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Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1973 Erected Date: 1983

**Marker Location** 

Address: 405 Main St

City: Belleville

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Wayne

Township: Van Buren

Lat: 42.20835600 / Long: -83.49072700

Web URL:

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## Old Van Buren Township Hall

Van Buren Township was organized out of Huron Township by an act of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan in 1835. Township business was conducted from homes until this building was completed in 1875. The original plans called for a one-story structure; however, shortly after construction began, the local Grange offered to pay for a second story to be used for its meetings. In a special election, township voters accepted the proposal. As the Grange declined in popularity, the second floor became a community meeting hall. For a short time during the 1930s, the basement served as a jail. In 1952 the Grange relinquished its portion to the township. The building served as the township hall until 1959.

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