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Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1966 Erected Date: 1966

Marker Location

Address: US-2 West of Norway

City: Norway

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Dickinson

Township: Breitung

Lat: 45.80475100 / Long: -87.96838700

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Norway Spring

In 1878 a sawmill was erected here as the first industry in the Norway-Vulcan area. John O'Callaghan was owner of this mill, which supplied early mining lumber needs until 1902. This spring was caused by a 1094-foot hole drilled in 1903 by the Oliver Mining Company in a search for iron ore. The hole cuts several steeply dipping porous strata that trap water at higher elevations to the north. The difference in elevation causes pressure; this pressure is released by the drilled hole, demonstrating the principle of the artesian well. On the slope to the north are the obscure workings of the Few and Munro mines, operated in 1903-1922, now owned by the Ford Motor Company.

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