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Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1978 Erected Date: 1978

Marker Location

Address: 32220 Franklin Road

City: Franklin

State: **MI** *ZipCode:*

County: Oakland

Township: Southfield

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Franklin Village School

Michigan's Territorial Council passed a law in 1827 requiring every township with fifty or more inhabitants to establish a school. Thus, the following year, the first school in Southfield Township was erected in Franklin Village. Sophie Gotie taught twenty-nine students in a log schoolhouse located near the still extant house of early settler Daniel Broughton, Franklin Village built a new school in 1845 at the foot of School Hill on property deeded by Winthrop Worthing. On this site in 1869 a third school was constructed on land given by wealthy postmaster A. A. Rust. After that building burned in 1922, the village erected the present school on this same location. The Franklin School District No. 3, Southfield Township, joined the Birmingham Public Schools in 1945.

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