

Historical Marker - S692 - Miller Dairy Farm No. 1 (Marker ID#:S692)



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Miller Dairy Farm No. 1

In 1896 dairy farmers Dennis and Mary Miller produced ice cream for the first time on this site, using a hand-crank freezer. The 111-acre farm grew into a business with 14 farms, 1,300 acres, 500 Holstein cows, and modern equipment. In 1936 Miller built his own power plant in Smithville, which supplied 40 neighboring farms and houses as well as the factory. During the 1960s 22 Miller stores and 200 independent dealers in Michigan and Indiana carried the brand. Miller's offered novelty flavors, like dill pickle. Its menu reflected the times. A 1969 Man-on-the-Moon menu featured a Sea of Tranquility Float and an Apollo 11 Sundae. The Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society acquired the property in 1992.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 2006 **Erected Date:** 2007

Marker Location

Address: 635 State Street

City: Eaton Rapids

State: MI **ZipCode:** 48827

County: Eaton

Township: Eaton Rapids

Lat: 42.50956477 / **Long:** -84.64270591

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