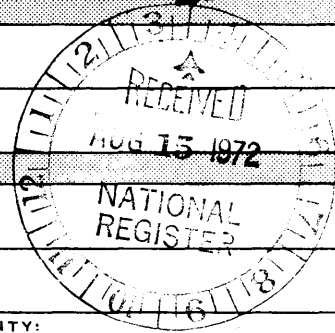


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Essex	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Israel Crane House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
110 Orange Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Montclair

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34      COUNTY: Essex      CODE: 013

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Montclair Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:  
110 Orange Road

CITY OR TOWN: Montclair      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Essex County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
HABS NJ-152, 1935, 1936, 1937

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington      STATE: D.C.      CODE: 11

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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

EXTERIOR:

Present: The Israel Crane House is a three story frame structure 48' wide by 34' deep with a 20' by 32' ell in the rear. The frame of the house is solid oak timbers 4" by 4" by 6". Spaces between the studs are filled with stone. Plaster is applied directly to the stones and studs.

Original: When the house was first built in 1796 it was a 2½ story Federal style home with a pitched roof. The small porch over the entrance was also pitched.

Alterations: In 1838 the Cranes undertook a major renovation of the house in the Greek Revival style. The house was made a full three story building with a cast iron grill on the third floor, a flat roof, and a small entrance porch with Ionic columns.

The ell (kitchen) in the rear was also added to the house in 1838, but when, in 1965, the house was hurriedly moved to its present location, from 159 Glenridge Avenue, to escape demolition, the kitchen section was torn apart. It was restored in 1968 using the original wood and stone and blueprints made in 1932 by Historic American Buildings Survey.

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INTERIOR:

Floor One: The open stair case in the front hall was probably added after 1850 and the original stairs is most likely the enclosed one leading off the warming kitchen. The moldings and trim have been altered.

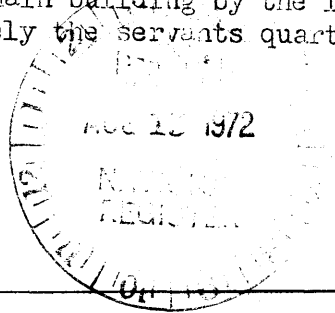
Recent restoration has exposed the original floor boards, removed the radiators as a source of heat, and eliminated recent partitions.

The dining room and the back parlor each have mantelpieces at present. Neither were original to the rooms. The dining room "Adamesque" mantel was taken from the warming kitchen and the back parlor mantelpiece was from the Schofield mansion.

Floor Two: On the second floor where the main bedrooms are situated all trims, door and mantels are original, 1796. The small bedroom has later trim. The bedroom in the back has two rear windows that contain 12/12 window panes.

Floor Three: The third story contains three small bedrooms, evidently unheated, for either servants or children. Unusually constructed, the roof is applied over the rafters which are supported by two lines of girders. Rafters overhang the girder by several feet and meet in the center without support from a ridge rafter.

Kitchen: The kitchen, added in 1838, was a separate building to discourage fires, joined to the main building by the laundry room. The second floor was most likely the servants quarters.



8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

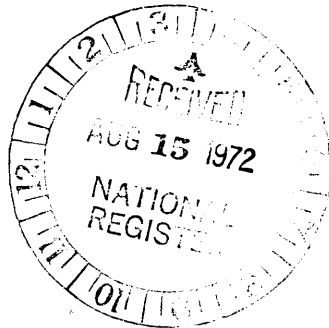
In 1694 land was given to Azariah and Mary Crane, apparently as a wedding gift, and soon the area became known as Crantown.

Israel Crane, fifth generation to Azariah and Mary Crane, built the house in 1796 in the contemporary Federal Style on an 86 acre plot. Only twenty-two when the house was erected, Israel Crane went on to become one of the most prominent businessmen in the county. He built and owned a toll road to Newark in 1800. In 1812 he developed a useful source of power from the Passaic Falls and then established the nearby West Bloomfield Manufacturing Company. He also owned a large quarry in Newark and founded the Newark Banking and Insurance Company and the Bloomfield Academy.

By 1812 the town was changed to Montclair, as it is now known, but the influence of the Crane family is still evident.

Architecturally the Crane House, although altered somewhat, represents fine example of Federal style architecture in the main structure with the alterations in a Greek Revival style.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 146' x 325' (just over 1 acre)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
J. Lloyd Berrall

ORGANIZATION: Montclair Historical Society      DATE: 10/1/71

STREET AND NUMBER:  
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CITY OR TOWN: Montclair      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National     State     Local

Name: Richard J. Sullivan  
 Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection  
 Date: August 7, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/14/73

ATTEST:  
Co. [Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3.8.73

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Section 9: (Continued)

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Congressional Representation

Clifford P. Case - United States Senator  
Harrison A. Williams - United States Senator  
Peter W. Rodino, Jr. - Congressman ( 10th District)

