

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

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. **22**

HISTORIC NAME: Dr. E. G. Roy House
LOCATION: 229 West Saddle River Road

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 1104/3

MUNICIPALITY: Saddle River
USGS QUAD: Park Ridge

COUNTY: Bergen
UTM REFERENCES:

OWNER/ADDRESS: Anne Spaulding

Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: between 1861-1876

Source of Date: maps, atlas

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Second Empire

Form/Plan Type:

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: relatively high, brick, has oculus windows on front, on west is some
coursed rubble and brownstone

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Penetration: Main block: 3x3, 2/2

Roof/Chimneys: straight-sided mansard, 2 interior end chimneys at north; wing: 1 interior
chimney at west; wing: mansard and shed combination

Additional Architectural Description:

Main block: central entrance with 1 bay entrance porch with paired piers with round-
arched spandrels between them; piers have paneled bases, chamfered posts, capitals and
brackets; porch has bracketed cornice. Arched entrance - with paired doors with round-
arched glazed upper panels. 3 sided 1-story bay windows flank entrance. Central win-
dow on 2nd story are paired under elliptically-arched cornice. House has paneled frieze
with brackets. Main (east) facade has 3 gambrel dormers with shaped side boards and
elliptically-arched windows. At south is early 20th c., 1 story side porch with cob-
blestone foundation and columns. Gambrel dormers on north has paired elliptically-
arched windows.

Northwest wing: 1½ story, open 1-story porch on east recessed into wing's mass, 1 story
porch on north, low foundation, bracketed and paneled cornice, built into hillside.



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Map (Indicate North)



22 SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: 1.64 acre property.
 House faces east. Setback about 25' from West Saddle River Road. On upward, westward, sloping site. To west are woods. Property has some terracing with stone and cement walls. There are flower beds, trees, shrubs. Early 20th c. well within 2' of east side of wing. To north about 50-75' is 2½ story carriagehouse, clapboard sided, 2/2 windows, gable roof. 1 story garage addition to west. Now functions as garage and residence.

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

A single 20th century house is located between this house and the Second Empire style house to the south at 223 West Saddle River Road (0258-24). Across West Saddle River Road to the east is the Saddle River.

SIGNIFICANCE: The Dr. E. G. Roy House is of architectural significance. It is a fine example of Second Empire style architecture with this mode's characteristic mansard roof. Its visual significance is enhanced by its proximity to another large, 2½ story Second Empire style house at 223 West Saddle River (0258-24). The Roy House has a few circa 1900 modifications but on the exterior its 1860's appearance is remarkably intact (excepting paint color).

The house is also historically significant in Saddle River's history as a country home location in the late 19th century. Dr. Roy, who is believed to have moved here in 1867, was one of the "city people" (Landscape, Feb. 1890) who established summer homes in Saddle River. Unfortunately further research is needed to provide a biography of Dr. Roy. The Roy family owned the house until the 1920's.

ORIGINAL USE: residential **PRESENT USE:** residential
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:
 Painting this building in colors historically proper for its style and age and placing the colors in a way to emphasize the detailing will enhance the house's visual appearance and historical integrity.

REFERENCES: CKT List M NJHSI 0258-25
 1861 Hopkins map: not on 1887 Driving Map: E.G: Roy
 1876 Walker Atlas: E. G. Roy
 1902 Robinson map: F. Roy
 1913 Bromley Atlas: no name
 1964 Inskeep map: E. G. Roy 1867
 SRHS file: Landscape, Feb 1890, June 1893.

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View Looking NW showing Roy House carriagehouse
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