

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -71750992

**Property Name:** Ezekiel Silvers House

**Ownership:** Private

**Address:** 143 N Main ST

**Apartment #:**

**ZIP:** 08512

**PROPERTY LOCATION(S):**

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	19.02

**Property Photo:**



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

**Description:**

The Ezekiel Silvers House at 143 North Main Street has undergone little to no alterations since it was surveyed by Richard Grubb & Associates in 2017. Similarly, the barn to the rear (west) of the dwelling does not appear to have changed since 2017.

**History:** No changes from the 2017 survey.

**Setting:**

No changes from the 2017 survey.

**Registration  
and Status**

**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?

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick

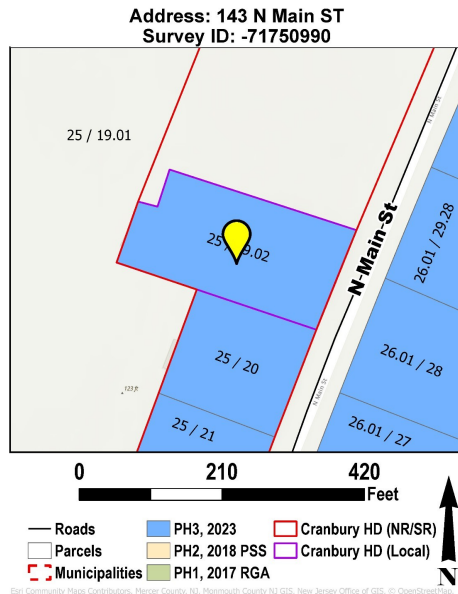
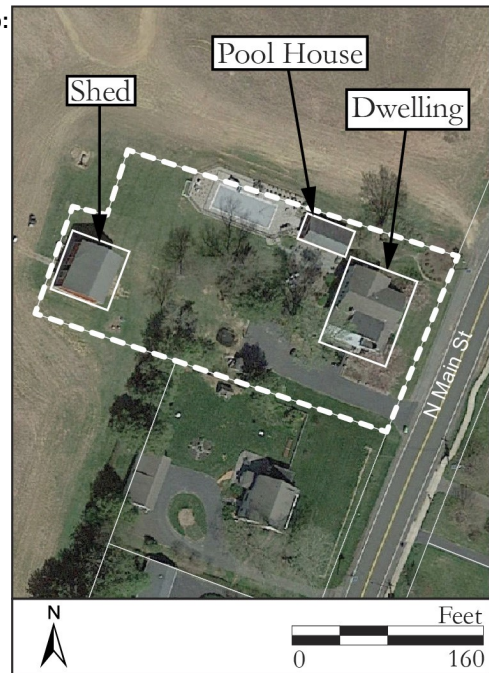
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**Location Map:****Site Map:****BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:	(if applicable)
Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.	Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phase I, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Prepared for the Township of Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	2017		

**Additional Information:**

The Ezekiel Silvers House at 143 North Main Street was recommended as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District by Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. in 2017. Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. concurs with the previous recommendation.

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

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

Conversion Problem? ☐    ConversionNote: 1202\_25\_19.02

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

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### Description:

The Ezekiel Silvers House at 143 North Main Street is a two-story house with three sections. The core (built 1840) is a two-story, three-bay frame vernacular section to the south; to the north is a larger front-gabled section with a recessed wing extending to the north. The cross-gabled roof is entirely sheathed with asphalt shingles and features small returns in the gables. The core has a rectangular brick chimney at the south end of its ridge. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Fenestration consists of a variety of windows, including three-over-three and six-over-six vinyl-sash within molded wood surrounds. The core has three bays of windows, and the front gabled section also has three bays. The wing has a single bay on the main (east) elevation. The entrance is a four-panel replacement door flanked by sidelights on the front gabled section. A shed-roof porch with a cross-gabled roof and square posts shelters the entrance. The historic entrance into the core has been converted into a window. The north elevation features two ranks of windows on the side of the front gabled section and three ranks of windows on the wing. The south elevation features two ranks of replacement six-over-six vinyl sash windows on the core and an open porch supported by columns on the south elevation of the front gabled section.

In the rear of the property is a frame barn. It is an example of a ground barn of the plan common in medieval England, with a center threshing floor accessed on each side wall by large barn doors. The barn's gabled roof is clad with asphalt shingles, and the walls are clad with flush vertical siding. The frame walls have few wall openings: windows in the peaks of the gables and a human-scaled door on the north elevation in addition to the large paired barn doors. It stands on a stone foundation.

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History: The property does not appear on the 1861 Walling map, the 1872 Beers atlas, or the 1876 Everts and Stewart map. The property is not shown on the 1916 or 1933 Sanborn Atlases. The 1940 historic aerial photograph shows the house with the barn and a large ancillary farm building in the rear of the lot. The ancillary building appears on aerials until 1987, and its foundation ruins survive today. The historic aerial depict the earlier appearance of the farmhouse until 2000. Two sections of the farmhouse were demolished circa 2002 and replaced by the large L-shaped addition, and the aerial photographs beginning in 2006 show the current size of the farmhouse.

#### Setting:

The Ezekiel Silvers House at 143 North Main Street is located on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 19.02) 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 20 feet from North Main Street. A paved driveway leads east from North Main Street to an attached garage on the dwelling's northwest elevation. A two-story frame barn is located west of the dwelling. The property is lightly wooded. The Ezekiel Silvers House at 143 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 north of the parcel.

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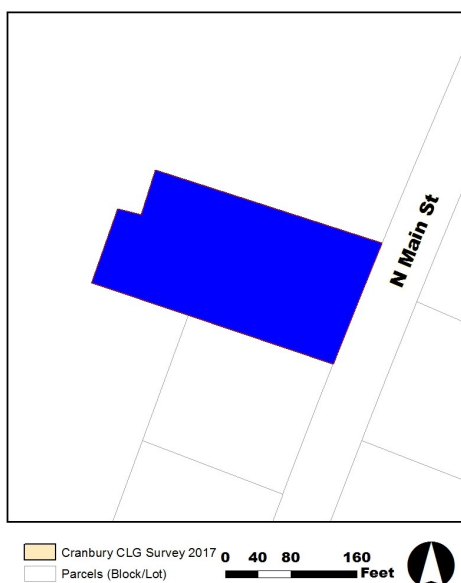
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#### Location Map:

#### Site Map:



#### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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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, 143 North Main Street		

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**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Ezekiel Silvers House at 143 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. However, since the 1989 survey, the subject dwelling has undergone extensive alterations. Therefore, RGA recommends the Ezekiel Silvers House at 143 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the district.

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

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**Date form completed:** 7/25/2017

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