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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 0713 110

HISTORIC NAME:  
LOCATION: 242-244 Bellevue Ave.

COMMON NAME: Gumersall Building  
BLOCK/LOT 1711/35; 16-E/3

MUNICIPALITY: Montclair  
USGS QUAD: Crange  
OWNER/ADDRESS: Gumersall Properties  
383 Park St.

COUNTY: Essex  
UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1918

Source of Date: Tax Assessor

Architect: F.A. Nelson

Builder:

Style: Tudor Revival

Form/Plan Type: L-shaped

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: Brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: Brick, Stucco & Half-timbering

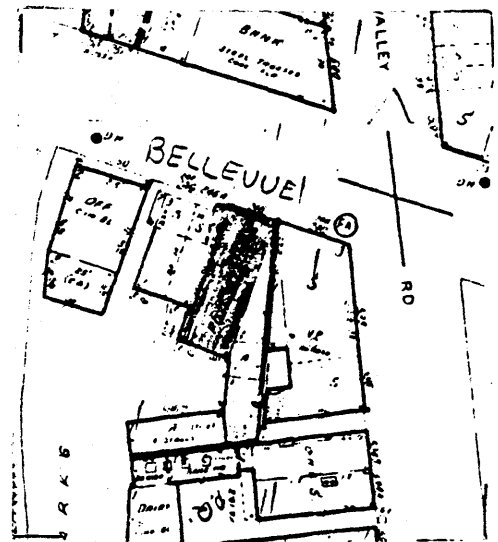
Fenestration: 5 bays, 4 entrances punctuate the first level; casement, D.H., awning & fixed windows

Roof/Chimneys: Intersecting Gables, - Slate Tiles; two chimneys - one exterior end (right) & one front exterior

Additional Architectural Description: The roof ridge has inclined ends; shed dormer(s) 3, punctuate the front slope of the roof; two cross-gables interrupt this slope at the right end; half-timbering is present in the gabled elements; a gabled projection w/shed roof appendages dominates the left end of the principal facade; this projection abuts a prominent exterior chimney; like this chimney, the end chimney, which is smaller in scale, is capped by Gothic-like pots; a slate-tiled hood shields the storefronts at the right end; a three-tier window, with leaded-glass sashes in the upper rows, pierces the gabled projection on the first level; round-arch apertures, in which double-door entrances are set, flank this window. Aluminum-frame awning windows have supplanted the original 2nd story windows; new storefront installed in post office bay.

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Map (Indicate North)



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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Lot size - 68' x 142'

The structure abuts Bellevue Ave. (north lot line).

Less than one acre.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban  Suburban  Scattered Buildings   
Open Space  Woodland  Residential  Agricultural  Village   
Industrial  Downtown Commercial  Highway Commercial  Other   
(Village Commercial)

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure, designed by Francis Augustus Nelson\*, is rendered distinctive by its Picturesque/Medieval detailing. By comparison, other Tudor Revival structures in the area are more subdued and less historically accurate.

\*architect of the Upper Montclair Woman's Club, the Library & other prominent buildings in the area, both commercial & residential.

Two photographs of this building were published in "The Architectural Record" of Dec. 1921.

ORIGINAL USE: Commercial/Professional  
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor  Professional  
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes  Possible  No  Part of District   
THREATS TO SITE: Roads  Development  Zoning  Deterioration   
No Threat  Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Franklin Survey Company. Atlas of Montclair, Glen Ridge, Cedar Grove & Verona, 1933.

Clayton, Margaretta Nelson. Fact Sheet on Francis Augustus Nelson; March 12, 1977.

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