



Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District records the residence at 43 S. Main Street as the Mary Groom House built circa 1802. The Nomination reports that an original 2-room residence on a fieldstone foundation was later joined with a relocated 4-room residence, with a 2-story rectangular rear volume added later. The earliest indication of a residence on the lot may be the 1850 Otley and Keiley Map, when 3 residences were recorded on the east side of Main Street between Station Road and Cranbury Neck Road. Historic maps indicate that by 1876 a residence on the lot was owned by "J. Forman." A historic photograph taken circa 1902 (Brennan and Brennan 1995: 43) depicts the residence with clapboard siding, a standing seam metal roof, 6/6 windows, a large single light door, paneled shutters on the first floor, and louvered shutters on the second floor. The Nomination identifies the paneled shutters, paneled porch posts, and 6/6 windows that the residence currently retains. Visual evidence suggests that the first floor paneled shutters were moved to the second floor. The 1989 Heritage Studies Inventory identifies the residence's current, multi-light door as a 20th century replacement. Visual evidence suggests that the front porch was constructed in the second quarter of the 19th century, but that the posts may have been reconstructed based on the earlier posts, sometime within the last ten years.

43 S. Main Street is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and such historic, character-defining features as its historic siding material, paneled wood shutters, wood window sash, and porch entablature.

**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:**

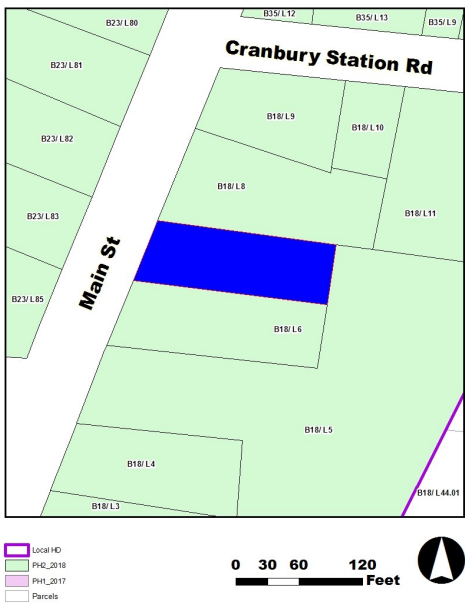
**National Historic Landmark?:**   
**National Register:** 9/18/1980  
**New Jersey Register:** 8/9/1979  
**Determination of Eligibility:** 3/25/1977  
**Certification of Eligibility:**

**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 #: (if applicable)
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989	
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916	
Chambers, John	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the	2012	

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**Principal Investigator:** Emily Cooperman

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**Organization:** Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor

Whiteclay II	Present	
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
(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 <a href="http://historicaerials.com">historicaerials.com</a> and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995

**Additional Information:**

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**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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