Historical Marker - L915A - McCabe-Marlowe House (Marker ID#:L915A)





Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1981 Erected Date: 1986

Marker Location

Address: 74 Lafayette Ave NE

City: Grand Rapids

State: MI ZipCode: 49503

County: Kent

Township: Grand Rapids

Lat: 42.96515100 / Long: -85.66153600

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McCabe-Marlowe House

Built between 1865 and 1870 by James and Hanna Gallup, this Victorian-style villa is one of the oldest homes in the Heritage Hill Historic District. Gallup and his family lived here until 1896. The house was later owned by several prominent Grand Rapids residents, including the James Wylie family (major contributors to the Grand Rapids Foundation), the Ennis P. Whitley family, and the Alexander M. Campbell family. In 1945 the house was purchased by Marie McCabe and her niece Wilma McCabe Marlowe. Both women taught science at Grand Rapids Junior College until the 1950s. They opened their home as a social and cultural gathering place for students, faculty, and community leaders. The Grand Rapids Junior College Foundation acquired the property in 1980 so that the house could continue to be used in the tradition begun by Marie McCabe and Wilma Marlowe.

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