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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

Gundlach-Grosse House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

625 North Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

24th

STATE

Illinois

VICINITY OF

CODE

12

COUNTY

Monroe

CODE

133

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 RESIDEN
<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

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Andrew

STREET & NUMBER

625 North Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

VICINITY OF

STATE

Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Monroe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Waterloo

STATE

Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE 1. Illinois Historic Structures Survey
2. Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1. 1973

2. FEDERAL 1 STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

1. Illinois Dept. of Conservation, Division of Historic Sites
2. Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

1. Springfield, Illinois

2. Washington, D.C.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gundlach-Grosse house is a one and a half story rectangular residence, facing East on a high foundation, on a sloping site which exposes the basement at ground level to the rear. Beneath this basement is an arched brick cold storage cellar. The house is of hand pressed brick, painted white, with a decorative corbeled brick frieze. At each end of the gabled roof there are paired inside chimneys on either side of the ridge. There are three gabled dormers on the front facade, and three on the back.

Cast iron pilasters and Ionic columns supporting an entablature and pediment flank the classically detailed central entry. A recessed eight paneled front door is framed by a transom and sidelights which still hold their original stained glass. Leading up to the entry is a limestone stoop with solid railings, surmounted by limestone urns. The urns appear in the earliest known photographs of the house. The base of the cast iron grill-work fence which surrounds the property is also of limestone.

On either side of the central entry are two plain, double-hung, two over two windows, flanked by the original louvered shutters. One exceptional feature of the house is the cast iron lintels, which feature broken, decorative scroll pediments.

The house was originally built as a double family dwelling, for two brothers and their families -one family occupying the north side and one the south. It is built on a central hall plan with two large connecting rooms on either side. This plan is repeated on each of the three floors, including the "walk-in" basement. Soon after the completion of the main part of the house the owners added a framed room on the rear at the street level. This room served as a kitchen. Adjoining it was a closet sized room containing a marble washstand and copper bath tub built into cabinets. This area has since been remodeled as a modern kitchen.

The central hall with paneled wainscoting leads to an open staircase. The four-paneled interior doors have frames with simple pediments, and are original, as is all of the interior woodwork in the house including the staircase and random width wood floors.

Behind the house is a brick paved area with the site of an old cistern and a well identifiable. There is a square brick outbuilding, apparently built about the same time as the house, trimmed with the same decorative corbeled brickwork. It has arched doorways and a hip roof, topped with a vent cupola. This building is thought to have been originally a smokehouse.

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 House

Some time before the turn of the century, the owners added another small room to the back of the house at street level on the north end, forming a porch between the two added rooms. Subsequent owners have recently enclosed this area on the street and basement levels. The room additions have been re-sided with aluminum siding.

Around 1950 there was decorative and restorative work done on the house, but there were no changes in the interior plan or woodwork, nor on the exterior appearance of the house. With the exception of the additions on the back, the house still stands today as it did when completed in 1857.

3 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 1857

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Hill (?)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Author and historian Charles van Ravenswaay has described this house as "one of the most sophisticated early houses in the Middle West." It is an exceptional example of the Greek Revival houses that German settlers built in Illinois. In German communities, the masons were especially adept at brick ornament, so decorative and corbeled brickwork were often features of these houses. The simple and symmetrical design of the Gundlach-Grosse house reflects the values and culture of a group of people who combined their own building traditions with those which they found prevalent in their new country.

Built in 1856-57 for brothers John and Philip Peter Gundlach as a two family residence, the house was reportedly built by a Mr. Hill, who also constructed a number of buildings in the St. Louis vicinity. The Gundlach brothers jointly owned the Monroe Brewery, housed in a brick building which the brothers had built at the same time as the residence, and just down the street from it. John Gundlach was one of the first Trustees of the town of Columbia from 1859, when it was organized, until 1861, and again from 1863 until 1867. He was the third Mayor of Columbia, serving from 1865 until 1869.

About 1870 Philip Peter sold his interests in the residence and the brewery to his brother John, and moved to Belleville. The brewery, however, continued in the Gundlach family for four generations.

In 1873 John Gundlach sold the house to Ernst Grosse, proprietor of a popular tavern and hotel in Columbia. The Buck Tavern, which Grosse established in 1840, was a large framed building on Main Street that served as a stage coach stop and center for many cultural and social activities in Columbia. Members of the Grosse family continued to occupy the home until about 1950, when a Dr. Emmert purchased it and did some restoration work.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Columbia, 1959.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME _____
UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

A	_____	_____	_____
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C	_____	_____	_____
E	_____	_____	_____
G	_____	_____	_____

B	_____	_____	_____
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
D	_____	_____	_____
F	_____	_____	_____
H	_____	_____	_____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Parts of lots 11 and 12 of Christy and Wetzler's subdivision to town, now
the city, of Columbia, County of Monroe, State of Illinois.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Seibert

ORGANIZATION

Department of Conservation, Division of Historic Sites

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

405 E. Washington St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Illinois

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

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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In a letter written around 1953, a granddaughter of John Gundlach related some of the early life of the house. John Gundlach's wife was a pianist and singer, encouraging entertainment, and open house was held almost daily for the people of Columbia, often including persons of note. During the Civil War, the Gundlach brothers belong to the Home Guard, and the ladies would gather at the house to tear and roll bandages for wounded soldiers. It is reported that once the "secesh" marched on the place, but bloodshed was avoided by filling them with beer instead of bullets.

The Gundlach-Grosse house has achieved recognition as one of the most well preserved examples of this period of German immigrant architecture, and represents the events and lives of some of the people from the formative days of the community.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered 12/18/78

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Swan Island Site	Crawford County
Stoner Site	Crawford County
Riverton Site	Crawford County
Gundlach-Grosse House	Columbia Monroe County
St. Thomas Church and Convent ²	Chicago Cook County
Brinkerhoff, George M., House	Springfield Sangamon County
Central National Bank Building	Peoria Peoria County
Dryden, George B., House	Evanston Cook County

Also Notified

Honorable Charles H. Percy
Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson
Honorable Daniel B. Crane
Honorable Paul M. Simon
Honorable Bennett Stewart
Honorable Paul Findley
Honorable Robert H. Michel
Honorable Abner J. Mikva

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