New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

-168653248

Property Name:9 Prospect StreetOwnership:PrivateAddress:9 Prospect STApartment #:ZIP:08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

 County:
 Municipality:
 Local Place Name:
 USGS Quad:
 Block:
 Lot:

 MIDDLESEX
 Cranbury township
 Cranbury
 Hightstown
 23
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## **Property Photo:**



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

## Description:

9 Prospect Street is a two-and-a-half-story tall, four-bay wide, three-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1911 in a vernacular interpretation of the American Foursquare form. The dwelling consists of a square main block, a one-story, three-bay addition (built circa 1978( extending to the northwest, and a partially enclosed wraparound porch. The dwelling has a cast stone (concrete block) foundation. The deeply hipped roof (nearly pyramidal) is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A central brick chimney pierces the dwelling at the ridgeline. Hipped dormers with widely overhanging eaves sit on the front (southeast), northeast, and southwest bents of the roof. The dormers have paired, fixed, potentially original wood windows with nine inset lights. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in aluminum siding. Windows on the firont elevation are one-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash windows with molded wood lintels. On the second floor, the semi-hexagonal north bay projects from the front of the dwelling. Windows on the first floor have inoperable louvered shutters. The entrance, located in the northeast corner of the dwelling (below the second floor projecting bay), consists of a one-light, two-panel wood door with sidelights. The door is inset within a molded wood surround featuring molded panels below the sidelights. The first floor is sheltered by a wraparound porch that features a slightly flared hipped roof with an inset gable over the entrance; it is partially enclosed on the dwelling's southwest elevation. The porch eaves are supported by four thin lonic columns standing on stone piers connected by a low railing. A wide set of frame steps leads down to the grade of the front lawn. Windows on the northeast elevation, clad in aluminum siding, are one-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash windows with molded wood lintels. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. On the southwest elevation, clad in aluminum siding, the west bay is a semi-hexagonal projecting bay similar to the projecting

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front elevation. Windows on the southwest elevation are one-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash windows with molded wood lintels. The enclosed portion of the wraparound porch has fixed vinyl screen windows. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include hipped dormers, semi-hexagonal projecting bays, and a one-story wraparound porch with rusticated stone piers and lonic columns.

History: The land on which 11 Prospect Street was built was previously unoccupied farmland. An unnamed structure in the vicinity of 11 Prospect Street appears on the 1876 Everts and Stewart map of Cranbury Township; due to stylistic evidence, it is unlikely that the unnamed structure is the subject dwelling. 11 Prospect Street first appears on a 1933 Sanborn map as a two-story, square-shaped frame dwelling with a one-story wraparound porch and a small one-story addition to the northwest. Two frame outbuildings are depicted on the property. One of the outbuildings, a two-story frame carriage house located southwest of the subject dwelling, remains standing; however, today it is a private residence (7 Prospect Street) and is located on a separate tax parcel under separate ownership. According to historic aerial photographs, the small one-story addition on the northwest elevation of the subject dwelling was extended circa 1978.

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9 Prospect Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 34) located on the west side of Prospect Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing east and is set back approximately 10 feet from Prospect Street. A concrete sidewalk spans the east side of the parcel. A paved driveway leads west from Prospect Street to a former carriage house, now used as a residence. The property is lightly wooded. 9 Prospect Street is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early-twentieth centuries.

3/25/1977

Registration and Status Dates:

National Historic Landmark?:

National Register: 9/18/1980

SHPO Opinion: Local Designation: 9/26/1988

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25

Other Designation:

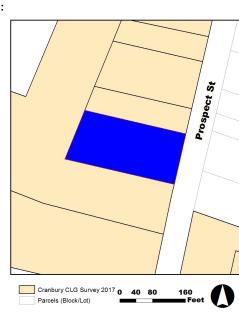
Certification of Eligibility:

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) |
|------------------|---|-------|------------------|-----------------|
| Walsh, Ruth      | National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey | 1979  |                  |                 |
| Heritage Studies | Preserving Historic Cranbury Village  | 1989  |                  |                 |

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| concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 9 Prospect Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design. |                     |           |   |           |  |  |  |  |
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| More Research Needed?  |                     |           |   |           |  |  |  |  |
| INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE C  | ONLY:               |           |   |           |  |  |  |  |
| Attachments Included   | <b>i</b> : 0        | Building  | 0 | Bridge    |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0                   | Structure | 0 | Landscape |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0                   | Object    | 0 | Industry  |  |  |  |  |
| Historic District ?  | <b>✓</b>            |           |   |           |  |  |  |  |
| District Name: Cranbury Historic District  |                     |           |   |           |  |  |  |  |
| Status:  | Contributing        |           |   |           |  |  |  |  |
| Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?  (known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)   |                     |           |   |           |  |  |  |  |
| Conversion Problem?  Date form completed:  | Conversion 7/5/2017 | Note: 65  |   |           |  |  |  |  |

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