

Historical Marker - S462 - David S. Walbridge (Marker ID#:S462)



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David S. Walbridge

Born in Vermont in 1802, David S. Walbridge became one of Kalamazoo's most distinguished citizens. He moved here in the early 1840s and was a founding member of the First Presbyterian Church. Active in the business community, Walbridge set up a general store, bought a large flourmill, and invested in flat boats and plank road construction to transport his goods. His deep interest in Whig politics led to his participation in the first state Republican convention in Jackson, where he was named permanent chairman of the meeting. Elected to Congress in 1855, he served until 1858. His other offices included terms as postmaster and state legislator. After years of service to his party and to Michigan, David S. Walbridge died in Kalamazoo in 1868.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1976 **Erected Date:** 1976

Marker Location

Address: 202 South Kalamazoo Mall

City: Kalamazoo

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Kalamazoo

Township: Kalamazoo

Lat: 42.28997200 / **Long:** -85.58343700

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