



**Front - Title/Description**

***The Castle***

Designed by local architect William G. Robinson, this castle-like edifice was constructed in 1884-86 for Colonel E. Crofton Fox and his brother Charles. Built of granite block imported from Scotland, this house is a fine example of Chateausque-style architecture. A Heritage Hill landmark, this house features leaded and stained glass windows, and a metal stair dormer superbly crafted to resemble stone. Its interior is adorned with parquet flooring in the entry hall and a carved oak staircase. It was refurbished as a restaurant in 1978.

**Significant Date:**

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

**Registry Year:** 1979    **Erected Date:** 1979

**Back - Title/Description**

***The Castle***

The Fox brothers, Ethelbert Crofton (1852-1904) and Charles (1853-1915), local lumber barons, built this structure as their home. These brothers were partners in a Grand Rapids lumbering firm, Osterhout, Fox and Company, and accumulated vast wealth. Appointed to the State Military Board by Governor Cyrus Luce in 1887, E. Crofton, a colonel, was twice elected president of that organization. He was also associated with banking and was treasurer of the City Board of Trade. Charles was a founder of the Michigan Trust Company, established in 1889.

**Marker Location**

**Address:** 455 Cherry Street SE

**City:** Grand Rapids

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:**

**County:** Kent

**Township:** Grand Rapids

**Lat:** 42.95934100 / **Long:** -85.65748400

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