Historical Marker - L1943 - Blake's Opera House (Marker ID#:L1943)





Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1995 Erected Date: 2000

Marker Location

Address: 121 S. Bridge Street

City: Grand Ledge

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Eaton

Township: Oneida

Lat: 42.75394000 / Long: -84.74491500

Web URL:

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Blake's Opera House

Constructed in 1884 as a roller skating rink, this building was purchased by Peter Blake and opened as Blake's Opera House in 1886. Here audiences enjoyed talent shows, vaudeville, silent movies, and athletic contests. Between 1928 and 1984 the Stephens and Mapes families used the building as a furniture store. The Mapes family donated the building for a community center. It was restored by the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society and the chamber of commerce.

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