

Historical Marker - S563C - Robert Pauli Scherer (Marker ID#:S563C)



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Robert Pauli Scherer

Robert Pauli Scherer (1906-1960) was a native of Detroit and a graduate of Detroit's public schools. In 1930, at the age of twenty-four, he invented the rotary die encapsulation machine in a workshop located in the basement of this structure. The building was then the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Otto Scherer. R. P. Scherer's invention transformed the production of soft gelatin capsules used in the pharmaceutical industry into a commercial process that helped raise worldwide health and nutritional standards. In 1933 he founded the present-day R. P. Scherer Corporation. With eighteen plants in twelve countries the firm was the world's largest manufacturer of soft gelatin capsules in 1984. An ingenious inventor, Scherer received fifty-two patents during his lifetime. His experimental machine was placed in the Smithsonian Institution in 1955.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1984 **Erected Date:** 1984

Marker Location

Address: 67 Kirby St

City: Detroit

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Wayne

Township:

Lat: 42.35934000 / **Long:** -83.06734000

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