

Historical Marker - S511A - Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald Home / Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald Home (Marker ID#:S511A)



Front - Title/Description

Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald Home

Here lived Frank D. Fitzgerald who served his first term as governor 1935-1936. His second term, starting in January 1939, was cut short by his death in this house in March of that year. Born in Grand Ledge in 1885, Fitzgerald earned wide respect from local citizens. A Republican, he was secretary of state 1930-1934. State chief executive during some tumultuous depression years, Fitzgerald advocated government reorganization measures, including a civil service system for state employees.

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Governor Fitzgerald acquired this house during his first gubernatorial term. At that time the state did not provide an official mansion; thus Fitzgerald used this home as the governor's residence. Out of office 1937-38, he planned his successful reelection campaign from here. Lansing architect Edwyn C. Bowd designed the residence in 1907. It was built for eighteen thousand dollars. The house was set on a high foundation. The tile roof, massive chimneys, and rounded bay windows are Romanesque style.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1978 **Erected Date:** 1979

Marker Location

Address: 219 West Jefferson

City: Grand Ledge

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Eaton

Township: Oneida

Lat: 42.75454000 / **Long:** -84.74798000

Web URL: