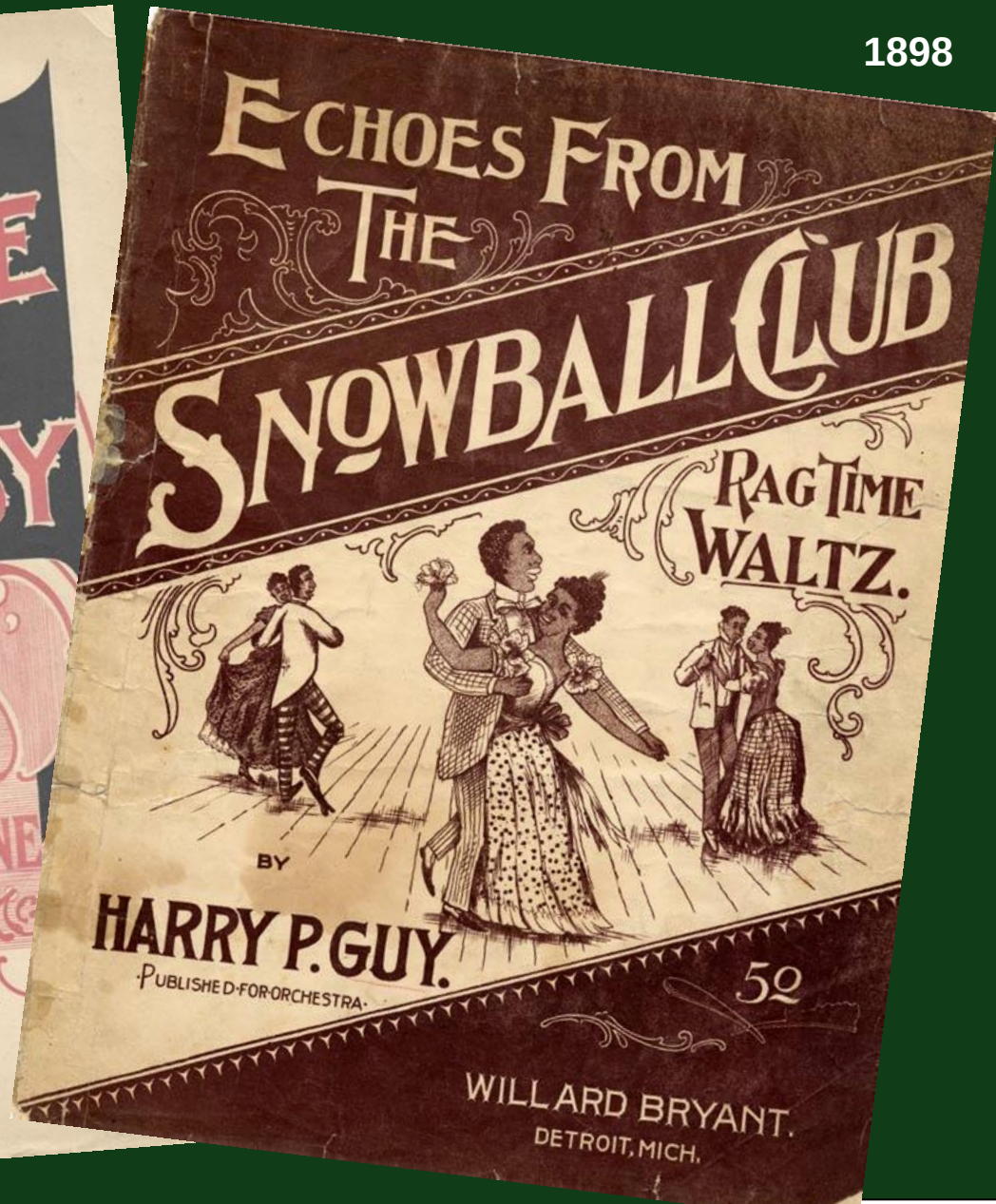
Company Bands and Singing Societies

1893



Fred S. Stone

1898





- Aloha Oe
- By the Light of the Silvery Moon
- I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles
- In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree
- It Had to be You
- My Buddy
- Sweet Georgia Brown
- When the Clouds Roll By

Jean Goldkette Orchestra



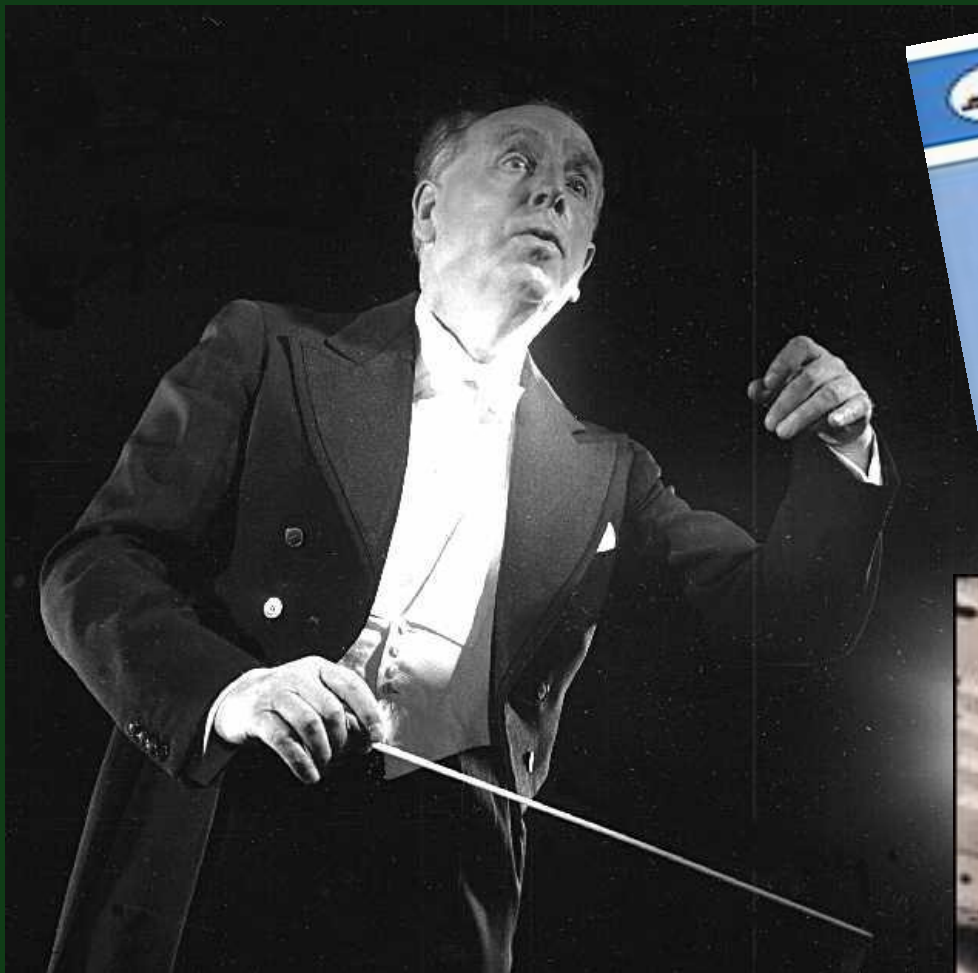
Players included:
Hoagy Carmichael, Joe Venuti, Bix Beiderbecke, Frank Trumbauer, Mezz Mezzrow,
Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, Russ Morgan and Pee Wee Hunt

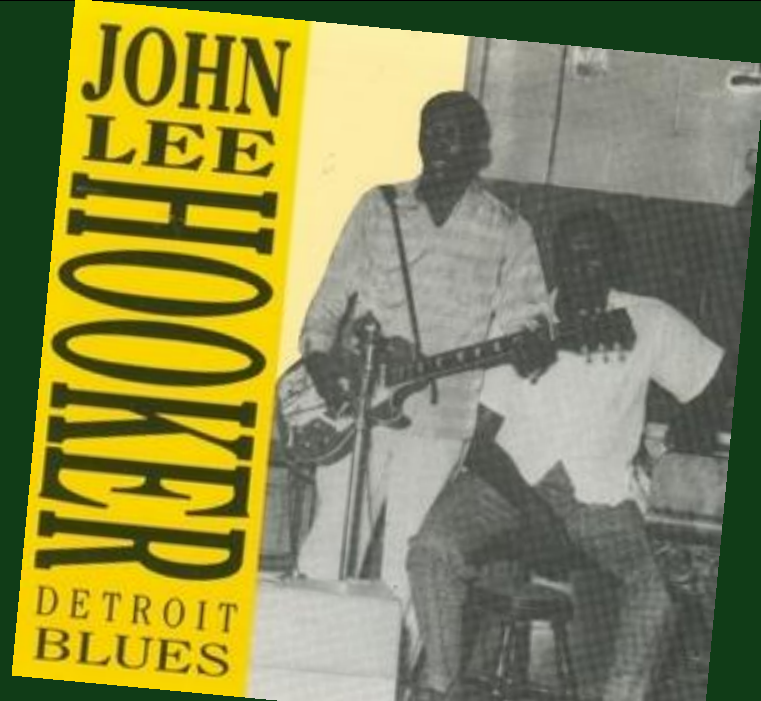
McKinney's Cotton Pickers



Players included:

Fats Waller, Benny Carter, Doc Cheatham, Coleman Hawkins, Lonnie Johnson, James P. Johnson, Jonah Jones, Roy Eldridge and arranger Don Redman









Marvelettes



Smokey Robinson & the Miracles





Four Tops

Marvin Gaye



Martha Reeves & the Vandellas

Diana Ross & the Supremes



Little Stevie Wonder

Tammi Terrell

Temptations

Jackson 5

**Gladys Knight and
the Pips**

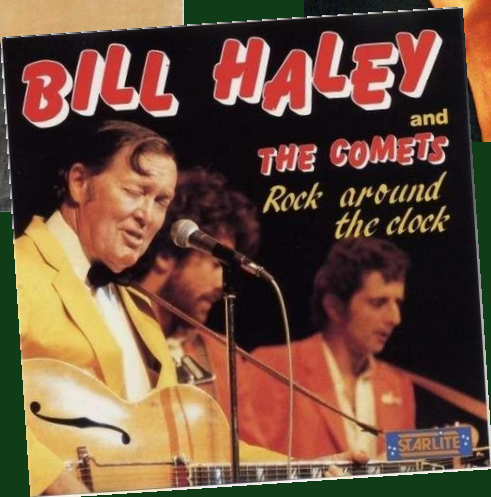
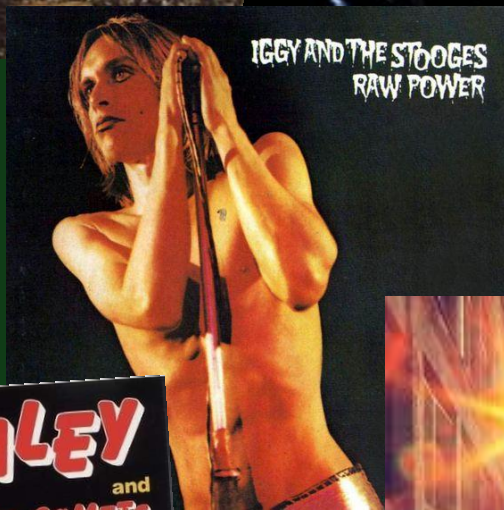
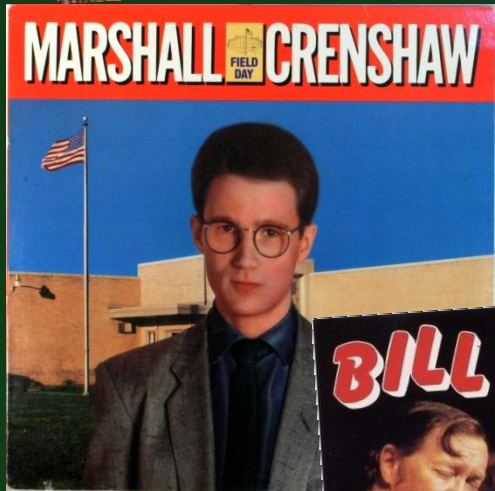
Commodores

DeBarge

Dusty Springfield

Boyz II Men

Q-Tip





Harry Wolf photograph

Detroit Waterfront c.1950



Dale Fisher photograph

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