

# Mapping the Virtual Motor City Collection:

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**Exploring Detroit's Architectural History and Beyond**

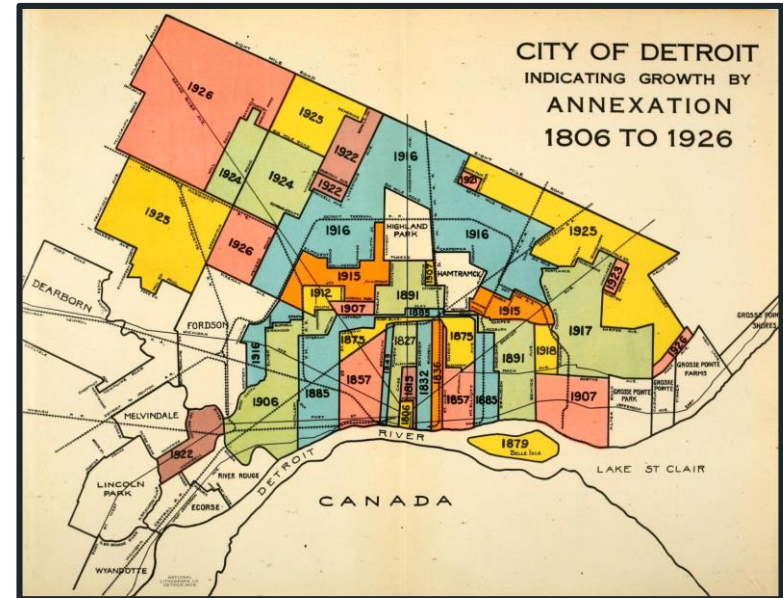
Clayton Hayes, Wayne State University  
MiALA, May 18, 2017

# The initial idea:

- Inspired by talk on Cleveland Historical project
- A “tour” of Art Deco architecture in Detroit for a Subject of the Month display
  - Identify an art deco building in our digital collections
  - Pin the photo on a map
  - Information on the building and its history?

# Refocusing

- What is Art Deco?
- Everything mapped => Art Deco buildings mapped
- Narrowed focus:
  - Buildings only
  - Detroit only (+ Hamtramck and Highland Park)
  - Virtual Motor City collection only
  - Worry about building information later



# The Virtual Motor City Collection

- Detroit News Photograph Collection
  - 800,000+ images from Detroit News Photographers, 1860s-1980s
- Virtual Motor City (VMC) Collection
  - 38,000+ digitized images from the above collection
  - Associated archival metadata, often including original description/dates
  - Made possible by DALNET, IMLS, and Library of Michigan grants

# The Virtual Motor City Collection

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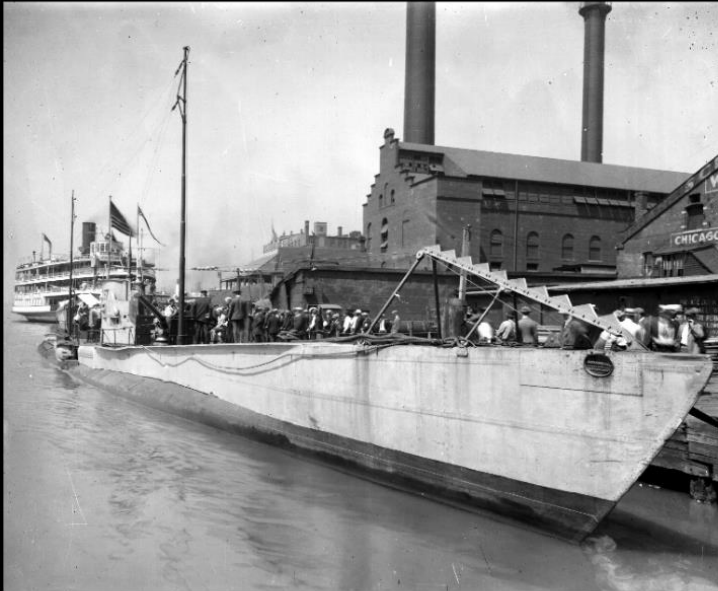
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Wars; World; 1; Navy; Submarines; Captured German U-Boat 97

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# Challenges

## Environmental

- Almost all addresses in Detroit changed in 1921
- No access to digitized Detroit News/Free Press for most of the 20th century
- Expressways/street widenings/other developments have erased plots of land

## Collection

- Name changes
- Insufficient info
- Misleading/incorrect info

# Name changes

Michigan; Cities; Hamtramck. Hospitals. St. Francis Hospital.



Michigan; Cities; Hamtramck. Hospitals.  
St. Francis Hospital.

## Saint Francis Hospital

### Saint Francis Hospital

When [John and Horace Dodge](#) expanded their Hamtramck automotive factory in 1914, thousands of workers migrated to this area creating the need for a local hospital. In 1927 the city built this Georgian Revival structure and opened it as Hamtramck Municipal Hospital. Mayor Stephen Majewski invited the Sisters of Saint Francis to run the facility. In 1931 the sisters leased the hospital building from the city for one dollar a year and renamed it Saint Francis Hospital. At Saint Francis Hospital, Hamtramck's Polish residents could discuss their health concerns with Polish-speaking medical staff. The hospital closed in 1969 and the building was converted into Hamtramck City Hall.

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Erected 2000

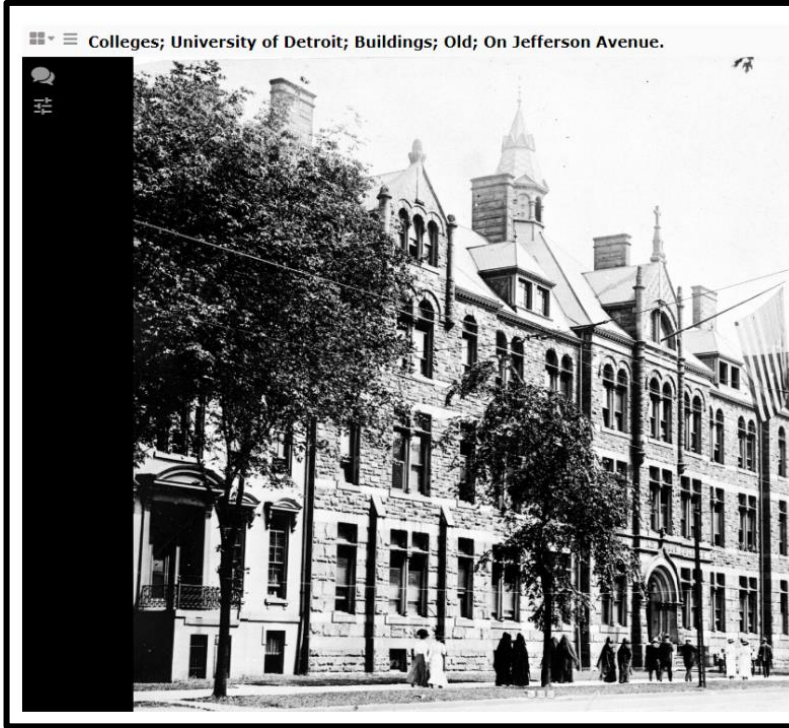
**Location:** 3401 Evaline  
Hamtramck, [Wayne County](#)

**Topics:**  
Public Buildings





# Insufficient info (easy)



Colleges; University of Detroit; Buildings; Old; On Jefferson Avenue.

Riverfront Campus (Law)

651 East Jefferson Avenue  
Detroit, Mich. 48226

Riverfront Campus is located in the heart of Detroit, across the street from the Detroit Center. The campus is accessible from the I-75 freeways.

DETROIT MERCY LAW

Riverfront Campus Snapshot

On 3.8 acres of land, School of Law has three buildings.

Dowling Hall

Date Built:	1890
Named After:	Rev. Michael P. Dowling, 4th President of Detroit College

# Insufficient info (difficult)

☰ ☰ ☰ Nazis; Detroit. -Police Confront Angry Citizens at New Bookstore



## Nazis Evicted From Headquarters In Detroit as Bystanders Applaud

By REGINALD STUART APRIL 13, 1978



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The New York Times Archives

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## Memorial Day THE JEWISH NEWS

A Weekly Review of Jewish Events

Calling Spade  
a Spade in  
Middle East Issue  
and the New  
Front Line  
Editorials, Page 4

VOL. LXXIII, No. 12 17515 W. Nine Mile, Suite 865, Southfield, Mich. 48075 424-8833 \$12.00 Per Year: This Issue 30¢ May 26, 1978

## Detroit Nazi Re-Opening Hit; Court Clouds Skokie Parade

### Passengers Credit Israelis for Halting Orly Terrorists

PARIS (JTA) — Passengers on an El Al flight from Paris who were targets of an Arab terrorist machinegun attack at Orly Airport Saturday afternoon, claimed that had it not been for the alertness and instant response of Israeli security guards, the Lod Airport massacre of May 30, 1972 would have been repeated.

The three terrorists were killed in a hail of bullets near the El Al boarding gate, but not before one of them fatally shot a French policeman. Two other policemen and three passengers waiting to board Iberia Airline flight to Malaga from an adjoining gate were wounded.

The El Al passengers credited Israeli security guards with gunning down the terrorists. Reports from Paris said French police opened fire killing the terrorists seconds after they drew their weapons. One of the dead terrorists was identified as a 25-year-old Lebanese, Mahmoud Awada.

Only about a dozen passengers completed the trip aboard the El Al jumbo jet. Originally a tourist party of over 200 French insurance agents was to have made the flight but the group cancelled their trip after the shooting.

Two of the French tourists, Claude and Miriam Haddad, made the trip anyway. Haddad said he convinced nine others to stay with the flight despite the shock of the attack. Another returning passenger was Labor Minister Israel Katz. He said he was certain the attack was not directed at him because he booked on the flight at the last minute after reaching Paris from Nice.

A group calling itself the Sons of South Lebanon claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it would be the first of a series against the French in the Middle East and Africa. The attack was claimed to be in retaliation for a recent clash between French UN troops and Patah terrorists in the Lebanese village of Abassieh and a warning against French "colonialism."

Detroit Nazis, evicted from their "bookstore" on Detroit's southwest side this spring, opened a new storefront headquarters at 30807 Fenkell in northwest Detroit on Saturday amid militant neighborhood opposition. At the same time, a Federal appeals court was ruling that American Nazis can go ahead with a long-contested parade in predominantly Jewish Skokie, Ill.

In Detroit on Saturday, Charles Benham, executive director of the Detroit Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, was punched and shoved out of the Nazi headquarters after he told the Nazis they did not belong in the neighborhood. Leonard Green, state commander of the Jewish War Veterans, was picketing in front of the store and witnessed the incident.

Benham filed a complaint with police and one of the Nazis, Merrill Fulton, was charged with assault. He failed to appear for arraignment on Tuesday and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Picketing in front of the store has been violent throughout the week and a number of anti-Nazi demonstrators have been arrested. At an anti-Nazi community meeting Tuesday night at the Brightmoor Community Center, a large crowd nearly got out of hand on several occasions.

Businessmen who have stores near the Nazis will seek help from city officials to see if Detroit's nuisance statutes can be used to have the Nazis evicted. They will also meet with police officials to discuss their handling of the demonstrations and vowed to make the demonstrations organized and non-violent.

Green told The Jewish News that the JWV was seeking support from all units associated with Michigan's Allied Veterans Council for a massive demonstration this weekend.

Green was one of the first pickets at the store Saturday morning, following a telephone call from a JWV member. Benham, who lives in a near-by neighborhood, heard about the new Nazi headquarters while at the post office one block away.

"The news media picture that comes across," Benham said, "is that of a community in uproar because of a handful of 'neo-Nazis', and that if people would not react to them the problem would be resolved and we can achieve our number one objective — the

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# Misleading/incorrect info (easy)



## Young Men's Christian Association


July-20-13, 10:46 PM #3

p69rrh51 ◦ Join Date: Sep 2009 Posts: 4,237

YMCA Western Branch 1601 Clark built in 1927 Hubbard Farms Historic District Detroit, MI.


Designed by Malcomson & Higginbotham.

Attached Images





# Misleading/incorrect info (difficult)




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Communists: Detroit: Buildings: Danish

## Lithuanian Hall (Detroit, Michigan)

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building



The three story, 12,200 sq. ft., Lithuanian Hall, featuring a 4,000 sq. ft. ballroom, was built in 1924 as a community center for the local Lithuanian population. With the influx of Spanish speaking immigrants to the area following World War Two, the Hall became home to Hipanos Unidos until 1991 when it was abandoned.

In 2006 the building was renovated and now includes a number of tenants including:

- O'Brien Edwards Construction [www.obriencc.com/](http://www.obriencc.com/)
- State Farm Insurance
- Southwest Solutions
- Kumon Learning Center

[www.obriencc.com/Lithuanian\\_Hall\\_Feature.php](http://www.obriencc.com/Lithuanian_Hall_Feature.php)

# Results of geolocating:

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Now what?

1. Find a mapping platform
2. Decide which items to include
3. Find information on buildings if possible
4. Create the map
5. Build Subject of the Month exhibit

# 1. Deciding on a mapping platform

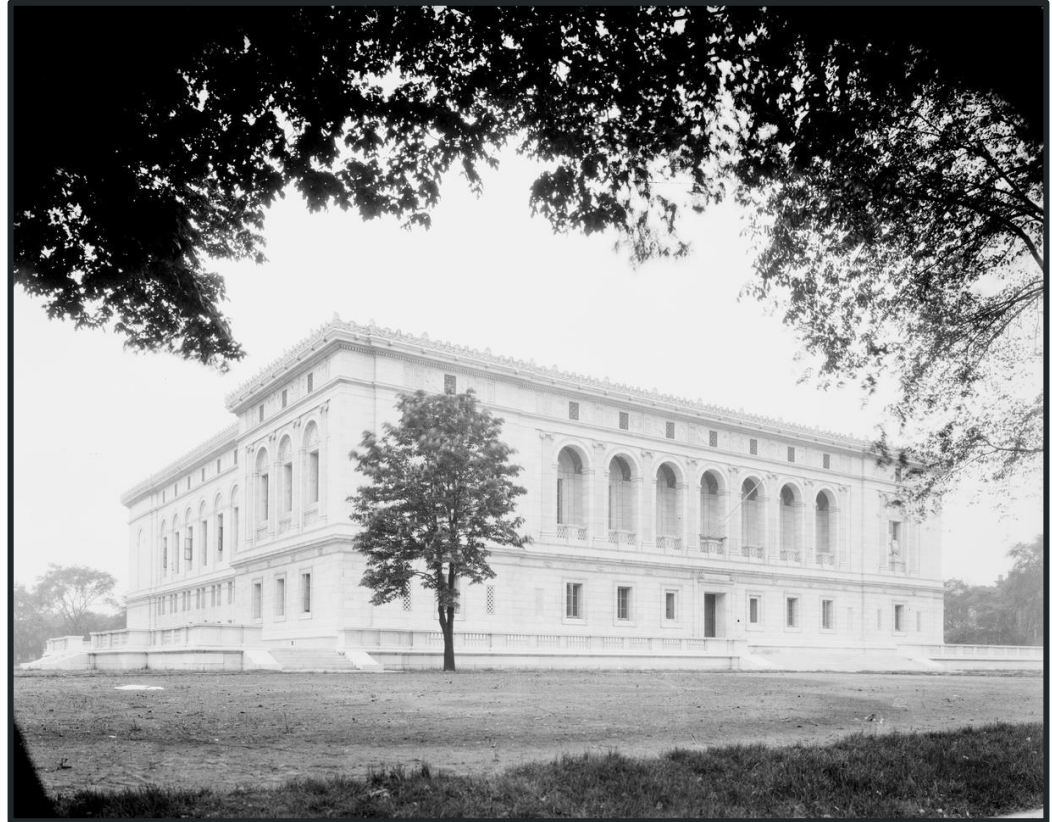
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- ~~Add images in batches~~
- On each map pin:
  - ~~Multiple images~~
  - A small amount of text
- ~~Geographic Information Systems (GIS)~~
- ~~Apache Cordova~~
- ~~Google Fusion Tables~~
- Google Maps

# 1a. Pick one item per building

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## 2. Deciding what to include

Geographic info on ~1000 items from VMC

- Less interesting buildings could be left out?
- What to do with buildings on the same plot of land

## 2a. “Less interesting” buildings

Builders Show; Ideal Home; 19



Streets; Fort St. Old Residences. Cass & 4th. between 3rd & 4th. 2nd St. Wayne ...



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Streets; Fort St. Old Residences. Cass & 4th. between 3rd & 4th. 2nd St. Wayne St. 1st & Cass

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View of four-story, Victorian-era residential building on Fort Street in Detroit, Michigan with scaffolding against one side of building near street corner.

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## 2b. Same plot of land



# 3. Gathering information


- Websites
  - HistoricDetroit.org
  - CinemaTreasures
  - Detroit-focused message boards (Discuss Detroit, DetroitYes!)
- Books
  - *The Legacy of Albert Kahn* by Ferry
  - *The Buildings of Detroit* by Ferry
  - *AIA Detroit* guide by Hill & Gallagher
  - *History of Detroit and Michigan* by Farmer
  - Various Detroit City Directories
- Sanborn Maps
- Google/GoogleBooks

## 3a. Easier stuff

New Center Building: Detroit

Dunbar Hospital: First Black Community

Stephan, Max. German Restaurant Owner. Convicted of Treason. Sentenced (Aug. 6 by Judge Tuttle) to be hanged Nov. 13, 1942



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Stephan, Max. German Restaurant Owner. Convicted of Treason. Sentenced (Aug. 6 by Judge Tuttle) to be hanged Nov. 13, 1942

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1942-08-06

Detroit restaurateur Max Stephan covers his face as he exits a courtroom. "A German prisoner-of-war escaped from Canada to Detroit in April 1942 and was introduced, by a former American pen pal, to Max Stephan, a leader in Detroit's German community. Stephan gave the Nazi POW a several-day tour of Detroit evening entertainment spots then sent him by bus to Chicago, convicted of aiding and abetting the enemy in wartime. Stephan was the first American sentenced to execution since George Washington's administration, President Franklin Roosevelt commuted Stephan's sentence to life in prison," from Michigan History Online.

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## 3b. More difficult

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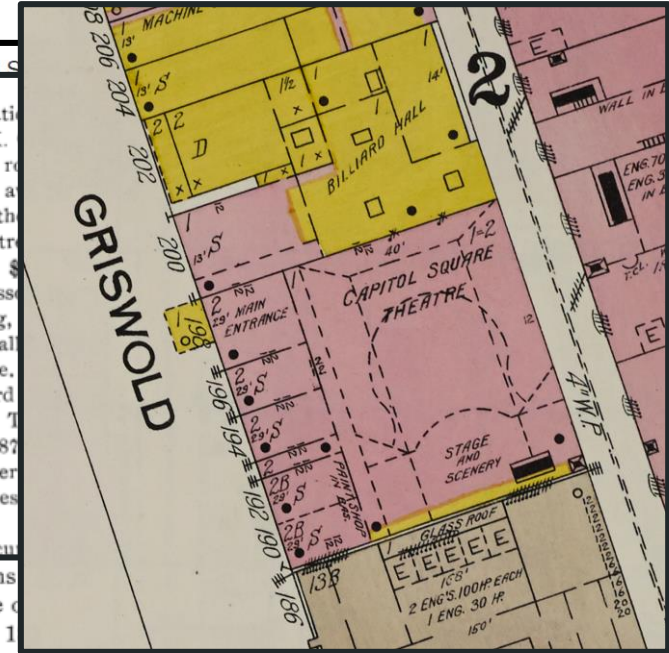
# 3c. Rabbit holes

Griswold Street Theater. Detroit



a number of citizens resolved to effect a permanent organization the prime movers were Silas Farmer, F. D. Taylor and H. K. They secured contributions to the enterprise and rented some rooms in the Merrill building, at the corner of Woodward and Jefferson avenues. In 1867 the society was incorporated, and seven years later there was a demand for larger quarters. A vacant building on Farmer street between Monroe and Gratiot avenues, was purchased for about \$10,000. Such rooms as were needed for the accommodation of the association were fitted up, a more attractive front was put on the building, and the stores were rented to other tenants. This property was finally purchased and the association rented rooms over 250 Woodward avenue, there it moved to the Casino, an old skating rink, which afterward was the Griswold Street Theatre, and later the Capitol Square Theatre. The association removed to several other places, and in 1887 moved into its permanent home at the northeast corner of Grand River and Griswold street. The building, as it now stands, represents an investment of \$125,000.

An eastern branch was established in 1892 and it now occupies the old quarters of the Michigan Skating Rink, on the east side of Grand street and Elmwood street in 1875, and this branch has a membership is about 2,400. The directors of the institution were while the building entered into the scheme was president and L. F. The ing scheme is largely due to has a fine gymnasium and a river just above Belle Isle entertainments are given during the winter season. George R. Angell



In 1886 Henry N. Williams named the Casino Theatre. In 1890 it was leased by J. W. Moore and opened as a vaudeville and burlesque theatre on August 3, 1891, and continued as such to April 3, 1892. It was then leased to the Salvation Army, who occupied it for some two years. In September, 1895, Dr. Martin Campbell leased it and named it the Capitol Square Theatre.

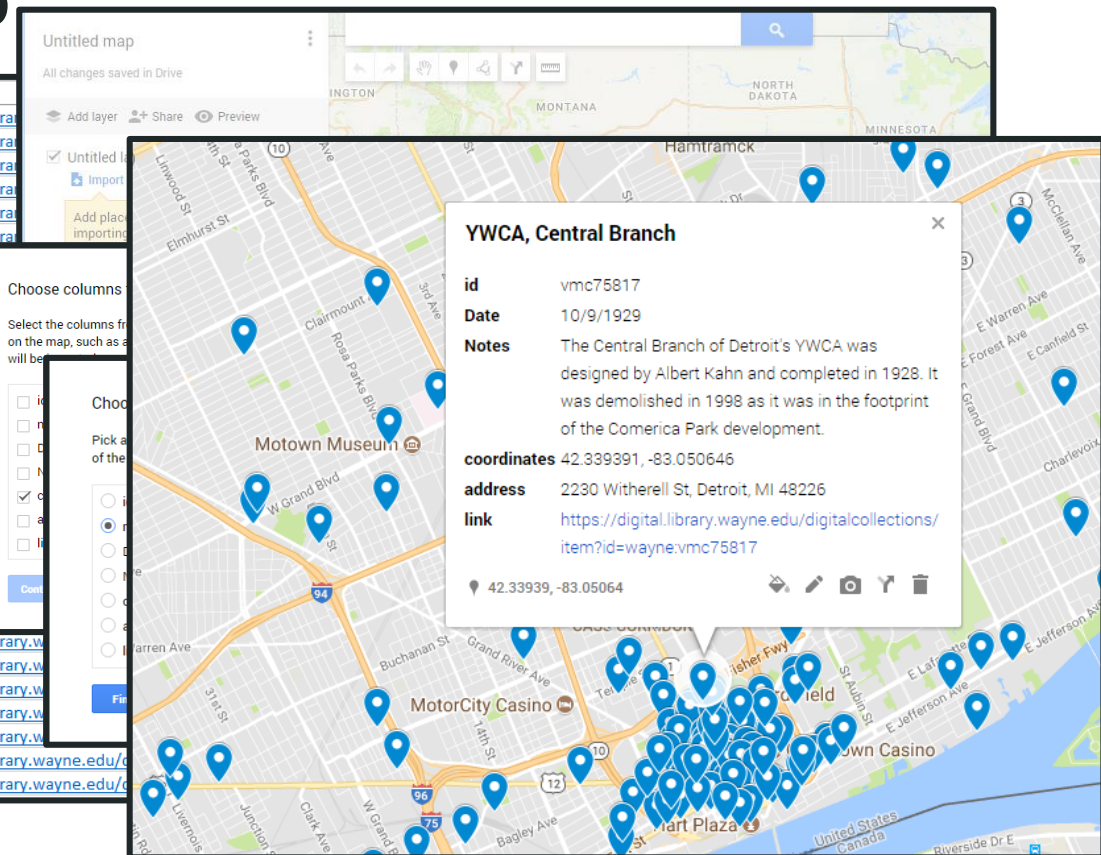
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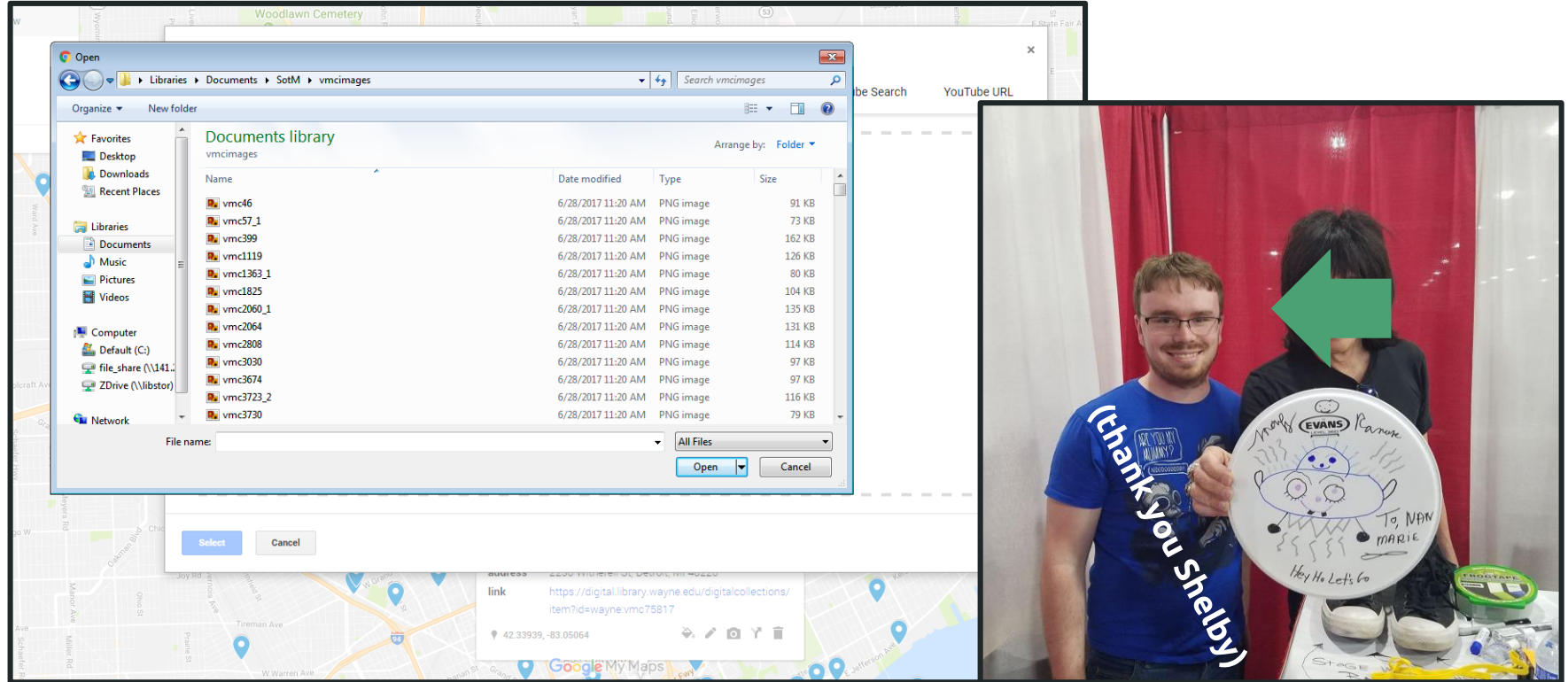
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# 5. Build Subject of the Month Exhibit



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Though Detroit was founded in 1701, it can be argued that it did not develop into a city in the modern sense until after the American Civil War. As with many American cities, the Industrial Revolution and, later, the auto industry sparked a period of growth that shaped Detroit into the city we know today. This guide provides a glimpse into that process, highlighting materials on the physical city itself including architecture, the city's layout, and Detroit's history.

## The Virtual Motor City Collection

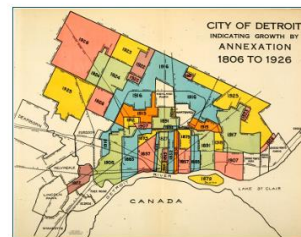
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## Detroit's Growth, Outward and Upward

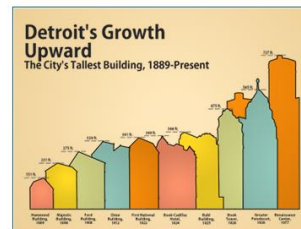
### Detroit's Growth Outward

This map, originally published in a 1926 County Manual for Wayne, Michigan, shows how the borders of Detroit grew via the annexation of land from 1806 to 1926. The city's borders today remain largely the same as they were in 1926.



### Detroit's Growth Upward

How was the skyline of Detroit changed throughout the years? This image tracks all of the buildings that have held the title of "Tallest Building in Detroit," from the Hammond Building, the city's first "skyscraper," in 1889 to the Renaissance Center in 1977. See if you can find all of them on the map of Virtual Motor City images elsewhere in the



## 6. Possible future plans?

- Expand to include other photos in the VMC collection
- Identify underrepresented areas for digitization
- Fold metadata into DPLA
- Omeka exhibit
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