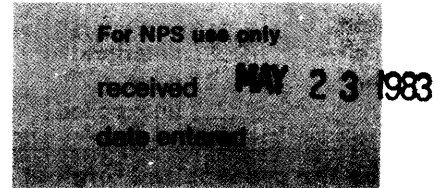


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic General William Grose Home House
and/or common Henry County Historical Society Museum Complex

2. Location

street & number 614 South 14th Street N/A not for publication
city, town New Castle N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~
state Indiana code 018 county Henry code 065

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Henry County Commissioners
street & number Henry County Courthouse
city, town New Castle N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47362

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office
street & number Henry County Courthouse
city, town New Castle state Indiana 47362

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date federal state county local
depository for survey records N/A
city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The General William Grose Home is located in a residential area just south of the central business district in New Castle, Indiana. Constructed in 1870, it is a two-story brick structure of Italianate design with a limestone foundation and a cross-shaped plan. It was the home of William Grose, a prominent local politician and Civil War general, until his death in 1900. The next year the building was purchased by the Henry County Historical Society, which has operated the home as a museum since that time.

Because of the cross-shaped nature of the building's plan, a two-story gabled wing projects out from near the center of the main (west) facade. The main entry to the house is located just south of this wing and features a limestone label hood mold with label stops. Immediately south of this entry is a large two-over-two, double-hung window with a similar limestone label hood mold and a limestone sill. On the second floor, smaller double-hung, rectangular windows with identical label hood molds are centered over the ground floor openings. North of the projecting wing the single bay features a ground floor entry door leading into the office/study; this door and the window centered above it are identical to their counterparts south of the wing. The central projecting wing, itself, is two bays wide; each contains a large, two-over-two double-hung window with a label hood mold on the ground floor, with similar, slightly smaller windows on the second floor. The gable area contains an oculus window enframed in limestone. A wide, plain frieze just below the roofline carries the ornate scroll-cut cornice brackets.

The south facade of the house features a two-story polygonal bay with window detailing similar to that found on the west facade. Other window openings on the south facade feature plain stone sills and lintels. The east facade has been modified by the addition of a one-story summer kitchen. Thought to date from approximately 1880, this addition has a limestone floor and a large exterior chimney constructed of rubble stone. On the north facade, a window has been removed to allow the construction of a covered passageway linking this house to the adjacent home, also the property of the County Historical Society. The passageway and adjacent house are not included in this nomination.

The interior of the Grose Home has been well-maintained and remains almost completely intact. The main stairway, constructed of pine and oak, features a turned and fluted newel post, elaborate brackets, and turned balusters. Many of the home's original gas light fixtures remain in the house, although most have been converted to electricity. The home also retains its original woodwork and five of the original fireplaces, including two which feature marble mantelpieces.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1870

Builder/Architect Thaddeus Coffin

Statement of Significance (~~Paragraph~~)

The William Grose Home is significant for its architecture and for its association with one of New Castle's most prominent 19th century political and military figures. It is also significant for its role as the home of the Henry County Historical Society for more than 80 years. As part of the Historical Society's museum complex, the building remains an important cultural resource and a well-known local landmark.

William Grose, the son of a farmer who came to Indiana from Dayton, Ohio, began to study law at the age of 22. After serving eight years as postmaster of New Lisbon, Indiana, he was admitted to the bar and moved to New Castle. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1856 and in 1860 won the office of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. In July, 1861, Grose resigned this post to join the Union Army. Appointed a Colonel in the 36th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry, he saw action in a number of major campaigns and ultimately was commissioned a Major General. After the war he returned to New Castle and eventually was elected to the State Senate. He had this house constructed in 1870. He also was involved in local charitable work until his death in 1900.

The Henry County Historical Society, established in 1887, purchased the Grose Home in 1901. Since that time the Historical Society has maintained the home as its headquarters and as the county museum. The cottage immediately adjacent to the north side of the house was acquired in 1975 and the two houses were connected by a covered passageway with a central pavilion in 1976. Although the cottage was built for Grose's daughter and son-in-law, it has been substantially altered and is not included in this nomination. The connecting structure, likewise, is not included in this nomination.

The home was designed for General Grose by Thaddeus Coffin, a local builder and contractor. Coffin had come to New Castle in 1867, and eventually served as the town's postmaster, as well as being one of the most prominent builders. The residence he constructed for Grose is a fine example of the Italianate style, and features limestone window hoods and ornate cornice brackets. The interior of the home features an elaborate staircase and five fireplaces. The home remains the property of the County Historical Society, which keeps the house and grounds in excellent repair.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name New Castle East

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 77 of Rue and Holman's Addition to the City of New Castle

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title David M. Cleaver, Project Planner

organization Region 6 Planning & Development Commission date September, 1981

street & number 207 North Talley Avenue telephone 317/285-6252

city or town Muncie state Indiana 47303

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature J. M. Reardon

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 4-28-83

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

J. M. Reardon date 5/23/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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All publications can be found at the Henry County Historical Museum in New Castle, Indiana, and at Ball State University in the Bracken Library and the College of Architecture and Planning Library.