

21 GRANT STREET (House)
Montclair
Essex County
New Jersey

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USGS Orange, New Jersey Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.566755.4517763

Significance: 21 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 21 Grant Street is a two-story gable-roofed single-family dwelling that faces southwest on Grant Street, 225 feet west of Bay Street. The wood frame building, on a raised basement, is clad in asbestos shingle siding. The entrance door has been enclosed with a vestibule with a shed roof and vertical aluminum siding. Double-hung windows are located in each of the other two bays. At the second story, double-hung windows are located in the east two bays on the front elevation; an arched window is at the gable peak. The east elevation has windows centered in two bays on both floors; the west elevation has a single window centered in the rear bay on the second floor. Wood sash windows have wood sills and aluminum storm windows and screens; windows and doors have wood surrounds. Exposed rafters in the shallow open eaves have beveled ends; the gable overhang has a matched board soffit. A single-story rear addition has a shed roof and double-hung windows.

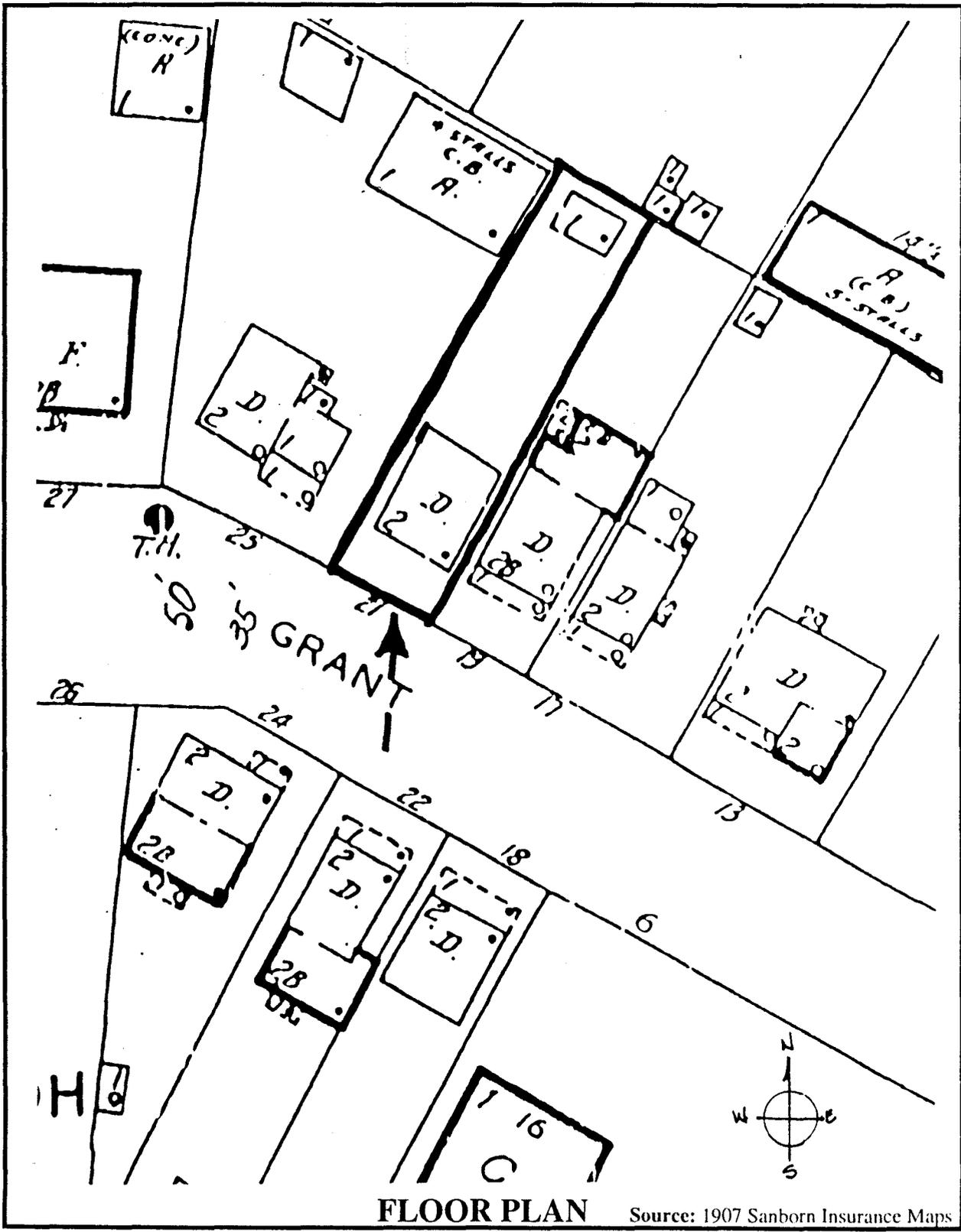
History: According to historic maps, 21 Grant Street was constructed ca.1890. Initial development of the Pine Street Historic District occurred in the 1880's and 1890's with the platting of Sherman and Grant Streets where residential development was limited to modest, detached wood frame single-family 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. 21 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 21 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.

Historian: Lynn Drobbin, November 1996.



SITE PLAN



FLOOR PLAN

Source: 1907 Sanborn Insurance Maps