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## *A day in Flint History*



### **1904: Flood divides downtown in two**

The flood of 1904 was said to be the biggest in Flint history until the flood of 1947. Ice jams formed on the river downtown and the river rose so quickly that hundreds of spectators standing on the railroad bridge and platform were almost marooned. The flood cut the city in two. Workers at the Wolverine Citizen were trapped by water pressure against the door and had to cut a hole in the roof to escape.

The Flint Journal had to hand-set type as power was reduced. A baby was born in a flooded home, then mother and daughter rescued by boat. Two men being shaved in the barber shop at the Bryant House were marooned in their chairs until rescued. Flood water stood two feet deep on Saginaw Street and left ice caked five feet high.

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