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**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 Rose, F. D., Building
and/or common Rose Court

2. Location

street & number 121 E. Charles Street N/A not for publication
city, town Muncie N/A vicinity of
state Indiana code 018 county Delaware code 035

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 checked="" 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 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
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Joseph E. Allardt and Waldo F. Beebe
street & number 120 N. Walnut Street
city, town Muncie N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47305

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Delaware County Courthouse, Recorder's Office
street & number 100 W. Main Street
city, town Muncie, state Indiana

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 _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The rural medieval influence and the arcade/atrium plan make the Rose Court building a unique structure in downtown Muncie.

The rectangular building is two stories capped with a steep gable roof which conceals a flat roof behind. The north facade which faces Charles Street is the front of the building. The longer east facade faces Mulberry Street and is the secondary side. The south side of the building originally faced an alley, but now faces a parking lot. The west side abuts another building.

The north facade is divided into three bays, the outer two being capped by projecting gable ends with the entire arcade being roofed by a transverse gable. The roofing is a richly colored slate, edged with copper flashing, gutters, and downspouts. The gable ends are constructed with exposed rough timber and cross members with stucco infill, and have a single centered casement window. The second floor register is relatively simple, being stucco and projecting slightly under the gable ends. Each bay has a pair of steel sash, multi-paned casement windows. The first floor register rests on a thin limestone band on which brick columns rest. A heavy timber band separates the first floor from the second and contains brackets below the projecting portions of the second register at the two outside bays. The two outside bays are set in from the outermost boundaries of the building enough to be flanked by 45° corner entrances, and each outside bay contains a bay window with wood panels above and brick below. The central bay is recessed and contains the main entrance, which is flanked by two 45° entrances. Entrance doors were originally wood but are now aluminum.

The east facade is quite similar in detail to the north facade but with an elongated center section. It consists of seven bays, the outer two being capped with gables and the entirety being roofed with a transverse gable. The plane of the transverse gable is broken by two small dormers, and is detailed similarly. The only difference in north facade and east facade detailing is at the first register's central five bays. These are now covered with cedar siding but originally were individual storefronts. Each was bounded by brick engaged columns and contained a door to one side and a window to the other; much of this original fabric is in place behind the siding. The south facade is plain brick with cedar siding added at the first register, and contains a recessed entrance.

The interior of the building consists of two floors and a basement, with the first and second stories being built around a central atrium. The atrium is linear, running north and south with rental spaces organized into 12'6" bays to either side. Each bay has a door and window. The second floor interior walls are set back from the atrium at the second story. The atrium is capped by a band of operating clerestory windows and a gable roof with exposed trusses and frosted glass skylights. Detailing and finishes of the interior are relatively simple with wood trim, terrazzo floors, plaster walls, and wood and steel balusters and handrails.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1926 **Builder/Architect** Kibele and Garrard Architects

Statement of Significance (~~in one paragraph~~)

The half-timbered Rose Court building is an unusual building style for downtown Muncie, Indiana. Its atrium style arcade interior is also unique and the only such example located in Muncie.

The building was built by Fredrick D. Rose, a prominent Muncie banker, at the end of 1926. It is thought that the building design was inspired by one admired by Mr. Rose in a rural French town during his service in World War I. Kibele and Garrard Architects of Muncie designed the structure and William F. Spangler was the contractor.

The building was designed to accommodate up to 16 tenants on the first floor and 18 on the second, although generally many of the units were combined to suit the tenant. Among the first occupants of the building were Nichols Drug Store, Chalfant and Williams Barbers, Muncie Industrial Company Loans, Enterprise Cab Company, Beverly Baby Shop, National Public Service Co., and Roscoe Beeson, physician. Ball Stores, a neighboring department store, eventually acquired ownership and occupied much of the building. The building is currently owned by Joseph E. Allardt and Waldo F. Beebe, and is being leased to a variety of office, restaurant and shop functions.

The uniqueness of this building, its excellent condition, and its high potential for continued use make the Rose Court worth preserving.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Emerson's City Directory

Muncie Daily News files

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Muncie West

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	6	3	7	4	4	0	4	4	4	9	9	7	0
Zone	Easting			Northing										

B

Zone	Easting			Northing										

C

Zone	Easting			Northing										

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Zone	Easting			Northing										

Verbal boundary description and justification Starting at the southwest intersection of Mulberry Street and Charles Street, 115'-0" south of alley, 58'8" west to building party wall, 115'0" north to Charles Street, 58'8" east to Mulberry Street.

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

state N/A code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Gooden Associates Architects date 9-22-83

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city or town Muncie state Indiana 47305

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. Rubin

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 1-24-84

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

Entered in National Register

Keeper of the National Register Allene Byers

date 3/1/84

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration