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**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Samuel P. Williams House

and/or common "Old Home"

2. Location

street & number 101 South Street (Block 1, Williams Addition) not for publication

city, town Howe vicinity of congressional district 4

state Indiana code 018 county LaGrange code 087

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

4. Owner of Property

name Helen Mae (Mrs. Shirley R.) Glenn

street & number 101 South Street, P. O. Box 55

city, town Howe vicinity of state Indiana 46746

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office

street & number LaGrange County Courthouse

city, town LaGrange 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

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

This home in Howe, Indiana was constructed between 1838 and 1843 in the Western Reserve style. It was originally built on the plan of a 2½ story central block with 1½ story symmetrical wings. In the mid 19th century a rear 1½ story wing was added. The home is a frame structure with bevel siding and a low, predominantly stone foundation with a full stone lined basement. There are four chimneys, three interior and one end wall. The gabled roof is shingled and has a box cornice and three part entablature. The main entrance has a rectangular transom and sidelights with wrought iron trim; the original windows, with the exception of three of leaded glass, are 6/6 double hung sash flanked by louvered shutters. The entrance hall is an "L" shaped side hall with wing. An open, two flight staircase with plain hand rail and baluster is in the main hallway. A rear hallway and enclosed, dogleg staircase with landing has been opened to accommodate kitchen remodelling. There are four fireplaces: one of tile and oak with mirrored over mantle framed by fluted pilasters in the dining room; one of white marble decorated with paneled spindrels and colonettes with cartouche in center in the living room; one of tile and brick in the parlour; and, one modern, brick fireplace in kitchen. The two-paneled doors, brass hardware, box locks and woodwork on the ground floor are all original. Features added later in the 19th century are rosewood, breakfront bookcases (living rooms); oak corner cupboards (dining room); and brass, reflector ceiling lights (living rooms).

The primary structural alterations took place in 1896 while still owned by the original builder. The symmetrical wings were raised one story, the rear (east) wing was removed, a veranda porch was added to the front, and the dining room window was bayed. The other major alteration was internal--the modernization and expansion of the kitchen which occurred in 1961.

Also on the property, southeast of the house, is a carriage barn built in the 1840's. The horse stables, adjacent to the barn, were torn down early in this century. Grape arbors, plank fencing, and some of the formal gardens constructed or developed on the property from 1850 to 1880 are still present and maintained.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 ca. 1838; 1896

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Samuel P. Williams house, built ca. 1838, is significant for its historic associations with the development of the community of Howe, Indiana and early banking, business and education in Indiana. The house was constructed in the Western Reserve style associated with the New England settlement of this region. It is significant for the originally fine craftsmanship much of which has been retained during its more than 140 year existence.

Samuel P. Williams was one of the early settlers, businessmen and developers of the community. He first visited the area in 1832 and in 1836 invested in what was Mongoquinong (later Lima then Howe), Indiana. His several land investments in the area included the purchase, in three parcels, of the northwestern quarter of fractional section 30, Township 38 North, Range 10 East which he had platted in 10 April 1836 as the Williams Addition of the developing town. This addition is the northern half of the present town and includes the campus of Howe Military School and his own property (Block 1) under consideration here. In 1836, Block 1 of the Williams Addition was sold by Williams and then repurchased by him on 20 March 1837. It is assumed that the house was constructed on the property between the repurchase date and the first assessment in 1843, the amount of which indicates improvements have been made on the property by that date.

His first commercial venture in northern Indiana was a general store owned in partnership with Thomas Gale in 1837. He bought out Gale in 1839 and continued the business until 1853, expanding in 1843 into a branch store in Blandinsville (McDonough Co.) Illinois. In partnership with John B. Howe he founded and was president of the LaGrange Bank of Lima in 1853, the first bank between South Bend and Fort Wayne. Under his presidency and ownership until 1896, this bank became: in 1857 a branch of the State Bank of Indiana; a nationally chartered bank in 1864; and, again a private institution under its present name, The State Bank of Lima, in 1878. Williams also organized the National Bank of LaGrange in LaGrange, Indiana and was director of a number of banks in northeastern Indiana and southern Michigan.

Though not an educator, Williams was interested in and a contributor to both public and private education. In 1854 he built and founded a Women's Seminary adjacent to his residential property in Howe (Lima); in 1867 he became a trustee and director of the LaGrange Collegiate Institute; and, from 1861 to 1893 was a member of the Board of Trustees of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. He financially supported both public and private education in Howe and was a major contributor to Wabash College.

Other of Williams' activities included being a member of the Indiana Legislature in 1856-57; serving as a delegate to the River and Harbor Convention, Chicago in 1847; serving twice as a delegate to the Republican National Convention; attending the Chicago treaty with the Potawatomi in 1833; and, helping with the route determination of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway. His letters and papers, contributed in part to the Indiana Historical Society, add to the history of banking during a difficult period, the history of education, and the general history of Indiana.

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Samuel Williams lived in this house until his death on 31 March 1897. Descendants of Samuel Williams, first his daughters Katherine and Jane Williams and then his granddaughters Isabel and Marian Cooper, lived in the "Old Home" until 1956. Katherine Williams succeeded her father as president of his LaGrange bank and both the Williams and Cooper sisters continued S. P. Williams' property, business and philanthropic interests throughout their lives. The property was purchased in 1956 by Mr. & Mrs. Shirley R. Glenn, educators. It continues today as the residential property of Mrs. Shirley Glenn.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.23
 Quadrangle name LaGrange, Ind. Quadrangle scale 1:24,000
 UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is Block 1, Williams Addition, Howe (Lima), Indiana, and is shown by red boundary on accompanying map of town.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Elizabeth J. Glenn

organization Department of Anthropology date 24 February 1980

street & number Ball State University telephone Office (317) 285-1931
Home (317) 289-4794

city or town Muncie state Indiana

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Janet H. Cloud*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 6-9-80

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

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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