

The King Crane House
159 Glenridge Avenue
Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey

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Owner: Montclair Colored Y.W.C.A.

Date of Erection: 1795

Architect:

Builder: Isaac Crane

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone
stuccoed

Exterior walls - frame
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - flat, tin

Historical Data:

The house is named not after the builder, but after one of his descendants, Israel Crane, who obtained greater prominence than any member of his family. He was called King Crane on account of his domineering disposition. He was the wealthiest man in the vicinity, conducted a large general store, owned a great deal of property, including the turnpike.

The date of erection is given as 1795, but the style of architecture, early Greek revival, leads one to conclude that it was of a later date.

Bibliography:

Field Book and Drawings of Survey

Letter from Robert M. Boyd, Jr., great grandson of Israel Crane, to C. M. Reinhardt, Essex County Survey Historian



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