

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -208130644

Property Name: Sarah Disbrow House

Ownership: Private

Address: 19 N Main ST

Apartment #:

ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Highstown	23	65

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Sarah Disbrow House at 19 North Main Street is a two-story, three-bay, two-pile private residence constructed circa 1850. The main block has a two-story rear ell section and a one-story rear addition. The building serves as a dentist's office.

The main block assumes a rectangular shape and faces east onto North Main Street. The side-gabled roof is sheathed with slate shingles and features an interior, capped brick chimney near the north end of the ridge. The main block has a molded cornice that doubles as an interior gutter system; below the soffits is a wood frieze. The exterior walls are clad with wood clapboards. Fenestration is symmetrical, with five bays of windows and the main entrance aligned horizontally and vertically. Windows are two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash windows (possibly original) with molded wood lintels and louvered shutters. The central entrance consists of paired wood doors with vertical plate glass lights and square panels below a rectangular transom featuring a floral design. The front porch is a hipped roof element extending along the center three bays. It has a wood frieze and is supported by four turned columns supporting the eaves feature jigsaw-cut, spandrel-like brackets. The columns are connected by a low railing with square balusters. A wood set of steps leads down from the porch to the grade of the front lawn. The main block has a stone foundation.

The north elevation faces onto the Methodist Church. The brick chimney and the molded cornice with returns and frieze are visible above. The attic level has two louvered windows with a wide casing. The wall surface is clad with wood clapboard siding and features a single

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rank of windows near the northeast corner; the windows are two-over-two units that may be original. The south elevation has a similar appearance to the north elevation. The molded cornice with its frieze and returns is visible above. The wall surface is clad with wood clapboards. Fenestration is aligned vertically and horizontally; windows are two-over-two wood sash units (possibly original).

The rear additions are barely visible from the public right-of-way. The two-story rear addition is aligned with the north end of the main block. It has a shed roof and a chimney near the center. The one-story rear addition wraps around the west and south elevations of the two-story addition.

Character-defining features of the dwelling include painted louvered shutters and a one-story front porch with turned spindles and decorative brackets.

History: The 1916 Sanborn Atlas shows the main block of the house and a two-story rear addition that is smaller than the current section. A small outbuilding behind the house had disappeared by the time of the 1933 Sanborn Atlas. The latter atlas shows the rear two-story addition as it currently appears. A new outbuilding is shown in the far reaches of the lot. Historic aerials depict the house beginning in 1940. The main block and two-story rear addition appear on all aerials. The one-story addition was built in sections, and it was not fully depicted on aerials until 2012.

Setting:

The Sarah Disbrow House at 19 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 65) 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.

The portion of the sidewalk that spans the east side of the parcel is paved with bricks. A brick driveway leads west from North Main Street to a gravel parking lot. The property is lightly wooded to the rear (west) of the property. 19 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

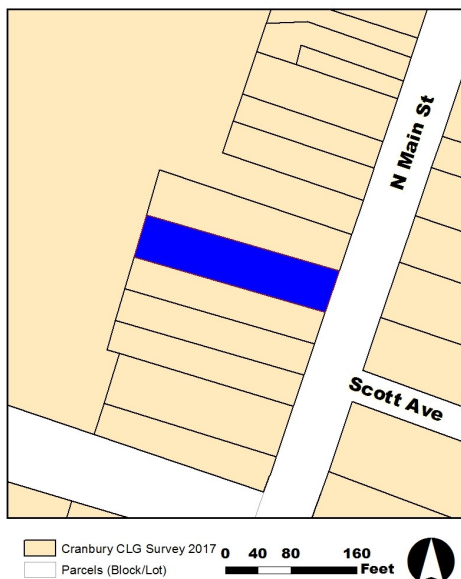
Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:



Site Map:

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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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		
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Chain of Title, 19 North Main Street			

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heitage Studies survey identified the Sarah Disbrow House at 19 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Sarah Disbrow House at 19 North Main Street due to its date of construction and design.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 101

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