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Horace Ismon

This building was erected for Jackson dry goods merchant Horace Ismon in 1853. Ismon had begun his mercantile career in Paw Paw during the 1840s. Although established in Jackson, he continued his Paw Paw ventures, engaging in the woolen trade, building a tannery and grist and sawmills, and financing the Paw Paw Railroad. Ismon was a founding director of the Jackson County Bank in 1872. Having no children of their own, Ismon and his wife, Clara, mentored youth interested in the mercantile trade.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1997 **Erected Date:** 2001

Back - Title/Description

Ismon Building

A lavish gala attended by three hundred guests and future governor Austin Blair celebrated the opening of the Ismon Building on February 22, 1853. The building has housed a variety of enterprises, among them Horace Ismon's dry goods store, a pharmacy, and a home health service. From 1927 to 1972, the Fairy Garden restaurant occupied the upper floors. It is believed to have been the first Jackson establishment with air conditioning (installed in 1933).

Marker Location

Address: 171 West Michigan Ave/103 South Jackson Street

City: Jackson

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Jackson

Township: Summit

Lat: 42.24705600 / **Long:** -84.40851600

Web URL: