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***The Island House***

Edwin S. Noble (1838-1922) designed and built this house for his family in 1865. Noble, an expert accountant, was associated with the Dexter-Noble Company, first as secretary-treasurer and later as a full partner. The company was involved in logging and the production of chemicals, flour and high-quality pig iron. It also operated a store and a brick yard. By 1882 the firm, then known as the Elk Rapids Iron Company, had become the largest employer in town. Edwin Noble, a driving force behind the iron company for over two decades, transformed a four-acre sand dune into this scenic island area by covering it with clay and dark loam and planting over sixty species of trees on it. He built a broad bridge over the river to connect the island with the town. In 1949 a part of the Island House became a public library.

**Significant Date:**

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

**Registry Year:** 1979    **Erected Date:** 1985

**Marker Location**

**Address:** North Side of River St near Library Park

**City:** Elk Rapids

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:**

**County:** Antrim

**Township:**

**Lat:** 44.89917300 / **Long:** -85.41526700

**Web URL:**

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