

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-859046257**

**Property Name:** Tyler Conover House  
**Address:** 14 S MAIN ST

**Ownership:** Private  
**Apartment #:**  
**ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	76

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 104

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 14 S. Main Street, which includes a historic residence and a historic outbuilding built circa 1860, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad dwelling on a parged foundation is 4 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed on the northwest by a 2-story, composite-roofed, full-width secondary volume. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle with historic brackets under the eaves of the main block and the windows predominantly have 1/1 historic replacement wood sash on the first floor and 4/4 historic wood sash with thin horizontal muntins on the second floor. The majority of the windows have historic louvered wood shutters. Stuccoed ridge chimneys projects from near the ends of the main roof. The primary entrance with historic door is located in the center of the southeast, main elevation. Paired windows with shared lintels are on either side of the door, with a window with a similar lintel in each bay of the second floor. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a window in each bay of both floors, with a smaller, fixed replacement window in the northwest bay of the first floor. A 6-light, fixed window is under the gable eaves. The rear volume is lighted by a window on each floor. The southwest, side elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and is lighted by a window in the southeast bay of the first floor and 2 windows on the second floor of the main block. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. A 1-story, gable and shed-roofed, board and batten-clad outbuilding, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, is located to the northwest of the residence.

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Local Historic District Survey 2018

**Principal Investigator:** Emily Cooperman

**Organization:** Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor

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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-story residence at 14 S. Main Street was constructed for Tyler Conover circa 1860 and was the home and bakery of Harvey Dey between 1899 and 1963. The residence is documented on the 1876 Everts and Stewart map as the "T.D. Conover Store." The 1916 Sanborn map documents the building as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 1-story, full-width front porch and a 1-story, full-width rear volume. To the northwest of the residence is a 2-story, L-plan "Harness Room" and an adjacent 1-story "shed." The 1933 Sanborn map identifies the outbuilding as a 1 1/2-story building with 5 stalls. A 1-story garage is also documented on the lot. Historic aerial photographs indicate that this garage was demolished between 1969 and 1972. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence with a standing seam metal roof and a 1-story, shed-roofed rear volume. Historic aerial photographs indicate that a second floor was added to the rear volume by 1987. The front porch was removed sometime in the mid-20th century.

The residence at 14 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 massing of the main block, historic windows, historic cornice and brackets, historic door, and historic shutters. The outbuilding retains its historic fenestration and historic board and batten siding.

**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  
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

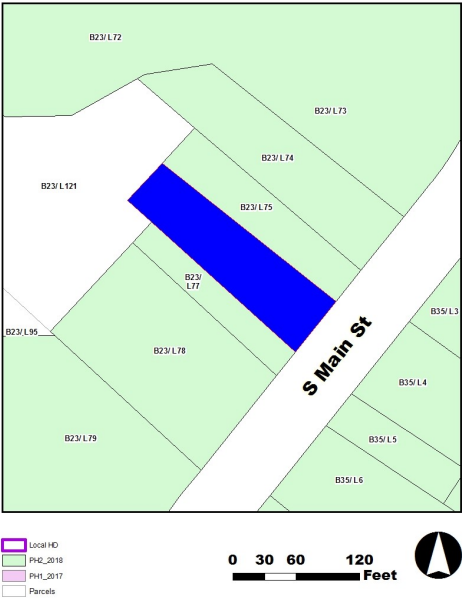
**Other Designation:**

**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 #:
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876	(if applicable)

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(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at <a href="http://historicaerials.com">historicaerials.com</a> and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012

**Additional Information:**

1202\_23\_76 / 2STY - SFD / 1846

**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**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)

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