

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 0713 8 0 3

HISTORIC NAME:		COMMON NAME:	Baldassare house
LOCATION:	Mulford house 207 Union St.	BLOCK/LOT	0202/010; 413-B/1
MUNICIPALITY:	Montclair	COUNTY:	Essex
USGS QUAD:	Orange	UTM REFERENCES:	Zone/Northing/Easting
OWNER/ADDRESS:	Michael & Lois Baldassare see above		

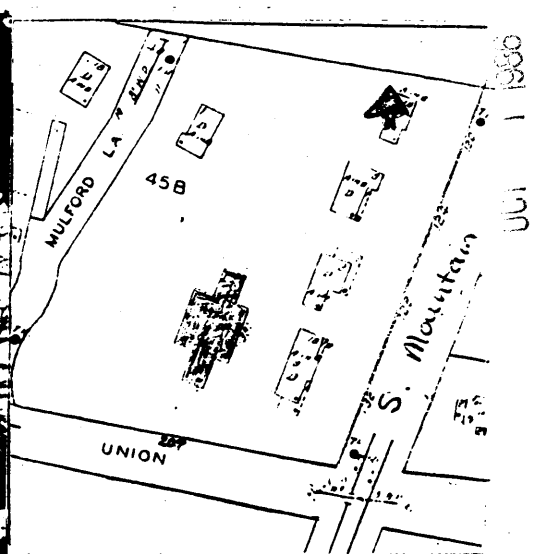
DESCRIPTION

Construction Date:	1913	Source of Date:	Tax Assessor
Architect:	Hiss & Weekes	Builder:	
Style:	Renaissance Villa	Form/Plan Type:	Extended square
Number of Stories:	3 + Basement		
Foundation:	Brick		
Exterior Wall Fabric:	Dressed ashlar in regular pattern.		
Fenestration:	French windows w/overhead transoms on 1st floor; 2/2 D.H. sash on 2nd.		
Roof/Chimneys:	Hipped tile roof w/ 2 end chimneys on main block; 2 end chimneys on south wing.		

Additional Architectural Description: Raised stone surrounds rising to segmental arches w/ console type key-stones define the floor-length 1st fl. windows. Low iron rails decorate the 2 windows in the outer bays. The 2nd fl. windows have similar surrounds & key-stones, but the lintels are square w/ small feet below the sills. A delicate wrought-iron balcony projects below the 2 center 2nd fl. windows, & a string course below divides the building at this point. On the 3rd fl., paired casement windows are set high below the projecting eaves of the heavy bracketed roof. The south wing of 3 bays, set back from the main elevation, has 3 multi-light double floor-length windows w/ transoms set in arched openings between Doric pilasters w/ full entablatures above. 3 square double casements w/ rounded corners line the wall above. Also set back from the main elevation, the north wing shows a porte cochere w/ rounded arch flanked by paired columns, which gives access to the entrance on the north elevation. A small window fills the center of the first bay. On the 2nd fl., a large window divided 3 ways defines the entrance arch below.

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Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Building sited close to the south-east boundary of a 200' x 220' lot.
Plus one acre.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

A unique Renaissance Revival home designed for Mr. V. S. Mulford, who purchased the "Montclair Times" in 1924.

Drawings and pictures of this splendid mansion, one of the finest examples of the Renaissance style in the town, appeared in the "American Architect-Architectural Review" of Jan. 2, 1924.

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:

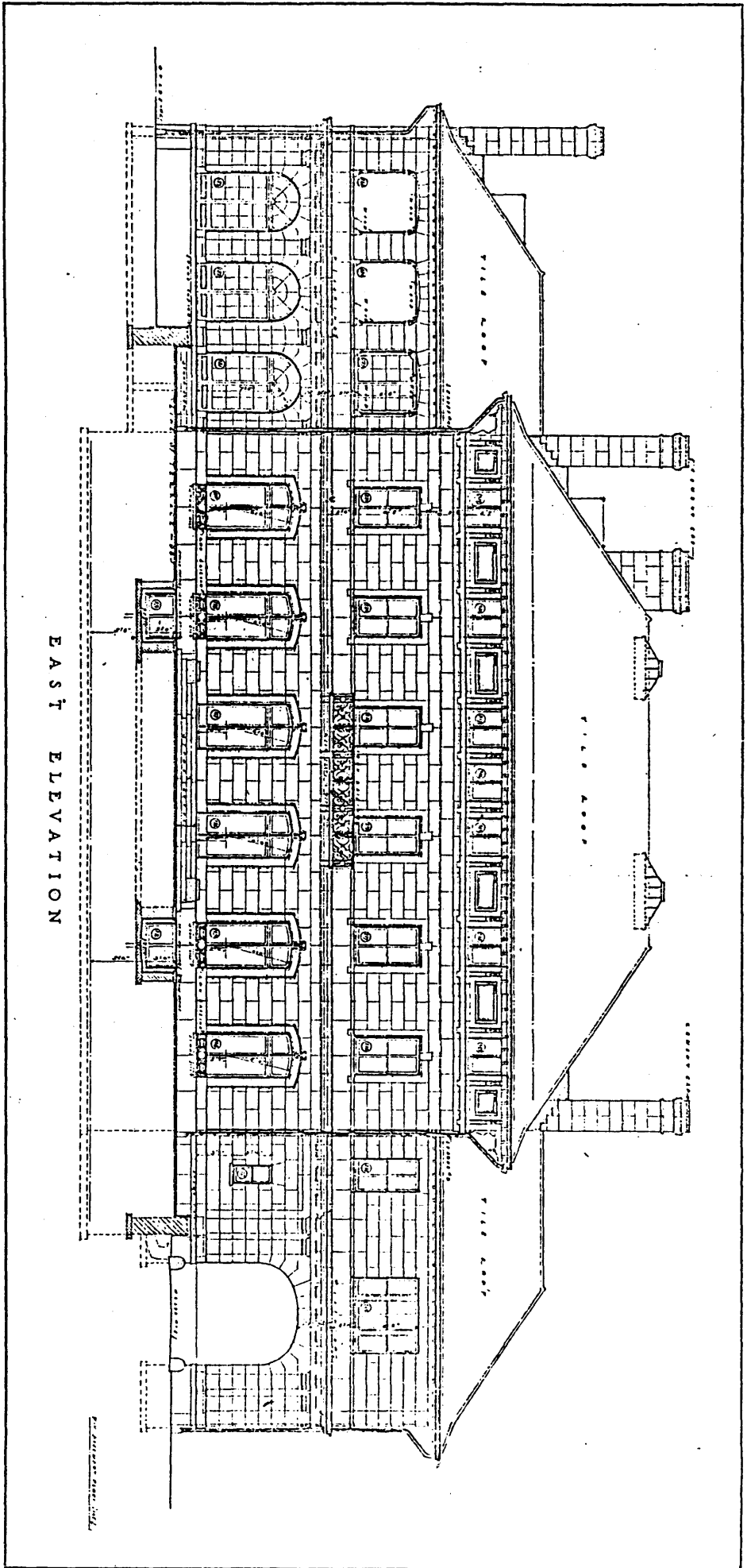
The recent subdivisions on the south-east corner of the original site detract from the visual impact of the building.

REFERENCES:

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

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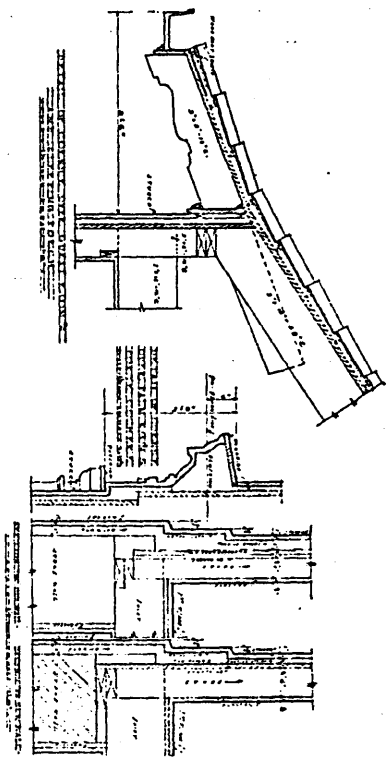


EAST ELEVATION

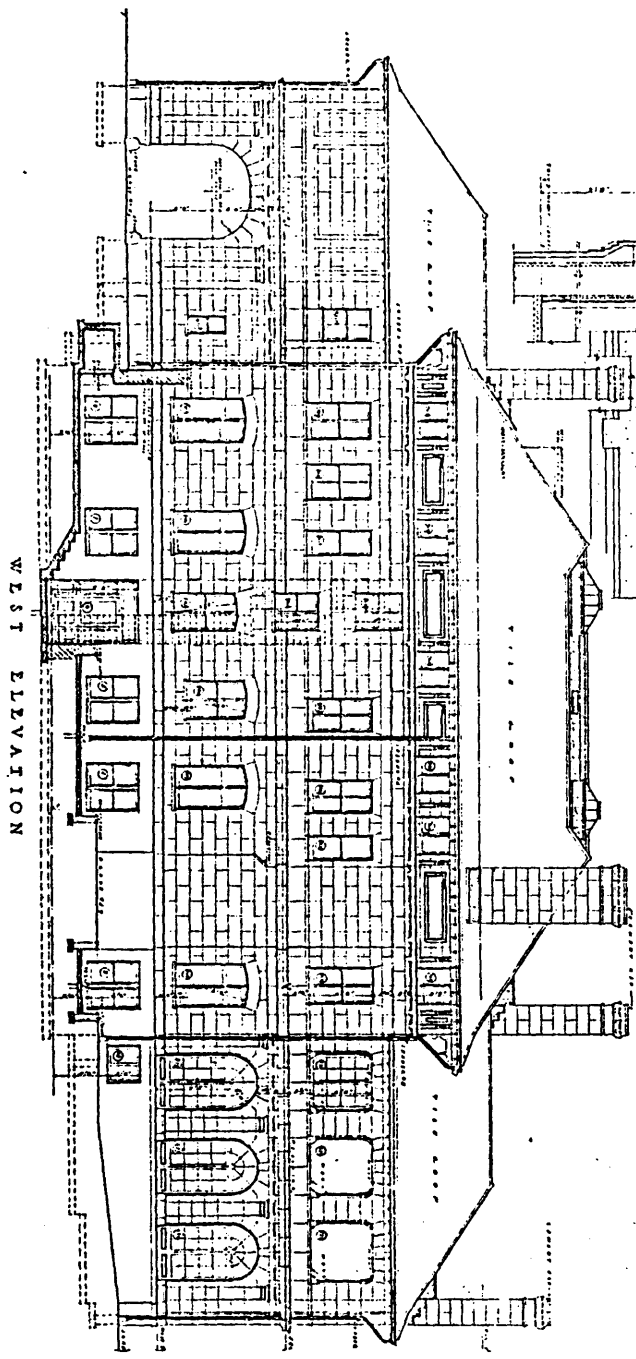
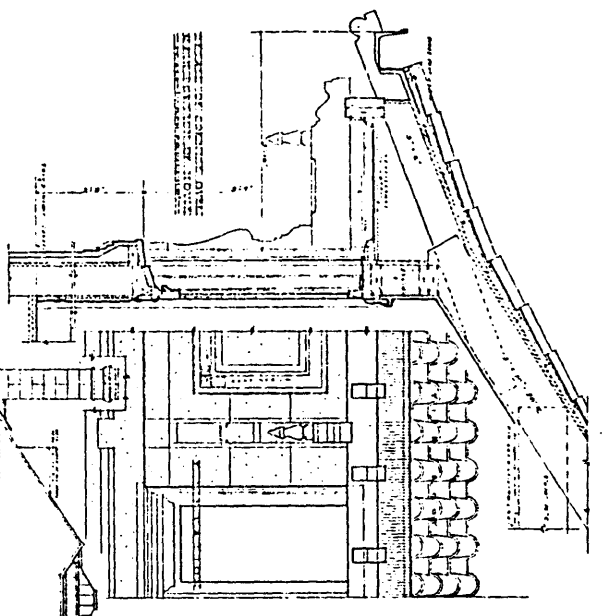
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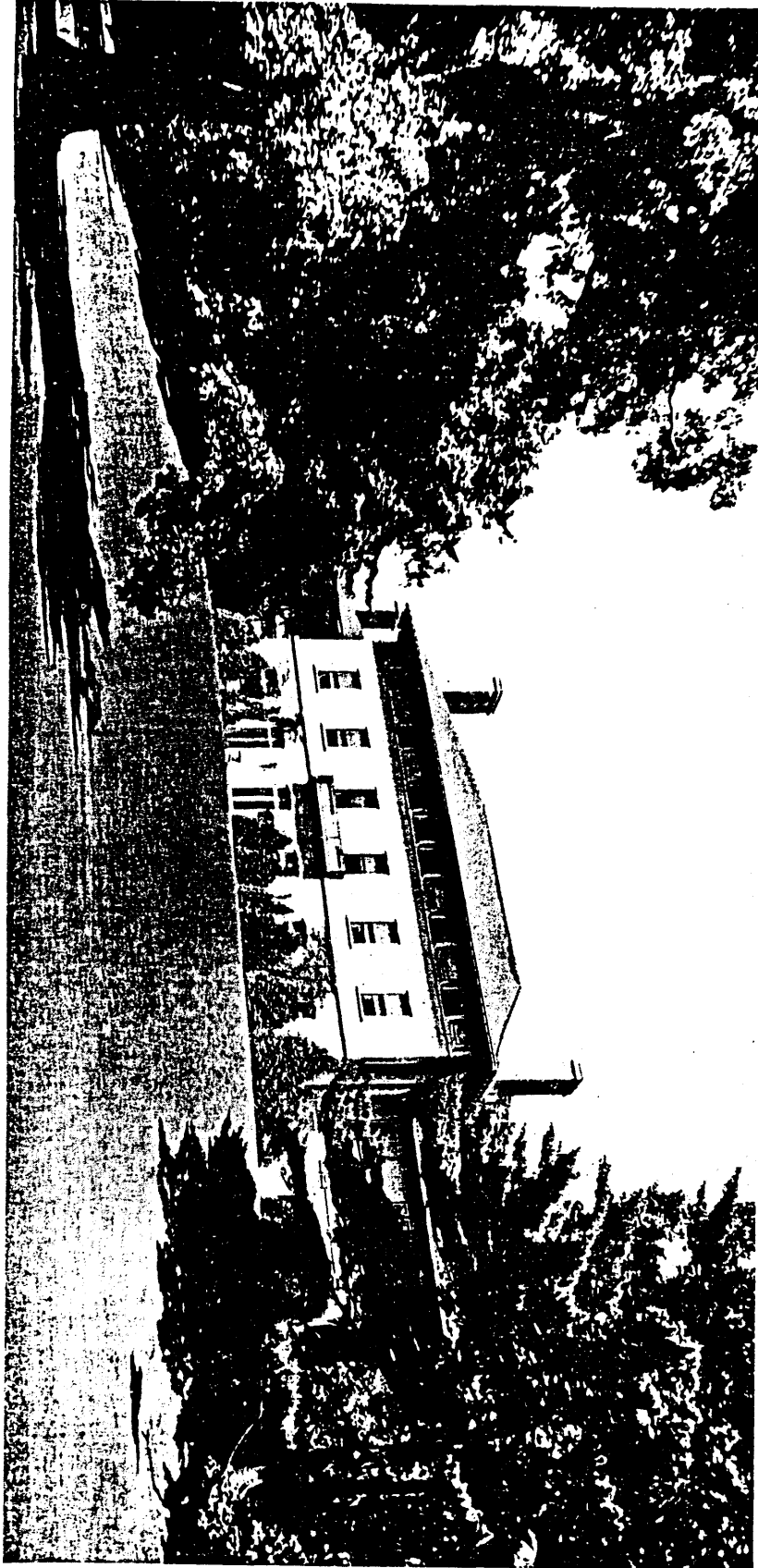
WEST ELEVATION

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The Montclair Times Co., 1939
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Thematic Listing: Montclair
Architecture, Representative
Styles

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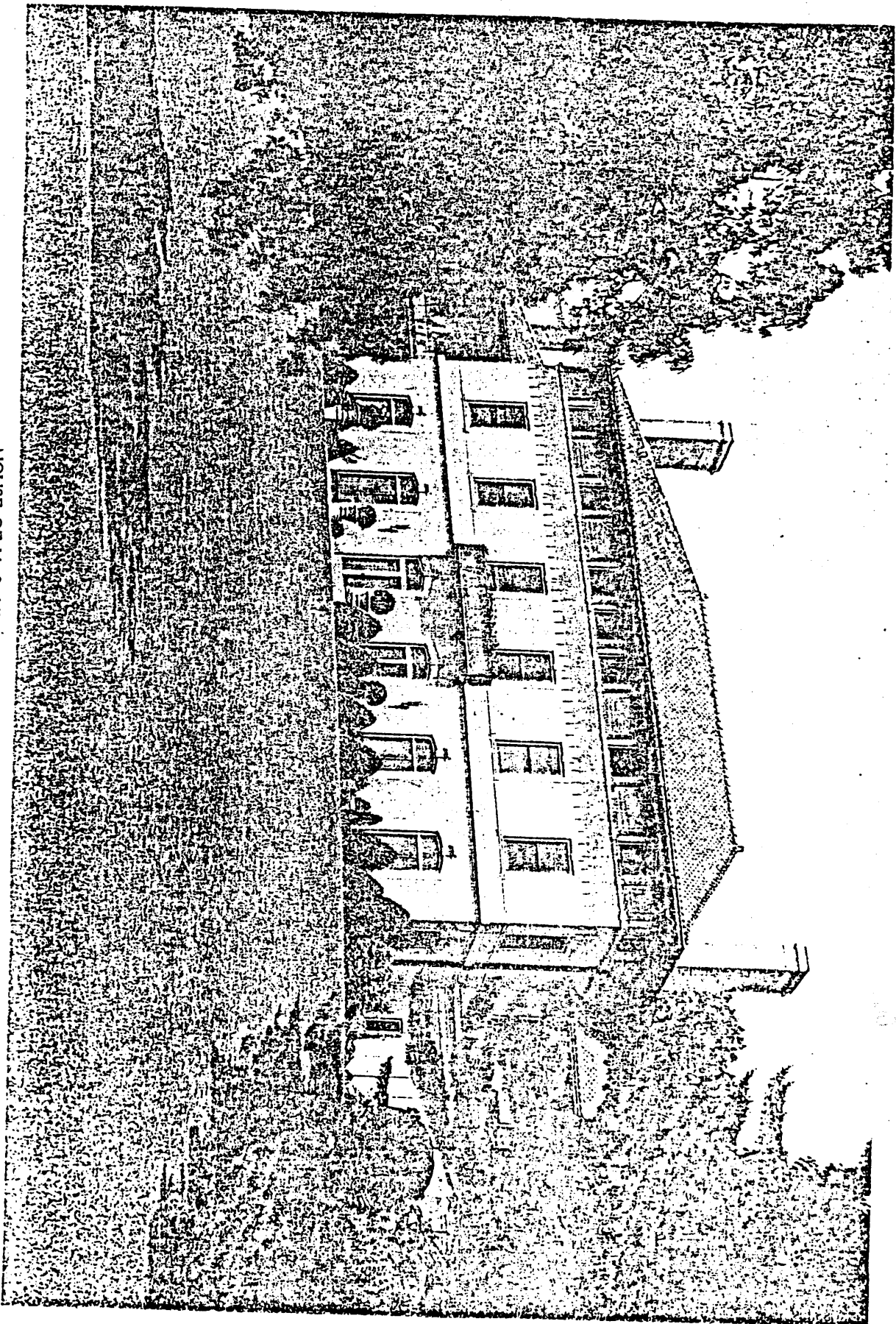


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RESIDENCE OF VINCENT S. MUIRFORD
130 SOUTH MOUNTAIN AVENUE

— now 207 Union Street (0713-803)

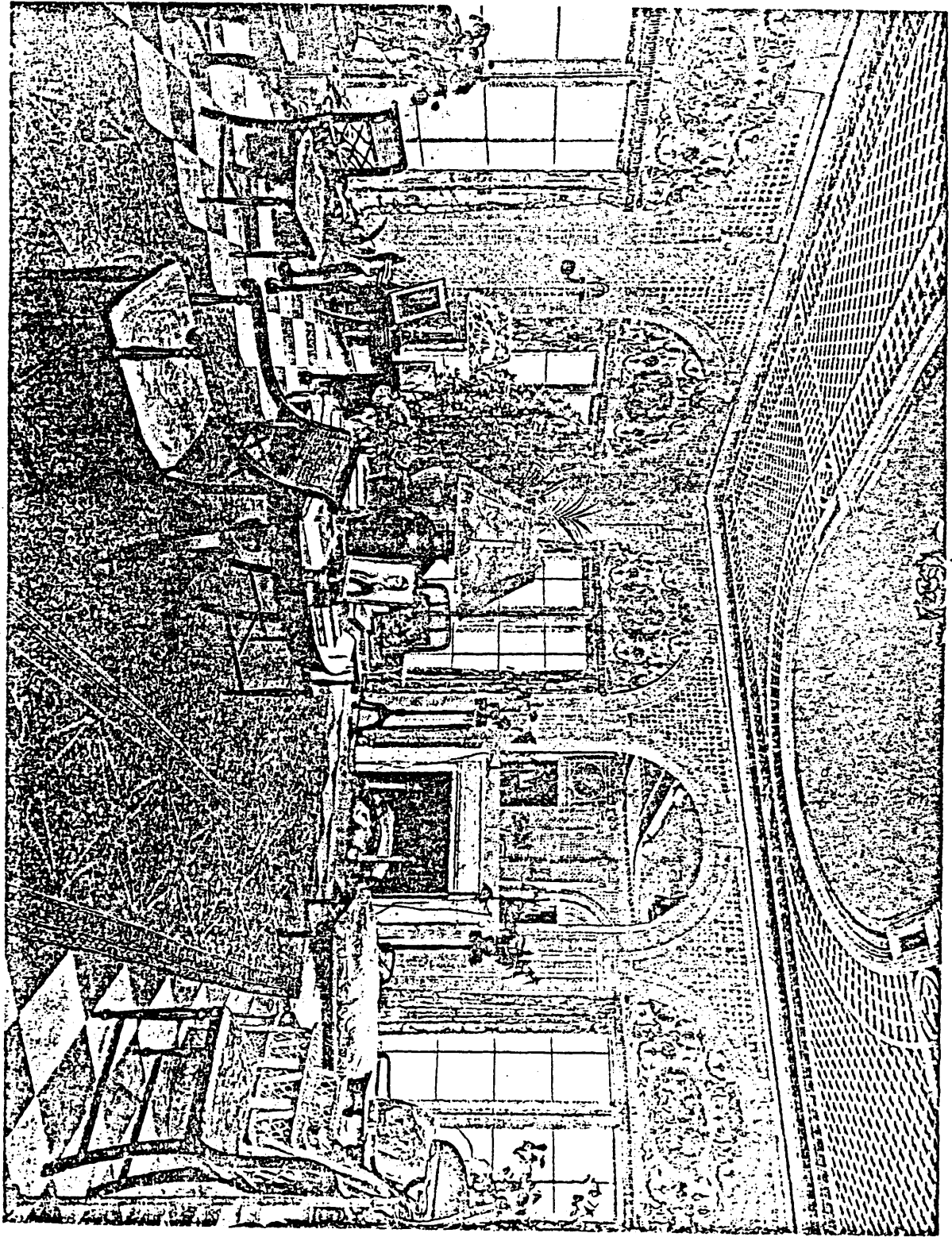


RESIDENCE OF Lyster REIGHLEY 2D
56 HIGHLAND AVENUE



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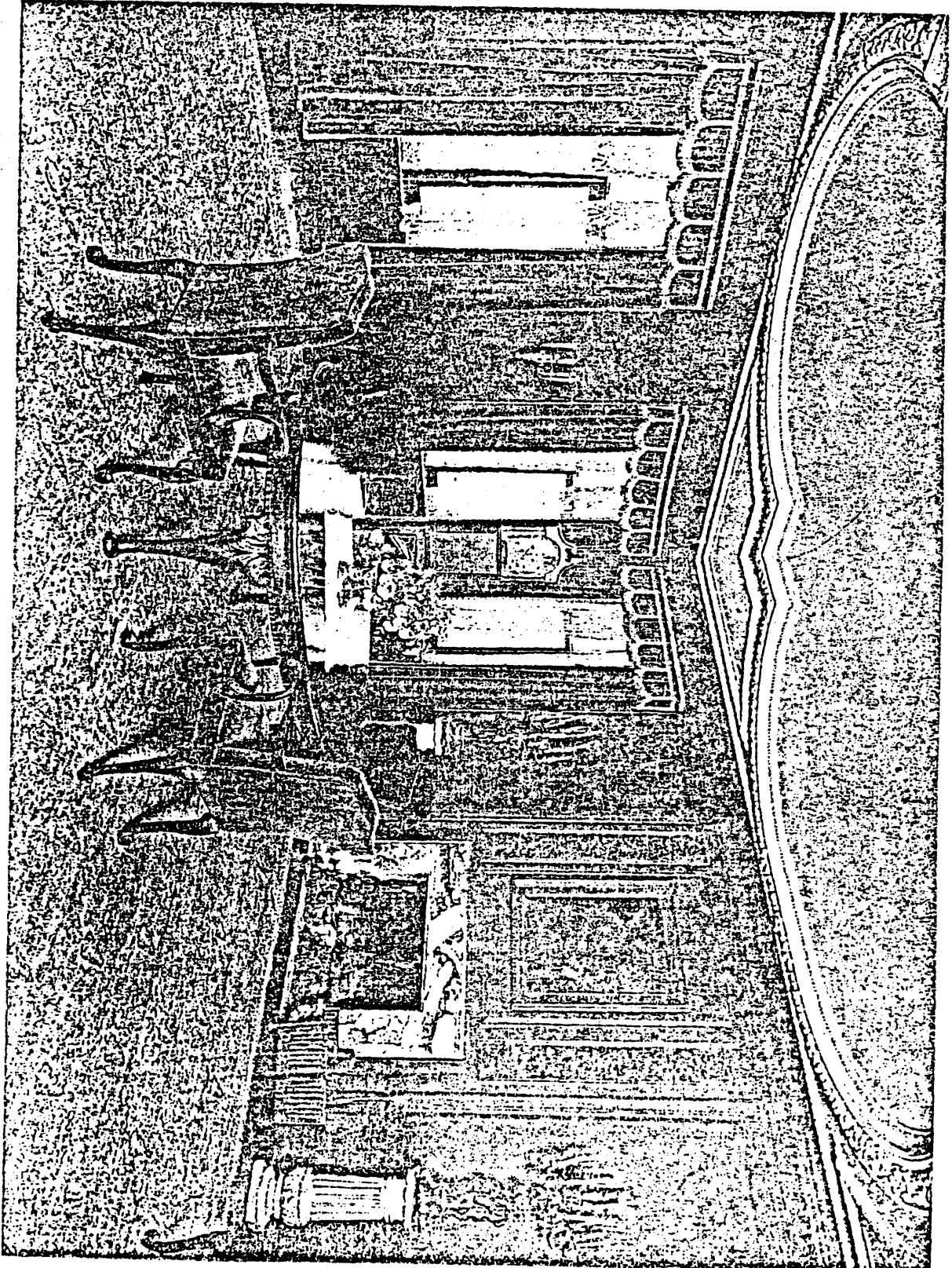
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Montclair Multiple Resource Listing*



LIVING ROOM

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