

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **823676009**

**Property Name:** 81 North Main Street  
**Address:** 81 N Main ST  
**Apartment #:**  
**Ownership:** Private  
**ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

| <b>County:</b> | <b>Municipality:</b> | <b>Local Place Name:</b> | <b>USGS Quad:</b> | <b>Block:</b> | <b>Lot:</b> |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| MIDDLESEX      | Cranbury township    | Cranbury                 | Hightstown        | 23            | 41          |

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

81 North Main Street is a small one-and-a-half-story tall, three-bay wide, one-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1860. The dwelling, which sits on a cast stone foundation, consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block with a one-story, one-bay wide shed roof addition (constructed circa 1910) to the rear. The roof is sheathed with wood shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on all elevations. Windows on the front elevation are three-over-three, double-hung, wood-sash (likely original) on the second floor. These windows are frieze band units, underscoring the small massing of the building. Windows on the first floor are six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash. The entrance, located in the southeast corner of the building, is a six-light, two-panel wood door with an aluminum screen door. The first floor is sheltered by a full-length, hipped roof porch with thin posts and filigree brackets. The northeast elevation has a six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash window in the gable end. The southwest elevation has two six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash windows, one in the gable end and one on the shed roof addition. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include wood shingles and the frieze band windows. A one-story, front-gabled frame shed, built circa 2005, is located west of the dwelling.

History: 81 North Main Street first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, owned by "T. Vaster." The subject dwelling also appears on the 1872 Beers atlas and the 1876 Everts and Stewart map. On the 1916 Sanborn map, the subject dwelling is shown as a one-and-a-half-story frame dwelling with a one-story rear addition and a one-story front porch. A one-story frame outbuilding stood west of the subject dwelling, demolished by 1933. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no changes to the subject dwelling

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except for the removal of the one-story frame outbuilding. The current outbuilding associated with the subject dwelling, a one-story, front-gabled frame shed, was constructed circa 2005, according to historic aerial photographs.

**Setting:**

81 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 41) located at the intersection of North Main Street and Bunker Hill Drive in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Both dwellings are oriented with primary elevations facing southeast and are set back approximately 10 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk spans the north and east sides of the parcel. A wood fence surrounds the property. Shrubs line the parcel on the north, west, and south sides. A one-story frame shed is located west of the dwelling at the rear of the property. 81 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

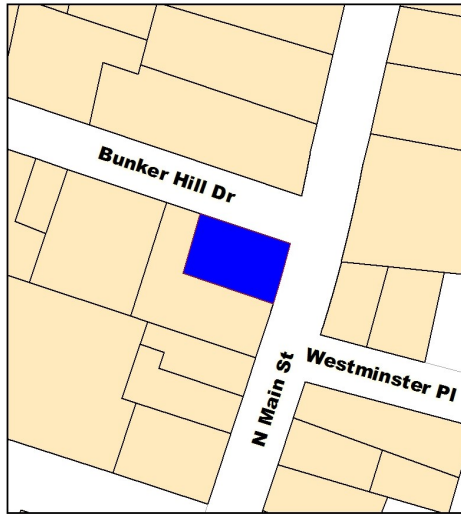
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**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:**



Legend:   
 Cranbury CLG Survey 2017  
 Parcels (Block/Lot)  
 Scale: 0 40 80 160 Feet

**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  |                  |                 |

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified 81 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 81 North Main 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)

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**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)

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