

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO.

0713 204

HISTORIC NAME: Joseph Bardsley House (1901 map)
 LOCATION: 345 Park St. COMMON NAME: Malfatto House
 BLOCK/LOT 3305/55; 18-E/19

MUNICIPALITY: Montclair COUNTY: Essex
 USGS QUAD: Orange UTM REFERENCES:
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Malfatto, Frank L. & Grace E. Zone/Northing/Easting
 See above

DESCRIPTION

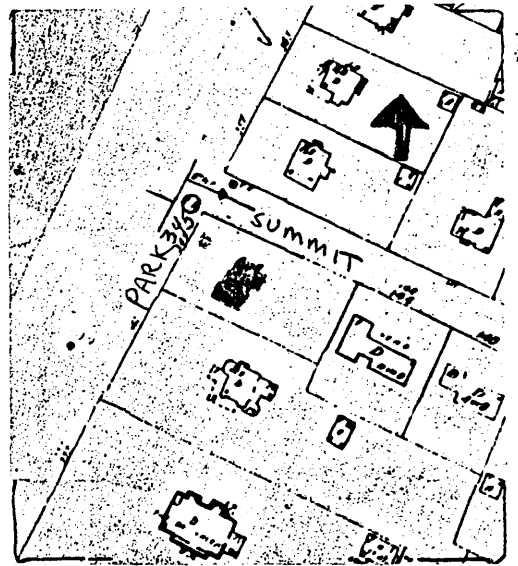
Construction Date: 1897 Source of Date: Tax assessor
 Architect: Christopher Myers Builder:
 Style: Queen Anne/ Colonial Revival Form/Plan Type: Irregular
 Number of Stories: 2½
 Foundation: Rubble Stone (tooled face)
 Exterior Wall Fabric: Stone (portion of first level); Clapboard (remainder)
 Fenestration: 3 bays, entrance in central location; primarily 1/1 D.H. windows
 Roof/Chimneys: Hipped roof w/asphalt shingles; 3; 2 interior and 1 chimney (right end & rear)
 Additional Architectural Description:

A turret-like protrusion, crowned by a conical roof, interrupts the front slope of the roof; the left end of the main facade is dominated by a squat, polygonal turret; notched modillions adorn the wide eaves of the front & right elevations; the double-door front entrance is set in a classical surround, consisting of fluted pilasters and a denticulated entablature; the wall surface to the right of the entrance is curvilinear and paneled; stone piers, upon which rest grouped columns, interrupt the balustrade of the wrap-around veranda; a portico (pediment & columns) is situated opposite the front entrance; a transomed oriel projects from the left elevation.

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Map (Indicate North)

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Lot size - 146' x 285'

Primary Structure - situated in western (front) portion of property; carriage house - directly east of residence.

Less than one acre.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Built for Joseph Bardsley, this architecturally exuberant structure is one of the most prominent residences in the area. The sprawling lawns and elegant carriage house reinforce its prominent position. Moreover, it was featured in the July 1900 issue of Scientific American, Building Edition. The residence was described as having "...excellent proportions, good detail, and attractive features...". Photographs of the house and scale drawings of first floor stairway and arch details were published.

Christopher Myers, a long-time resident of the community, was the architect for the Scientific American Building Edition. Many of his Montclair residences were featured in this important publication.

This elegant, well-preserved residence is possibly the finest example of the architect's work in the town.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Residence

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:

Scientific American, Building Edition; July 1900.

Miller, D. L., Map of the Town of Montclair, Philadelphia:
D. L. Miller & Co., 1901.

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