

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1330537884**

Property Name: 12 Symmes Court

Ownership: Private

Address: 12 SYMMES CT

Apartment #:

ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	91

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number: 41

Description:

PS&S recommends that 12 Symmes Court, constructed circa 1930, is a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 ½-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this brick dwelling is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the east by a 1-story, pedimented, centered porch and backed on the west by a 2 ½-story gable-roofed, central single-bay volume and a 1-story, hip-roofed rear el. A 1-story, flat-roofed, screened-in, full-width porch with historic Tuscan columns is located on the north side of the main volume. The third floor of the central rear volume is clapboard clad. The offset fenestration of the rear volume suggests an interior stairwell. The roofline includes eave returns on the gable ends and a dentiled cornice on the east and west elevations. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 1/1 historic wood sash, historic louvered shutters, and vertical brick lintels. An exterior brick chimney projects from the center of the north, side elevation. The front porch includes historic Tuscan columns, a historic dentiled cornice, and a pedimented gable. The primary entrance is located behind a shallow vestibule with a historic, single-light storm door and historic single-light sidelights. The remaining bays are regularly fenestrated. The north, side elevation bays are regularly fenestrated, with 2 3-light, quarter round windows on the third floor. The south, side and west, rear elevations are regularly fenestrated. The rear el is accessed by a door in the north bay. A 1-story, curved-roofed greenhouse is located to the south of the 1-story side volume.

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Principal Investigator: Emily Cooperman

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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, brick residence at 12 Symmes Court was constructed in 1939 by "Chamberlin." However, the residence is documented earlier and appears on the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan brick dwelling with a 1-story, brick side volume, a 1-story, central, frame porch and a 1-story frame side porch. A 1-story, brick garage is located to the northeast of the residence. Both this map and visual evidence suggest it dates to the 1920s. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence as a 2-story, side gable-roofed brick dwelling with a 1-story, pedimented, central entry porch with round columns, a 1-story, shed-roofed, enclosed side porch, to the north, and a 1-story, hip-roofed volume to the south. Visual evidence suggests that the residence has not undergone any major construction or alteration campaigns.

12 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, historic windows sash and shutters, historic door, historic front and side porches, historic dentiled cornices, and historic chimney.

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

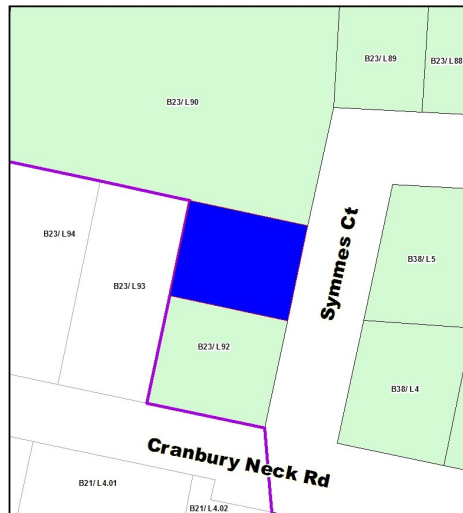
Other Designation:

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)
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979	

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Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
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)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876

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:

Date form completed: 8/24/2018

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