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Dryden Depot

The area now known as Dryden was settled in 1834. By 1880 it was a hamlet of about three hundred people. A marketing center surrounded by rich farmland, it turned to the railroad to increase its prosperity. Its citizens, spurred by the local Ladies Library Association, contributed eleven thousand dollars to help defray construction costs in order to bring the railroad to Dryden. On October 3, 1883, the Pontiac, Oxford and Port Austin Railroad passenger train rolled into town. Over five hundred spectators, the Thornville cornet band, and a cannon were on hand to salute the train.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1976 **Erected Date:** 1985

Marker Location

Address: Main Street at Railroad Street

City: Dryden

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Lapeer

Township: Dryden

Lat: 42.94583300 / **Long:** -83.12555900

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This modest board-and-batten structure was erected in 1883 as a depot on the Pontiac, Oxford and Port Austin Railroad (known as the Pollyann and later named Pontiac, Oxford and Northern). As with most small-town depots, it soon became the center of community activity. In 1884 it was the setting of a gala "leap year" party. Purchased by the Grand Trunk in 1909, the station continued to be used for passenger service until 1955 and as a freight agency until October 9, 1973. It was moved here in 1979 and opened as a museum in 1981.