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## Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1972 Erected Date: 1972

#### **Marker Location**

Address: Briggs Road

City: Yankee Springs Township

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Barry

Township: Yankee Springs

Lat: 42.61995500 / Long: -85.51481000

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#### Bowen's Mills

Settlement began here in the mid-1830s, and in 1850 a post office known as Gun Lake was established. The village, never over one hundred population, contained a sawmill, general store, blacksmith shop, and several other businesses. E. H. Bowen constructed the present gristmill in 1864, and in 1870 the name of the town was changed to honor its leading citizen. Bowen and his son William operated the mill, famous for its buckwheat flour, until 1912. Production continued until [the] mid-twentieth century.

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