

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -2144067434

**Property Name:** 10 Symmes Court

**Ownership:** Private

**Address:** 10 SYMMES CT

**Apartment #:**

**ZIP:** 08512

**PROPERTY LOCATION(S):**

| County:   | Municipality:     | Local Place Name: | USGS Quad: | Block: | Lot: |
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| MIDDLESEX | Cranbury township |                   |            | 23     | 90   |

**Property Photo:**



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:** 23

**Description:**

PS&S recommends that 10 Symmes Court, constructed in 1798, is a contributing building in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, side gable-roofed, T-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame residence on a parged foundation is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the central bay of the east elevation by a 1-story, 1-bay, gable-roofed entrance porch and backed on the west elevation by a 2-story, gable-roofed, partial-width, centered secondary volume. A 1-story, composite-roofed volume is located in the interior northeast corner of the main volumes and projects beyond their west and north elevations. A 1-story, gable-roofed, multi-bay garage is located to the southwest of the residence and is connected to the residence by an enclosed, shed-roofed hyphen. The roofs are predominantly clad in slate shingle and the windows predominantly have 1/1, double-hung historic replacement sash. Interior, brick, ridge chimneys are located near the gable ends of the main block. The replaced, gable-roofed front porch includes a segmental arch opening, Tuscan columns, and a replaced rail with square-plan balusters. The primary entrance, located in the central bay of the east elevation and accessed by the porch, includes a historic replacement paneled door with historic replacement single-light sidelights over recessed panels. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated, with historic paneled shutters on the first floor and historic louvered shutters on the second floor. The east elevation of the garage includes 2 segmental garage doors and a recessed entry accessed by a shed-roofed entry porch that also provides access to the hyphen. The south, side elevation is regularly fenestrated and is lighted under the gable-end by 2 small 4-light windows. The north, side and west, rear elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way. A 1-story,

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hipped-roofed secondary building, not visible from the public right-of-way, is located to the northwest of the residence.

Symmes Court, named for a local parson, occupies land previously owned by the Presbyterian Church and sold and planned for subdivision in 1894. 10 Symmes Court was originally built as the manse for the First Presbyterian Church. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the residence was originally constructed in the mid-18th century and was rebuilt circa 1789, with 19th-century alterations. John Whiteclay Chambers reports that this dwelling was rebuilt in 1798 after Reverend Gilbert Tennent Snowden refused to live in the existing parsonage because of its dilapidated condition and built his own house elsewhere (Chambers, Chapter 1). The earliest indication of a building on the property may be the 1789 Colles Map, on which a building appears at the corner of S. Main Street and Cranbury Neck Road. The residence appears on the 1850 Otley and Keily map as the residence of Reverend S. C. Henry. The 1879 Everts and Stewart map documents the residence as the parsonage of the First Presbyterian Church. Chambers notes that the property continued as the parsonage for the congregation until 1914, when a new manse was built at 46 S. Main Street. The 1933 Sanborn map records the residence as a 2-story, T-plan dwelling with a 1-story, partial-width, centered porch and a 1-story volume on its northwest corner. 4 outbuildings, including a shed and garage, are located to the west of the residence. Historic aerial photographs do not clearly indicate the date of construction of the garage addition, but suggest this occurred after 1940 and before 1963.

10 Symmes Court is a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic character defining features such as its historic siding material, historic roofing material, historic replacement window sash, and historic replacement door.

**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

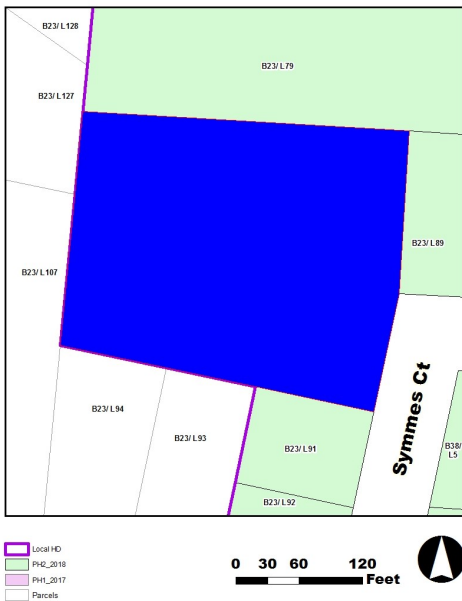
**Other Designation:**

**Other Designation Date:**

☐ **Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

☐ **Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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

(None Listed) Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947.

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| (None Listed)                   | 1933 Sanborn Map  | 1933 |

**Additional Information:**

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**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

|                              |             |             |
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| <b>Attachments Included:</b> | 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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