

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1655490064

Property Name: 42 South Main Street
Address: 42 S MAIN ST

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	82

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 77

Description:

PS&S recommends that 42 S. Main Street, which includes a residence and garage constructed circa 1910, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this painted aluminum siding-clad, L-plan frame dwelling on a covered foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the southeast, main and southwest, side elevations by a 1-story, hip-roofed, wrap-around porch that meets the gabled side volume, which includes a 3-story window bay on its southwest elevation. The main block is backed on the northwest by a partial-width, hip-roofed, 1-story rear el that is flanked on the southwest by a 2-story entry porch. The roofs are predominantly clad in shaped asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 1/1 historic wood sash. An interior brick chimney projects from the southwest slope of the rear of the main volume. The front porch, which has an extended, rounded bay at the southeast corner, is accessed by a straight wood stair in the northeast bay of the southeast elevation and a brick stair in the northwest bay of the southwest elevation, and includes historic Tuscan columns and a historic rail with square-plan balusters. The primary entrance, located in the northeast bay of the main elevation, includes a historic 8-light door. A large 1/1 window lights the central bay of the first floor. The southwest bay, which is chamfered, is lighted by a single window. The second floor is regularly fenestrated and the third floor is lighted by a single window. The northeast, side elevation is regularly fenestrated and includes an offset window in the central bay that suggests an interior stairwell. The southwest, side elevation is regularly fenestrated in both the main and rear volumes. An entrance to the rear volume

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is located on its southeast elevation. A stair provides access to a door to the rear enclosed porch. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

A 1 ½-story, 2-bay, gabled, historic, stuccoed terra cotta tile garage is located west of the house at the rear of the lot. The roof is clad in asbestos shingles and the historic, sliding barn door with 9-light upper lights survives on the main, southeast elevation.

Historic maps indicate that the west side of S. Main Street south of the First Presbyterian Church was developed after the church subdivided this land for development after 1894. Visual evidence, such as the front doors, chamfered corners, and terra-cotta tile garages, strongly suggests that the residences at 40 – 44 S. Main Street were constructed by the same builder after the church's property was subdivided. Historic Maps indicate that before the subdivision this lot was occupied by the Cranbury Academy. The 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District reports that the 2 ½-story, gable-roofed, aluminum siding-clad dwelling on this lot was built circa 1915. The property is outside the boundary of the 1916 Sanborn map, but is documented on the 1933 Sanborn as a 2-story, L-plan, frame dwelling with a 1-story wrap-around porch, 3-sided projecting bays on the side elevations, a 2-story rear volume flanked by a 1-story porch, and a 1 ½-story, terra-cotta tile garage. The 1989 Heritage Studies Inventory reports that the original had been replaced with aluminum siding, however, visual evidence suggests that the siding has been changed to replacement clapboard (or the historic clapboard survived under the aluminum siding) within the last ten years.

The residence at 42 S. Main Street contributes in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and such historic character-defining features as its historic wood windows, wood shutters, front door, porch columns, historic porch rail and balusters, and historic massing and fenestration patterns, and its historic garage, with its historic surface materials and garage doors.

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

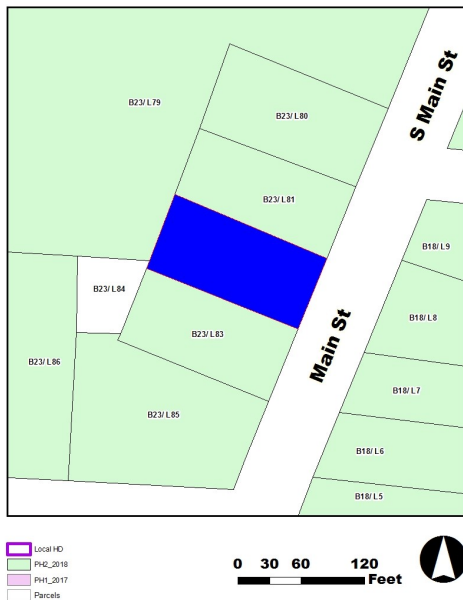
Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #: (if applicable)
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989	
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876	
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 historicaerials.com and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth		
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995	
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979	
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	
(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_82 / 2STY - SFD / 1880

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:

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