## Historical Marker - L2249 - Coloma Interurban Station (Marker ID#:L2249)





Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 2013 Erected Date: 2013

**Marker Location** 

Address: S. Paw Paw Street

City: Coloma

State: MI ZipCode: 49038

County: Berrien

Township:

Lat: 42.18485400 / Long: -86.30454700

Web URL:

## Front - Title/Description

Built in 1910 by the Benton Harbor-St. Joe Railway and Light Company, this station served passengers and freight until 1928. The station's transformer provided Coloma's first source of electricity. The electrified interurban rail line originally ran from Benton Harbor through Millburg to Coloma. In 1913 it was extended east to Watervliet. In the summer a spur carried vacationers, many from Chicago, on to Paw Paw Lake resorts. Each evening, the railway carried fruit from the area to Benton Harbor. From there it was shipped overnight to Chicago for the morning market. Between 1928 and 1993 the building was used as an electrical substation.

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