HISTORIC NAME: The Anchorage
LOCATION: 155 Wildwood Ave.
MUNICIPALITY: Montclair
USGS QUAD: Orange
OWNER/ADDRESS: Farlie, William N. & Barbara L.

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1930
Architect: Francis Nelson
Style: Georgian Revival
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Brick
Fenestration: 13 bays (including appendages), entrance in center of main block; D.H. windows w/multi-light sashes
Roof/Chimneys: Modified Gambrel Roof (main block), Gable Roof (appendages), Slate Tiles; five chimneys - four end & one in front
Additional Architectural Description:
Five gabled dormers pierce the front slope of the roof; the end chimneys are united by a bridge parapet which conceals the roof ridge; a modillioned & denticulated cornice spans the front elevation; splayed lintels surmount the window apertures; diminutive octagonal windows flank the central bay on the second level; a belt course of brick separates the first and second levels; the recessed front entrance is framed by a broken pediment surround with a pineapple finial; engaged Composite Columns flank the portal which is framed by scored panels of wood (simulating stone voussoirs, etc.); a prominent gabled wing projects from the left elevation; an impressive portal, which is aligned with the front entrance, abuts the

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Map (Indicate North)
**SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:**

Lot size - 118 x 193'
The residence is situated in the northwest corner of the lot.
Less than one acre.

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Additional Architectural Description, continued:
street sidewalk (2 sets of brick pillars, topped by ornate finials, flank a decorative wrought iron fence).

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The "Anchorage" is one of the grandest residences in Upper Montclair. It was built for Lydia Duff Gray Hubbard on part of the property belonging to #542 Park St. where she had lived with her husband & family for many years. The Hubbards decided that whoever remained after either of them died would sell the Park St. house and build "a little house in the rose garden". When Mr. Hubbard died in 1929 his widow traveled extensively in America and Europe gathering information for planning her dream house.

The exterior elevation is a small scale version of "Westover", the famous Byrd plantation on the James River in Virginia, while the inside floor plan seems to have been taken from "Carters Grove", another famous plantation in the James River area. The brick & hand made wrought iron gates came from Williamsburg Virginia & the slates & hardware were imported from Europe. An elevator was installed by Mrs. Hubbard & the grounds were landscaped by Ralph Hancock, Landscape Architect to the Rockefeller Center Gardens, N.Y.

The house won an American Institute of Architects Commendation (See Comments, cont.)

**ORIGINAL USE:** Residence
**PRESENT USE:** Residence

**PHYSICAL CONDITION:** Excellent ☑ to Good ☑ Fair □ Poor □

**REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:** Yes ☑ Possible □ No □ Part of District □

**THREATS TO SITE:** Roads □ Development □ Zoning □ Deterioration □ No Threat ☑ Other □

**COMMENTS:** Significance, continued:

For information on the architect see the form on 185 Bellevue Ave. in the "Public Buildings" thematic listing.

**REFERENCES:**

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