

Interurban Station
North side of M104, .5 miles
east of Grand Haven Bridge
Spring Lake
Ottawa County
Michigan

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- Location: This building is located at 119 Savidge St. in Spring Lake, Michigan 49456 on the northeast corner of M-104 (Savidge) and Jackson St.
- Significance: This is one of seven remaining interurban rail stations constructed in the Grand Rapids/Muskegon/Grand Haven/Spring Lake area and is an example of adapted period revival architecture.
- Description: Citing a statement prepared by a local architectural group, "although constructed as a commercial rail station, the overall massing reflects a quaint informal residential character. The arch-top and bay windows further emphasizes this house-like expression. The curvilinear gables can be described in the local vernacular as "Dutch Gables" reflecting both the Flemish roof shape as well as the Dutch heritage of western Michigan. However, these gables with the stucco exterior and arched windows also are reminiscent of a "southwest" style that can be found on Spanish Colonial Revival buildings popular in early twentieth century construction."
- The stone facing evident on the building is a later addition as historic photographs reveal that the exterior had a completely smooth stucco finish.
- History: According to newspaper reports in fall of 1913 the structure was to be built and completed in 1914. A title search of the property reveals that the property was sold to the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Muskegon Railroad Company by Aloys and Alice Bilz in June of 1910. This was followed eleven days later by a sale to the Standard Trust Company of New York and a Trustee.
- Following bankruptcy of the railway in 1928 the property passed to Spring Lake State Bank and then into private hands including an ice and coal company from 1947-1969.

FMB-Lumberman's Bank obtained ownership to the property in January of 1990 and is currently working on the possible removal of the building to a different site.

Sources: The Joint Archives of Holland; Tri-Cities Museum; correspondence of Carl Bajema, the WBDC Group and the Title Office of Grand Haven; Spring Lake Centennial 1969-1969.

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