Historical Marker - L1968 - Royal Oak Township Cemetery/Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery (Marker ID#:L1968)





Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1996 Erected Date: 1996

Marker Location

Address: Main Street

City: Royal Oak

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Oakland

Township: Royal Oak

Lat: 42.50119400 / Long: -83.14436800

Web URL:

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Royal Oak Township Cemetery

Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery was established in 1875 and consecrated by Bishop Caspar Henry Borgess that year. The land for the cemetery was purchased from Royal Oak Township. One of the earliest burials was for Edmund Loughnane (Lockman), who had hosted Catholic meetings in his home. Unusual statuary includes a concrete tree trunk and a seated maiden holding flowers. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located atop Saint Mary High School beginning in 1925, was moved here in 1992. This cemetery contains the remains of a number of local businessmen, among them undertaker William Sullivan, and John and Frank Fraquelli, founders of Royal Oak Monumental Works, whose markers are located here and in the Royal Oak Township Cemetery.

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