

Historical Marker - L750A - Columbiaville Depot (Marker ID#:L750A)



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Columbiaville Depot

In the nineteenth century railroads provided the prime transportation link between small villages and the rest of the country. The first Columbiaville depot was built near this site in 1872. In 1893 William Peter (1824-1899) replaced that structure with this small Romanesque-inspired depot with its rounded-arch, beveled-glass windows. Peter, Columbiaville's dominant merchant and a millionaire lumber baron, built the new depot in an effort to spur the development of the village and assure the continued growth of his many businesses. By prior agreement, he gave the building to the Detroit-Bay City Railroad Company in exchange for having a line run through the community. The property was deeded to the company for one dollar in 1893. It served as a train station until 1964. The depot now houses the Columbiaville Rotary Club and a public library.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1979 ***Erected Date:*** 1981

Marker Location

Address: 4643 First Street

City: Columbiaville

State: MI ***ZipCode:***

County: Lapeer

Township: Marathon

Lat: 43.15605900 / ***Long:*** -83.40874400

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