

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1156447125

Property Name: 14 Symmes Court

Ownership: Private

Address: 14 SYMMES CT

Apartment #:

ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	92

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number: 42

Description:

PS&S recommends that 14 Symmes Court, which includes a residence and garage constructed in 1929, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 1 ½-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame bungalow on a quarry-faced concrete block foundation is 3 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is fronted on the east by a 1-story, hip-roofed, enclosed front porch and backed on the west by a 1-story, hip-roofed rear el. A gable-roofed oriel projects from the central bay of the south elevation and gable-roofed dormer projects from the central bay of the north roof slope. The roofs are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly retain 3/1 historic wood sash, though the porch enclosure and the second floor of the main and rear elevations are lighted by a double window with 6/1 added or replacement sash. An interior brick chimney is located towards the west of the south roof slope. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the central bay of the east, main elevation and accessed by a straight wood stair with frame cheek walls, includes a replacement, multi-light door with a large central light. The door is flanked by narrow, 6/1 windows. The remaining bays of the porch are lighted by double windows. The porch includes a clapboard-clad knee wall and the bays are articulated by rectangular-section pilasters. The north, side elevation is lighted in the east bay by a double window, in the central bay by a small sash window, and in the west bay by a single window. The dormer is lighted by 2 single windows. The south, side elevation is lighted by double windows in the outer bays and a triple window in the projecting oriel. The west, rear elevation includes a secondary entrance on the north elevation of the rear el and is

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lighted in the rear el by a 3-sided projecting bay window. The main block is lighted by a single window on the first floor.

A 1-story, gable-roofed, frame, north-south oriented garage, clad in painted wood shingle and vinyl siding, is located to the west of the residence and includes exposed rafter tails and replacement, 10-light, segmental garage doors and a historic, 9-light door.

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, gable-roofed dwelling at 14 Symmes Court was constructed by "Perrine" in 1929. The residence is recorded on the 1933 Sanborn map as 1-story, frame dwelling with a 1-story front porch, a shallow, projecting side bay, a rear el, and a 1-story garage. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence with aluminum siding and an enclosed front porch. Visual evidence suggests that the door to the enclosed porch has been replaced within the last ten years.

14 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 window sash, and historic chimney. The garage retains its historic massing, historic painted wood shingle, and exposed roof rafter tails.

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

National Historic Landmark?: ☐

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:

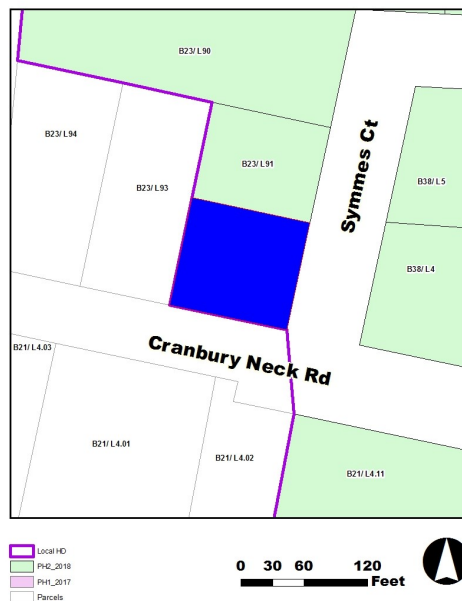
Certification of Eligibility:

Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Frank J. Jr.		
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(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	
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
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(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850

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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