

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **517698108**

**Property Name:** 163 North Main Street **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 163 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

## PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	87

## Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

## Description:

163 North Main Street is a two-story-tall, five-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1981. The dwelling consists of a five-bay-wide, asymmetrical side-gable-roof main block with a side-gabled, one-story wing to the northeast that connects to a front-gabled, one-and-one-half-story, clipped-gable-roof garage. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles throughout. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows are primarily six-over-six, vinyl-sash units. An enclosed, front-gabled projection is centered on the main block's primary (southeast) elevation and contains the primary entrance, accessed by a brick and concrete stoop. The material of the door in the primary entrance is obscured by a glazed metal storm door. A tripartite, fixed vinyl window is located in the northwest bay of the southwest elevation. The northeast wing features a concrete and brick porch with an overhanging roof supported by a square wood post. A secondary entrance is located in the southern bay of the northeast wing and contains a vinyl door. The porch also shelters a vinyl door that leads to the attached garage on its southwest elevation. The primary elevation of the garage is symmetrical and contains two metal panel roll-top doors with glazing along with a single four-over-over, vinyl-sash window in the gable peak. The rear (northwest) elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands on a concrete foundation

**History:** 163 North Main Street was constructed circa 1981 and is an example of a late twentieth-century dwelling in Cranbury. The subject property was purchased in 1981 by Joseph and Donna O'Rourke (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1981 Deed Book 3199:753). The dwelling was likely built for the O'Rourke family shortly after they purchased the land. The dwelling first appears on aerial photographs beginning in 1984, showing its current footprint. (Nationwide Environmental Title 1984). The dwelling has undergone minimal alterations since its construction.

## Setting:

163 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 87) 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 120 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends from northwest from North Main Street to the attached garage. A paved stone path extends from the driveway to the primary entrance. Mature trees and 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 late twentieth centuries.

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

**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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Registration and Status Dates:

National Historic Landmark?:   
National Register: 9/18/1980  
New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979  
Determination of Eligibility: 3/26/1977  
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:**

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:	(if applicable)
Middlesex County Clerk's Office	On file, Middlesex County Clerk's Office, New Brunswick, New Jersey.			
Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR)	Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, <a href="http://www.historicaerials.com">http://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed May 2023.	1984		

**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 163 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

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\_87

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

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