

Historical Marker - L70 - Old Wing Mission (Marker ID#:L70)



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Old Wing Mission

The main portion of this building was the residence of George N. Smith, a Congregational missionary to the Indians in this area and at Waukazoo's village on nearby Lake Macatawa. The mission was named after an Indian convert. Built in 1844-45 by Isaac Fairbanks, a government agricultural agent to the Indians, this house is the oldest structure in the vicinity. Nearby were a church and school, and some Indian dwellings. The first Dutch settlers in 1846-47 lodged here and in the Fairbanks cabin on the knoll to the southeast. As the Dutch settlement grew, Smith and the Indians moved away and established a new village on Grand Traverse Bay. Isaac Fairbanks remained in this area and was active in the settlement of Holland.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1967 **Erected Date:** 1969

Marker Location

Address: 5298 E. 147th Avenue

City: Holland

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Allegan

Township: Fillmore

Lat: 42.76194300 / **Long:** -86.06722900

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