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1034 Architects Building, Indianapolis

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David Macy moved from North Carolina in 1819 to Randolph County, Indiana; in 1838 he was elected to the Indiana Legislature and served as a member of the Indiana Supreme Court. During his official career he was identified with the development of the canal system, the establishment and building of railroads, turnpikes and highways, and in 1855 was made President of the Indianapolis and Peru Railroad.

In 1837 he was married to Mary Ann Patterson; their one child, Carolina, married Volney T. Malott, a prominent banker, in 1862. The lot on which the Macy house was built was purchased from Samuel G. Gillette, and in 1853 the present Macy house was built. The architect's name is unknown.

This home is now owned by the heirs of Mrs. Caroline Macy Malott, the heirs being Macy W. Malott, Mrs. Arthur V. Brown, Mrs. Edgar H. Evans, Mrs. Edwin H. Forry, Mrs. Paul H. White and Mrs. Woodbury T. Morris, all of Indianapolis.

Subsequent tenants included Dr. Hunt, and Judge and Mrs. John Ketchum. For years the property was referred to as the Ketchum house. Judge Ketchum presided over the Marion County courts for many years.

It is perhaps fitting to state that the Macy house was the scene of many elaborate social gatherings and was known as one of the fine homes of that early day.

The house, now eighty years old, is still well preserved, being built of solid brick walls, with large attic and basement. The iron railings, balcony and fence are of much merit, and the interior trim and doors, while not elaborate, are interesting as examples of fine woodwork.

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Numerous fireplaces contributed to the proper heating, a problem not then solved by modern equipment.

Information as to dates, etc. were secured from an early history of the Macy family in possession of Mrs. Edgar H. Evans.

(Signed) Wilson Barker  
Squad Leader

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District Officer

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