

## Historical Marker - L1274 - Henika Ladies Library (Marker ID#:L1274)



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#### *Henika Ladies Library*

Upon her death in April 1899, Julia Robinson Henika bequeathed two thousand dollars to the Wayland Ladies Library Association for construction of a library building. Her husband, George H. Henika, and mother, Mary Forbes, later donated additional funds toward its construction. Grand Rapids architect Fred H. Eely designed the building, which the Wayland Globe newspaper predicted would be "A Very Pretty and Modern Affair." The picturesque library opened in the spring of 1900. Although domestic in scale, the building gleams an impressive Richardsonian quality from the random ashlar fieldstone and Eely's design. The stone used in construction was gathered from a local farm.

#### **Significant Date:**

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

**Registry Year:** 1985    **Erected Date:** 1993

### Marker Location

**Address:** 149 S. Main St.

**City:** Wayland

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:**

**County:** Allegan

**Township:** Wayland

**Lat:** 42.67336100 / **Long:** -85.64320800

**Web URL:**

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