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

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 0713 4 7 4

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 33 Watchung Plaza

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 3402/04; 27-A, 24

MUNICIPALITY: Montclair
USGS QUAD: Orange

COUNTY: Essex
UTM REFERENCES:

OWNER/ADDRESS: Bradner, Robert D., Jr., Inc.
Same

Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1926

Source of Date: Tax Assessor

Architect: Design attributed to Arthur
Ranhurst

Builder:

Style: Tudor Revival

Form/Plan Type: Rectangle

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: Brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: Brick, Stucco and Half-timbering

Fenestration: 2 bays, entrance portal at left end; multi-light casements and 1 fixed window (store).

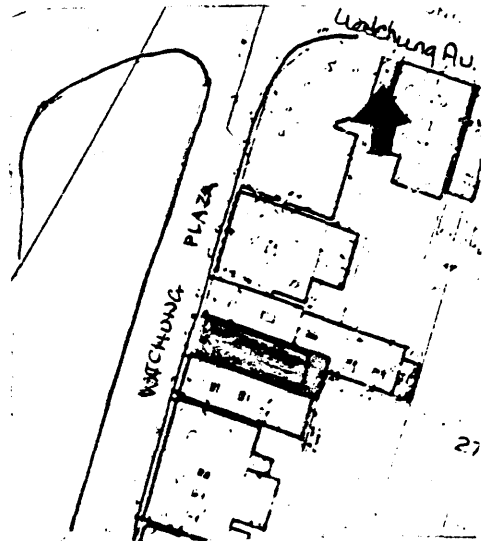
Roof/Chimneys: Complex Roof (Gable/Flat) with Slate Tiles; two chimneys--one exterior end (left) and one interior end (right).

Additional Architectural Description:

Parapets topped with coping conceal the intricacies of the roof (sides); a slightly projecting, half-timbered cross-gable dominates the right end of the principal elevation; its 5-unit window is framed by timbers, the top one of which is slightly pointed; the double casement window to the left is framed by a Picturesque brick surround; immediately below this window is the entrance portal which is emphasized by a compound surround of brick; to the right and between the massive brackets which support the cross-gable is a 24-light store window.

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Map (Indicate North)



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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Structure sited on a narrow 22' x 75' lot contiguous to the sidewalk.

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:

Quite unique in the community, this quaint cottage like store front reflects the Tudor image that once prevailed on Watchung Plaza. The store interior with its old telephone booth still retains its original character and charm. While an active commercial center exists today along the Plaza, most of the stores have lost their original architectural character.

ORIGINAL USE: Commercial/Residential

PRESENT USE: Commercial/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:

REFERENCES:

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

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