

22 GRANT STREET (House)
Montclair
Essex County
New Jersey

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USGS Orange, New Jersey Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.566755.4517747

Significance: 22 Grant Street is a contributing component of the Pine Street Historic District. The Pine Street Historic District is significant as an intact working class neighborhood developed primarily by Italian-American families between 1890 and the 1920's. The Pine Street Historic District is largely composed of single-family dwellings, three- and four-story brick rowhouses, small commercial buildings, and multi-unit mixed use commercial/residential structures, many embellished with Classical and Italianate elements.

Description: The residence at 22 Grant Street is a two-and-a-half-story single-family wood frame dwelling facing northeast on Grant Street. The stucco building has an asphalt shingle gable roof; the gable overhang has brackets and decorative sawn-cut rafters exposed in the open eaves. A full-width front porch has wood posts and a shallow shed roof; corner posts have a stucco finish. The entrance door with transom is in the west bay of the three-bay front facade; single double-hung windows are in the other bays. Three single double-hung windows are at the second story; a small window is at the gable head. East and west elevations also have double-hung windows. Windows are two-over-two wood sash with wood sills; windows and doors have wood surrounds. A two-story brick rear addition has a shed roof, a single story porch and wood sash double-hung windows with wood sills.

History: According to historic maps, 22 Grant Street was constructed ca.1890 and enlarged ca.1910 with a two-story rear addition. Initial development of the Pine Street Historic District occurred in the 1880's and 1890's with the platting of Sherman and Grant Streets where residential development was limited to modest, detached wood frame single-family dwellings. This area was known as the "Smith Plat" owned and partially developed by Roswell Smith, a successful New York City publisher of textbooks and Century Magazine, successor to Scribner's Magazine. 22 Grant Street will be demolished to construct the Montclair Connection, a new rail connection between the NJ TRANSIT Montclair Branch and the Boonton Line. The interior of 22 Grant Street was inaccessible, therefore, dimensioned floor plans are not included.

Sources: George W. Harris, Map of West Bloomfield. Essex County, NJ, 1857. F.W. Beers, State Atlas of New Jersey. New York, NY: Beers, Comstock & Cline, 1872. Edward Robinson, Robinson's Atlas of Essex County. New York, NY: E. Robinson, 1890. Ellis Kiser, Atlas of Essex County. Philadelphia, PA: A.H. Mueller, 1906. Sanborn, 1907 Sanborn Insurance Maps. New York, NY: The Sanborn Map Company, 1907.

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