

17 GRANT STREET (House)
Montclair
Essex County
New Jersey

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Location: Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey
USGS Orange, New Jersey Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.566781.4517737

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Significance: 17 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.

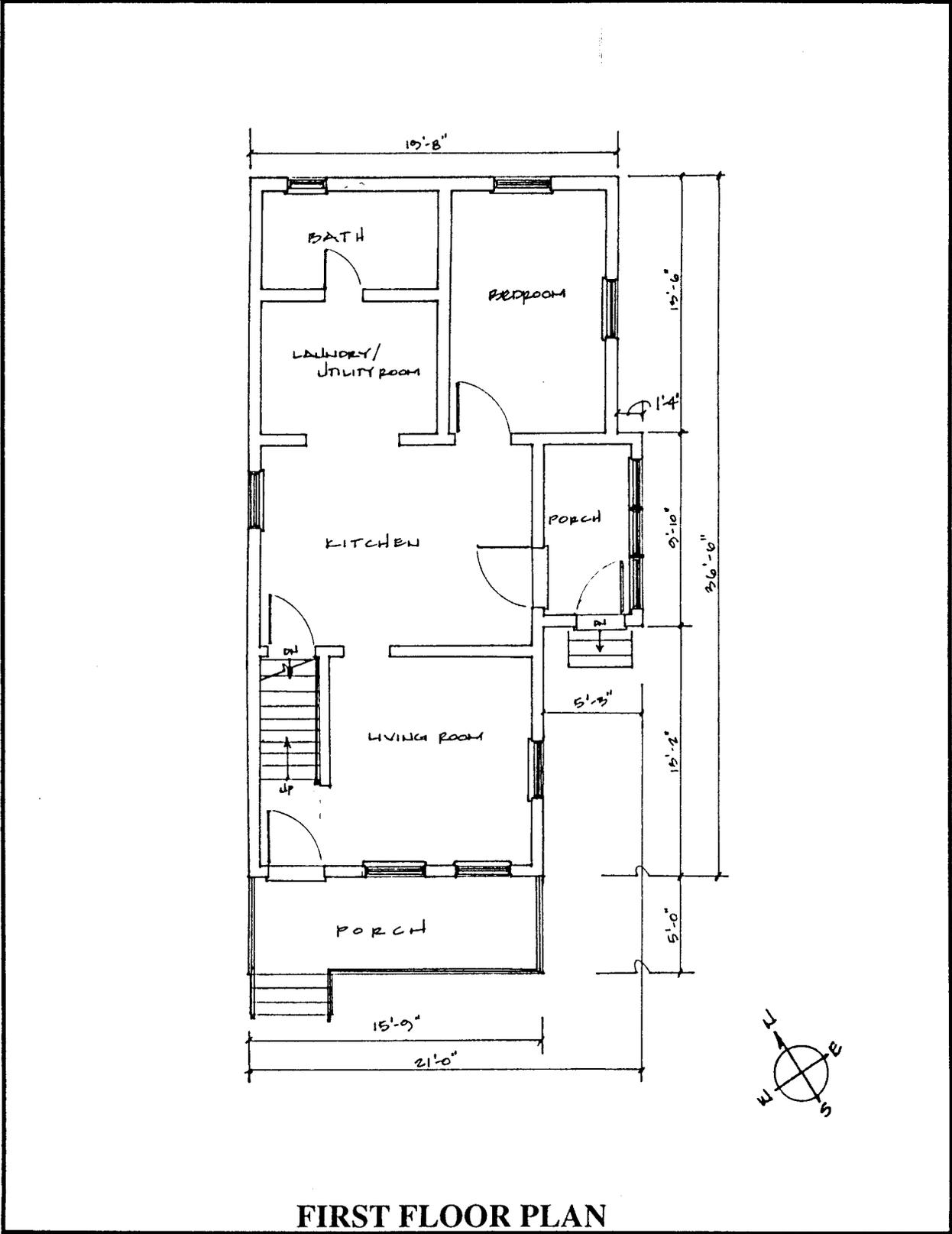
Description: This two-story gable-roofed single-family dwelling faces southwest on Grant Street. The wood frame building is clad in wood shingle siding. A single-story full-width front porch has a shed roof with iron columns and railing. The entrance door with transom is in the west bay of the three-bay front facade; wood sash double-hung windows are located in each of the other two bays. A pair of wood sash double-hung windows is centered on the front elevation at the second story; an attic window and Eastlake detailing are at the gable head. East and west elevations also have wood sash double-hung windows. Windows and doors have wood sills, surrounds and molded cornices. Exposed rafters in the open eaves have decorative sawn-cut ends. A flat-roofed brick addition is adjacent to an original one-story shed-roofed extension at the rear. A single-story enclosed porch projects from the side entry.

History: According to historic maps, 17 Grant Street was constructed ca.1890; the dwelling was enlarged at a later date with a one-story brick addition at the northeast corner of the original structure. The 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. 17 Grant Street will be demolished to construct the Montclair Connection, a new rail connection between the NJ TRANSIT Montclair Branch and the Boonton Line.

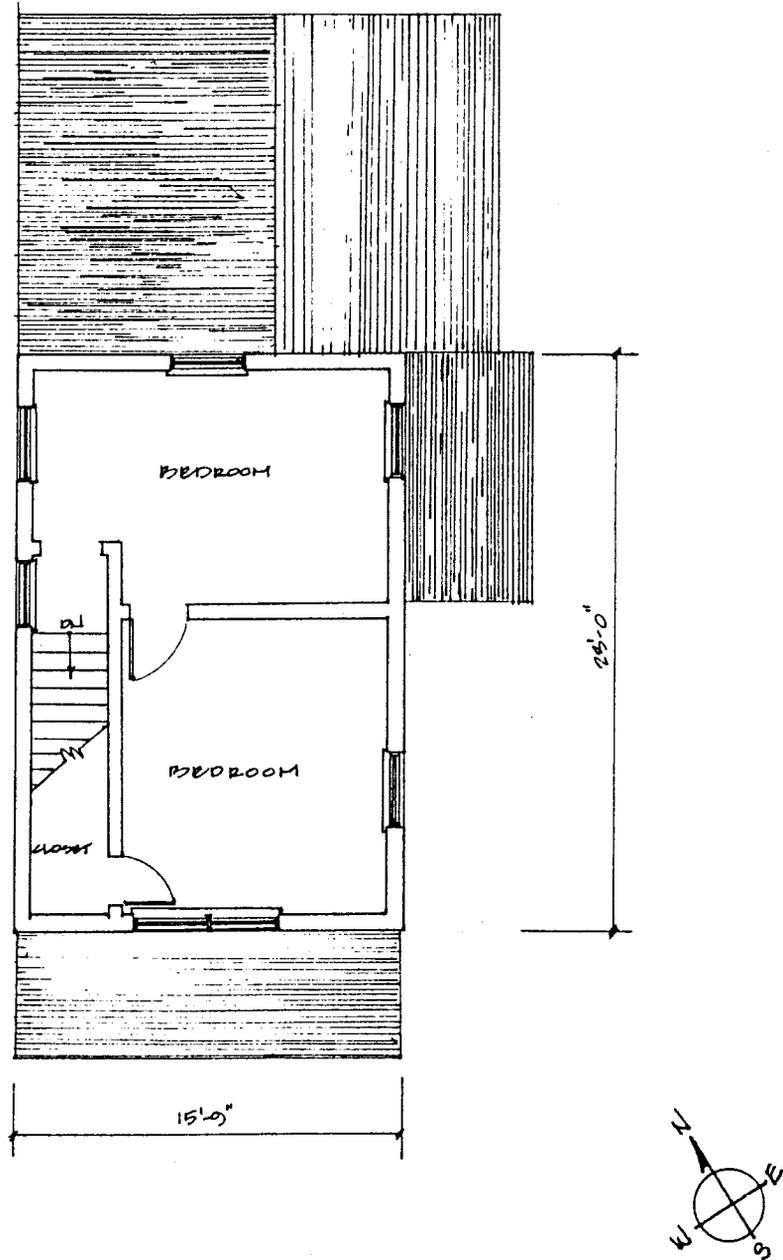
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