Historical Marker - S215 - Birthplace of "Old Rugged Cross" (Marker ID#:S215)



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Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1959 Erected Date: 2015

Marker Location

Address: 1101 East Michigan

City: Albion

State: MI ZipCode: 49224

County: Calhoun

Township: Albion

Lat: 42.24682000 / Long: -84.74030800

Web URL:

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Birthplace of "The Old Rugged Cross"

"The Old Rugged Cross," one of the world's best-loved hymns, was composed here in 1912 by the Reverend George Bennard (1873-1958). The son of an Ohio coal miner, Bennard was a lifelong servant of God, chiefly in the Methodist ministry. He wrote the words and music of over 300 other hymns. None achieved the fame of "The Old Rugged Cross," the moving summation of his faith. "I'll cherish the Old Rugged Cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross, And exchange it some day for a crown."

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