

Historical Marker - L0639A - Sage Public Library (Marker ID#:L0639A)



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Sage Public Library

Henry W. Sage (1814-1897) founded the village of Wenona (later West Bay City) in 1863. A merchant and philanthropist, he was also a founder of the Sage, McGraw and Company sawmill. In 1881 he donated property, building funds, and ten thousand dollars for books to West Bay City for this, its first public library. The structure was built in 1882-83 at a cost of nearly fifty thousand dollars. Charles Babcock of Cornell University designed the French Chateausque-style building, and the local architectural firm of Pratt and Koeppel superintended the construction. The library was dedicated on January 16, 1884, in a ceremony presided over by Cornell's Moses Coit Tyler. Michigan Supreme Court judges, congressmen and state officials attended. Offering continuous public library service since 1884, the library was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1979 **Erected Date:** 1984

Marker Location

Address: 100 E. Midland Street

City: Bay City

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Bay

Township:

Lat: 43.60178700 / **Long:** -83.90462600

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