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## Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1997 Erected Date: 1998

#### **Marker Location**

Address: 126 Marshall Rd

City: Coldwater

State: MI ZipCode: 49036

County: Branch

Township: Girard

Lat: 42.02837000 / Long: -85.00128900

Web URL:

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#### Methodist Episcopal Church

Methodists held the first religious services in Girard Township. Organized in 1832 by the Reverend Ezekiel Gavit, a circuit rider, the congregation met in homes and a school until a church was built in 1844. When that structure burned in 1887 it was replaced with the present one, constructed byJ. R. Simmons of Union City, who used native hard maple and stones gathered from nearby fields. The building was dedicated on August 31, 1888.

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