

79 Bleeker Street (House)
Newark
Essex County
New Jersey

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey	CDUNTY Essex	TOWN OR VICINITY Newark
HISTDRIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 79 Bleeker Street (House)		HABS NO. NJ-921
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE N/A		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 79 Bleeker Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1847-1851 (Historic maps, title search, Directories)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) N/A	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Private Residence, possibly multi-dwelling. One of earliest extant structures & one of few early frame structures. Part of first level development - probably workers' housing for early local industry. Probably boarding house.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular Greek Revival.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Braced frame post & beam structure, all frame walls, brick foundation. Possibly original horizontal clapboard siding now covered with brick-pattern asphalt siding. Asphalt roof shingles.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 20'W. x 56'9 (see plan) split-level plan, possibly built in two sections. Gable roof, with gable facing street. 2 stories plus attic and cellar.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Simple, but typical, denticulated raking cornice. Broken horizontal cornice. Recessed front door in simple frame with simple entablature & unadorned side post. Windows are 2/2 wood, double hung, possibly original.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interesting "split-level" plan. Presently two-family, or boarding house with kitchen and bath on both floors. Very possibly an original boarding house. Main rooms have fireplaces adapted for "Baltimore"-type stoves.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES If built in two parts, both parts are prior to 1865. Concrete stoop at front estimated at c. 1950's.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Two-family or boarding house, presently unoccupied. Condition is very poor.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Scheduled for demolition as part of proposed expansion of Newark Campus of Rutgers University. This form is part of recordation of affected structures, performed by Historic Sites Research and the office of Albin H. Rothe, A.I.A., Architect - Planner.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Part of James Street Commons Historic District, listed on N.J. Register (2-10-77) and National Register (1-9-78).		
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