

**Historical Marker - L551 - Holland City Hall and Firehouse No. 2 / Holland City Hall and Firehouse No. 2 (Marker ID#:L551)**



**Front - Title/Description**

***Holland City Hall and Firehouse No. 2***

The city of Holland bought this lot in 1882, and contractor James Huntley began construction of a fire hall the next year. Completed in 1884, the building housed Holland's city offices and library until 1912, and served as a fire hall until 1978. During World War II the west annex was built. In 1983 the firehouse was rehabilitated for use as office space. Grooves in the engine house floor that provided traction for the horses have been filled, and the doors, once replaced to accommodate trucks, have been restored.

**Significant Date:**

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

**Registry Year:** 1977    **Erected Date:** 1993

**Back - Title/Description**

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On March 8, 1884, some 150 people attended the Columbia Fire Engine Company's oyster supper celebration honoring Holland's new city hall and firehouse. The solid brick building reflects the desire for "fire proof" construction following the 1871 fire that devastated the city. The city clerk and a special committee consulted with the Grand Rapids firm of Robinson and Barnaby, and designed the structure with a tower to accommodate drying fifty-foot unfolded fire hoses. Originally, a cupola topped the tower.

**Marker Location**

**Address:** 108 E. 8th Street

**City:** Holland

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:**

**County:** Ottawa

**Township:** Holland

**Lat:** 42.79024100 / **Long:** -86.10236200

**Web URL:**