

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 725305984

Property Name: 175 North Main Street
Address: 175 N Main ST

Ownership: Private
Apartment #:
ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

| County: | Municipality: | Local Place Name: | USGS Quad: | Block: | Lot: |
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| MIDDLESEX | Cranbury township | Cranbury | Hightstown | 25 | 17.01 |

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

175 North Main Street is a one-and-one-half-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, brick dwelling built circa 1945 in the Minimal Traditional style. It consists of a side-gabled main block and a one-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, southwest wing. The primary (southeast) slope of the main block is interrupted by a two-bay-wide, front-gabled wall dormer in the northeast half and a front-gabled dormer centered in the southwest half. A full-length shed dormer extends along the rear (northwest) slope of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and the dormers are clad in vinyl siding. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in brick laid in running bond. Vinyl louvered vents are located in each of the gable peaks on the main block. Windows vary between one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement and vinyl casement units, set within vinyl surrounds. A hipped-roof, vinyl bay window is located in the southwestern bay of the primary elevation of the main block. Located in the center bay of the main block, the main entrance contains a wood panel door with an oval light. It is sheltered by a front-gabled portico supported by square wood posts and accessed by a brick stoop with metal railings. A raised parged foundation water table extends across the primary and northeast elevations. The southwest wing is clad in vinyl siding on the southwest elevation, featuring brick below the windows. A secondary entrance, containing a modern wood door, is located in the center bay and features a front-gabled portico supported by wood posts. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands on a parged foundation.

Several modern sheds stand west of the dwelling.

History: 175 North Main Street was constructed circa 1945 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1929, the subject property was sold as an empty lot from George S. and Lulu E. Martin to Aili M. Maenpaa (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1929 Deed Book 962:114). Aili (Ida) Maenpaa immigrated to the U.S. from Finland in 1916. The 1930 federal census lists her as a resident of Long Island, along with her husband, Gustav (August), and their three children (United States Bureau of the Census [US Census] 1930). The Maenpaa family did not move to Cranbury until 1940, and the subject dwelling was not built until around 1945 (US Census 1940; NETR 1940, 1947). The subject dwelling first appears on a 1947 aerial photograph, showing its current footprint (NETR 1940, 1947). The 1950 federal census lists Gustav Maenpaa as a carpenter (US Census 1950). The subject dwelling underwent little to no alterations during the second half of the twentieth century (NETR 1963, 1979, 1987, 1995). Between 2019 and the present, the dwelling underwent extensive renovations including window replacement, the removal of a chimney and basement-level windows, and porticos were added to the primary and southwest entrances (Google 2019). Several modern sheds were constructed west of the dwelling between 2022 and 2023.

Survey Name: Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

Surveyor: Matthew Goldberg

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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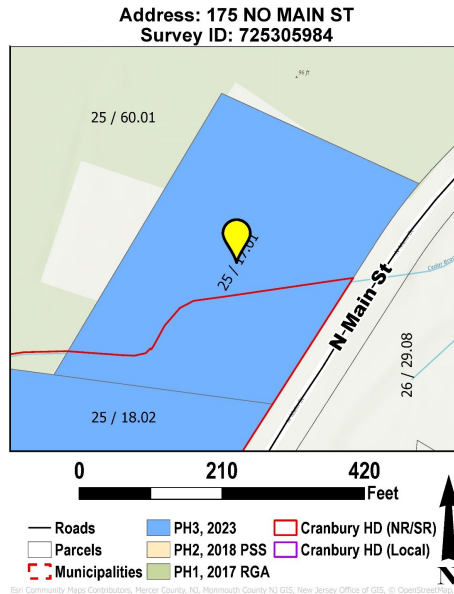
175 North Main Street is sited on an irregularly shaped parcel (Block 25, Lot 17.01) located on the northwest side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 100 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway leads to a parking area adjacent to the southwest elevation. A paved stone path leads to the primary entrance and the secondary entrance on the southwest elevation features a gravel hardscape. Shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. Cedar Brook runs along the southwest border of the property. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

**Registration
and Status
Dates:**
National Historic Landmark?: ☐
National Register: 8/18/1980

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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Additional Information:

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 175 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:

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|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Attachments Included: | 0 Building | 0 Bridge |
| | 0 Structure | 0 Landscape |
| | 0 Object | 0 Industry |

Historic District ? ☒

District Name: Cranbury Historic District

Status: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202_25_17.01

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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