

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1277227393**

**Property Name:** Aaron Lane House

**Ownership:** Private

**Address:** 73 N Main ST

**Apartment #:**

**ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	44

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Aaron Lane House at 73 North Main Street is a two-story, three-bay, two-pile, frame commercial building constructed circa 1850 and renovated circa 1880 in a vernacular Queen Anne style when a bay window was added on the main elevation. It has a two-story rear addition and a garage in the rear of the property.

The house has a side-gabled roof sheathed with asphalt shingles and featuring an interior rectangular brick chimney at each end of the ridge. The molded cornice includes returns on the end walls. The exterior of the frame building is clad in wood clapboard siding. Fenestration consists primarily of six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash windows with louvered shutters. The hexagonal bay aligned with the south wall features eight-over-eight, double-hung, wood-sash windows with louvered shutters on each of its three panels on each floor. The front porch occupies the first floor north of the bay; its hipped roof is clad with asphalt shingles and features a frieze, four square columns attached by a railing with square balusters, and a wood floor. The entrance is a wood door with twelve inset lights over one panel, opening south of a large picture window with multiple inset lights. The house has a stone foundation.

On the north end, the chimney and the molded cornice with returns are visible. The frame walls are clad with wood clapboards. Fenestration is mostly symmetrical; windows are replacement six-over-six units with louvered shutters, arranged in two ranks.

**Survey Name:** Cranbury CLG Survey 2017

**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick

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The south gable end wall contains the southern chimney and a view of the molded cornice with returns. The frame wall is clad with wood clapboards. The elevation has a single rank of windows near the southeast corner; the windows are partially obscured by awnings. West of the windows is an ancillary entrance opening on a flat-roofed porch with turned posts. Character-defining elements of the building include a semi-hexagonal projecting bay and interior brick chimneys at the gable ends.

The dwelling has a two-story rear addition extending along the entire rear (west) elevation of the main block. It has a gabled roof with a molded cornice, wood clapboard walls, and six-over-six windows arranged in a single rank on its north and south elevations.

History: The house appears on the 1916 Sanborn Atlas, which shows its front bay, front porch, and rear addition. Three outbuildings are indicated in the rear of the lot. The 1933 Sanborn Atlas shows the house with its current configuration. It also indicates that the largest outbuilding to the west had been demolished and replaced by a smaller building identified as "3 stalls." One of the outbuildings had been replaced by the current garage by 1963. The other two outbuildings were demolished by 1979, but historic aerial photographs show the foundation ruins of one of these outbuildings from 1979 to 1987. The Aaron Lane House at 73 North Main Street served as a private residence until 2000.

#### Setting:

The Aaron Lane House at 73 North Main Street is sited on an L-shaped parcel (Block 23, Lot 44) 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 10 feet from North Main Street. A brick sidewalk spans the east side of the parcel. Trees are planted along the curb between the building and North Main Street. The Aaron Lane House at 73 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

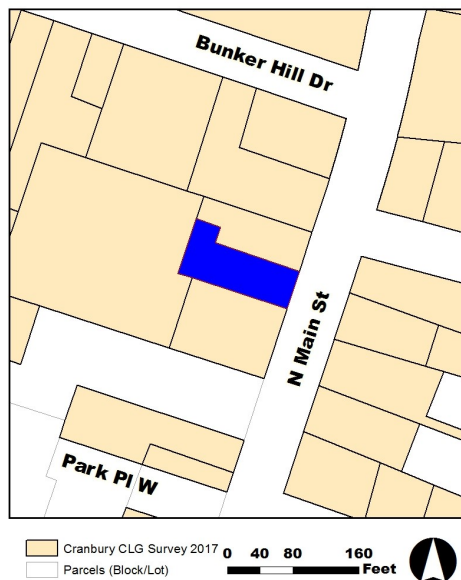
Other Designation:

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	1979		

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Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex  
County, New Jersey

Heritage Studies

Preserving Historic Cranbury Village

1989

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Aaron Lane House at 73 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Aaron Lane House at 73 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

**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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