

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 David Garland Rose House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 156 Garfield Street ___ not for publication

city, town Valparaiso ___ vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Indiana code 18 county Porter code 127

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Eva Kuehl

street & number 156 Garfield Street

city, town Valparaiso ___ vicinity of state Indiana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Porter County Court House

street & number Lincolnway

city, town Valparaiso state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date Between 1914 & 1929

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located at 156 Garfield Street in Valparaiso, Indiana, the David Garland Rose Octagonal House is a two story octagon house of frame construction. The exterior surface consists of clapboard siding with each one of its eight sides having its own gable roof. A small brick chimney runs up the center of the house used only for stove heating, originally, and at present for the furnace draft. The Gothic Revival mode is still very much present with its leaflike pendants cut into its bargeboard trim. Also apparently of Gothic design is a four pointed design at the peak of each gable with the same leaflike cutout. Each one of the eight sides is exactly 12' 2" long. Running the full length of the front of the house is a one story porch that was probably added at a later date. A large addition has been added to the back of the house which is rather unorthodox in its shape. The addition is also two stories with an attached garage and could be removed without any damage to the original structure.

The overall condition of the house is very poor with the soffit boards rotting away where they meet at the bottom of each gable. The roof shingles are old and in need of repair, although there are no apparent leaks at this time. The interior is also in poor condition, although all the original casing around doors and windows is still intact. The floor appears to have been replaced with narrow tongue and groove oak not used widely in homes built ca. 1860. The plaster is in poor condition on the first floor with one area of ceiling plaster missing, entirely. The second story plaster appears to have been repaired, recently. At least one of the floor joists is rotten in the center from a prior leak in the kitchen sink, causing the center of the house to sag from lack of support.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates ca. 1860 **Builder/Architect** David Garland Rose

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The David Garland Rose House is architecturally important because of its rare octagonal design, combined with its one-of-a-kind treatment of the roof. Constructed about 1860, the house's octagonal design resulted from a short-lived style popularized by Orson Squire Fowler's, A Home for All or the Gravel Wall and Octagonal Mode of Building, published in 1848. Octagon-shaped houses are rare in Indiana. Less than a dozen are known to be extant.

Beyond the rarity of its shape, the Rose House is unique because of the unusual treatment of the roof. Unlike other octagonal houses in Indiana, each side of the Rose House is gabled, and the eight gabled roofs meet at the center.

David Garland Rose was an active and successful banker in mid-19th Century LaPorte County, Indiana. By 1859, he had risen to the position of President of the LaPorte branch of the State Bank of Indiana. He combined his banking and financial skills with an active interest in architecture, and served on the Board of Directors of the LaPorte Architectural Society. This interest undoubtedly contributed to the unique design of his Valparaiso home.

Rose is listed as a resident in the LaPorte City Directory in 1859, but not in that of 1862. Thus, the house under consideration is believed to have been constructed between those years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Komaiko, Jean and Norman Schaeffer. Doing the Dunes, page 65 and page 195

Peat, Wilbur D. Indiana Houses of the Nineteenth Century. Indiana Historical Society, 1926. Plate 96

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

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Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Valparaiso, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The North 50 feet of Lot 2, Block 33 of Woodhull's Addition to the City of Valparaiso

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title H. Ronald Knight, Vice-President
 organization Historic Preservation of Porter County, Indiana, Inc. date 8-8-79
 street & number 706 Washington Street telephone 219/462-8534
 city or town Valparaiso state Indiana 46383

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Joseph D. Oland* date 6-20-80
 title State Historic Preservation Officer

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Sally G. Oldham date 7/17/80
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *W. Ray Fuce* date 7/19/80
 Chief of Registration