LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address:

205 East High Street

Map and Parcel:

33-76

Census Track & Block:

3-503

Present Owner:

Delores Ambrose

Address:

Box 690, Patchoque, N.Y.

Present Use:

Offices

Original Owner:

Dr. R. B. Nelson

Original Use:

Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name:

Nelson House

Date/Period:

1857-1862

Style:

Italianate

Height to Cornice: Height in Stories:

Present Zoning:

Land Area (sq.ft.): 48×125

Assessed Value (land + imp.): 10,140 + 3960 = 18,600

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This building is a simple, yet good example of the survival of Georgian forms under later, Victorian embellishments. The three bay, side hall plan is clearly a hangover from the earlier Georgian style, while the corbeled cornice, the veranda with its octagonal columns and brackets, and original two over two glazing gives the structure a later nineteenth century feeling. The building sits on a high basement and with the exterior stairs being placed to the side, there is access to both the basement and the main floors from the street facade. The interior is quite simple with Greek Revival mantels, original coal grates, and a typical octagonal newel at the stair.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

On July 1, 1857, Charles Minor sold lot No. 76 to Dr. R. B. Nelson for \$4,500. This property consisted of one half acre and was the site of the Minor-Nelson (now Stedman) House. Nelson divided the property between 1857 and 1862, the year he sold the Minor-Nelson House to M. A. McPherson. It is clear, therefore, that Nelson had the existing structure constructed during this period. The Nelson estate sold the property in 1886 to John Page who in turn sold it to Dr. Hugh Nelson one year later. Since that time the property has been sold four Deed references: ACDB 56-438, 81-307, 86-305, 88-194; City DB 163-237, 241-454, times. 298-361, 320-551.

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Average

SOURCES

City/County Records

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