

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1344961603**

**Property Name:** Isaac Snedeker House **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 165 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

<b>County:</b>	<b>Municipality:</b>	<b>Local Place Name:</b>	<b>USGS Quad:</b>	<b>Block:</b>	<b>Lot:</b>
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Highstown	25	18.01

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Isaac Snedeker House at 165 North Main Street is a two-and-a-half-story tall, three-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1860 with vernacular Gothic Revival details. The dwelling, which sits on a brick foundation, consists of a rectangular, front-gabled main block and three one-story, frame additions: a two-bay, hipped roof addition to the southwest, a three-bay, hipped roof addition to the northwest, and an enclosed porch on the northeast elevation of the northwest addition. The roof is sheathed with fiberglass-asphalt shingles. The dwelling features a molded wood cornice with a return cornice at the gable ends of the main block and a wood frieze. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof on the northeast bent of the main block. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on all elevations. A two-over-two, double-hung, original wood-sash arched window sits in the front gable end. Windows on the front elevation of the main block and the southwest addition are two-over-two, double-hung, original wood-sash windows with molded wood surrounds and arched lintels. Windows on the first floor of the main block have wood walkout windows. The primary entrance, located in the south bay on the main block, is a replacement door with six inset lights above a large rectangular panel. Sidelights with two inset lights and molded rectangular panels flank the door, which is set within a molded wood surround. A one-story porch shelters the three bays on the main block. The porch has a flat roof, a molded wood cornice and frieze, and square columns. The northwest elevation features two-over-two, double-hung, original wood-sash windows with molded wood surrounds and arched lintels. The one-story enclosed porch, with segmented wood screen windows and a wood screen door, abuts the west corner of the elevation. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. On the southwest elevation, a semi-hexagonal projecting bay sits in the west bay on the second floor

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of the main block. Fenestration on the southwest elevation consists of two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with molded wood surrounds and arched lintels on the second floor of the main block and the first floor of the southwest addition. The projecting bay has six-over-six, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows. The three-bay northwest addition features a single, three-panel wood door between two two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash window windows with molded wood surrounds and arched lintels. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include original wood-sash windows, the molded wood cornice and wood frieze, and the one-story porch with square columns.

The property contains several outbuildings west of the dwelling. Two one-story frame storage sheds with corrugated metal roofs and wood plank siding date from the early twentieth century. A two-story frame carriage house with a hipped, asphalt shingle roof and wood plank siding also dates from the early twentieth century. An early twentieth century, two-story frame barn located west of the sheds and carriage house was demolished and reconstructed circa 2007; the present structure was built using concrete blocks.

History: The Isaac Snedeker House at 165 North Main Street was constructed by Isaac Snedeker circa 1860. The subject dwelling was part of a 16-acre cherry orchard at the turn of the twentieth century. In the 1950s, the dwelling was part of Meadow Brook Farm, where the Sander family raised chickens and sold eggs. Photographs dated from 1952 show the subject dwelling's southwest and northwest additions. (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society n.d.) According to historic aerial photographs, the enclosed porch was added to the subject dwelling circa 1994

**Setting:**

The Isaac Snedeker House at 165 North Main Street is sited on a square parcel (Block 25, Lot 18.01) located on the west 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 30 feet from North Main Street. A paved driveway leads northwest from North Main Street to a one-story garage and several historic outbuildings located west of the dwelling. The property is heavily wooded on all sides of the parcel and mostly obscured from view from North Main Street. The Isaac Snedeker House at 165 North Main Street is located at the northern edge of the Cranbury Historic District surrounded by other residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries. Preserved farmland is located to the south of the parcel.

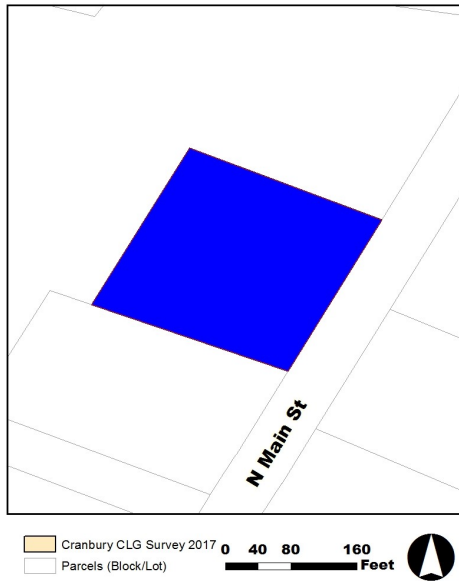
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**National Historic Landmark?:**   
**National Register:** 9/18/1980  
**New Jersey Register:** 8/9/1979  
**Determination of Eligibility:** 3/25/1977  
**Certification of Eligibility:**

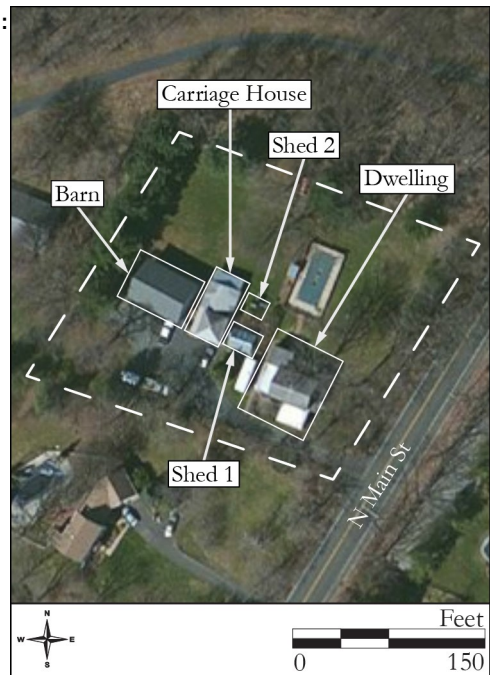
**SHPO Opinion:**  
**Local Designation:** 9/26/1988  
**Other Designation:**  
**Other Designation Date:**

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?  Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

**Survey Name:** Cranbury CLG Survey 2017  
**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick  
**Organization:** RGA, Inc.

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Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:	(if applicable)
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979		
Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989		
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Property File, 165 North Main Street			

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey found that the Isaac Snedeker House at 165 North Main Street is a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 165 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with the district.

**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: 88

Date form completed: 7/25/2017

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