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Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 2004 Erected Date: 2004

Marker Location

Address: 5490 Benzie Hwy.

City: Benzonia

State: MI ZipCode: 49616

County: Benzie

Township:

Lat: 44.55132400 / Long: -86.10514400

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Joyfield Cemetery

William Davis, the son of a plantation owner and a slave woman, came here with his wife, Mildred Brand, and their children in 1863. They were among the area's first black landowners. Upon the death of his daughter in 1870, William Davis sold five acres of land to the township for this cemetery. Early burials include Amariah Joy, the township's first white settler, for whom Joyfield Township was named. The township built the town hall here in 1887.

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