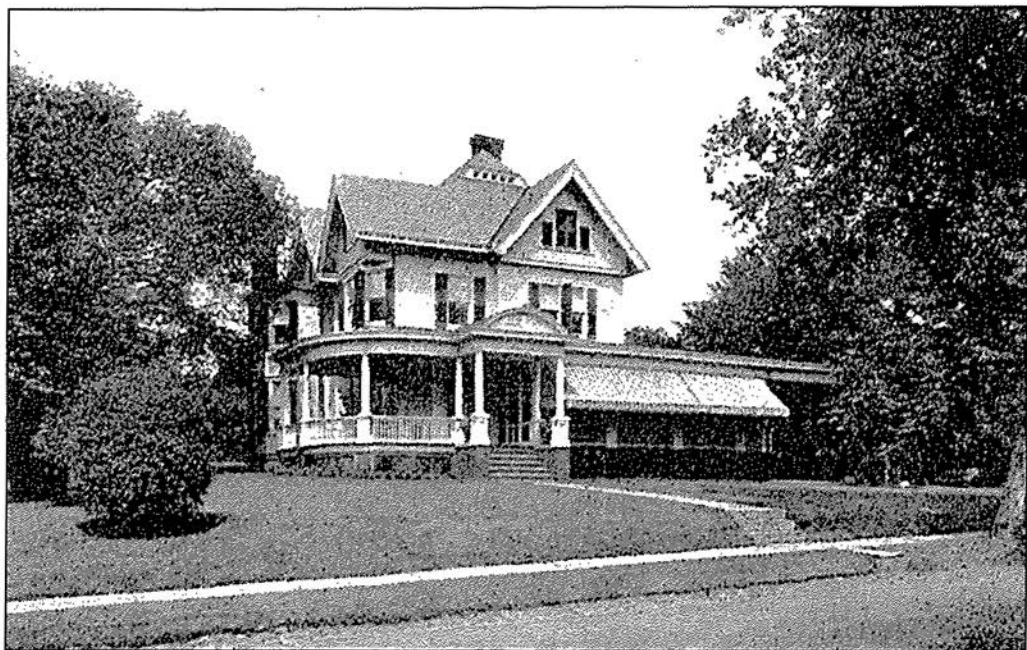




Built in 1895, this rare photograph of village hall, located at the corner of South Orange Avenue and Scotland Road, was taken at 11:06 a.m. and shows the building before any additions were made. The half-timber Tudor-style construction suggests the architecture of England and Germany during the Elizabethan period. A policeman poses with a ladder truck. In 1891, there were three divisions of the fire department: Hose Company No. 1, Hose Company No. 2, and Ladder Company No. 1. All of the equipment was housed in this one bay. Over the doorway are the letters "S.O.V.F.D," South Orange Volunteer Fire Department. A later addition to village hall included space for Hose Company No. 2, formed on September 22, 1892. (Courtesy Lt. Anthony Vecchio.)



This Queen Anne home on Ralston Avenue was built around 1880. In 1890, the home was owned by H. B. Bailey, and in 1904 by Mrs. E. W. Orvis. Other residents include the Rummle family (Mr. Rummle was a professor at Seton Hall) and the Barrymore acting family, when John and Ethel were children. In 1923, it was the home of H. Wallace Smith. The garage originally held an array of carriages and ponies. In 1952, the home was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Papp where, over the next 22 years, they raised their seven children. Mr. Papp was an executive at B. Altman's department store in Manhattan. (Courtesy South Orange Public Library.)

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Electricity arrived in the village in 1888. People were not convinced that electricity was dependable. Therefore, it was common for residents to adopt electricity and keep their gas-powered fixtures; dual fuel fixtures were also commonplace. Many of the older homes in South Orange still have gas fixtures that have been converted to electrical use. (Courtesy private collection.)