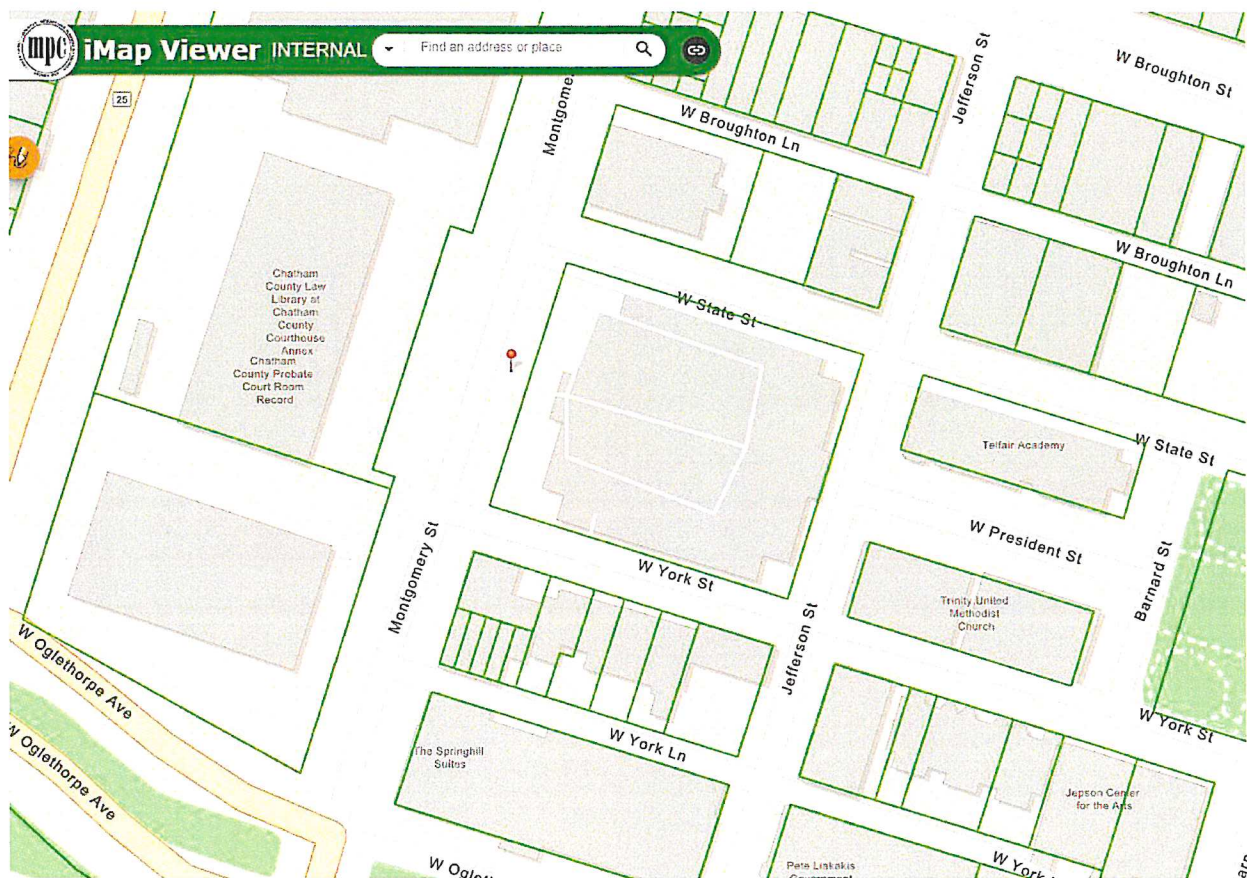


Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade Historical Marker

Marker Location:

Public Right-of Way in Liberty Square near the intersection of Montgomery Street and West State Street.

The marker will be located in the public right-of-way in the Northwest corner lot occupied by the Robbie Robinson Parking Garage near the intersection of Montgomery Street, West State Street and West York Street. It will be located in the lawn between the walking path, sidewalk and parking garage adjacent / to north of a park bench. The City of Savannah Park and Tree Department has reviewed and approved the installation at this location. An 811 request has been submitted to ensure the location is clear of all utilities before installation. The marker's location is historically placed in the location of the first Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade 200 years ago.





Marker Theme:

This marker matches several themes including Religious History, Local history, and Cultural and Ethnic Heritage.

Cultural and Ethnic Heritage

The marker commemorates the cultural and ethnic impact that the Irish community and its parade have had on the Savannah community. The Irish fled to Savannah seeking refuge and have become integrated into the Savannah culture and heritage alongside many other cultural and ethnic traditions.

Local history

The marker commemorates a local Savannah tradition of the St. Patrick's Day parade which has transformed from an Irish celebration into a community-wide celebration. This marker highlights the local history and importance of the St. Patrick's Day Parade to all of the Savannah Community.

Religious History

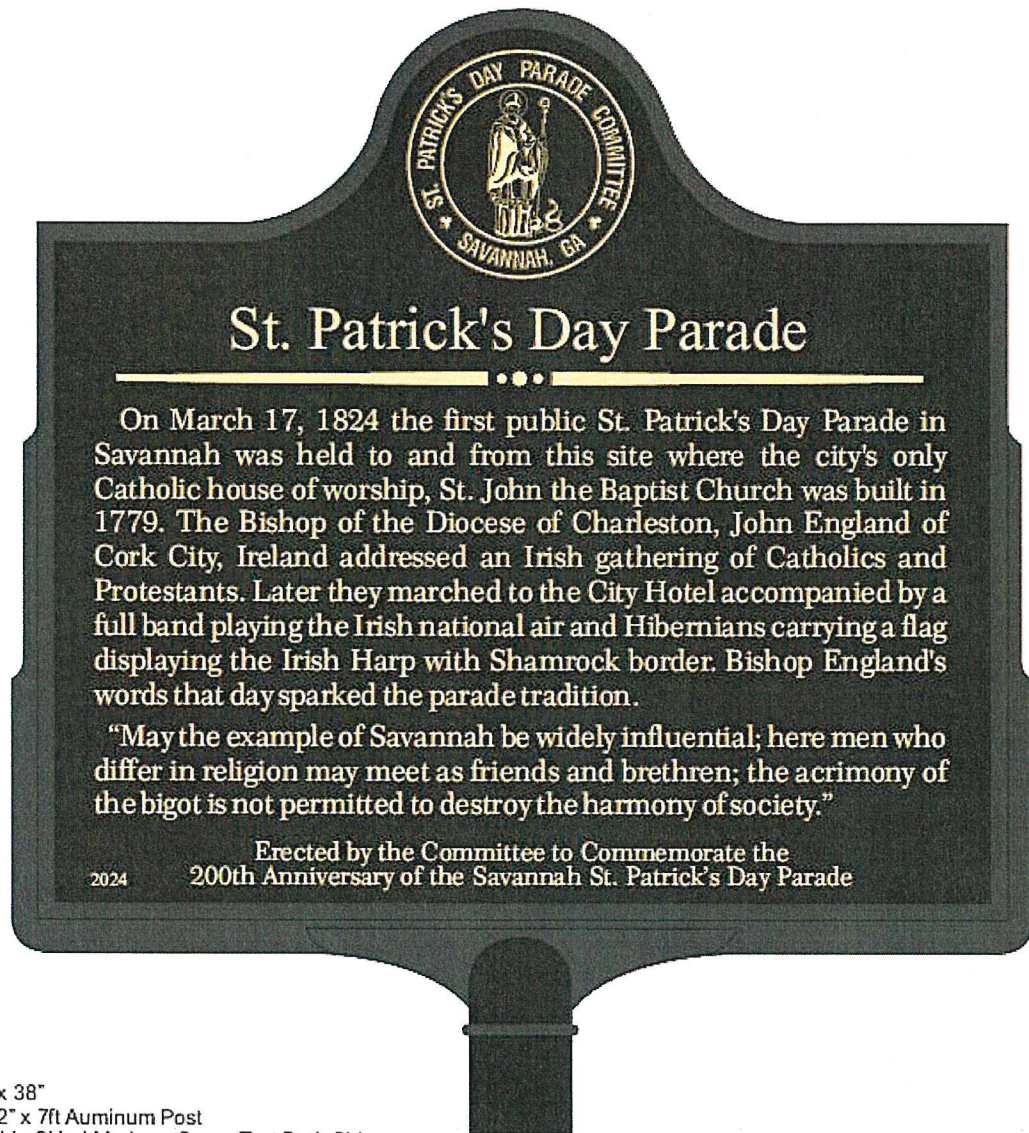
The Historical Marker commemorates the Irish Catholic pride and religious freedoms that was and is now exhibited in Savannah and the United States.

Marker Drawing:

42" x 38" Cast Aluminum Double-sided Marker with Black finish with Gold Lettering and City Logo 3 1/2" x 7-foot Aluminum Post



Historical Marker Proof
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42" x 38"
3 1/2" x 7ft Auminum Post
Double Sided Marker - Same Text Both Sides
Black with Gold Lettering and Logo

Marker Text:

On March 17, 1824, the first public St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah was held to and from this site where the city's only Catholic house of worship, St. John the Baptist Church, was built in 1779. The Bishop

of the Diocese of Charleston, John England of Cork City, Ireland, addressed an Irish gathering of Catholics and Protestants. Later they marched to the City Hotel accompanied by a full band playing the Irish national airs and Hibernians carrying a flag displaying the Irish Harp with Shamrock border. Bishop England's words that day sparked the parade tradition.

"May the example of Savannah be widely influential; here men who differ in religion may meet as friends and brethren; the acrimony of the bigot is not permitted to destroy the harmony of society."

Text Size and Font:

Font: Times New Roman.

Body: 0.8" tall

Heading: 1.8" tall

Supporting Documentation:

Text Citations

(1) first public St. Patrick's Day Parade

Savannah Daily Republican. March 15, 1824. Page 3. Column 2.

(2) gathering of Catholics and Protestants AND overflow crowd

United States Catholic Miscellany. March 24, 1824. Quoted in: Peter K. Guilday. *The Life and Times of Bishop John England, First Bishop of Charleston*. New York: The American Press, 1927. Vol. 2. Page 9.

(3) John England ... Cork City

Peter K. Guilday. *The Life and Times of Bishop John England, First Bishop of Charleston*. New York: The American Press, 1927. Vol. 1. Page 40.

(4) Hibernian Society ... City Hotel ... band ... Irish national anthem ... flag ... harp and shamrocks
Savannah Daily Republican. March 20, 1824. Page 2. Column 1.

(5) "May the example of Savannah ... harmony of Society"

England, John. *Substance of a Discourse Delivered before the Hibernian Society of the City of Savannah, in the Church of St. John the Baptist, in that City, on the Festival of St. Patrick, March 17, 1824, by the Right Rev. John England, D.D., Bishop of Charleston*. Charleston: C.C. Sebring, 1824. Page 51.

Cost Estimate:

- 42" x 38" Double-sided Aluminum Marker: \$3,800.00
- 3 ½" Round Post: \$275.00
- Art Development for Graphics: \$85.00
- Estimated Shipping: \$350.00
- Park and Tree Department Installation: \$600.00
- Maintenance Escrow: \$600.00
- Total: \$5,710.00

The marker is being funded by the Committee to Commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade and will be installed by the City of Savannah. After installation, the marker will become the property of the City of Savannah's Mayor and Alderman, and the City of Savannah will be responsible for future maintenance of the marker.