

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -27392543

Property Name: 57 South Main Street
Address: 57 S MAIN ST

Ownership: Private
Apartment #: **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			18	1

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 62

Description:

PS&S recommends that 57 S. Main Street, which includes a residence constructed circa 1860 and a pre-1940 secondary building, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, side gable-roofed, T-plan main block of this clapboard-clad residence on a parged foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the west by a 1-story, 1-bay, centered porch and backed on the east by a 2-story, partial-width volume that is in turn flanked on the southwest by a 1-story, partially enclosed porch that wraps around the east elevation. A 2-story, gable-roofed side volume projects from the northeast corner of the main block. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle. An interior, brick, ridge chimney is located near the south end of the main block. The windows predominantly have 6/6, double-hung, historic wood sash with historic louvered shutters. The front porch includes replaced square-plan posts with recessed panels. The primary entrance, accessed by the porch, includes a historic, 9-light storm door and a historic paneled door. The historic door surround includes narrow, single-light sidelights a narrow, single-light transom. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated. The south, side elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and is lighted in the main block by 2 windows and in the rear volume by 2 6-light casement windows on the first floor and 2 windows on the second floor. The east bay of the porch is enclosed with clapboard siding. The north, side elevation is regularly fenestrated except for a single window on the second floor of the main block. A shuttered window opening is on the third floor of both side elevations. The east, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 1 ½-story, frame, gable-roofed garage is only

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partially visible from the public right-of-way and is clad in wood shingle.

Historic maps indicate that South Main Street includes some of the earliest development in Cranbury. The settlement began in 1736 with the construction of a mill on the south banks of the Cranbury Brook and, by 1810, developed into a small village. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the residence at 57 S. Main Street was constructed in the 19th century. Historic maps indicate that the residence was built between 1850 and 1876 and was owned in 1876 by "S. Duncan." The property is recorded in the 1933 Sanborn as having a 2-story, T-plan residence with 1-story, 1-bay, off-center front porch a 1-story rear porch, and a 1-story side volume on the north side; 3 outbuildings, including 2 garages, are located to the east of the residence. A historic photograph taken circa 1907 depicts the house with shuttered windows and a central, 1-bay porch (Brennan and Brennan 1998: 37). The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence with 6/6 windows, shutters, and a central, 1-bay, hip-roofed front porch with angled, jigsaw-cut, board posts. Historic aerial photographs indicate that a construction campaign between 1987 and 1995 added a wrap-around rear porch and second floor expansion of the side volume. Visual evidence suggests that the porch posts were replaced at this time.

57 S. Main Street is a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as the historic massing and fenestration patterns of its main volume, historic windows, historic shutters, historic wood door, and historic brick chimney.

Setting:

South Main Street stretches from Brainerd Lake to the southern edge of Cranbury and is characterized by freestanding single-family residences of moderate scale ranging in date from the early 19th century to the early 20th century.

**Registration
and Status
Dates:**

National Historic Landmark?: ☐

National Register: 9/18/1980

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977

Certification of Eligibility:

SHPO Opinion:

Local Designation: 9/26/1988

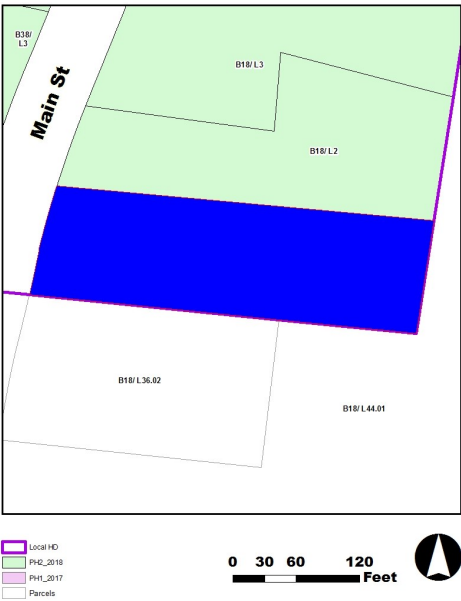
Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

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

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

Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989	(if applicable)

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(None Listed)	Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at historicaerials.com and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
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Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876

Additional Information:

1202_18_1 / 2-STY - SFD / 1850

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:

Attachments Included:	0 Building	0 Bridge
	0 Structure	0 Landscape
	0 Object	0 Industry

Historic District ? ☒

District Name: Cranbury Historic District

Status: Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

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

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

Date form completed: 8/24/2018

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