



Significant Date: Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1957 Erected Date: 1966

Marker Location

Address: University Center NMU Campus

City: Marquette

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Marquette

Township: Marquette

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Northern Michigan University

Established by the legislature in 1899 as a normal school to provide teachers for the Upper Peninsula, Northern opened with thirty-two students, six faculty members, and Dwight B. Waldo as principal. A four-year collegiate program was introduced in 1918, and the first bachelor of arts degree was conferred two years later. In the 1950s Northern became a multi-purpose institution placing emphasis on instruction, service, and research. In 1960 it established its own graduate program leading to the master of arts degree. Serving an ever-increasing student body, Northern in 1963 achieved university status through an act of the legislature.

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