

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 22030357

Property Name: 144 North Main Street
Address: 144 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	26.01	28

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

144 North Main Street is a two-story-tall, five-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling constructed circa 1936 in the Colonial Revival style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with a one-story tall, two-bay-wide, side-gabled addition to the southwest (added circa 1960); a one-and-one-half-story-tall, one-bay-wide, side-gabled addition to the northeast (added circa 1960); and a two-story-tall, side-gabled addition on the northeast elevation of the northeast addition (added circa 1990) that connects the dwelling to a circa-1960, one-and-one-half-story-tall, frame garage. Wood shingles cover the roof throughout. An exterior, brick chimney is centered on the southwest elevation of the main block, and an interior brick chimney extends from the junction of the circa-1960 northeast addition and the circa-1990 northeast addition. and the two-story, side-gable addition. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood shingles. Windows vary between double-hung, wood-sash windows on the main block and additions, interspersed with vinyl-sash replacement units. Wood batten shutters flank the windows on the primary (northwest), northeast, and southeast elevations. The primary elevation of the main block has symmetrical fenestration, with six-over-six, wood-sash windows set into wood surrounds with slightly molded lintels (historic, likely original). The central, primary entrance contains a replacement paneled wood door, set into a wood surround with segmented sidelights and unfluted pilasters, topped by a pediment with a sunburst motif (historic, likely original). The northeast and southwest elevations of the main block are partially obscured by additions, and contain six-over-six, wood-sash windows on the first and second floors. The southwest gable end contains a four-light, fixed wood window (historic, likely original), while the northeast gable end contains a six-over-six, wood-sash window. On the northeast elevation of the main block, there is a secondary entrance with a paneled wood door and a wood storm door (possibly historic).

The circa-1960, southwest addition has an eight-over-eight, vinyl-sash window on its primary elevation, with a tripartite, vinyl-sash window on the southwest elevation and a vinyl-sash window in the southwest gable end. The circa-1960, northeast addition contains two gabled dormers on its primary (northwest) slope, and an incorporated porch with square, wood columns that shelters an eight-over-eight, vinyl-sash window on the primary elevation. The primary elevation of the circa-1990, northeast addition contains vinyl-sash windows on the first floor with a tripartite, vinyl-sash window centered on the second floor. Its northeast elevation has symmetrical fenestration with vinyl-sash windows. The foundation of the dwelling is not visible. The rear (southeast) elevation of the dwelling is not visible from the public right-of-way.

A circa-1960, one-and-one-half-story-tall, frame garage is connected to the northeast elevation of the dwelling. It is largely obscured from

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the public right-of-way. It appears to be clad in wood shingles and contain vinyl-sash windows.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the massing of the main block; wood shingles cladding the roof and exterior walls; wood-sash windows; and massing, wood-sash windows, wood window surrounds, and wood door surround with a pediment and sunburst motif.

History: 144 North Main Street was constructed circa 1936 and is an example of an early twentieth-century, Colonial Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1936, the subject property was purchased by Edward (E.) Stanley Barclay and his wife, Elinor as an empty lot (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1936 Deed Book 1102:212). The subject dwelling was likely built for the Barclays shortly after their purchase. E. Stanley worked as a merchant and later office manager for a farm produce broker. He and Elinor lived in the subject dwelling with their daughter, Susan, son, Edward, and a boarder named E.M. Humphrey (United States Bureau of the Census 1940, 1950). The subject dwelling first appears on a 1940 aerial photograph, which depicts the main block as one of the few dwellings on the southeast side of North Main Street at the time (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1940). Around 1960, a one-story, side-gabled addition was built on the dwelling's southwest elevation and a one-and-one-half-story, side-gabled addition was built on the northeast elevation (NETR 1957, 1963). A one-and-one-half-story, detached garage was also built northeast of the dwelling during this period. The subject dwelling underwent few alterations through the 1970s and 1980s (NETR 1972, 1979, 1984). Around 1990, a two-story addition was constructed on the northeast elevation of the circa-1960 northeast addition, connecting to the garage (NETR 1987, 1995).

Setting:

144 North Main Street is sited on a roughly rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 28) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 90 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway runs from North Main Street to the southwest of the dwelling and forms a small spur behind it to connect to the garage. 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:

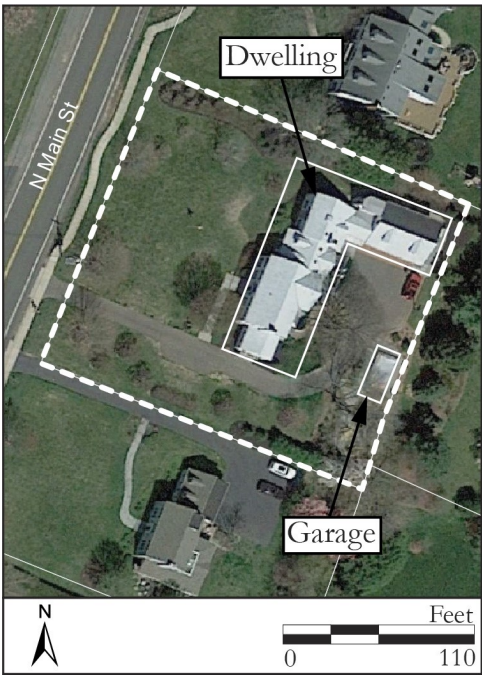
☐ **Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

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

Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1950

Additional Information:

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 144 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. Despite additions that post-date the district's period of significance, the dwelling retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:

Attachments Included:

<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry

Historic District ? ☒

District Name: Cranbury Historic District

Status: Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202_26.01_28

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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