

## Historical Marker - S141 - Great Fire of 1881 (Marker ID#:S141)



### Front - Title/Description

#### **Great Fire of 1881**

Small fires were burning in the forests of the Thumb, tinder-dry after a long, hot summer, when a gale swept in from the southwest on September 5, 1881. Fanned into an inferno, the fires raged for three days. A million acres were devastated in Sanilac and Huron Counties alone. At least 125 persons died, and thousands more were left destitute. The new American Red Cross won support for its prompt aid to the fire victims. This was the first disaster relief furnished by this great organization.

#### **Significant Date:**

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

**Registry Year:** 1957    **Erected Date:** 1957

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#### **Marker Location**

**Address:** Roadside Park US-25 South of M-142

**City:** Fair Haven Twp

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:**

**County:** Huron

**Township:** Fairhaven

**Lat:** 43.82065600 / **Long:** -83.37730300

**Web URL:**