

Historical Marker - L1429A - Pere Marquette Railroad Depot (Marker ID#:L1429A)



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Pere Marquette Rail Road Depot

In 1891-92 the Chicago and West Michigan Railway, precursor to the Pere Marquette Railroad, extended the line between Traverse City and Petoskey through Spencer Creek. William Alden Smith, the railway's general counsel, advocated building the line through Spencer Creek, and in 1891 the town was renamed Alden in his honor. Its location aided travel and shipping between Chicago and Petoskey, supporting agriculture, lumbering, and eventually tourism. The Pere Marquette built this depot in 1907 to replace one that burned in 1906. Northern Michigan newspapers called it the railroad's finest depot north of Grand Rapids. In 1981 the last train left Alden. Helena Township acquired the depot in 1986.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1987 **Erected Date:** 2009

Marker Location

Address: 10670 Coy Street

City: Alden

State: MI **ZipCode:** 49612

County: Antrim

Township:

Lat: 44.87860474 / **Long:** -85.27726292

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