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Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1983 Erected Date: 1983

Marker Location

Address: 4972 Whites Bridge Road

City: Smyrna

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Ionia

Township: Otisco

Lat: 43.05913600 / Long: -85.26330400

Web URL:

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## **Smyrna**

In 1843 Calvin Smith became the first white settler in the area. N. G. Chase opened a store here the following year. When Dr. Wilbur Fisher, the area's pioneer physician, began operating a rural post office in 1848, he named the community Smyrna after a Greek city. The village, platted as Mount Vernon, was also called Mount Vernon Mills. In the 1880s, with a population of three hundred, Smyrna had a hotel on this site, plus saw and flour mills, a foundry, three blacksmith shops, two churches, and a wagon shop.

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