

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 936416151

Property Name: 19 Prospect Street

Ownership: Private

Address: 19 Prospect ST

Apartment #:

ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	30

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

19 Prospect Street is a two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, two-pile vernacular Gothic Revival style residence with Queen Anne detailing constructed circa 1880. The house consists of the farmhouse core with an angled corner bay to the southeast, a rear tee section, and a two-part wing extending to the south. The house has asphalt shingles on its cross-gabled roof, which features an asymmetrical gable and cornice returns at the corners of the east elevation. The centered cross-gable on the main (east) elevation contains a one over-one arched headed window with wood sashes (possibly original). An exterior brick chimney is located on the northwest (rear) elevation. The molded cornice doubles as an interior gutter system. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding. Fenestration consists of two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash with aluminum screen windows. The corner bay projects from the southeast corner; it features narrow, paired windows on its main panel and two-over-two windows on the side panels. The entrance consists of a two-light, six-panel wood door within a molded wood surround. The front porch is the most stylish element of the exterior. It features a hipped roof with a projecting centered gable, a spindlework frieze, and four turned posts connected by a railing with turned balusters. Two frame steps lead down to the grade of the front lawn. The north elevation has the same cladding as found on the main elevation (clapboards). Fenestration is irregular. The attic level has two quarter-circle windows below the peak of the offset gable. Windows on this elevation are replacement one-over-one units with vinyl sashes, with two on the second floor and one on the first. An ancillary exit is located near the northwest corner. The west (rear) elevation is the location of a centered one-story ell addition with a gabled roof. Materials on the addition include asphalt shingles on the roof and clapboard walls. It has two bays of windows on the sides and rear. The rear elevation of the main block has one bay of

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replacement one-over-one vinyl sash windows on each side of the ell section. The south elevation has clapboard siding, two quarter-circle attic windows, and a replacement one-over-one vinyl sash window on the second floor. A one-story L-shaped section reaches south from the main block to a hipped roof section. The L-shaped connecting section has a nearly flat roof clad with asphalt shingles, stuccoed walls, a two-panel door, and a two-over-two window. The hipped roof section south of the house has asphalt shingles on its roof, clapboard walls, and a paired two-over-two window on its east elevation. The section has a concrete foundation with horizontal basement windows. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the one-story front porch and a semi-hexagonal projecting bay with flared eaves.

History: The property is not shown on the 1916 Sanborn Atlas. The 1933 Sanborn Atlas shows the farmhouse with its corner bay, a small porch on its south elevation, and the rear tee section. In the rear of the property were two frame outbuildings (one two-story, one one-story). The outbuildings also appear on the historic aerial photograph of 1940 but on no subsequent historic aerial photographs. The existing garage first appears on historic aerial photographs beginning in 1953. The wing off the south end of the house does not appear on the 1933 Sanborn Atlas. Because it was constructed below the canopy of the tree, it does not appear on the historic aerial photographs.

Setting:

19 Prospect Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 30) located on the west side of Prospect Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the east by Prospect Street and to the north by Plainsboro Road. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing east and is set back approximately 20 feet from Prospect Street. A loose gravel driveway leads south from Plainsboro Road to a one-story detached garage located northwest of the subject dwelling. The property is lightly wooded and lined with trimmed shrubs to the north. 19 Prospect Street is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

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:

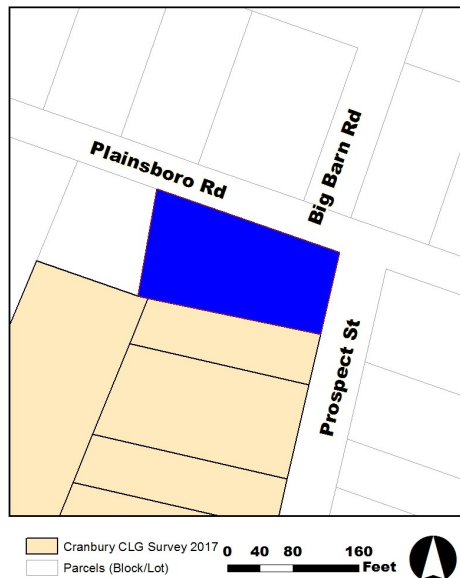
Other Designation Date:

☐ **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)
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Heritage Studies

Preserving Historic Cranbury Village

1989

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified 19 Prospect Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 19 Prospect Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with the district.

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: 4

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