

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1281092485

**Property Name:** 12 Prospect Street  
**Address:** 12 PROSPECT ST

**Ownership:** Private  
**Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

| County:   | Municipality:     | Local Place Name: | USGS Quad: | Block: | Lot: |
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| MIDDLESEX | Cranbury township |                   |            | 28     | 14   |

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 58

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 12 Prospect Street, perhaps constructed in the mid-19th century and altered multiple times, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable and shed-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this aluminum siding-clad, frame residence is 2 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, 1-bay, centered, gabled porch and backed on the southeast elevation by a 1-story rear el. The foundation is not visible from the public right-of-way. A 2-story, hipped and composite-roofed volume projects from the southeast bays of the southwest, side elevation. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 2/2 replacement sash. An exterior brick chimney is located in the center of the northeast, side elevation. The pedimented porch includes historic replacement square-section posts. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the central bay of the northwest elevation and accessed by the porch, includes a historic door with a large single light over recessed panels. The remaining bays are asymmetrically fenestrated on both floors. The southwest, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated and includes staggered windows on the projecting volume. The projecting volume is accessed by a secondary entrance that includes a 4-light door, flanking windows, and a shed-roofed door hood with shaped brackets. The northeast, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated by fixed and sash windows. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. A 1-story, gable-roofed, concrete block garage is located to the southeast of the residence.

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**Organization:** Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor

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Historic maps indicate that Prospect Street was opened in the 3rd quarter of the 19th century and, by 1876, included 6 residences on its northwest side and 2 residences on its southeast side. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection parcel database indicates that the residence at 12 Wesley Street was constructed in 1880. The earliest indication of a residence on the lot is the 1876 Everts and Stewart map, which documents a residence owned by "Mrs. M. A. Rogers." The residence is documented on the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 1-story, full-width front porch, a 1-story, full-width rear el, a 1-story side porch, and a 1-story garage. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the main volume fronted on the northwest by the existing entry porch, and with an enclosed porch flanking the main volume on the southwest. The form of the main volume and its orientation strongly suggest that the building was constructed as a side-gabled residence that faced southwest. Several windows have 2/2 sash, the building is clad in asbestos shingle siding, and the garage has a sliding, vertical board door. Visual evidence suggests the reorientation of the building toward Prospect Street and the accompanying construction of the gabled entry porch occurred during a construction campaign sometime in the 1920s. Historic aerial photographs indicate that extensive alterations to the rear and southwest side of the building, changing its fundamental massing, took place between 1995 and 2002.

12 Prospect Street is a non-contributing property by virtue of the extensive alterations after the period of significance that are visible from the public right-of-way, including the altered fenestration patterns, alterations to the historic massing, and the replacement of the window sash and siding materials.

#### Setting:

Prospect Street is a short, residential street that connects Bunker Hill Driver, to the southwest, to Plainsboro Road, to the northeast. The residences are predominantly single family dwellings of moderate size.

#### 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:

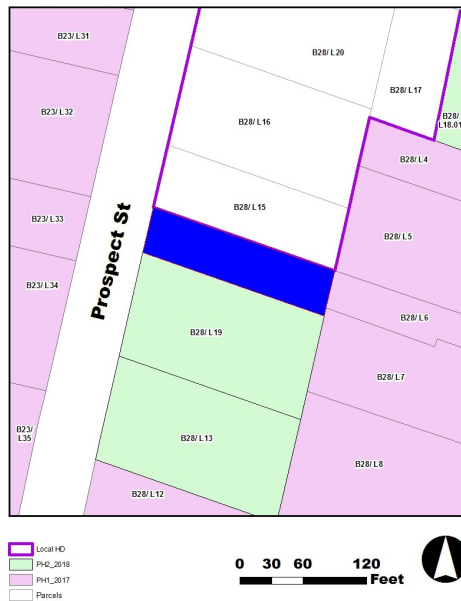
Other Designation Date:

☐ 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) |
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| Heritage Studies                | Preserving Cranbury Township  | 1989 |
| (None Listed)                   | 1876 Everts and Stewart Map   | 1876 |
| Walsh, Ruth                     | National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey   | 1979 |
| (None Listed)                   | 1850 Otley and Keily Map  | 1850 |
| (None Listed)                   | 1916 Sanborn Map  | 1916 |
| (None Listed)                   | 1933 Sanborn Map  | 1933 |
| (None Listed)                   | Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at <a href="http://historicaerials.com">historicaerials.com</a> and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth |      |
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**Additional Information:**

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**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

|                              |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Attachments Included:</b> | <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:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐

(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

Date form completed: 8/24/2018

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