

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1584861898

**Property Name:** 88 Halsey Reed Road

**Ownership:** Private

**Address:** 88 Halsey Reed RD

**Apartment #:**

**ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	13	7

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

88 Halsey Reed Road is a two-story-tall, four-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1854 in the Greek Revival style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with a two-story, flat-roof, addition extending from the north bay of the rear (west) elevation (added circa 1890), and a small, one-story, hipped-roof addition adjacent to the south (added circa 1960). The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. An exterior, concrete block chimney extends above the south gable end of the main block. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in aluminum siding. Windows generally consist of one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement units, flanked by inoperable, louvered vinyl shutters. The primary (east) elevation of the main block has symmetrical fenestration, with a central, primary entrance that contains a paneled wood door, set within a wood surround with a narrow transom (possibly historic). The entrance is sheltered by a hipped-roof porch with square wood columns and wood steps. The north and south elevations of the main block and the rear wing have asymmetrical fenestration, with a vinyl casement window in the west bay of the north elevation of the wing. A secondary entrance is located on the south elevation of the circa-1890 addition, containing a vinyl door. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands on a parged brick foundation.

A circa-1950 one-story-tall, one-bay-wide, frame garage stands approximately 25 feet south of the dwelling. Its front-gabled roof is clad in asphalt shingles and its exterior is clad in wood plank siding. The primary (east) elevation contains a paneled metal roll-top door. The north and south elevations contain four-light, fixed wood windows.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling consist of its massing, central, hipped-roof porch, and primary entrance with a wood surround and transom.

History: 88 Halsey Reed Road was constructed circa 1854 and is an example of a mid-nineteenth-century, Greek Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury (Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC [PPGLH] 2021:12). The dwelling first appears cartographically on an 1861 map of Cranbury, owned by "P. Peterson," who likely constructed the subject dwelling (Walling 1861). An 1876 map of Cranbury depicts the dwelling as owned by a "W.W. Holland," or William W. Holland (Everts & Stewart 1876). Holland is listed in the 1885 New Jersey State Census as residing in Cranbury with his wife Mary (New Jersey State Census 1885). Around 1890, a two-story addition, containing a kitchen and a bedroom, was built on the dwelling's rear elevation (PPGLH 2021:13). The subject dwelling passed through several families during the early to mid-twentieth century. Around 1950, a one-story detached garage was constructed south of the dwelling (Nationwide

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Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1940, 1953). In 1959, the subject dwelling was purchased by Frederick and Anna Ritter, who resided at the subject property for over 50 years (MCCO 1957 Deed Book 1986:55; 1959 Deed Book 2116:248; 2013 Deed Book 6442:740). Around 1960, a one-story addition was constructed on the rear of the dwelling (NETR 1957, 1963). Sometime during the mid- to late twentieth century, the dwelling's current siding and vinyl-sash windows were installed. The dwelling's earlier exterior cladding materials, including asbestos siding, wood clapboard, and shiplap pine, survive beneath the extant aluminum siding (PPGLH 2021:12).

#### Setting:

88 Halsey Reed Road is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 13, Lot 7) 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 east and is set back approximately 15 feet from the road. Concrete paths lead from the roadway to the primary entrance and from the garage to the side (south) entrance. Shrubs 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.

**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

**Other Designation:**

**Other Designation Date:**

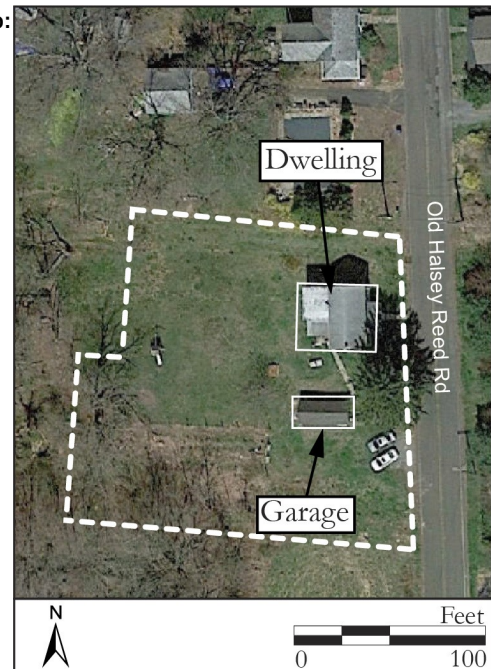
☐ **Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

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

#### Location Map:



#### Site Map:



#### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Middlesex County Clerk's Office	On file, Middlesex County Clerk's Office, New Brunswick, New Jersey.		
Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR)	Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic document, <a href="http://www.historicaerials.com">http://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed June 2023.	1940	
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Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC	Designation of the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District. Prepared for the Township of Cranbury and The	2021	

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(PPGLH)	Historic Preservation Commission. On file, State Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	
New Jersey State Census	Population Schedule, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1885
Walling, H.F.	Map of Middlesex County, New Jersey. Smith, Gallup & Co., New York, New York.	1861

**Additional Information:**

88 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 2021:13). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 88 Halsey Reed Road as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District due to its date of construction and design. The dwelling retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

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

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

<b>Attachments Included:</b>	0 Building	0 Bridge
	0 Structure	0 Landscape
	0 Object	0 Industry

**Historic District ?** ☒

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

**Status:** Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐

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

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Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202\_13\_7

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

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