

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -1992032181

**Property Name:** 156 North Main Street  
**Address:** 156 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	26	29.01

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

156 North Main Street is a two-story-tall, five-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling constructed circa 1989 in the New Traditional Colonial Revival style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with two, one-and-one-half-story side-gabled wings to the northeast and southwest, and two one-story wings on the rear (southeast) elevation. Three, symmetrically placed, front-gabled dormers interrupt the primary (northwest) slope of the main block, and two interrupt the primary roof slopes of the northeast and southwest wings. Asphalt shingles cover the roof throughout. The roof of the main block is accented by a dentillated frieze board which extends across to the northeast and southwest wings. An interior, brick chimney pierces the primary roof slope of the northeast wing. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding, and windows are all vinyl-sash units. The primary elevation of the main block has symmetrical fenestration with eight-over-eight windows on the second floor and eight-over-twelve windows capped with vinyl lintels on the first floor, all flanked by inoperable, vinyl louvered shutters. A tripartite vinyl window is featured in the center bay of the main block's second floor. Located below it, the primary entrance contains a pair of paneled vinyl doors topped with a narrow transom. The entrance is sheltered by a vinyl balcony with vinyl posts and capped with a dentillated cornice and simple vinyl balustrade on the roof. The northeast wing's northeast elevation is obscured by vegetation, and the southwest wing's southwest elevation has asymmetrical fenestration. It features three garage bays with vinyl roll-top doors. The rear elevation contains a central, one-story, shed-roof wing flanked by a semi-hexagonal wing on its southeast elevation. A large exterior brick chimney abuts the southeast elevation of the central wing, which has asymmetrical fenestration. The dwelling stands on a concrete foundation.

A modern frame shed stands northeast of the dwelling.

**History:** 156 North Main Street was constructed circa 1989 and is an example of a late twentieth-century dwelling in Cranbury. The subject dwelling was constructed by Cranbury Walk, Inc. circa 1989 and sold to Mario and Karen Fiorentini. Cranbury (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1990 Deed Book 3851:816). Cranbury Walk, Inc., a development company, constructed 28 houses along North Main Street during the late 1980s and early 1990s. The houses, including the subject dwelling, featured a Colonial Revival-inspired design (Sunday Star-Ledger, 22 October 1989:243). The design was intended to be compatible with nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings within the Cranbury Historic District, as the township sought to preserve the district's historic character in light of nearby suburban development (The Times, 28 July 1989:78). The dwelling first appears with its current footprint in a 1995 aerial photograph (Nationwide Environmental Title Research 1995). The dwelling has undergone minimal alterations since its construction.

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

**Surveyor:** Spencer Rubino

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

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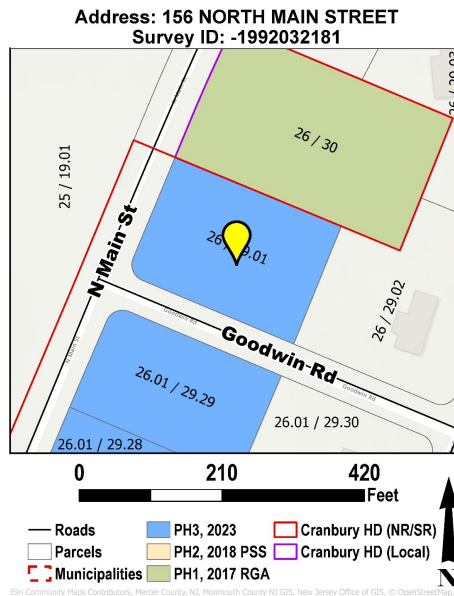
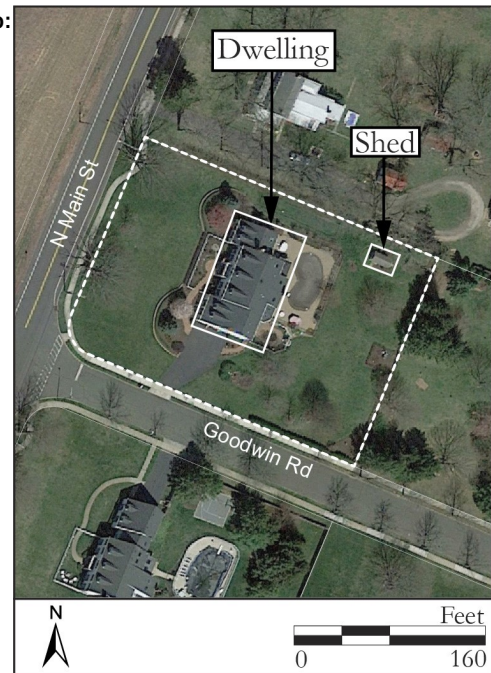
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**Setting:**

156 North Main Street is sited on a roughly rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 25) located on the southeast side of North Main Street, at the southwest corner of its intersection with Goodwin Road, in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 75 feet from North Main Street. An asphalt-paved driveway extends northeast from Goodwin Road and leads to the southwest wing. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties generally 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:****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="https://www.historicaerials.com">https://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed May 2023.	1987		
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Sunday Star-Ledger (Newark, New Jersey)	Cranbury Walk Advertisement. 22 October: 243. Newark, New Jersey.	1989		
The Times (Trenton, New Jersey)	Historic Cranbury Struggles with Development to Preserve Charm. 28 July: 78. Trenton, New Jersey.	1989		

**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 156 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

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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)

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Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202\_26\_29.01

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

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