

**Historical Marker - L783B - Oliver C. Comstock Jr. / Oliver C. Comstock Jr. (Marker ID#:L783B)**



**Front - Title/Description**

***Oliver C. Comstock Jr.***

Oliver C. Comstock Jr. (1806-1895) built this Gothic Revival house between 1849 and 1856. Comstock, born in Fairfield, New York, migrated to the Marshall area in 1836. He left a well-established medical practice in Trumansburg, New York, to start anew on the Michigan frontier. Later that year, he erected the first brick business building in Calhoun County on Exchange Street. It housed his pharmacy and office.

**Significant Date:**

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

**Registry Year:** 1980    **Erected Date:** 1980

**Marker Location**

**Address:** 203 South Marshall Avenue

**City:** Marshall

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:**

**County:** Calhoun

**Township:** Marshall

**Lat:** 42.27094300 / **Long:** -84.95427300

**Web URL:**

**Back - Title/Description**

***Oliver C. Comstock Jr.***

Oliver C. Comstock Jr. served as the state's third superintendent of public instruction (1843-45). In 1847 he was one of the abolitionists who prevented Kentucky slaveholders' taking the fugitive slave family of Adam Crosswhite. In 1848 he and several prominent Marshall citizens were convicted and fined for conspiracy to harbor the fugitives. Comstock was superintendent of the construction of the Michigan Central Railroad between Jackson and Kalamazoo and a founder of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society.