

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 0713 8 5 0

HISTORIC NAME: Stone Eagles	COMMON NAME: Mochary house
LOCATION: 60 Undercliff Road	BLOCK/LOT: 0101/11: 49-A/1
MUNICIPALITY: Montclair	COUNTY: Essex
USGS QUAD: Orange	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
OWNER/ADDRESS: Mochary, Steven & Mary V. See above	

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1929	Source of Date: Tax Assessor
Architect: Goodwillie & Moran; Olmstead Brothers, landscape architects	Builder:
Style: English Manor house	Form/Plan Type: Rectangle
Number of Stories: 2½ + B	
Foundation: Stone	
Exterior Wall Fabric: Dressed ashlar, random courses	
Fenestration: 4 bays, grouped leaded casements w/ deep transoms, chamfered stone mullions.	
Roof/Chimneys: Gable w/parapet; shingle finish; exterior end chimneys north & south.	

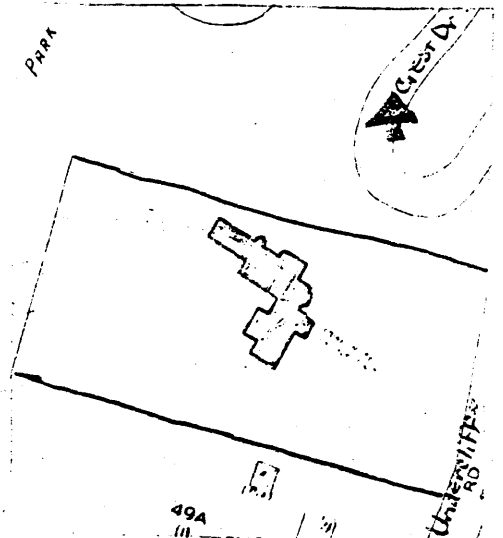
Additional Architectural Description:

Molded label lintels above all major 1st & 2nd floor windows; stone finials top corners & apex of gable parapets; basement wall forms high chamfered plinth below 1st floor windows. Parapet gable extends forward in the 3rd bay, w/ elaborate oriel window at center, 2nd floor; panelled entrance door below Tudor arch, cartouche above on the first floor. Entrance flanked by wrought iron lanterns opens to terrace w/ stone balustrade w/ shallow risers from the north. Double door from driveway in terrace wall below main entrance. Broad bay window 4th bay, 1st floor, shows heraldic emblems at center diamond light casements; Tudor emblems on all rainwater leaders. Carved stone eagles surmount tall piers w/ wrought iron lantern at center on either side of entrance driveway on north-east corner of property.

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Map (Indicate North)



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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The home lies at the center of a large 248' x 476' lot. Well set back from the street on a steep sloping site, the residence is approached by a long driveway which circles the property from the north-east corner.

Roughly 2.75 acres.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This distinguished manor home was built for the Eshbaugh family. Reputed to have cost \$1,000,000, it was considered one of the most extravagant homes of the time in the metropolitan era. A family of stone masons was brought from Italy for one year to cut & set the stone.

Inside, the house is treated with equal splendor. The first floor with its library in the style of Christopher Wren and imported fifteenth century panelling presents an English character. There are tapestries in many of the rooms. The second floor shows a lighter touch & is distinctly French with 2 Louis XVI bedrooms, Aubusson carpets, & more delicate furniture & fittings. The colored marble bathrooms have gold fixtures.

The house is included in the 1971 survey by the Montclair Historical Society. Mr. William H. Eshbaugh, a stock broker, was in the lumber business in Canada. He was prominent in opening the Gulf of St. Lawrence for the lumber industry. (Continued under "Comments")

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

COMMENTS: The Eshbaugh House is referred to in The Biographical Dictionary of Architects by H. F. & E. R. Withey, p. 240-241. Other work by Goodwillie & Moran included a number of industrial plants and business offices: The Globe Indemnity Insurance Office, Newark, N. J., the Wheatena Mills at Rahway, N. J., the Manice Building in New York, and the Morton Ice Cream Plant, N. Y.

REFERENCES:

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

"Montclair Times," June 22, 1929, p. 8

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