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Woodstock Manual Labor Institute

Prior Foster, an Ohio Negro, began this school "in the woods" in 1844 and four years later it was incorporated. Designed to serve "colored people and others," the institute taught a full range of subjects and was one of the nation's first integrated schools. The students worked in the fields and orchards to help support the school. Soon eight buildings were on the grounds. More than fifty students were in attendance, using a library of two thousand volumes. A fire in 1855 destroyed the main building, and the school was discontinued during the Civil War. The educational pioneering was continued by Foster's grandson, Dr. Laurence Jones, founder of the well-known Piney Wood School in Mississippi in 1909.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1969 **Erected Date:** 1970

Marker Location

Address: 18123 Greenleaf Road

City: Addison

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Lenawee

Township: Woodstock

Lat: 42.00406900 / **Long:** -84.34235500

Web URL:

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