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LOCATION: 627 North Pennsylvania Street **OWNER:** Chauncey & Alice Timmons ADDRESS: 10239 State Road 26 East, Lafayette, Indiana 47905

## 7. DESCRIPTION:

The Glencoe (Photo 11 of 42) is a three-story, simplified Classical Revival, almost Chicago School style, brick structure raised on a five foot elevated basement located just south of the corner of North Pennsylvania and Walnut Streets. The main facade of yellow brick is divided into three bays. The central bay contains the street entrance. The flanking bays are characterized by pairs of long and narrow one over one windows on each story. At ground level is a narrow limestone foundation course. A rough, quarry-face limestone course serves as the sills for a pair of distinctive filigree grills covering the basement windows on each side of the entrance. Another limestone stringcourse serves as a lintel for the basement windows. The double door street entrance has been altered (date not determined) but can be easily restored. The entrance is flanked by brick pilasters and has a three light transom overhead. The original metal classical cornice which separates the first from the second and third stories shows evidence of the inscription GLENCOE. The second story windows of all three bays use two brick rowlock arches. The presently exposed rough red brick was once covered with vertical tongue-and-groove wood siding which is restorable. The windows of the second and third stories are framed by large limestone moldings. The windows of the central bay are irregular in size and shape, each containing three lights rather than two. There are two lights of original fine leaded stained glass. The third floor window contains a transom. The original metal frieze cornice with a brick parapet above crowns the entire structure.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Glencoe is significant architecturally as an example of the "Eastern" flat type and the Glencoe's first occupants were mostly young married couples of social standing. Many of their names were listed in the 1902 Indianapolis Social Blue Book. A single woman, Miss Helen Eichrodt, was also listed as living there. So successful was the Glencoe in attracting the most desirable tenants that in 1906 all six flats were filled with Blue Book families.

A building permit, #7311, for the Glencoe was granted to E. A. Cooper on April 25, 1901 for a six unit flat. Eugene A. Cooper, listed as a livery owner in the City Directory, is yearly included in the Indianapolis Blue Book. He and his wife lived in the city's first fashionable apartment, the Blacherne. A native of New York, Cooper was fifty-six in 1901 and was very likely looking for a secure financial investment when he built the Glencoe. This flat is one of many such investment properties along North Pennsylvania Street.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle Name: Indianapolis West

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24,000

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**BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:** 

Parcel 1-01-50668. Adamson Subdivision, Lot Six, Outlot Four. Key Code 81-012-002.