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Vermontville Opera House Marker

Vermontville Opera House, completed in 1898, is still the main center of community activities. The two story red brick structure with cutstone foundation, and an off-center tower over the front entrance, was constructed with funds solicited from the township and village. Stage plays, political events, social gatherings and religious services have taken place here. L. Vern Slout and his players, one of Michigan's oldest tent companies gave first and last performances in this opera hall, now used in part as a public library.

Registered Local Site No. 435

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PROGRAM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE..... Kathleen Marsh
Vermontville Village Treasurer

INTRODUCTION OF MUSIC..... Dorothy Carpenter
Dedication Program Chairman

"OUR LITTLE TOWN" Sandra Hulbert
Scott Ommen
Raymond Viele
David Wells

Original song composed and performed for this occasion
by these Maple Valley High School students.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER...
Martha Zemke
Vermontville Historical Society President

PRESENTATION OF MARKER..... Jerry D. Roe
Michigan Historical Commissioner

ACCEPTANCE OF MARKER Babette Hoefler
Vermontville Township Clerk

SONG..... "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"