

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **2015669783**

Property Name: 103 Plainsboro-Cranbury Road **Ownership:** Private
Address: 101 PLAINSBORO RD **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			28	18.01

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 32

Description:

PS&S recommends that 103 Plainsboro-Cranbury Road, constructed circa 1870 but significantly altered in later construction campaigns, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad dwelling on a covered foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the northeast by a 1-story, hipped-roofed enclosed porch volume in the northwest bays and backed on the southwest by a 2-story, gable-roofed secondary volume. The rear volume is in turn backed by a 1-story, gable-roofed rear el. A 1-story, gable-roofed side volume is on the northwest side. A 1-story, hipped-roofed entry porch is located in the southwest bay of the southeast elevation of the main block. A shed-roofed, added oriel projects from the northeast bay. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle except for the front volume and side porch, which are composite. The oriel has a standing-seam metal roof. The windows predominantly have 1/1 replacement sash. An exterior, stuccoed chimney is centered on the gable end of the main volume on the northwest elevation. The side porch provides access to the primary entrance and includes replaced turned posts, a replaced rail with square-plan balusters, and an added spindle frieze. The primary entrance is located in the southwest bay of the main block and includes a replaced door. The adjacent oriel is lighted by a double window. 2 single windows light the second floor. The rear volume is lighted by a double window on the first floor and a single window on the second. The northeast, street-facing elevation is lighted on the first floor by 1 window in the main block and 2 windows in the projecting volume, with a window in each of the outer bays of the second floor. The

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northwest, side and southwest, rear elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way. A 1 ½-story, gable-roofed, frame garage with siding doors and a historic 6-light window is located to the southeast of the residence.

Historic maps indicate that Plainsboro Road was the northern boundary of the village and remained largely undeveloped until the 3rd quarter of the 19th century. The first residence on this lot is documented in the 1876 Everts and Stewart map as the property of "I. Barlow." 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 rear volume, and a 1-story rear porch. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence clad in brick-patterned asphalt shingle with 6/6 window sash, an exterior brick chimney, a composite-roofed rear volume, a screened front porch with a 12-light central door, and a small, side, entry porch with turned posts. 3 windows light the second floor of the main elevation. A 1 ½-story, frame garage is located to the southeast of the residence. Historic aerial photographs and visual evidence suggest that the residence was extensively altered during a construction campaign sometime between 2002 and 2007 that completely enclosed the front porch, altered the second floor fenestration pattern, replaced the side porch with a larger porch, added a gable-roofed volume on the northwest side, and doubled and stuccoed the chimney.

101 Plainsboro Road is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District by virtue of the extensive alterations visible from the public right-of-way, which include alterations to the historic massing, alterations to the historic fenestration patterns, the replacement of the majority of the window sash, the relocation of the primary entrance to the side elevation, and the addition of the oriel and large side porch.

Setting:

Plainsboro Road is the northern border of the historic village of Cranbury and connects the town to Plainsboro and Princeton, to the west. Ending at Maplewood Avenue, Plainsboro Road is a predominantly residential street bordered by farms to the west.

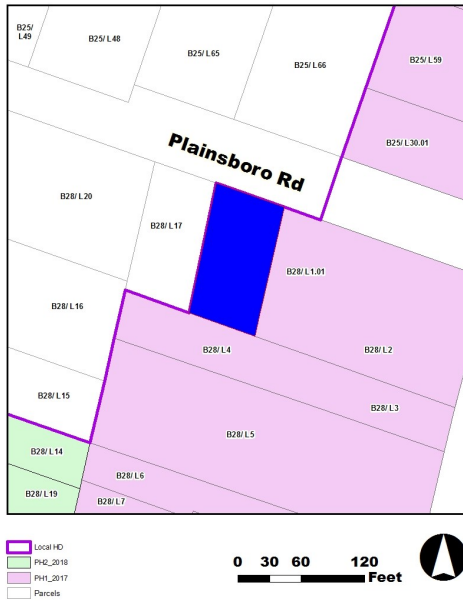
Registration and Status Dates:

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 #:
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989	(if applicable)

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Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(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 historicaerials.com and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933

Additional Information:

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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:

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