

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -2071953062

Property Name: 77 North Main Street

Ownership: Private

Address: 77 N Main ST

Apartment #:

ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	42.01

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

77 North Main Street is a two-story, five-bay, two-pile, frame private residence constructed circa 1860. The building has a two-story rear ell aligned with its southern gable end wall and a one-story section aligned with its north end wall. The side-gabled roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and features a molded cornice supported by a course of paired brackets. An exterior brick chimney pierces the roof on the north end. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding. Windows (all replacement units) vary from six over-six to six-over-one vinyl-sash flanked by louvered shutters. The second floor has five windows, and the first floor has two on each side of the centered entrance, a French door with multiple inset lights. The front porch covers the center three bays; it has a flat roof supported by thin posts connected with jigsaw spandrels. The house has a stone foundation.

The north elevation repeats the cladding of the main elevation (asphalt shingles on the roof and wood clapboard walls). The brick chimney is a major feature of the elevation. The cornice returns help frame rectangular louvered attic windows. The only wall opening on this end wall is a shuttered first floor window east of the chimney. The south end wall is similar in appearance, with an asphalt-shingled roof, wood clapboard walls, cornice returns, and attic louvers. Character-defining elements of the building include a bracketed cornice and wood frieze.

The rear additions are not easily visible from the public right-of-way. The two-story section has a gabled roof that rises to the height of the

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main block's ridge. Its walls are frame and clad with vinyl siding. The one-story section is located in the northwest part of the house complex. A small porch on the north end of the one-story addition has a gabled roof, vinyl walls, and a modern metal door leading to a passageway between the building and 79 North Main Street.

History: The 1916 Sanborn Atlas shows the house at 77 North Main Street with its front porch and only the one-story rear addition. The 1933 Sanborn Atlas shows the building with the same appearance. Historic aerial photographs show both buildings. The first historic aerial showing the two-story rear addition on 77 North Main Street is that of 1963

Setting:

77 North Main Street are sited on an L-shaped parcel (Block 23, Lot 42.01) located on the west side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The building is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately ten feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk spans the east side of the parcel. Trees are planted along the curb between the building and North Main Street. 77 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by commercial and 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

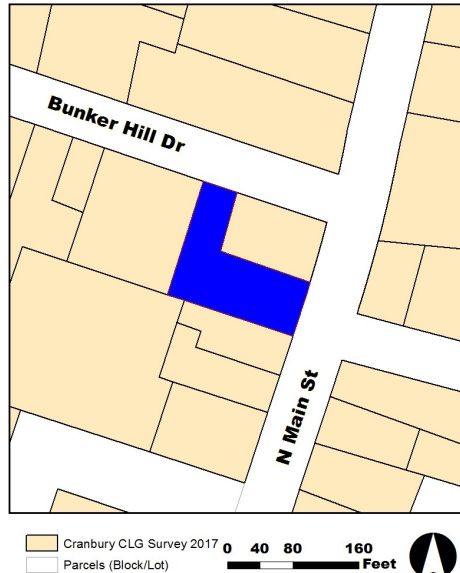
Other Designation:

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)
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 77 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 77 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction

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and design.

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: 71

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