New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

1226915908

Property Name: 2 Barclay Street Ownership: Private 2 Barclay ST **ZIP:** 08512 Address: Apartment #:

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County: Municipality: **Local Place Name: USGS Quad:** Block: Lot: **MIDDLESEX** Cranbury township Cranbury Hightstown 25 24

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

2 Barclay Street is a two-story-tall, three-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1929 as a one-story Bungalow and raised to two stories in the 1980s. The dwelling consists of a front-gabled main block and a one-story-tall, three-bay-wide, gable-roof addition on the rear (northeast) elevation (built circa 2019). An exterior brick chimney extends above the northwest elevation and an interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridge of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding, with vinyl board and batten on the first floor of the primary (southwest) and northwest elevations. Windows generally consist of single and paired, vinyl-sash replacement units set within vinyl surrounds. The central, primary entrance contains a wood panel door with three lights (possibly original). A one-story, wraparound porch extends along the primary and northwest elevations (built circa 2019). The porch has a hipped roof covered with standing-seam metal panels and is supported by square vinyl posts. Vinyl railings flank the central stairway providing access to the porch. Centered on the southeast elevation is a one-and-one-half-story, front-gabled projecting bay. A secondary entrance is located on the southeast elevation of the rear addition. Sheltered by a front-gabled portico and accessed by a small wood deck, it contains a metal storm door and a modern wood door. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands atop a parged foundation.

A one-story-tall, one-bay-wide, frame garage, built circa 1935, is located approximately 25 feet northwest of the dwelling. Capped with an asphalt-shingle, front-gabled roof, the garage is clad in vinyl siding. A single, metal roll-top door is centered on the primary (southwest) elevation.

History: 2 Barclay Street was constructed circa 1929 and is an example of an early twentieth-century vernacular dwelling in Cranbury. In 1929, Ernest E. Campbell purchased the subject property as an empty lot from Ezekiel S. Barclay (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1929 Deed Book 963:201). The subject dwelling, originally a one-story Bungalow, was likely constructed shortly thereafter (Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission 2023). The 1930 federal census lists Ernest Campbell, his wife, Mary, and their two children as residents of the subject dwelling. Campbell was employed as a life insurance agent (United States Census Bureau 1930). The dwelling first appears on a 1930 aerial photograph in nearly its current footprint, with a one-story, hipped-roof porch on the primary elevation and the garage first appears clearly on a 1940 photograph (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 1930; Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1940). During the 1980s, the dwelling was raised to its current two-story height (Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission 2023). By 2019, the shed-roof porch was replaced by a larger wraparound porch and a one-story addition was constructed on the rear elevation of

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the dwelling (Google 2019). The current siding and windows were also likely installed around 2019.

Setting:

2 Barclay Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 24) located on the northwest of the side of Barclay Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southwest and is set back approximately 45 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends along the southeast border of the property and leads to the detached garage. A brick path leads from the roadway to the primary entrance. Shrubs are planted within 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 National Historic Landmark?:

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and Status 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?

Location Map:

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210

PH1, 2017 RGA

PH3, 2023

420 Feet

Cranbury HD (NR/SR)

PH2, 2018 PSS Cranbury HD (Local)

Site Map:



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Additional Information:

The dwelling at 2 Barclay Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination and evaluated as a potential contributing resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 2 Barclay Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its low integrity of materials, design, and workmanship.

More Research Needed?									
INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE C	ONLY:								
Attachments Included:		Building	0	Bridge					
	0	Structure	0	Landscape					
	0	Object	0	Industry					
Historic District?	✓								
District Name: Cranbury Historic District									
Status: Non Contributing									
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Conversion Problem?	Conversion 6/21/2023	nNote: 1202_25_24							

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