

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **2034626088**

**Property Name:** 6 Symmes Court **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 6 SYMMES CT **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	88

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 21

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 6 Symmes Court, constructed circa 1925, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The garage, built after 1940, does not contribute to the property.

The 1 1/2-story, asymmetrically side-gable-roofed main block of this vinyl siding-clad, frame residence on a stuccoed foundation is 2 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is fronted on the south by a 1-story, full width porch and backed on the north elevation by a 2-story, gable-roofed secondary volume. A 1-story, shed-roofed rear entrance volume projects from the east side of the rear volume. A 1-story, shed-roofed, rectangular-plan bay is in the north bay of the east elevation. A pent eave projects from the north bay of the west elevation and extends to the rear volume. A large shed dormer is located on the south roof slope. An interior brick chimney is located near the ridge of the north roof slope. The roofs are clad throughout in asphalt shingles and predominantly include exposed rafter tails. The windows predominantly have 3/1 historic wood sash. The front porch, accessed by a stair with stuccoed cheek-walls in the west bay, includes a replaced rail with square-plan balusters and tapered square-plan posts on stuccoed piers. The primary entrance to the residence, located just west of the center of the elevation, includes a historic single-light door. The west bay is lighted by a small, multi-light, awning window. The east bay is lighted by a central fixed window flanked by a 3/1 window on each side. The dormer is lighted by a central 3/1 window flanked by smaller 3/1 windows. The east, side elevation of the main block is lighted on the first floor by a single window in the south bay and a picture window flanked by smaller 3/1 windows in the projecting bay. The second floor is lighted by a double window. The rear

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volume is lighted by 3 single windows and is accessed on the south elevation of the entry volume by a secondary 9-light door. The second floor of the rear volume is lighted by a single window. The west, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated and includes 2 secondary entrances: one to the main volume and one to the rear volume. The north, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 1 1/2-story, concrete block garage is located to the northeast of the residence and a fixed, 4-light door on its second floor.

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 1 1/2-story, clapboard-clad bungalow at 6 Symmes Court was constructed between 1925 and 1930 by Charles Symmes. The residence is documented on the 1933 Sanborn map as a 1 1/2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 1-story, full-width front porch and a side projecting bay. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence with a clapboard or aluminum siding-clad knee wall instead of the current porch rail, indicating that the rail has been replaced. Historic aerial photographs indicate that a gable-roofed garage was constructed between 1940 and 1957 and that a 2-story, gable-roofed rear volume with a 1-story, shed-roofed, side entry volume was constructed between 2002 and 2007.

The residence at 6 Symmes Court is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns of the main volume, historic window sash, historic porch posts, historic exposed rafter tails, and historic porch posts.

**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.

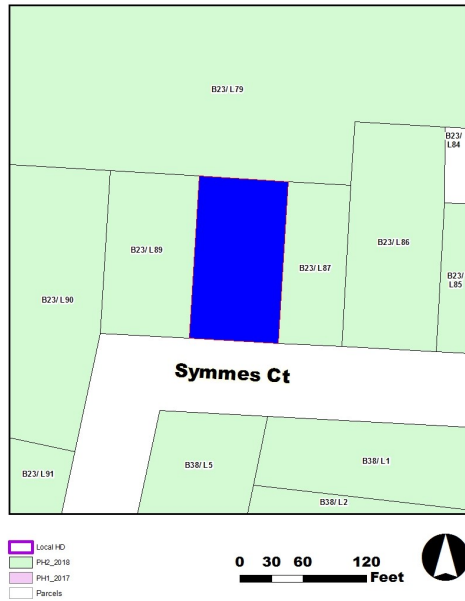
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**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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Frank J. Jr.		
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
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(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(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	

**Additional Information:**

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**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:

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