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Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1970 Erected Date: 1971

Marker Location

Address: M-43 **City:** Gull Lake

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Barry

Township: Prairieville

Lat: 42.42516700 / Long: -85.43277700

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Thomas's Mills

In 1850 George Thomas operated a sawmill here, and in the next decade, as settlers began to arrive, he built a gristmill. The new village, also known as Gull Lake, was a few miles south of the Reverend Leonard Slater's Baptist Indian mission. Thomas dominated local affairs, being the leading merchant, the postmaster, a large landowner, and a member of the state legislature. At the turn of the century, when the village was practically abandoned, Gull Lake became popular as a summer resort.

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