

## Historical Marker - L1747 - Belrockton Dormitory (Marker ID#:L1747)



### Front - Title/Description

#### ***Belrockton Dormitory***

Built in 1906, the Belrockton is the last remaining boardinghouse of the three provided by the Belding Brothers and Company for its single female workers. A major silk manufacturer during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the company employed hundreds of young women and earned Belding the title of "Silk City of the World." Providing accommodations for one hundred residents and staff, the Belrockton Dormitory, a Classical Revival-inspired building, was erected at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. Following the closing of the company's silk mills in 1935, the "Bel" served as a residential training center for the National Youth Administration. In 1943 the building became a recreation center. The city of Belding purchased the structure in 1950 to serve as a community center. In 1987 it became the home of the Belding Museum..

#### ***Significant Date:***

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

***Registry Year:*** 1990    ***Erected Date:*** 1993

### Marker Location

***Address:*** 108 Hanover St.

***City:*** Belding

***State:*** MI    ***ZipCode:***

***County:*** Ionia

***Township:*** Otisco

***Lat:*** 43.09763100 / ***Long:*** -85.22622200

***Web URL:***

### Back - Title/Description