

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

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 0713 9 8 1

HISTORIC NAME: Red Gables  
LOCATION: 99 S. Fullerton Ave.

COMMON NAME: Yard School of Art  
BLOCK/LOT 2110/1

MUNICIPALITY: Montclair  
USGS QUAD: Orange  
OWNER/ADDRESS: The Yard School of Art  
99 S. Fullerton Ave.

COUNTY: Essex  
UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1906 Source of Date: 2nd story window panel

Architect: Florence Rand Lang Builder:

Style: Romantic with Gothic/Craftsman influences Form/Plan Type: Modified Square

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: 1st level-brick; upper portion-stucco

Fenestration: 5 bays (irregular) with entrance at left end; multi-light/  
single-light d.h. windows.

Roof/Chimneys: Complex gable roof sheathed in red tile; two interior chimneys

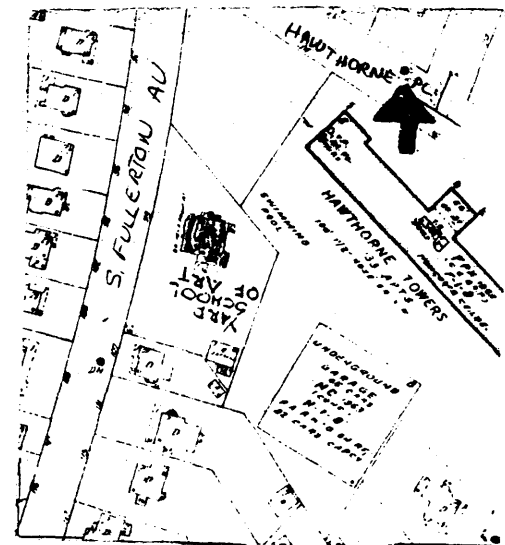
Additional Architectural Description:

A bargeboard with incised decoration outlines the gables and is supported by grotesque-adorned brackets; overhangs and projections are supported by massive consoles with grotesques; three levels of band windows occur in the cross-gable bay; the entrance to the structure is an element of the castellated and balustraded wing (one-story) at the left end.

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Map (Indicate North)



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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

426' x 150' irregular      Approximately 1.5 acres.

The residence is located at the north end of the property and is centered between the street and rear lot line. The carriage house is situated toward the rear of the property at the south end; a corner "lookout" is integrated into the front wall of brick.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Although this structure is the embodiment of conventional modes, it clearly represents a unique interpretation of these modes. Its Gothic silhouette, Craftsman surfaces and Picturesque qualities were carefully blended to produce a structure of uncanny charm and appeal. Florence Rand Lang, after one year of architectural training, designed this residence and was its first occupant. Before her marriage, Florence Lang was a professional artist in wood carving. She personally carved the sunflower design of the grand stairway and had it repeated in metal in the design of the window grates, flanking the hallway door. She also carved the outdoor brackets and oak corbals with their surprising faces.

In 1967, the building became the Yard School of Art, which is especially known for its training of the handicapped.

Florence Rand Lang was the benefactress of the Montclair Art Museum.

ORIGINAL USE: residential      PRESENT USE: School  
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.

Victorian Society, May in Montclair: A Victorian House Tour, May 4, 1980.

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