

HISTORIC NAME: **Allyn Wight house**
 LOCATION: **75 Gates Ave.**
 MUNICIPALITY: **Montclair**
 USGS QUAD: **Orange**
 OWNER/ADDRESS: **Crumb, Jan B. & Paula R.**
See above

COMMON NAME: **Crumb house**
 BLOCK/LOT: **2110/6: 47-E/48**
 COUNTY: **Essex**
 UTM REFERENCES: **Zone/Northing/Easting**

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: **1890** Source of Date: **Tax Assessor**
 Architect: **McKim, Mead & White** Builder:
 Style: **Classical Revival** Form/Plan Type: **Rectangle**
 Number of Stories: **2½ + B**
 Foundation: **Brick**
 Exterior Wall Fabric: **Stained Wood Shingles**
 Fenestration: **6 bays, 1/1 D.H. sash**
 Roof/Chimneys: **Hipped/2 interior chimneys/ exterior chimney west.**

Additional Architectural Description:

Bay 1, recessed back w/door on 1st floor.

Bay 2 & 3 project forward w/ single window left of entrance door w/ leaded side light & transom in the 4th bay; single windows bay 5 & 6.

5 bay front porch w/ Doric columns, cornice & flat roof, extends around structure 2 bays to the south.

Single sash at center of 2nd floor bays.

Modillions below deep cornice & decorative rosettes evenly spaced across frieze below.

Enclosed 2nd floor porch w/ heavy cornice, above 1st porch bay.

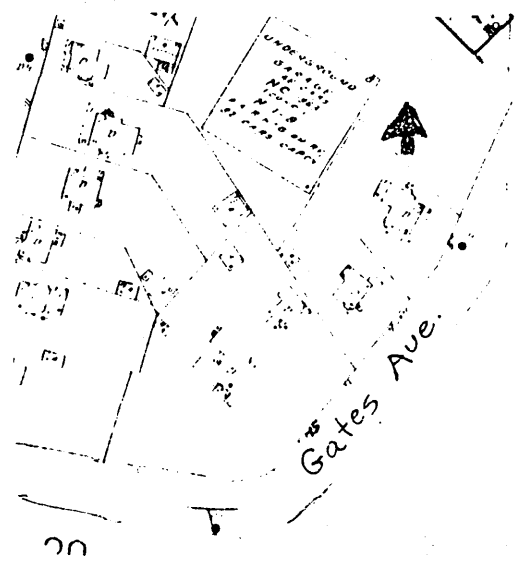
Triple sash window in large center roof dormer w/ twin gables on the outer bays; flat roof at center.

Alterations/modifications: See reverse side under "Significance".

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Map (Indicate North)



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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

House on sloping corner site close to north property line, Large yard to the south, 3 car garage at rear. Lot size: 188 x 150 irregular.

Less than one acre.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

One of two buildings in Montclair designed by the important architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White. Home pictured w/ elevation & plans in the Architects & Builders Edition of "Scientific American Magazine", August 1893.

Designed for L. Allyn Wight, Esq., the home, which cost \$15,400 complete, was described as a true example of American Colonial architecture. Wight was a member ex officio of the Tariff Reform Club of Montclair.

Alterations/Modifications: The plans in the "Scientific American Builders' Edition" show us that several of the original details are missing from the structure. These include an ornate balustrade around the central roof area above the dormers, and another above the roof of the front porch. The enclosed 2nd floor porch on the south-east corner is clearly an addition.

This residence has survived with few interior changes. Most of the first floor details described in the magazine remain. The entrance door, reception hall, grand staircase with its delicate balusters, and the butler's pantry are especially noteworthy. Only the library has been altered for it was enlarged and the fireplace mantle was removed.

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:

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

Whittemore, Henry. History of Montclair Township, 1977. (Reprint of 1894 Edition), p. 167.

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