

# FINAL

REVISE AND REPLACE

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2" caption  
1 ½" text  
Mackinac County  
Mackinac Island  
Side One

## MARKET STREET

1 In 1779 when the British relocated their  
2 fortified fur-trading community from  
3 the south side of the straits on the  
4 mainland to Mackinac Island, they built  
5 Fort Mackinac to command a view of  
6 the harbor and the settlement below.  
7 The new town was enclosed within a  
8 protective stockade and nestled beneath  
9 the fort's defenses. The basic street grid  
10 of that eighteenth-century fortified  
11 village remains. The main thorough-  
12 fare, now known as Market Street,  
13 stretched nearly a quarter mile from  
14 below the fort to a western gate at  
15 today's Cadotte Avenue. Running  
16 parallel to it along the shoreline was  
17 another street, today's Main Street.  
18 French, British, Odawa, and Ojibway  
19 met on Market Street, which was lined  
20 with houses and merchant shops. Sainte  
21 Anne's Church occupied the corner of  
22 Market Street and what is now Hoban  
23 Street from 1780 to around 1819.

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1 Market Street remained the heart of the  
2 community well into the nineteenth  
3 century, during the height of the fur  
4 trade era. In 1817 John Jacob Astor  
5 established the northern headquarters of  
6 his American Fur Company here. The  
7 company's business complex included  
8 the agent's house, a clerk's quarters, a  
9 warehouse, and a retail store. Robert  
10 Stuart, the resident agent of the fur  
11 company, lived in this house. As  
12 tourism developed later in the century,  
13 hotels and rooming houses appeared on  
14 Market Street, adding a new layer to its  
15 character. By 1860 most commercial  
16 activity had shifted to Main Street.  
17 Since then, Market Street has remained  
18 a mixed-use district of Mackinac  
19 Island. The street includes buildings  
20 used as businesses, hotels, residences,  
21 and public amenities. Their different  
22 styles reflect more than two centuries of  
23 Market Street's layered history.