

Historical Marker - S524A - The Welfare Building (Marker ID#:S524A)



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The Welfare Building

The Welfare Building was constructed in 1906 as a recreation facility for the workers of the Glazier Stove Company. It featured a swimming pool, a billiard hall, a basketball court, a theater, and a reading room. Chelsea native Frank P. Glazier, who was the Michigan state treasurer from 1904 to 1908, founded the stove company in 1891. Because Chelsea, a predominantly rural community, lacked skilled labor, most of the company's workers commuted weekly via a special train from Detroit. In 1907 Glazier declared bankruptcy. The building was sold to the Lewis Spring and Axle Company, which manufactured the short-lived Hollier Eight automobile. Since 1960 the building has housed the Chelsea Standard.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1979 **Erected Date:** 1986

Marker Location

Address: 300 North Main

City: Chelsea

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Washtenaw

Township: Sylvan

Lat: 42.31949800 / **Long:** -84.01967100

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