

Historical Marker - HB50 - Berrien Springs Courthouse (Marker ID#:HB50)



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Berrien Springs Courthouse

This building, a fine example of the Greek Revival style, was designed by Gilbert B. Avery in 1838. James Lewis, the contractor, agreed to complete the building by April 1839. Built almost entirely of whitewood, the courthouse has hand hewn timbers almost one foot square and forty feet long. In 1894 the county seat was transferred to St. Joseph, and the courthouse soon passed into private hands. For a number of years it was used as an armory for the Berrien Springs Light Guard and as a center for community gatherings. In 1922 the building was purchased by the Seventh day Adventist Church, and in 1967 Berrien County repurchased the courthouse to ensure its preservation.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1968 **Erected Date:** 1970

Marker Location

Address: NW corner of Union and Cass Streets

City: Berrien Springs

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Berrien

Township:

Lat: 41.94822600 / **Long:** -86.34087500

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