

Historical Marker - L430 - Van Buren County Poorhouse (Marker ID#:L430)



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Van Buren County Poorhouse

This two and a half-story brick building was constructed in 1884 as the county poorhouse and infirmary. Here lived the indigent and mentally retarded from Van Buren County. Able-bodied residents worked on the grounds and on the adjacent farm where they produced much of the food for the poorhouse. Operating from 1951 to 1958 as a county social welfare office, the building's altered function reflected society's changing methods of aiding the poor. The county historical museum now occupies the structure.

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Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1975 **Erected Date:** 1977

Marker Location

Address: 6215 Red Arrow Highway

City: Hartford

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Van Buren

Township: Lawrence

Lat: 42.21642800 / **Long:** -86.10847000

Web URL: