New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

-909429246

Property Name:10 South Main StreetOwnership:PrivateAddress:10 S MAIN STApartment #:ZIP:08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County: Municipality: Local Place Name: USGS Quad: Block: Lot:

MIDDLESEX Cranbury township 23 74

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: NRIS Number: HABS/HAER Number: 27

Description:

PS&S recommends that 10 S. Main Street, built circa 1860, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The garage, built ca. 1995, does not contribute to the property.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this replacement clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the southeast by a 1-story, gable-roofed, 1-bay wide entry porch and backed on the northwest by a 2-story, cross gable-roofed, 3-bay deep, altered rear volume that wraps around the southwest, side elevation and is clad in cement board and includes replacement window sash. A wall gable is located in the central bay of the southeast elevation and a 1-story, composite-roofed, 3-sided window bay is in the southeast bay of the northeast elevation. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt single and the windows have 6/1 historic wood sash with historic louvered wood shutters. Interior, brick, ridge chimneys are located near the ends of the main volume. The replaced front entry porch, located in the central bay of the southeast, main elevation, includes historic, square-section posts with recessed panels and a pedimented gable. The primary entrance, located in the central bay and accessed by the porch, includes a historic paneled door and historic storm door. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated. A shuttered, segmental arch window lights the wall gable. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by 3 windows with stained glass upper sash in the window bay and a single window in the east bay of the second floor of the main block. The rear volume is lighted by a single window on each floor. The northwest, side elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by 2 windows

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on the first floor. A secondary entrance with a hip-roofed door hood, located in the southeast elevation of the extended bay of the rear volume, includes a historic, square-section post with recessed panels. A single window lights the second floor. A 1-story, gable-roofed, frame garage with a 1-story, shed-roofed side volume is located to the northwest of the residence.

Historic maps indicate that South Main Street includes some of the earliest development in Cranbury. The settlement began in 1736 with the construction of a mill on the south banks of the Cranbury Brook and, by 1810, developed into a small village. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the 2 ½-story residence at 10 S. Main Street was constructed in the 3rd quarter of the 19th century. Historic maps indicate that the residence was built between 1850 and 1876 and was owned in 1876 by "A. Applegate." The 1916 Sanborn map documents the residence as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 1-story, partial-width front porch, a 3-sided projecting bay in the southeast end of the northeast, side elevation, and a 1-story rear volume with a 1-story porch projecting from the west, rear corner. 2 1-story outbuildings are also documented on the lot. The 1933 Sanborn map documents the same massing of the dwelling, but the 1-story outbuildings have been demolished and replaced by a 2-story auto garage and storage shed on the northwest boundary of the lot. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historica buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society the residence with a 1-story side entry volume accessed by a small porch that includes angled, jigsaw cut wood posts with decorative cut-outs. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the garage was demolished between 1940 and 1953 and that the current garage was built during a construction campaign between 1987 and 2002. This campaign also added another story to the side volume and a large, gable-roofed rear volume.

The residence at 10 S. Main Street is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic door and storm door, historic stained glass, and historic shutters. However, the visibility of the large-scale rear volume from the public right-of-way makes this status marginal.

Setting:

South Main Street stretches from Brainerd Lake to the southern edge of Cranbury and is characterized by freestanding single-family residences of moderate scale ranging in date from the early 19th century to the early 20th century.

Registration and Status

National Historic Landmark?:

National Register: 9/18/1980

18/1980

SHPO Opinion: Local Designation: 9/26/1988

Dates: New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1

Other Designation:

Certification of Eligibility:

3/25/1977

Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:



Site Map:



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