

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-542555950**

**Property Name:** Old Potato Farmhouse  
**Address:** 1-3 CRANBURY NECK RD

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			21	4.11
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			21	18

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 11

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 1 Cranbury Neck Road, which includes a ca. 1850 residence with elements that may date to the 18th century, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The shed on the property, although it may date to before 1940, has been extensively altered, and does not contribute to the property.

The 2-story, side gable-roofed, vinyl siding-clad main block of this frame dwelling on a concrete foundation is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep, and is fronted on the northeast by a roughly centered, 1-story, hip-roofed entry porch and backed on the southwest by a 2-story, gabled rear volume. This is flanked on the southeast by a 1-story, composite-roofed side porch and flanked on the northwest by a 1-story side, shed-roofed porch that is partially recessed under the secondary volume. A 1-story, shed-roofed side volume flanks the main volume on the northwest. The roofs of the main volume and 1-story side volume are clad in asphalt shingle with cornice returns at the gable ends. A brick, interior, ridge chimneys is located near the center of the main roof and a stuccoed ridge chimney is near the northwest end of the main volume. The windows throughout include historic, louvered shutters and contain historic wood sash in 9/6 and 2/2 configuration. The front porch, on a brick and concrete base, includes historic, square-plan wood posts. The main entrance includes a 2-light, historic door. Each of the four flanking bays have a window on both floors, with the 9/6 sash on the second floor and 2/2 sash on the first floor. The northwest, side elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and is fenestrated on the second floor of the main block by a

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9/6 window in the northeast bay. The second floor of the rear volume is fenestrated in 2 6/6 or 6/1 windows. The side volume is lighted by a single window. The southeast, side porch includes replaced, historicized posts, balusters, and trim. The main volume is lit by 1 roughly centered window per floor with a 9/6 over a 2/2. The rear volume windows are 2/2. The side entrance, in the northeast bay of the rear volume, is located in the northeastern bay. The southwest elevation, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, includes 2/2 windows. In the secondary volume.

The asymmetrically-gabled, vertical board sided, 1-story frame shed is only partially visible from the public right-of-way, and is fenestrated by replacement windows on its southwest elevation.

This property is identified in the inventory of the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District and the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory as an "old potato farmhouse," although the source of this information is not clear. The Nomination dates it to the third quarter of the nineteenth century, but the 1989 study rightly notes that there are elements that strongly suggest that it was an earlier building that has multiple alterations. Historic maps show that a residence was built on the property at 1 Cranbury Neck Road by 1850, and a building appears at this location on the 1876 Everts and Stewart map. The location of the chimneys suggest that the house may have been smaller historically, and was extended to the southeast at some point in the 19th century before the 2/2 windows were installed, or at the time of their installation. These windows may provide an indication of when this addition occurred, since they are found throughout the existing main and rear volumes. Given this, it is possible that the 9/6 sash are a Colonial Revival alteration. The property is not included in the 1916 Sanborn map. According to the 1933 Sanborn map, the property included a 2-story, T-plan, slate or metal roofed frame dwelling with two 1-story, slate or metal roofed porches and a 1-story, L-plan, composite-roofed rear el at that date. By this time the property also included 6 rectangular-plan, frame outbuildings, 2 of which remain today on an adjacent lot, now separately deeded. The existing shed was historically much wider, and was substantially reduced in size or replaced after 1940.

This property is a contributing property in the district because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic wood window sash, historic porches, and historic chimneys.

#### Setting:

Cranbury Neck Road connects S. Main Street to adjacent towns northwest of Cranbury Township. Within Cranbury, the road is a tree-lined, residential street predominantly bordered by single-family dwellings of moderate size.

#### 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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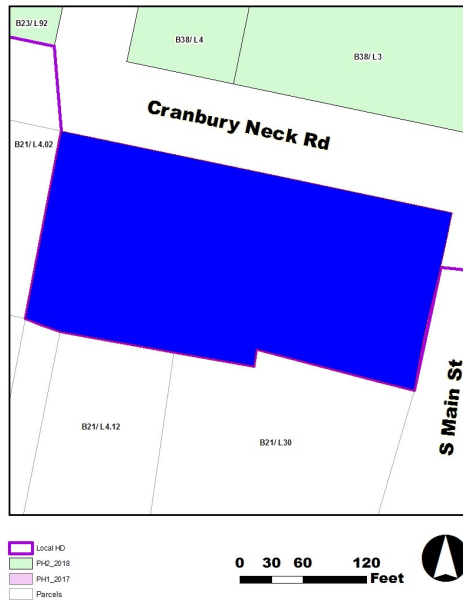
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Location Map:



Site Map:

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**Additional Information:**

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More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**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 Historic District

**Status:** Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐

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

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Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

*Date form completed:* 8/27/2018

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