

Pennsylvania Historical Markers - Erie County

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African American Sailors in the Battle of Lake Erie

Dedicated: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1996

Marker Type: City

GPS Coordinates: LNG: -80.08705, LAT: 42.13701

Location: Erie Maritime Museum at Niagara Plaza in the rear, along fence, 150 E. Front St.

Marker Text: These skilled seamen were among those who enabled Oliver Hazard Perry to defeat and capture a British squadron, Sept. 10, 1813. Their participation critical to victory — secured a place for African Americans in the region's history.

Anthony Wayne

Dedicated: November 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.07214, LAT: 42.13429

Location: East Sixth Street and Ash Street

Marker Text: A restored blockhouse marking the site of American Fort Presque Isle and the original burial place of General Wayne stands on the Soldiers and Sailors Home grounds near the foot of this street. Wayne died there Dec. 15, 1796.

Canal Basin

Dedicated: Monday, April 5, 1948

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08947, LAT: 42.13555

Location: 34 State St., near Bicentennial Tower

Marker Text: End of Erie Extension of the Pennsylvania Canal system. Work began here July 4, 1838. Canal formally opened Dec. 5, 1844, by arrival of "R.S. Reed" with Mercer County coal, and "Queen of the West" with passengers.

Capt. C.V. Gridley

Dedicated: November 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.04819, LAT: 42.14351

Location: East Lake Road, in median across from Lakeside Cemetery entrance

Marker Text: Grave of Captain Gridley, commander of Dewey's flagship Olympia in the Battle of Manila Bay, 1898, is located in this cemetery. Dewey's order, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," opened the battle.

Capt. Daniel Dobbins

Dedicated: Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.09075, LAT: 42.13768

Location: Dobbins Landing, West Bay Drive and State Street

Marker Text: Erie merchant mariner, naval officer, born in Mifflin County. Captured by the British during the War of 1812, Dobbins escaped, went to Washington to report the fall of Forts Mackinac and Detroit. Appointed a sailing master in the U.S. Navy, he returned to Erie to supervise the construction of a squadron of warships later commanded by O.H. Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie. Dobbins served in the U.S. Navy and Revenue Cutter Service for 30 years.

Cashier's House

Dedicated: 1980

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08615, LAT: 42.13103

Location: 417 State St. at Erie Art Museum

Marker Text: Erected as a residence for the cashier of a branch of the U.S. Bank of Pennsylvania, which occupied the adjacent building. Completed 1839.

Circus History

Dedicated: Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1974

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.31697, LAT: 42.00007

Location: Main Street and Mechanic Street at the Diamond, across from borough hall in Girard.

Marker Text: America's most famous clown of the Nineteenth Century, Dan Rice (1823-1900), had the winter quarters of his circus in Girard from 1852 to 1875. The nearby Soldiers' Monument was donated by the versatile clown and showman, whose home stood opposite.

Climax Locomotives

Dedicated: Sunday, May 17, 1987

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.64378, LAT: 41.91962

Location: Route 77 near First Avenue at South end of Corry

Marker Text: Over 1,000 geared steam locomotives were built at the Climax plant here from 1888 to 1928. These were widely used on logging railroads in the United States and other countries. By making new areas accessible to large-scale lumbering, geared locomotives were a key to the industry's growth.

More: [Climax steam locomotive is on its way home to Corry](#)

Col. Philip Cochran (1910-1979)

Dedicated: Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.0733, LAT: 42.11114

Location: 2753 State St. at Glenwood Park Avenue, at Erie County WWII Memorial

Marker Text: WW II hero. Cochran distinguished himself as a daring pilot commanding P-40 fighter planes in N. Africa and as the colorful leader of the 1st Air Commandos during the invasion of Burma. He became a colonel at the age of 33 and earned such honors as the Distinguished Service Medal and British Distinguished Service Order. The Erie native inspired cartoon characters Flip Corkin in "Terry & the Pirates" and Gen. Philerie in "Steve Canyon."

Col. Strong Vincent (1837-1863)

Dedicated: Friday, April 1, 1994

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.98296, LAT: 41.94067

Location: Northeast corner of High Street at First Street near post office in Waterford

Marker Text: Civil War hero was born at the NW corner of First & Cherry Streets. A major turning point in the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg resulted from his independent and decisive action on July 2 in detaching his brigade (including the 83rd Pa. Regiment) to occupy and defend Little Round Top. Mortally wounded while rallying his men, he died July 7, four days after he had been promoted to brigadier general for gallantry.

Colt's Station

Dedicated: Monday, Oct. 29, 1951

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.82435, LAT: 42.11883

Location: Northeast corner of Route 89 and Route 430

Marker Text: Judah Colt as Agent began the first Pennsylvania Population Co. development here in 1797, setting up the first organized settlement in Erie County, at head of flatboat navigation on French Creek.

Corry State Fish Hatchery

Dedicated: Thursday, July 15, 2010

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.67218, LAT: 41.93062

Location: 13365 Route 6, just west of Corry

Marker Text: Established in 1876 by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission as the "Western Hatchery," it is the longest continuously operated fish hatchery in the Commonwealth. Supplied by abundant springs of uniform flow and temperature, it is considered the state's pioneer trout hatchery. Its success had a positive effect on the state economy, led to the creation of many jobs related to outdoor recreation and helped stimulate Pennsylvania's sport-fishing prominence.

Go fish: [Pennsylvania hatcheries, sportsmen groups partner on providing trout for anglers](#)

Creation of the Pennsylvania Game Commission

Dedicated: Thursday, July 24, 2008

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.64133, LAT: 41.92517

Location: Northwest corner of City Park, at intersection of North Center and Smith streets in Corry

Marker Text: Concerned about declining wildlife populations caused by logging, development and excessive hunting and trapping, Corry businessman H.A. Penrose assembled several influential men in Corry on Aug. 22, 1890, to form the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association (PSSA). This organization promoted wildlife conservation and enforcement of game laws. Efforts of the PSSA led to the creation of the Board of Game Commissioners by Act 187 of 1895.

Drake Well Park

Dedicated: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.84715, LAT: 41.88953

Location: Route 8 just south of Route 6, at south end of Union City

Marker Text: Near Titusville. The Park and Museum are owned by the State. On the site Col. Edwin Drake struck oil Aug. 27, 1859, marking the birth of the petroleum industry. Historical and museum material center.

Edinboro State College

Dedicated: Friday, May 31, 1968

Marker Type: City

Coordinates: LNG: -80.11615, LAT: 41.8788

Location: Waterford Street and Perry Lane, Edinboro

Marker Text: Founded in 1857, it was established in 1861 as a State Normal School, second oldest in the Commonwealth and first west of the mountains. It became a Teachers College in 1926 and a State College in 1960.

Erie

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.12281, LAT: 42.09266

Location: Pittsburgh Avenue near ramp to Interstate 79 south

Marker Text: The State's only lake port, bought with Erie Triangle, 1792. Laid out in 1795 by Ellicott and Irvine. Site of French, British and U.S. forts. Perry built his fleet here in 1813.

Erie

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.0746, LAT: 42.04362

Location: Peach Street near Robison Road

Marker Text: The State's only lake port, bought with Erie Triangle, 1792. Laid out in 1795 by Ellicott and Irvine. Site of French, British and U.S. forts. Perry built his fleet here in 1813.

Erie County

Dedicated: Friday, Aug. 21, 1981

Marker Type: City

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08792, LAT: 42.1287

Location: Erie County Courthouse, West Sixth Street

Marker Text: Formed March 12, 1800, from Allegheny County. Named for Lake Erie, which took its own name from the Erie Indians. Erie, the county seat, was laid out 1795; made a city in 1851. Ships of Perry's fleet which won the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie were built here.

Erie Extension Canal

Dedicated: Friday, April 30, 1948

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.3291, LAT: 41.95135

Location: Meadville Road at railroad bridge between Mill Street and Peach Street, Platea

Marker Text: Part of the old channel is visible by the present railroad, which replaced the canal. Lockport, now Platea, was founded 1839 at a point where a series of locks, 28 in two miles, lowered boats bound for Erie. Canal open 1844-71.

Erie Extension Canal

Dedicated: Friday, April 30, 1948

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.18237, LAT: 42.07158

Location: Route 20 at Asbury Road

Marker Text: A section of this canal, linking New Castle and Erie, lies at foot of the slope, to left of side road. Conneaut Line, Erie to Conneaut Lake, begun by State, 1838; finished by company headed by R.S. Reed, of Erie, 1843-44.

Erie Land Lighthouse

Dedicated: Saturday, June 19, 2004

Marker Type: City

Coordinates: LNG: -80.06169, LAT: 42.14415

Location: At site of lighthouse, 2 Lighthouse St.

Marker Text: The first lighthouse to shine on the Great Lakes. Created to aid navigation and promote shipping, the original 20-ft. beacon (1818) and the subsequent brick tower (1858) were built upon unstable soil. The sandstone tower (1867) was the third built here.

Flagship Niagara

Dedicated: 1948

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08704, LAT: 42.13689

Location: Erie Maritime Museum at Niagara Plaza, along fence at rear, 150 E. Front St.

Marker Text: This restored vessel was used by Capt. Oliver Hazard Perry as his flagship in the Battle of Lake Erie, Sept. 10, 1813 after the Lawrence was disabled. From the Niagara's deck Perry sent the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

More on Perry: [Oliver Hazard Perry Battle of Lake Erie telescope sold for \\$99,000](#)

Fort LeBoeuf

Dedicated: Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1922

Marker Type: Plaque

Coordinates: LNG: -79.98297, LAT: 41.94008

Location: South High Street, just south of First Street in park opposite Fort LeBoeuf Museum, Waterford

Marker Text: This monument marks the site of Fort Le Boeuf. Erected by the French in 1752. George Washington as a Major representing the Governor of Virginia, came here in 1753,

bearing a letter to the commander of the fort, warning the French to withdraw their forces from this region claimed by Great Britain. This mission was one of the first links in the chain of events that settled forever the dominance of our land by the Anglo-Saxon.

Fort LeBoeuf

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.98262, LAT: 41.94015

Location: At museum, South High Street just south of First Street, Waterford

Marker Text: Three forts have stood on this site. French fort, built 1753 to guard road into Ohio Valley, abandoned 1759. British fort, built 1760, burned by Indians, 1763. American fort built to protect settlers, 1794.

Fort LeBoeuf Memorial

Dedicated: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 1951

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.98275, LAT: 41.94037

Location: At The Judson House, South High Street, just south of First Street, Waterford **Marker Text:** The Judson House, built in 1820, stands on the site of the old French fort. This was the scene of Washington's first public mission.

Fort Presque Isle

Dedicated: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.07676, LAT: 42.13273

Location: Parade Street at Sixth Street at the side of the Erie Insurance armory building

Marker Text: Two forts stood four blocks north. French fort, built by Marin, 1753, abandoned, 1759. British fort, built by Col. Bouquet, 1760, and captured by Pontiac's Indians, 1763. The French Road to Fort LeBoeuf began there.

French Creek

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.99943, LAT: 41.88482

Location: Perry Highway between Church Road and Route 6, south of Waterford

Marker Text: The Riviere aux Boeufs of the French, renamed by George Washington in 1753. It had an important part in the French and Indian War and the settlement of northwestern Pennsylvania.

George Washington

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.98288, LAT: 41.94014

Location: South High Street, just south of First Street at George Washington Memorial Park in Waterford.

Marker Text: In December 1753, George Washington came here with notice from the Governor of Virginia to the French that they were trespassing on British soil. The statue shows Washington carrying out his first public mission.

Harry Kellar (1849-1922)

Dedicated: Friday, May 9, 2008

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08261, LAT: 42.12186

Location: Griswold Park, south side of West 13th Street, between Peach and Sassafras streets

Marker Text: Known as the "Dean of American Magicians," he was mentor and friend to Harry Houdini. Considered the first American magician to become an international star, he performed extensively on five continents, impressing audiences with his elegant theatrical illusions for more than 40 years. He popularized the Vanishing Birdcage effect and perfected the levitation illusion. Born in Erie, he returned to perform many times. His boyhood home stood nearby.

Harry T. Burleigh

Dedicated: Friday, Dec. 6, 2019

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08311, LAT: 42.13038

Location: East Sixth Street, just east of French Street

Marker Text: Eminent African American baritone, composer, editor and pioneer arranger. Protégé of Dvorák, he set to music poems by Dunbar, Hughes, Whitman and others. Burleigh arranged “Deep River” and many other spirituals, which he championed as “America’s only original and distinctive style of music.” Through his successful career and work to advance social justice, he shaped the character of American music and culture. He was born on East Third St.

Looking back: [Documents, artifacts detail Erie's African American history](#)

Ida M. Tarbell

Dedicated: Thursday, Sept. 28, 1950

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.85165, LAT: 41.9641

Location: Route 8, just south of Hatch Hollow Road, between Wattsburg and Union City

Marker Text: Noted writer; biographer of Lincoln, historian of Standard Oil; born Nov. 5, 1857, in her grandfather's log home at Hatch Hollow, about two miles to east. She died Jan. 6, 1944, at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Inez Mecusker (1855-1941)

Dedicated: Monday, Oct. 23, 2017

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.64099, LAT: 41.92226

Location: Northeast corner of Center and Washington streets in Corry

Marker Text: One of the foremost singers and entertainers of her time, soprano Mecusker was known as the “American Cantatrice.” She was featured in roles in opera and musical theater, appeared in vaudeville and on Broadway, and was a soloist for the John Philip Sousa Band. She performed for more than 25 years in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and was acclaimed nationally. The Corry resident is buried nearby in Pine Grove Cemetery.

John Nelson (1917-1959)

Dedicated: Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004

Marker Type: City

Coordinates: LNG: -80.01538, LAT: 42.15038

Location: 3923 Main St. at Rankine Avenue, Lawrence Park Township, near UE 506 union hall

Marker Text: Chief Steward & President, United Electrical Workers Union Local 506, 1942-1959. Accused of McCarthy-era Communist activity, he was the first union leader fired by General Electric, 1953. He defended workers' civil liberties while UE represented him in court. He died prematurely at 42.

Joshua M. Merrill (1828-1904)

Dedicated: Thursday, July 24, 2008

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.64069, LAT: 41.92114

Location: Between 19 and 37 N. Center St., Corry

Marker Text: Lead chemist and manager of Downer Oil Works, built nearby in 1862 following discovery of oil near Titusville. Merrill's refining breakthroughs included an illuminating oil safer than kerosene for use on railroads and steamships and in factories. He also developed deodorized lubricating oils for machinery, opening new world markets in the late 1860s. Merrill was an award recipient at the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia.

Making of the Flag 'Don't Give Up the Ship'

Dedicated: Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08706, LAT: 42.13707

Location: Niagara Plaza along fence at rear of Erie Maritime Museum, 150 E. Front St.

Marker Text: Steadfast in the face of war in the summer of 1813, seven brave Erie women stitched the flag that Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry carried into battle. British ships were on Lake Erie poised for attack. Although many fled south, Margaret Forster Steuart, her sister Dorcas and five nieces remained to complete this rallying banner. The flag is preserved at the US Naval Academy Museum in Annapolis, Md., and its words have become a Navy motto.

Miracles on Maple Hill

Dedicated: Saturday, June 27, 2015

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.14091, LAT: 41.87883

Location: Cuthbertson Stables Square, 413 Plum St., Edinboro

Marker Text: This award-winning novel for children was inspired by author Virginia Sorensen's time in Edinboro. In it, she illuminates the centuries-long agricultural traditions of the rural maple syrup industry in Erie and Crawford Counties and the restorative qualities of country life. *Miracles on Maple Hill* won the 1957 Newbery Medal for its distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

Oil Creek Railroad

Dedicated: Thursday, June 16, 2011

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.64033, LAT: 41.92033

Location: North Center Street in Corry, adjacent to the railroad tracks

Marker Text: Opened in 1862, this railroad revolutionized the shipment of oil from the oil fields near Titusville to Corry, a hub for major rail lines. The 27-mile line rendered dangerous and wasteful waterway transport, as well as labor-intensive horse-drawn wagons, obsolete. It also brought thousands of fortune seekers to the region. From its beginning it enjoyed an extraordinary volume of business and became one of the most profitable lines in the nation.

Old French Road

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.05728, LAT: 42.09239

Location: Old French Road near Gore Road, south of Erie

Marker Text: Here the modern highway leaves the course of the Presque Isle Portage, part of the historic Venango Trail. The French Road, built in 1753, following an Indian path, turned down into the valley.

Old State Line

Dedicated: November 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.14212, LAT: 41.99948

Location: Route 99 at North Main Street, McKean

Marker Text: The northern boundary of Pennsylvania, before the purchase of the Erie Triangle in 1792, crossed the highway at this point. The State paid \$151,640.25 for the Erie tract and its port on the Lakes.

Old State Line

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.40549, LAT: 41.99988

Location: West Lake Road at Happy Valley Road, east of North Springfield

Marker Text: The northern boundary of Pennsylvania, before the purchase of the Erie Triangle in 1792, crossed the highway at this point. The state paid \$151,640.25 for the Erie tract and its port on the Lakes.

Old State Line

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.81098, LAT: 41.99925

Location: Main Street at south end of Wattsburg

Marker Text: The northern boundary of Pennsylvania, before the purchase of the Erie Triangle in 1792, crossed the highway at this point. The State paid \$151,640.25 for the Erie tract and its port on the Lakes.

Old State Line

Dedicated: November 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.32193, LAT: 41.99811

Location: West Main Street near Old Ridge Road, Girard

Marker Text: The northern boundary of Pennsylvania, before the purchase of the Erie Triangle in 1792, crossed the highway at this point. The State paid \$151,640.25 for the Erie tract and its port on the Lakes.

Paul Allman Siple (1908-1968)

Dedicated: Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08672, LAT: 42.13622

Location: At entrance of Erie Maritime Museum, 150 E. Front St.

Marker Text: One of the world's foremost authorities on Antarctica, he was honored internationally for his work as scientist, explorer, inventor, geographer, diplomat and author. An Eagle Scout and NIAGARA Sea Scout from Erie, Siple was selected from all US Boy Scouts to accompany R.E. Byrd on his 1928-30 Antarctic Expedition. In 1957, he led the first team ever to winter at the South Pole. Siple designed all-climate army gear and devised the "Wind Chill Index."

Pennsylvania

Dedicated: Tuesday, April 12, 1949

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.51678, LAT: 41.94465

Location: West Ridge Road, Springfield, at state line (Ohio border)

Marker Text: Founded 1681 by William Penn as a Quaker Commonwealth. Birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Pennsylvania

Dedicated: Tuesday, April 12, 1949

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.76785, LAT: 42.24881

Location: At I-90 Welcome Center, just west of state line (New York border)

Marker Text: Founded 1681 by William Penn as a Quaker Commonwealth. Birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Pennsylvania National Guard 112th Infantry Regiment

Dedicated: Thursday, July 2, 2015

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.07735, LAT: 42.13246

Location: At Erie Armory, 350 E. Sixth St.

Marker Text: Organized in 1921, the 112th is part of the famed 28th Div., the oldest continuous infantry division in the US Army. The 112th, previously known as the 16th, has origins in the

storied 83rd PVI regiment formed in Erie in 1861 during the Civil War. It served in the Spanish-American War, WWI and Iraq and was awarded Presidential Unit Citations in WWII and Korea. For 90 years 112th units served at Erie Armory, a National Register-listed property.

Perry's Shipyards

Dedicated: November 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.10611, LAT: 42.12188

Location: West Sixth and Cascade Streets

Marker Text: Perry's ships, the Lawrence, the Niagara and the Ariel, were built in spring, 1813, at the foot of this street. His warehouses, blockhouse and lookout station were also located there.

Presque Isle Portage

Dedicated: Friday, Nov. 1, 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.01542, LAT: 41.9807

Location: Peach Street near Lane Road, around three miles north of Waterford

Marker Text: The old portage, part of the historic Venango Trail from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, crossed the modern road here. The early Indian trail became a French military road in 1753, their chief route to the Ohio.

Sr. Bernard Sheridan

Dedicated: Friday, Sept. 26, 2003

Marker Type: City

Coordinates: LNG: -80.07963, LAT: 42.11089

Location: AHN Saint Vincent Hospital, 232 W. 25th St.

Marker Text: Pioneer nurse anesthetist. Born Jeanne Sheridan in Ireland, Sister Bernard entered Saint Vincent Hospital to study nursing in 1877 and developed expertise in anesthesiology. Her work was a landmark in nurse anesthesia education programs nationwide.

St. James A.M.E. Church

Dedicated: 1994

Marker Type: City

Coordinates: LNG: -80.07744, LAT: 42.12505

Location: East 12th Street at Holland Street

Marker Text: At 236 E. 11th Street. Founded 1874, this is Erie's oldest African American congregation. Five of its first six members were women. Originally at 3rd & German Streets, this church has long ministered to the spiritual and social needs of the Erie community.

Missing markers

Erie

Dedicated: November 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.99781, LAT: 42.14911

Location: Route 20 near Knoll Avenue, East end of Erie

Marker Text: The State's only lake port, bought with Erie Triangle, 1792. Laid out in 1795 by Ellicott and Irvine. Site of French, British, and U.S. forts. Perry built his fleet here in 1813.

LP-Gas Industry

Dedicated: Thursday, May 17, 1962

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -79.98449, LAT: 41.94283

Location: High Street at the square in Waterford

Marker Text: The liquefied petroleum gas industry originated in this vicinity. The first domestic customer, John W. Gahring, had "bottled gas" for lighting and cooking installed May 17, 1912, at his farm home about five miles southeast of Waterford at Le Boeuf Station.

Old State Line

Dedicated: November 1946

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.03197, LAT: 41.99864

Location: Route 19, near Sharp Road, about 4½ miles north of Waterford

Marker Text: The northern boundary of Pennsylvania, before the purchase of the Erie Triangle in 1792, crossed the highway at this point. The State paid \$151, 640.25 for the Erie tract and its port on the Lakes.

Otto Maya

Dedicated: Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002

Marker Type: Roadside

Coordinates: LNG: -80.08263, LAT: 42.12551

Location: 10th and State Streets, Erie

Marker

Text: A champion racer during the bicycle craze that swept the United States in the 1890s. After racing locally for several years, he competed against bicyclists from other states and nations in major contests between 1896 and 1906; foremost among these were the six-day team races at the old Madison Square Garden in New York. Maya had lived here as a boy above his family's business, which he later managed on his return to Erie in 1907.

Pennsylvania

Dedicated: Tuesday, April 12, 1949

Coordinates: LNG: -79.76192, LAT: 42.26762

Location: Route 5, east at state line

Marker Text:

Founded 1681 by William Penn as a Quaker Commonwealth. Birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

U.S.S. Wolverine

Dedicated: Thursday, Sept. 3, 1953

Marker Type: City

Location: North end State Street, Erie

Marker Text: This is the bowsprit of the Wolverine, originally named the Michigan. Launched in 1843, it was the Navy's first iron ship. In use until 1923. Only warship on the Lakes for many years.