Historical Marker - S153 - Kalamazoo School Case (Marker ID#:S153)





Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1957 Erected Date: 1959

Marker Location

Address: Westnedge and West Vine

City: Kalamazoo

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Kalamazoo

Township: Kalamazoo

Lat: 42.28416600 / Long: -85.59001900

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Near here, in 1858, Kalamazoo's first high school was opened. Fifteen years later the right of the school board to levy taxes to support a high school was challenged. A unanimous decision of the Michigan Supreme Court, rendered by Justice Thomas M. Cooley in 1874, affirmed an opinion of Kalamazoo Circuit Judge Charles R. Brown that upheld this right. As a result, the way opened for free high schools in Michigan and also in other states.

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