

Historical Marker - L52 - Vassar's Logging Era (Marker ID#:L52)



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Vassar's Logging Era

Here on the Cass River, March 1, 1849, four men led by Townsend North and James N. Edmunds found a suitable place to build a dam and start a town, which was named for Edmunds's uncle Matthew Vassar, later the founder of Vassar College, New York. The growth of the town for the next thirty years was based on lumbering and its many related industries. Cork pine, the best variety of white pine, grew in abundance along the Cass River and was much in demand. These kings of the forest grew to a height of 150 feet, a diameter of 3 or 4 feet. The wood was light, strong, easy to work with. Millions of board feet were marketed all over the world, especially in America's prairie states. With forests depleted, a diversified economy developed here—agriculture, manufacturing, and commercial business.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1965 **Erected Date:** 1965

Marker Location

Address: Intersection of W. Huron & West Sts.

City: Vassar

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Tuscola

Township: Vassar

Lat: 43.37060400 / **Long:** -83.57991200

Web URL:

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