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1878 and was recognized as a typical consequence of this haphazard style of speculation on Michigan's frontier. Such was the story of most undeveloped land parcels in Saginaw. Yet, had it not been for speculation, much of presentday Saginaw would have layed untouched and undeveloped for many years longer than it did.

In 1899, Russell Sackett bought the land and immediately proceeded to build a home for his family. Sackett was a travelling salesman who became attracted to the third largest city in the State and made it his home. After Sackett's residency, the house was owned by a clothing merchant, a real estate agent, and a lawyer. The last two owners used the house as an office, which is its present use.

The home's style and size reflect the need that these people felt to express their individuality while providing for family groups larger than those of today. The lack of ornamentation reflects their conservative outlook, their practicality in realizing the restrictions of their financial positions, and yet, their awareness of new architectural trends surfacing at the turn-of-the-century. In short, this home represents the outlook, values, and hopes of a class of Saginaw citizens who were not as famous as the wealthy entrepreneurs but who formed the backbone of the City and served as the real key to its development.

Photo #112
CENTRAL WAREHOUSE
1800 N. Michigan
1913
National Register Criteria: B, C

The Central Warehouse Company was organized in 1910 by William Carr, a local feed and grain dealer, and ten other businessmen from within the community. Within three years, they had financed construction of a five story brick warehouse which was designed and constructed by local firms. The company had a strong commitment to providing employment for local firms and deliberately chose Saginaw laborers for their work.

The warehouse was designed by Frederick Beckbissinger using a Chicago School-inspired design and traditional mill construction techniques. On the exterior, locally produced Saginaw Paving Bricks were used to cover the Michigan Avenue facade. Essentially functional in design, the warehouse presented limestone stringcourses above its first and fourth floor levels, a simply bracketed and dentilated limestone bandcourse at its cornice, and a stepped pediment at its roofline as the only ornamentations. The interior features pyramided wood support columns varying in thickness from eighteen inches on the first floor to six inches under the eaves. Floors built of tongue-and-groove pine planking covered by white oak flooring added stability and strength to the building's interior.

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Several local firms were involved in the construction of the building. Cooper and Beckbissinger, as noted above, designed the building. Spence Brothers, now one of the ten largest contracting firms in the Midwest, did the contracting work. Other contractors included the Furstenburg Brothers for the lumber and the Saginaw Paving Brick Company for the bricks. At the time of its completion, Central Warehouse was locally acclaimed as one of the most modern warehouses in the Midwest.

Central Warehouse opened in 1913 and began serving customers, most of whom were related to the production and distribution of farm equipment. By this date, Saginaw was rapidly expanding its agricultural processing and producing sector. Being the third largest city in Michigan and a central point for the northern Thumb and east central portions of the State, Saginaw was the regional center for the distribution and exchange of equipment relating to agriculture. Two of the largest farm implement dealers using Central Warehouse were John Deere Company and International Harvester Company. International Harvester used the warehouse until the mid-1920s when it moved to another West Side Saginaw location; John Deere left Central Warehouse in the mid-1940s when it moved to Lansing. Since its construction, Central Warehouse has experienced relatively little alteration. It continues in use as a warehouse.

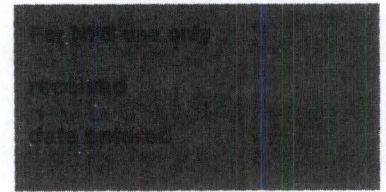
Photo #113-1, 113-2
MICHIGAN BELL BUILDING
309 South Washington
1930
National Register Criteria: C

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company's Saginaw office building, located at the corner of Janes and Washington Streets, was erected in 1930 to house new dial telephone equipment for mid-Michigan. Construction of the building began April 15, 1930, with a cornerstone-laying ceremony attended by Saginaw dignitaries. The cornerstone was set by Mayor A.W. Tausend.

The Art Deco style building, one of the few in Saginaw, is typical of Michigan Bell construction in the 1930s. The Detroit firm of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls designed the seven story building with its set-back upper stories and stylized, Gothic-influenced decoration. The first two levels of the structure were disguised behind tall, two story windows; only copper spandrels behind the glass revealed the actual construction. Wide stone bandcourses separated the third through the sixth floors; the top two floors were set-back and crested--almost crenelated--with low relief chevrons. Building materials included white limestone, concrete, and brick with steel reinforcement. The telephone equipment for all of Michigan Bell's service area in the Thumb and Saginaw Valley was placed in the building, necessitating unusually heavy construction. Office buildings of the 1930s were usually designed to carry 75 pounds of weight per square foot. Michigan Bell's building, however, was designed to accommodate

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St. John's Episcopal Church

Acreage: Approximately one acre

UTM Reference: 17 17/260040/4811340

Charles Peters, Sr. House

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 18 17/263160/4812770

Davis Carriage House

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 19 17/260300/4811630

House

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 20 17/261180/4812540

Bearinger Building

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 21 17/262270/4812980

Russell Sackett House

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 22 17/259320/4812020

Central Warehouse

Acreage: Approximately one acre

UTM Reference: 23 17/261310/4813000

Michigan Bell Building

Acreage: Approximately one acre

UTM Reference: 24 17/262020/4812630

INDIVIDUAL SITES

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Property Owner Name and Address</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>
1631 Brockway (Abel Brockway House)	E. Brady Denton 1631 Brockway Saginaw, 48602	1864
1604 Court (Russell Sackett House)	Robert Loucks 1604 Court Saginaw, 48602	1899
519 N. Fayette (Davis Carriage House)	Peter Brand 519 N. Fayette Saginaw, 48602	c. 1880
1203 S. Fayette (Wenzel House)	Harold Sperbeck 1203 S. Fayette Saginaw, 48603	1874
1404 S. Fayette (Benjamin Cushway House)	Mary Narcarto 1404 S. Fayette Saginaw, 48602	1832
207 Garden Lane (Ammi and William Wright House)	Ralph Zemanek 207 Garden Lane Saginaw, 48602	1854
509 Hancock (St. John's Episcopal Church)	St. John's Episcopal Church 509 Hancock Saginaw, 48602	1883
1514 N. Michigan (House)	S.P. Limited P.O. Box #73 Merrill, 48637	c. 1880
1800 N. Michigan (Central Warehouse)	Wallace Strobel 1825 Rust Avenue Saginaw, 48601	1913
501 Potter Street (Potter Street Railroad Station)	Chessie System Box #3297 Saginaw, 48605 Attn: L.R. JODD	1881
130 N. Sixth (Charles Peters, Sr. House)	Walter Banks 1801 Ribble Road Saginaw, 48601	1884
309 S. Washington (Michigan Bell Building)	Michigan Bell Telephone 309 S. Washington Saginaw, 48607	1930

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Central Saginaw Multiple Resource Area
State Michigan

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|---|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Bearlinger Building | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. Brockway, Abel, House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. Carriage, Davis, House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. Central Warehouse | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. Cushway, Benjamin, House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Tommy MacMurd 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. East Genesee Historic
Business District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. East Saginaw Historic
Business District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 8. Grove, The (Hist. Dist.) | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. House at 1514 N. Michigan | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. Michigan Bell Building | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Tommy MacMurd 7/9/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (Center Saginaw MRA)

TEL # E2002864

Property: Central Warehouse
State, County: MI Saginaw
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 5/27/83-1587
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-1-83
Date Due: 6/25/82 - 7/11/82
Action: ACCEPT 7/9/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Entered in the
National Register

photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair
 deteriorated ruins unexposed
Check one unaltered altered
Check one original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

S&M for

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

(Statement of Significance (in one paragraph))

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name	Multiple Property Name	Reference Number
Central Warehouse	Center Saginaw MRA	82002864

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000320