

Historical Marker - L805 - Colony Tower (Marker ID#:L805)



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Colony Tower

Built in 1925 by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, this steel-framed water tower was the main water supplier for "The Colony on the Ste. Claire"--a secluded residential community established in Clay Township during the early 1920s. The Colony Tower marked the entrance to the Will St. John estate, the home of the real estate developer who founded The Colony subdivision. The 136-foot tower once housed a sixty thousand gallon water tank. Constructed with curtain walls and steel plates to resemble a lighthouse, it demonstrates the early twentieth-century penchant for disguising the utilitarian functions of highly visible structures. A light shone from atop the tower, aiding boat and aircraft navigation, from 1925 until 1937, when the light was extinguished due to its high operating costs.

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 1980 **Erected Date:** 2014

Marker Location

Address: 6503 Dyke Road (M-29)

City: Clay Township

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Saint Clair

Township: Clay

Lat: 42.63226300 / **Long:** -82.61532600

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