

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1726261600

Property Name: 16 South Main Street
Address: 16 S MAIN ST

Ownership: Private
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	77

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 61

Description:

PS&S recommends that 16 S. Main Street, constructed ca. 1810-1820, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a stuccoed foundation is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the southeast elevation by a 1-story, gable-roofed, 1-bay entry porch and backed on the northwest by a 2-story, composite roofed, full-width secondary volume. This volume is in turn backed by a 1-story, composite-roofed, full-width rear volume. The roofs are predominantly clad in in asbestos shingle with asphalt shingle along the gable ridge and the Wndows predominantly have 6/6 historic wood sash. The center entry porch includes historic square-section posts and painted shingle in the gable. The primary entrance, accessed by the porch, includes a historic door and simple historic door frame. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated and each include applied, replaced shutters. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a single window on the first floor of the rear volume. The southwest, side elevation includes a secondary entrance in the northwest bay of the rear volume and a 1/1 replacement window in each of the remaining bays of this volume. The main volume is lighted by a window on each floor of the southeast bay, with 2 small 4-light windows in gable. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

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

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Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the residence at 16 S. Main Street was constructed in the first quarter of the 19th century. This may be one of 2 buildings depicted between the Presbyterian Church and the creek on the 1850 Otley and Keiley Map. The 1876 Everts and Stewart map records a residence belonging to "N. Applegate" on the lot. The residence is recorded on the 1916 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 1-story, 1-bay, centered front porch and a 1-story, full-width rear volume. The National Register Nomination states that the porch was replaced during the 20th century. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building with its current porch, historic louvered shutters, a multi-light front door. Visual evidence suggests that the foundation was parged, and the shutters and door were replaced within the last ten years.

The residence at 16 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 window sash, historic massing, and historic siding material.

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:



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Additional Information:

1202_23_77 / 2STY - SFD / 1895

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:

Date form completed: 8/24/2018

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