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Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1972 Erected Date: 1972

Marker Location

Address: Corner of Adams and Norris Roads

City: Thornapple Township

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Barry

Township: Thornapple

Lat: 42.69629100 / Long: -85.49592700

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Scales's Prairie

In 1834 Louis Moran, member of a French family prominent in Detroit since the mid-1700s, purchased land here and opened a log tavern and trading post. An Indian settlement called Middle Village was nearby, on the trail from Gull Prairie to Grand Rapids. Moran moved to Grand Rapids about 1837 and his interests were taken over by nineteen-year-old Robert Scales of Kentucky. Since then the area has been known as Scales's Prairie although its namesake departed after a ten-year residence.

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