

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1990593921

**Property Name:** William E. Grove House

**Ownership:** Private

**Address:** 102 N Main ST

**Apartment #:**

**ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	13.01

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The William E. Grove House at 102 North Main Street is a two-and-a-half-story tall, four-bay wide, three-bay deep, frame private residence constructed in 1911 in a vernacular Queen Anne style. The dwelling, which has a concrete foundation, consists of a square main block; a one-story, one-bay frame addition to the northeast (built circa 1975); a one-story, four-bay attached garage to the southeast (built circa 1971); and a one-story enclosed porch extending from the northeast elevation of the attached garage (built circa 1975). The hipped roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The dwelling has two interior chimneys: one on the southeast bent of the main block, and one on the southwest bent of the attached garage. Front-gabled dormers, added by 1987, with paired one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows pierce the northeast and southeast bents of the roof. A front-gabled dormer, with a fixed semicircular wood window and a return cornice, crowns a semi-hexagonal projecting bay on the front elevation. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in composite shingles. Fenestration on the front elevation, including the projecting bay on both the first and second floors, consists of one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows within molded wood surrounds. The primary entrance, located in the north bay, is a paneled wood door with a wood screen door. A porch with a hipped roof wraps around from the front elevation to the southwest elevation. The porch has tapered columns and a low railing with thin balusters. Windows on the southwest elevation vary from single to paired, one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows. A secondary entrance, a single wood door with one pane and a wood screen door, is located in the central bay on the main block. The attached garage abuts the dwelling to the southwest and features a bay window with one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl-sash windows; a wood door with three inset lights, an aluminum screen door, and a concrete stoop with a metal railing; and two metal roll-top garage doors.

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The rear elevation is largely void of openings; the main block has one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows on the second floor. Windows on the northwest elevation are one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows. The one-story, one-bay addition has a vinyl bay window with four casement lights; the gable end has a louvered window and a pent eave. The one-story enclosed porch has casement vinyl and screen windows. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the one-story wraparound porch, semi-hexagonal projecting bay on the front elevation, and front-gabled dormer with a return cornice.

**History:** The William E. Grove House at 102 North Main Street was once part of an apple orchard operated by the Griggs family between 1925 and 1951. In addition to apples, the Griggs family also sold potatoes, asparagus, and berries. The property contained a large packinghouse in the early twentieth century, demolished in 1958 (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society n.d.) The William E Grove House at 102 North Main Street first appears cartographically on the 1916 Sanborn map of Cranbury Township as a two-story frame dwelling with a one-story front porch, a projecting bay on the front elevation, and a one-story rear porch. A two-story garage stood east of the subject dwelling, demolished by 1933. The 1933 Sanborn map shows the subject dwelling with a one-story porch that wraps around from the front elevation to the southwest elevation. The rear porch was removed by 1933 and the two-story garage was replaced with a one-story garage and a two-story stable that faced Plainsboro Road. According to historic aerial photographs, the one-story garage and two-story stable were demolished circa 1960. Historic aerial photographs also indicate that attached garage was constructed circa 1971, while the one-story northeast addition and the one-story enclosed porch were constructed circa 1975.

**Setting:**

The William E. Grove House at 102 North Main Street is sited on a square parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 13.01) located on the east side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the west by North Main Street and to the south by Plainsboro Road. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 15 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk spans the west and south sides of the parcel. A paved driveway leads north from Plainsboro Road to an attached garage on the dwelling's southeast elevation. A one-story shed is located northeast of the dwelling. The property is enclosed by a wood fence and is lightly wooded. The William E. Grove House at 102 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:**

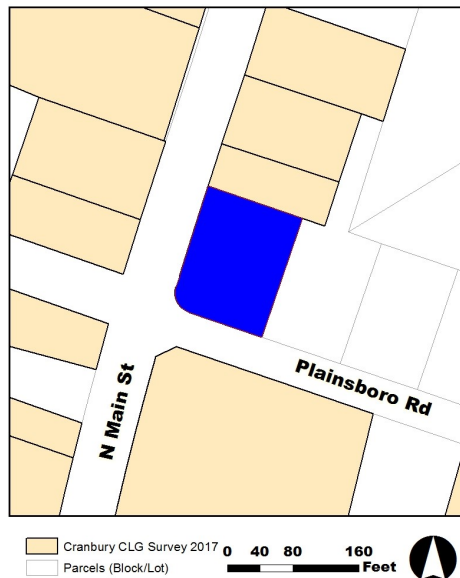
**Other Designation Date:**

☐ **Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

☐ **Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

**Location Map:**

**Site Map:**



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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, 102 North Main Street			

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey found that the William E. Grove House at 102 North Main Street is a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the William E. Grove House at 102 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

**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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