

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 2141892840

Property Name: 39 South Main Street
Address: 39 S MAIN ST

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			18	9

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 85

Description:

PS&S recommends that 39 S. Main Street, which includes a residence and carriage house constructed circa 1860, is a key-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, hip-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a painted brick foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest, main and northeast, side elevations by a 1-story, composite-roofed, wrap-around porch and backed on the northeast bays of the southeast elevation by a 2-story, composite-roofed rear volume offset to the northeast and projecting 1 bay beyond the main block. A 2-story, hipped-roof, rectangular-plan addition also backs the main volume on the southeast, offset to the southwest, with a flanking, 1-story, shed-roofed volume at the rear of its northeast elevation. An exterior brick chimney projects from the northwest bay of the southwest, side elevation. The roofs are predominantly composite-roofed and the windows predominantly have 2/2, double-hung historic wood sash with historic louvered shutters and historic entablatures with a projecting cornice. The roofs of the main volume and hip-roofed rear volume include a wide wood frieze with paired, scroll brackets and double elliptical-ended windows in the bays of the front elevation and in the outer bays of the side elevations. The corners of all volumes include full-height, Tuscan pilasters. The front porch includes historic turned posts, a historic rail with historic turned balusters, a historic spindle frieze, and historic scroll brackets. The porch is accessed by a straight stair in the northeast bay of the northwest elevation and the southeast bay of the northeast elevation. The primary entrance, located in the northeast bay of the northwest elevation, includes a historic door surround

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with projecting cornice, a historic replacement (early 20th century), double-leaf door with large single, fixed lights, and a historic, 2-light transom with quarter-round corners. The remaining bays of the elevation are regularly fenestrated with full-height windows on the first floor. The third floor is lighted in each bay by a double elliptical-ended fixed window. The southwest, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated and includes a triple window on the first floor of the southeast bay of the main block. The rear volumes are regularly fenestrated, with an elliptical window in the northwest bay and a double window in the southeast bay of the first floor. The northeast, side elevation is regularly fenestrated with 2 windows on each floor of the southeast bay of the main block. A secondary entrance in the projecting northwest elevation provides access to the rear volume. The northeast, rear elevations of the rear volumes are only partially visible from the public right of way and include a pent eave and shaped shingle cladding on the 3-sided projecting bay of the northeast volume and a recessed entry in the 1-story, shed-roofed bay of the southwest volume. The 2-story, gable-roofed, vertical board-clad, frame carriage house is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and includes a historic shuttered second floor opening with wide hinges on the northwest elevation.

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 2 1/2-story, "Vernacular Italianate" residence at 39 S. Main Street was constructed in the 3rd quarter of the 19th century. A historical plaque on the building asserts that the residence was built by John Voorhees circa 1860. Historic maps indicate that a dwelling owned by "Mrs. M. McDowell" was on the property by 1876. The residence is documented in the 1916 Sanborn Map as a 2-story, irregular-plan dwelling with a 1-story wrap-around front porch and a 1-story rear porch. The 1916 Sanborn also records a 1-story outbuilding to the southeast of the house and a 2-story garage with a 1-story side volume at the rear of the property. The 1933 Sanborn Map documents the same massing of the house and garage, with an added, 3-sided projecting bay on the rear elevation of the residence. The smaller secondary building had been removed by this date. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory suggests that the front doors were replaced with the current doors sometime in the early 20th century. Google aerial imagery indicates that the 2-story addition rear addition was constructed between 2002 and 2007.

The residence at 39 S. Main Street is a key-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity, and key character-defining features such as the historic clapboard siding, historic shutters, historic 2/2 window sash, historic window entablatures with projecting cornices, historic double-leaf doors, historic door surround with historic transom lights, historic corner pilasters, historic wood frieze, historic brackets, historic third floor windows, and historic porch details including the historic turned posts, historic rail, historic turned balusters, historic spindle frieze, and historic brackets. The garage retains its historic vertical board siding and shutters.

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?

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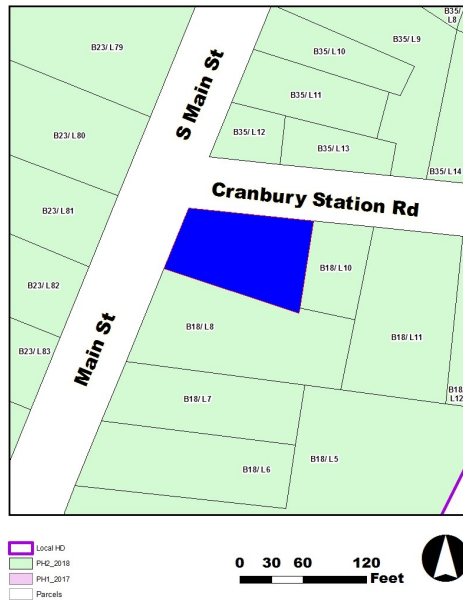
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Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Additional Information:

1202_18_9 / 2.5-STY - SFD / 1880

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:

Attachments Included:

1 Building
0 Structure
0 Object

0 Bridge
0 Landscape
0 Industry

Historic District ? ☒

District Name: Cranbury Historic District

Status: Key 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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ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Properties

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History:

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Statement of Significance:

39 South Main Street is locally significant under Criterion C as a representative example of Italianate style and high artistic value.

Eligibility for New Jersey and National Registers: ☒ Yes ☐ No

National Register Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Level of Significance: ☒ Local ☐ State ☐ National

Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:

39 S. Main Street retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship and thus continues to be able to convey its significance under Criterion C.

Total Number of Attachments: 0

List of Element Names: Residence
Carriage house

Narrative Boundary Description:

39 S. Main Street corresponds to block 18, lot 9, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

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BUILDING ATTACHMENT

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Common Name:	<u>39 S. Main Street</u>		
Historic Name:	<u>39 S. Main Street</u>		
Present Use:	<u>Residential, permanent</u>		
Historic Use:	<u>Residential, permanent</u>		
Construction Date:	<u>Circa 1860</u>	Source:	<u></u>
Alteration Date(s):	<u>Circa 2005</u>	Source:	<u></u>
Designer:	<u></u>	Physical Condition:	<u>Excellent</u>
Builder:	<u></u>	Remaining Historic Fabric:	<u>High</u>
Style:	<u>Italianate</u>		
Form:	<u>Other</u>	Stories:	<u>2.5</u>
Type:	<u></u>	Bays:	<u>3</u>
Roof Finish Materials:	<u>Unknown</u>		
Exterior Finish Materials	<u>Wood, clapboard</u>		

Exterior Description:

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Interior Description:

This survey project did not include a review of building interiors. Further research/survey is recommended.

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