

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1632144952

Property Name: 2 Symmes Court
Address: 2 SYMMES CT

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	86

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 69

Description:

PS&S recommends that 2 Symmes Court, constructed in 1915, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 ½-story, hipped-roofed, foursquare main block of this clapboard and painted wood shingle-clad, frame dwelling on a covered foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the south by a 1-story, hipped-roofed porch that wraps around the east, side elevation and backed on the north by a 1-story, composite-roofed, full-width rear el. 2-story, 3-sided projecting bays are located in the east bay of the south elevation and the north bay of the east elevation. The east, south, and west top roof slopes are lighted by hipped-roofed dormers with slightly splayed sidewalls and a recessed central window bay that retains a historic paired multi-light extended, lozenge-pattern casement window. The roof of the main volume includes a roof kick and deep eaves. An interior brick chimney projects north of the dormer on the west roof slope. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 1/1, historic wood sash. The first floor is clad in clapboard and the second floor and dormers are clad in painted wood shingle. The primary entrance, located in the west bay of the south elevation, includes a large single-light door and single-light sidelights. The porch, which is screened in all bays but the entry bay and obscures most of the first floor, is accessed by a straight stair to the entry bay and includes a clapboard-clad knee wall and square-plan posts. The second floor is regularly fenestrated with a paired window in the west bay. The east and west side elevations are regularly fenestrated. A secondary entrance to the porch is located in the north bay of the east elevation. The north, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. A 1-story, hipped-roofed concrete block garage is located to the northeast of the

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residence.

Symmes Court, named for a local parson, occupies land previously owned by the Presbyterian Church and sold and planned for subdivision in 1894. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District reports that the 2 ½-story, hipped-roofed residence at 2 Symmes Court was built by Lewis Bowers in 1915. The residence is documented in the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with 3-sided projecting bays and a wrap-around porch on its main and east side elevations and a 1-story rear volume on its north elevation. This map shows a 1-story, concrete block garage is located to the north of the residence. Images from the 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society show the residence with the majority of the porch volume screened in on the south and glazed on the east. The 1989 Heritage Studies Inventory reports that the front door had been replaced with a glazed, single-light door with single-light sidelights.

The residence at 2 Symmes Court is a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic window sash, historic siding materials, and historic porch posts. The garage retains its historic massing and historic surface materials.

Setting:

Symmes Court is a short residential street that connects South Main Street, to the southeast, to Cranbury Neck Road, to the southwest. The residences of this tree-lined street are single family dwellings of moderate size.

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

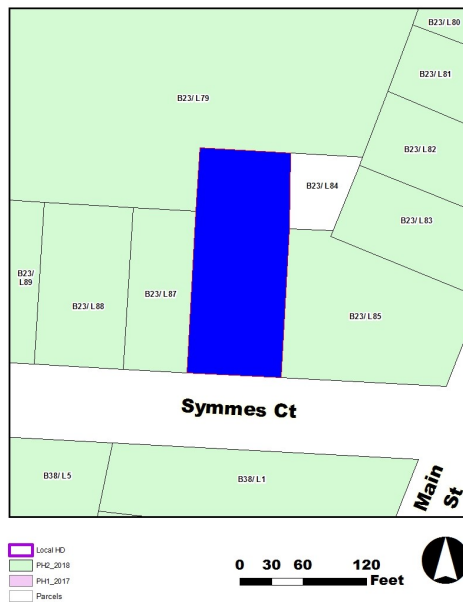
Other Designation:

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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(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
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Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
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(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
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Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
(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	

Additional Information:

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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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