

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1354620824**

Property Name: Lakeview Apartments

Ownership: Private

Address: 5 N Main ST

Apartment #:

ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	69

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

Lakeview Apartments at 5 North Main Street is a two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, six-pile apartment building dating to circa 1880. It is a long rectangular building with a front gabled orientation; a stair tower addition on the front complicates the front gable and gives the building a slight L-shape.

The building's roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The molded cornice has cornice returns on the main elevation, and the north cornice return has been extended over the stair tower section. An associated expressed frieze and a course of bed molding line the wall surface below the cornice. An interior brick chimney is located along the north wall. The exterior of the building is clad in composite shingles, with wood clapboard siding occasionally visible underneath the shingles. Fenestration is not strictly symmetrical. The main elevation has an oversized rectangular attic louver and three four-over-four wood sash windows (possibly original) on the second floor. An entablature with a dentil frieze runs between the first and second floors. Most of the first floor is recessed and clad with PermaStone. The first floor has three replacement doors on the first floor opening under simple transoms, alternating with six-over-one vinyl sash (replacement) windows. The building has a stone foundation.

The south elevation faces onto a narrow side yard area. The molded cornice and its vinyl-clad eaves over the frieze are visible. The frame walls, clad with composite shingles, have two rows of windows, spaced asymmetrically over the wall surface. The windows are aligned

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horizontally but none are aligned vertically. The windows vary in size and shape but all appear to be replacement vinyl sash units (mostly six-over-six).

The north elevation consists of the side wall of the stair tower addition and the side of the main block. The side of the stair tower has a complicated appearance. Its second floor is jettied slightly past the north wall of the first floor, which contains an ancillary entrance below a slightly projecting pediment. The side wall of the main block has two rows of windows that are barely visible from the public right-of-way; some first floor windows have louvered shutters. A shallow porch at the rear of the building has a shed roof supported by five thin round posts.

Several outbuildings are present on the property to the west of the dwelling, including a one-story brick detached garage; a one-story frame shed; and a wood pergola

History:

From the end of the nineteenth century to the first quarter of the twentieth century, the building at 5 North Main Street served as a general store under a series of shopowners. In 1932, the first floor was converted to a restaurant and the second floor was renovated into apartments (Chambers 2012:88). The Sanborn Atlases of 1916 shows the apartment building with its slight L-shape. The rear of the building is indicated as vacant. The 1933 Sanborn Atlas shows the same information but adds a small addition on the north side and indicates a brick building in the rear of the lot that is marked "4 stalls." The apartment building and its brick outbuilding appear on all historic aerials, beginning with 1940.

Setting:

Lakeview Apartments at 5 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 69) located on the west side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling 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 paved driveway leads west from North Main Street past the building's northeast elevation. The property is lightly wooded.

Lakeview Apartments at 5 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?**

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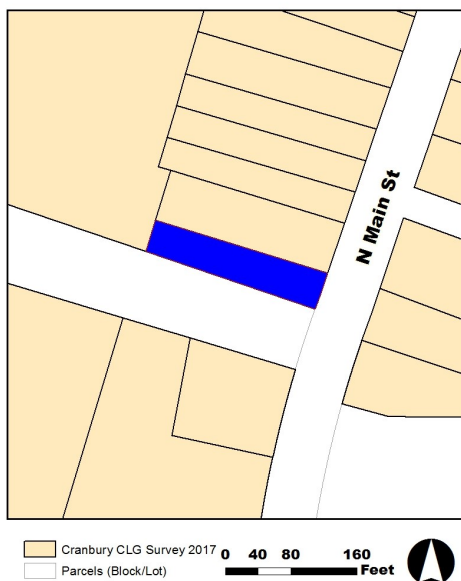
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Location Map:



Site Map:

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Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989	
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012	

Additional Information:

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: 57

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