



## Neighborhood History Highlights

**J. H. Moores** – a real estate and lumber baron, and first president of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce (1912-1913), whose donations of land started the Lansing parks system.

**Moores Park and “Bintz” Pool** – Park land was purchased in about 1898/1900 by J. H. Moores who improved it with retaining walls, bridges, and even a small zoo. He then deeded the park to the city in 1908. The 1923 oval shaped above-ground pool is an early example of one designed by Michigan engineer Wesley Bintz.

**Otto Eckert Power Plant** – Built by the Michigan Power Company in 1922, soon after taken over by BWL and named Moores Park Plant; name was then changed to coincide with long time BWL director Otto Eckert's retirement in the 1960s. Number of smoke stacks has varied from four originals to as many as seven, to now three, officially named Wynken, Blinken, and Nod since 1981.

**Moores Park School** – Current school was built in 1958 and is now closed. The original Moores Park School was constructed between 1906 and 1910.

**Glen or Glenn Island (in river near the pool)** – mistakenly identified on Google Maps as Willigan's Island, accessible by boat only; it was used as a sort of park or resting place in the 19th century when it was owned by the Barnes family. Covered in poison ivy apparently.

**Barnes Ave.** – named for pioneer Lansing family with deep ties to city's early development

**Beal Ave.** – named for E. S. Beal, one of Moores' associates and a part owner of the land in the Park Place subdivision

**Bradley Ave.** – In the Park Place subdivision planned by J. H. Moores; was named by Moores for Nelson Bradley, who was one of his early bank associates

**Britten Ave.** – named for William T. Britten, who was a co-owner and developer of the Park Heights subdivision

**Coleman Ave.** – named for Merritt L. Coleman, another of Moores' business associates.

**Davis Ave.** – named by Moores for Benjamin F. Davis, a business and banking associate

**Osband Ave.** – named by Moores for banker Charles H. Osband

**Sparrow Ave.** – named for another of Moores' business associates, Edward W. Sparrow

**Todd Ave.** – named by Moores for banker Marquis D. Todd



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