

· THE JESSE BUEL RESIDENCE ·
· ALBANY · NEW YORK ·
(637 WESTERN AVE.)

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JESSE BUEL HOUSE
637 Western Avenue
Albany, Albany County
New York

Owner: Mr. J.L.O'Brien.

Date of Erection: 1821.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Brick.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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JESSE BUËL HOUSE
637 WESTERN AVENUE
ALBANY, N. Y.

The builder of this house was born in Coventry, Conn., in 1778, and moved to Kingston, N. Y., where he was engaged in the printing business, and sat for some years as a judge of the County Court. In 1813 he moved to Albany and founded the Albany Argus, a daily newspaper that continued to be published for more than a hundred years. He retired from business in 1821, and bought a large tract of ground on the western outskirts of the City where he built the house which is the subject of this record. Here he developed a farm that was the first attempt at intensive cultivation in the region. It was highly successful, and Judge Buel became a leading agriculturist and horticulturist as well as a member of the Assembly to which he was elected in 1822. In the gubernatorial campaign of 1836 he was the unsuccessful candidate of the Whig Party. He died in Danbury, Conn. in 1839.

Norman R. Sturgis,
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