Historical Marker - L1979 - Hanover High School / Hanover-Horton Schools (Marker ID#:L1979)



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Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1996 Erected Date: 1999

Marker Location

Address: 105 Fairview St.

City: Hanover

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Jackson

Township: Hanover

Lat: 42.10277300 / Long: -84.54758400

Web URL:

Front - Title/Description

Hanover High School

Located on one of Hanover's most prominent sites, this former school was erected in 1911. Built in the Georgian Revival style, this town landmark exemplifies a school design popular during the early twentieth century. Citizens named the school's site "College Hill" and called the teachers "professor" to show respect. In 1934 depression era Emergency Relief Act funds paid for construction of the gymnasium addition. Grades one through twelve met here until 1946, and middle school classes were held in the building until it closed in 1962. The school was threatened with demolition until 1977 when the Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society acquired it for use as a museum.

Back - Title/Description

Hanover-Horton Schools

Early Hanover school children met in a log building constructed at the corner of State and Spink Streets in 1839. A series of buildings served the growing town, including this building, erected in 1911. In 1873 the nearby Horton district built a three-room school in which classes were held until that building burned in 1940. Hanover, Horton and nine one-room school districts consolidated as the Hanover-Horton Rural Agricultural School District in 1945. Two elementary schools served the district: one in Horton, built in 1949, and one in Hanover, erected in 1954. A new high school opened in 1958. Additions to Hanover Elementary School in 1998 created a single elementary school for the district.