New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

-1348647935

Property Name: 46 South Main Street Ownership: Private Address: 46 S MAIN ST **ZIP:** 08512 Apartment #:

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

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

MIDDLESEX Cranbury township 23 85

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: NRIS Number: HABS/HAER Number: 30

Description:

PS&S recommends that the property at 46 S. Main Street, which includes a residence and garage built ca. 1914, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 ½-story, hip-roofed, foursquare main block of this replacement siding-clad, frame residence on a parged foundation is 3 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is fronted on the southeast by a 1-story, hip-roofed, full-width porch and backed on the northwest by a 1-story, hiproofed, partial-width rear el offset to the northeast that is flanked on its southwest side by a 1-story, shed-roofed volume. A 1-story, hiproofed, enclosed porch projects from the central bay of the southwest, side elevation, with a hip-roofed, abutting oriel to the southeast and a 2-story, hip-roofed, 3-sided window bay abutting it to the northwest. Hip-roofed dormers project from the southeast and northwest roof slopes and an interior brick chimney projects from the northeast slope, near the peak. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly retain 1/1 historic wood sash, with applied vinyl shutters on the main elevation. The front porch, accessed by a centered stair, includes wood clapboard-clad, square-plan posts. The centered main entrance includes historic, single-light side lights. The outer bays of the first floor are both lighted by triple windows with a larger sash flanked on each side by a smaller, 1/1 sash. The second floor is lighted by a single window in the central bay and double windows in the outer bays. The dormer is lighted by a triple window with smaller side sash on a smaller scale than those of the first floor. The northeast, side elevation is regularly fenestrated, though the window size is smaller in the central bay. The southwest, side elevation is regularly fenestrated, with a paired window in the first floor oriel.

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The enclosed porch covers the southeast side of the window bay. The porch is lighted by paired, triple awning windows on each elevation except the southeast, which is lighted by a single set of windows and accessed by an adjacent secondary door. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 1-story, hip-roofed, clapboard clad garage includes exposed rafter tails and windows with historic 16/1-light, wood sash.

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. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the 2 ½-story, hip-roofed dwelling at 46 S. Main Street was built circa 1900. John Whiteclay Chambers records that this house was constructed as the new manse for the First Presbyterian Church congregation in 1914 (Chambers, Chapter 1). The building is documented on the 1933 Sanborn Map as a 2-story frame dwelling with a 1-story, full-width front porch, a 1-story, partial-width, centered side porch adjacent to the 3-sided bay, a 1-story, partial-width rear el, and a 1-story, detached garage. Images from the 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society indicate that the house and porch posts were clad in aluminum siding and had no shutters. The 1989 Heritage Studies Inventory reports that the building had been clad in aluminum siding and the rear porch (presumably side porch) enclosed.

46 S. Main Street is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and character-defining historic features such as its historic massing, historic window sash, and historic door surround. The garage retains its historic window sash, exposed rafter tails, and siding materials.

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 National Historic Landmark?:

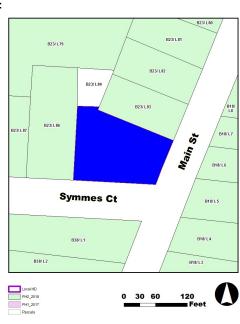
and Status National Register: 9/18/1980 SHPO Opinion: Dates:

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979 Local Designation: 9/26/1988

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977 Other Designation:
Certification of Eligibility: Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?
☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author: Year: HPO Accession #: (if applicable)

(None Listed) 1850 Otley and Keily Map 1850

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