

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 759326031

**Property Name:** 139 North Main Street  
**Address:** 139 N Main ST

**Ownership:** Private  
**Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	20

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

139 North Main Street is a two-and-one-half-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling built in 1929 in the Colonial Revival style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with a one-story, flat-roof, wing (likely an original enclosed porch) on the northeast elevation and a small, one-story, flat-roof addition at the northwest corner (added circa 1975). A three-bay-wide, shed-roof dormer interrupts the main block's primary (southeast) roof slope and an exterior brick chimney extends above the southwest gable end. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in machined shingles. Windows on the main block are six-over-six, wood-sash units set within wood surrounds (historic, likely original) with aluminum storm windows. Wood shutters with spade motifs and metal shutter dogs flank the windows on the primary elevation on both the first and second floors. The shutters on the first floor were installed sometime prior to 2013 and may be original to the dwelling, while the shutters on the second floor were installed around 2016. The primary elevation of the main block has a symmetrical fenestration and features a full-length porch with paired, wood Doric columns (historic, likely original). A wood balustrade with a criss-cross pattern lines the roof of the porch in front of the dormer. The central primary entrance contains a six-panel wood door set within a wood surround and flanked by square pilasters and wood sidelights (historic, likely original). The northeast and southwest elevations both have symmetrical fenestration, with a metal, louvered vent in the gable end of the northeast elevation. Similar to the porch on the main block, paired wood Doric columns accent the corners of the northeast wing. A large, replacement wood picture window is centered on the northeast elevation of the northeast wing. The one-story, northwest addition and the rear (northwest) elevation are not visible from the public right-of-way. The foundation is not visible.

A one-story-tall, one-bay-deep detached garage stands approximately 60 feet west of the dwelling. The northeast half of the building was constructed in 1929, and the southwest half was added circa 1950. An asphalt-shingle, side-gabled roof with a slight change in pitch in the rear (northwest) slope tops the garage. Machined shingles clad the exterior and the garage contains six-over-one, wood sash windows on the northeast and southwest elevations. Four modern, metal, double-leaf garage doors with eight inset lights above two rectangular panels line the primary (southeast) elevation. The rear (northwest) elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling consist of its massing, three-bay-wide dormer, wood-sash windows, paired wood Doric columns, and wood balustrade with a criss-cross pattern.

History: 139 North Main Street was constructed in 1929 and is an example of an early twentieth-century, Colonial Revival-style dwelling in

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Cranbury. In 1924, the large tract of land on which the subject dwelling was later constructed was purchased by Ezekiel S. Barclay at a sheriff's sale (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] 1924 Deed Book 771:49). Five years later, Ezekiel sold a small parcel that encompassed the subject property to his son, Albert C. Barclay, Sr. (MCCO 971:331). The subject dwelling was constructed shortly thereafter and first appears in a 1930 aerial image as one of the first dwellings built north of Plainsboro Road on North Main Street (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 1930). The north half of the extant detached garage was also present on the subject property in 1930. A 1940 aerial clearly shows the dwelling with the extant one-story, northeast wing (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1940). Around 1950, the south half of the extant detached garage was constructed (NETR 1940, 1953). Sometime during the mid-to late twentieth century, the dwelling's siding was replaced with machined shingles and the northeast wing was fully enclosed. A one-story addition was built at the northwest corner of the dwelling around 1975 (NETR 1972, 1979). Albert C. Barclay, Sr. (1906–1979), former Cranbury Township clerk and director of the First National Bank of Cranbury, resided at the subject property until his passing (Trenton Times, 5 January 1979:13). Around 2016, wood shutters with a spade motif were installed on the second floor of the primary elevation (Google Imagery 2013, 2019). These second-floor shutters are similar in appearance to shutters that were installed on the first floor of the primary elevation sometime prior to 2013 (Google Imagery 2013).

#### Setting:

139 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 20) 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 70 feet from the road. A fieldstone retaining wall lines the southeast side of the parcel. An asphalt driveway extends along the southwest border of the property and loops in front of the garage. Mature trees and shrubs are planted in close proximity to the dwelling. 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: 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:

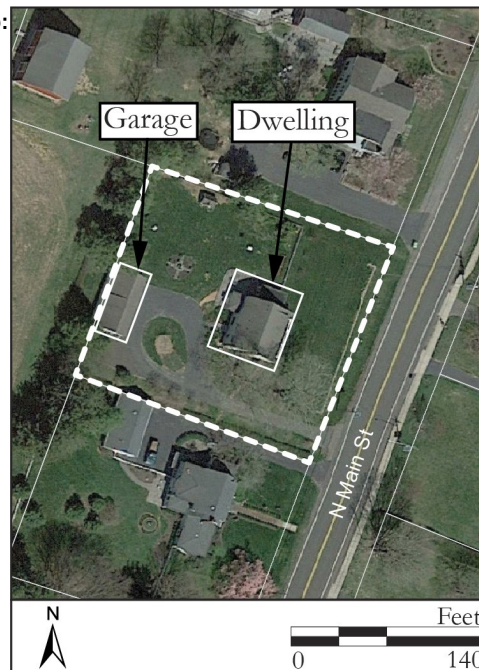
☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:



#### Site Map:



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#### Additional Information:

139 North Main Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination and evaluated as a non-contributing (harmonious) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 139 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. The dwelling retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

**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: 1202\_25\_20

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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