

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 556597540

**Property Name:** 96 Halsey Reed Road

**Ownership:** Private

**Address:** 96 Halsey Reed

**Apartment #:**

**ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	13	2

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

96 Halsey Reed Road is a two-story-tall frame dwelling built circa 1855 in the Greek Revival style. The dwelling consists of two hipped-roof blocks, forming an L-shaped footprint. The northeast block measures three bays wide by three bays deep and represents the earliest section of the dwelling. The northwest third of the northeast block was added to the dwelling around 1990. The southwest block measures three bays wide by two bays deep, with the second floor slightly overhanging the first floor (likely added in the early twentieth century and expanded circa 2005). An interior brick chimney extends above the southwest slope of the northeast block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and the exterior is clad in vinyl siding. Windows throughout consist of one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement units and vinyl casement windows. The primary (northwest) elevation of the northeast block has a symmetrical fenestration, with a central, primary entrance containing a modern vinyl door beneath a front-gabled roof with wood spindle supports capped by square blocks and a wood balustrade capped by square blocks. The northeast elevation of the northeast block has asymmetrical fenestration, while the rear (southeast) elevation has two evenly spaced windows on the first and second floors. The primary elevation of the southwest block has asymmetrical fenestration with a modern vinyl door accessed by wood steps in the southwesternmost bay. The southwest elevation of the southwest block is largely devoid of openings except for two windows in the westernmost bays. The rear elevation of the southwest block contains windows across the first and second floors, with sliding vinyl doors accessed by a wood porch with a wood balustrade that extends across the first floor. The northeast block stands on a parged foundation, while the southwest block stands on a concrete foundation.

The property contains two outbuildings. A circa-1855, frame wagon shed stands approximately 65 feet south of the dwelling. It is capped by an asphalt-shingle, hipped roof with exposed rafter tails and clad in vinyl siding. It has a circa-1995, rear (southwest) addition with two wood lean-tos extending from the northwest elevation. A modern wood door is located on the primary (northeast) elevation.

A circa-1900, one-story-tall, three-bay-wide, concrete-block, secondary outbuilding stands approximately 15 feet southeast of the dwelling. The roof is flat, with a sloped section on the primary (northwest) elevation, covered in rolled asphalt. The exterior is clad in vinyl siding. The building contains fixed vinyl windows and a modern vinyl door.

History: 96 Halsey Reed Road was constructed circa 1855 and is an example of a Greek Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury. The dwelling first appears cartographically on an 1861 map of Cranbury, owned by John V.P. Voorhees, who operated a general store adjacent to the

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northwest of the dwelling. (Walling 1861). The dwelling and storefront also appear on an 1876 map of Cranbury attributed to the same owner (Everts & Stewart 1876). John Voorhees resided in Cranbury, likely at the subject dwelling, with his wife Mary and son William in 1885 (New Jersey State Census 1885). The property's original driveway led west from Halsey Reed Road but was realigned to its current location northwest of the dwelling in the early twentieth century (Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC [PPGLH] 2021:22). In 1909, the subject property was one half of a former "Store Lot" premises deeded from Lydia A. Brown to William P. Gibson (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1909 Deed Book 437:52). Around 1900, a secondary outbuilding was constructed adjacent to the southeast of the dwelling. The John V.P. Voorhees General Store was demolished by 1940 (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1940). At some point during the early to mid-twentieth century, the dwelling functioned as a two-family residence. It was then restored to a single-family residence prior to 1960 (PPGLH2021:21). The southwest block of the subject dwelling is depicted on aerial photographs beginning in 1940 and was likely added sometime during the early twentieth century (NETR 1940). Sometime during the mid- to late twentieth century, the dwelling's current siding was installed and all windows replaced. Around 1990, the northeast block of the dwelling was expanded to the northwest (NETR 1987, 1997). Around 1995, a rear (southwest) addition was constructed on the wagon shed. Around 2005, the southwest block was expanded to the southwest (NETR 2002, 2007).

#### Setting:

96 Halsey Reed Road is sited on an irregularly shaped parcel (Block 13, Lot 2) located on the west side of Halsey Reed Road in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 140 feet from the road. A long gravel driveway leads from the roadway to the west of the property. Shrubs and hardwood trees are planted in close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries. A freight rail line is located adjacent to the northwest of the subject property.

**Registration  
and Status  
Dates:**

**National Historic Landmark?:** ☐

**National Register:**

**New Jersey Register:**

**Determination of Eligibility:**

**Certification of Eligibility:**

**SHPO Opinion:**

**Local Designation:** 12/13/2021

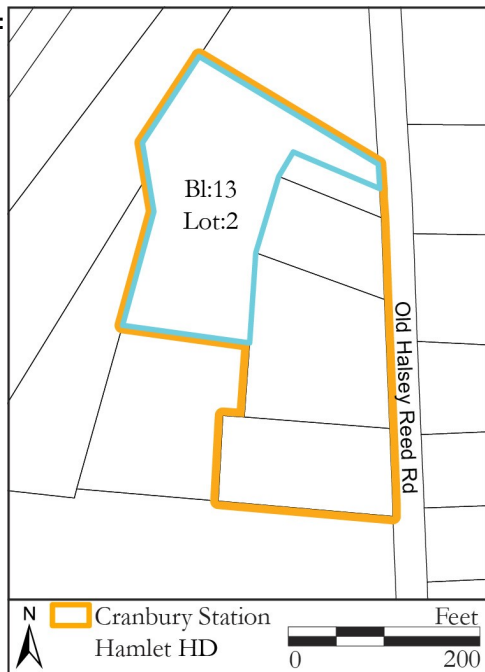
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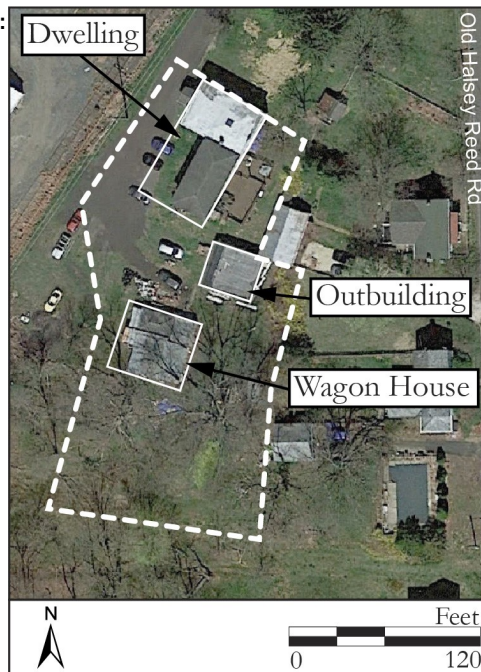
☐ **Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

☐ **Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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**Additional Information:**

96 Halsey Reed Road was identified in the 2021 Designation of the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District and evaluated as a contributing resource under Criterion C (PPGLH 2021:22). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 96 Halsey Reed Road as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District due to low integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. Later alterations to the dwelling distort its original massing, and the dwelling does not convey the significance of the district.

**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry

**Historic District ?** ☒

**District Name:** Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District

**Status:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐

(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: Null

Date form completed: 7/25/2023

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