

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-2141053027**

**Property Name:** Elizabeth Dye House **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 101 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	30.01

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Elizabeth Dye House at 101 North Main Street is a two-and-a-half-story, two-bay, three-pile, frame Queen Anne style residence constructed in 1897 with a two-story rear addition. The house has a cube-shaped massing with a deeply hipped (nearly pyramidal) roof and protruding bays on each elevation. The roof is sheathed with slate shingles and features overhanging eaves clad with vinyl siding. Small returns are located in the three gables over the protruding bays, one of which is located on the south half of the main (east) elevation. A replacement half-circle attic window is located in each of these gables. The exterior of the entire dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Fenestration consists of one-over-one vinyl-sash replacement windows, some of which are paired. The south half of the main elevation is a shallow protruding bay with a wide center panel containing a paired window on each floor and angled side panels with a window on each floor level. The front porch is a hipped roof element with an inset gable at its northern terminus over the entrance. The eaves of the porch are supported by unfluted Ionic columns connected by a low railing. The entrance is a single wood replacement door with three lancet-shaped inset lights over a crossbuck. Brick steps with three sets of iron railings lead to the grade of the front lawn.

The south elevation faces onto Plainsboro Road. The cladding materials of the core are repeated: slate shingles on the roof and vinyl-clad walls. All windows are one-over-one windows that appear to be replacement units. The protruding bay is aligned with the west wall and occupies half of the wall surface. Like the front bay, it has a wider center panel with a paired window on the second floor but a single window on the first floor. The front porch wraps around this elevation, with a curved corner near the intersection. The north wall of the core

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repeats the cladding of the main elevation. The protruding bay is aligned with the west wall of the core and features a gable over a rectangular bay. The windows of the protruding bay are a half-circle attic unit and paired one-over-one vinyl sash replacement units on the lower floors. The house has a stucco-clad foundation.

The rear addition is a two-story, one-bay extension that is aligned with the north wall of the core. Its gabled roof is clad with slate shingles and features a molded cornice with returns on the west end and a square brick interior slope chimney near the intersection with the core. The walls are clad with vinyl siding and feature replacement one-over-one windows installed irregularly over the wall surface. Weathering on the siding indicates that some windows formerly had flanking shutters. A small one-story addition on the south elevation of the rear addition has a hipped roof, frame walls clad with vinyl siding, a small one-over-one window on the south elevation, and a late nineteenth century door on the west elevation opening onto a brick stoop with an iron railing.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the semi-hexagonal projecting bays and return cornices in the gable ends.

History: The 1916 Sanborn Atlas depicts the house without its rear addition. At that time, the front porch wrapped around the north elevation as well, with an overall C-shaped. The Sanborn Atlas of 1933 does not cover this portion of Cranbury. The rear addition had been added prior to the historic aerial photograph of 1940, and the house has retained its overall shape since that time.

**Setting:**

The Elizabeth Dye House at 101 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 30.01) located on the west side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded by North Main Street to the east and Plainsboro Road to the south. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing east and is set back approximately 15 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk spans the east and south sides of the parcel. A paved parking area adjoins the dwelling to the west, accessed by paved driveways on the east and south sides of the parcel. The property is lightly wooded. The Elizabeth Dye House at 101 North Main Street is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by other residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

**Registration and Status Dates:**

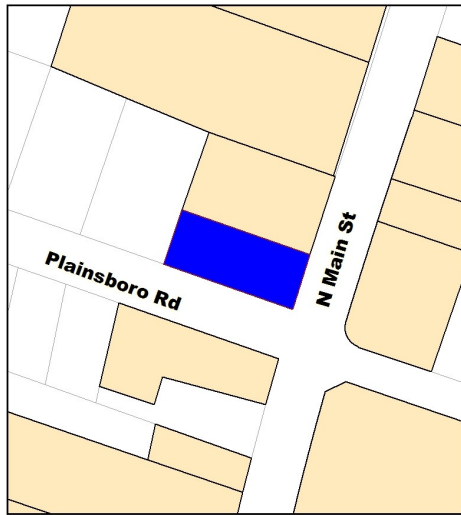
**National Historic Landmark?:**   
**National Register:** 9/18/1980  
**New Jersey Register:** 8/9/1979  
**Determination of Eligibility:** 3/25/1977  
**Certification of Eligibility:**

**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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**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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, 101 North Main Street			

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Elizabeth Dye House at 101 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Elizabeth Dye House at 101 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)

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**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)

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