

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-567861650**

Property Name: 61 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private
Address: 61 Maplewood AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	29	12

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Elms of Cranbury at 61 Maplewood Avenue is an assisted living facility. The building consists of an original frame dwelling constructed circa 1860 and an expansive series of additions forming an L-shape constructed between 1999 and 2000. The original dwelling at 61 Maplewood Avenue, built in a Carpenter Gothic style, is two-and-a-half stories tall, six bays wide, and three bays deep with a two-story, three-bay shed roof frame addition, dating to circa 1870, to the northwest. The dwelling is capped by a side-gabled roof that is sheathed with slate shingles and features cross-gabled dormers on the front and rear elevations. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof at the northeast gable end. The exterior of the original dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding. Fenestration on the front elevation consists of two-over-two, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash windows with wood walkout windows on the first floor and one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows on the second floor. A four-over-four, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash arch window sits in the front cross gable dormer. A millwork frieze runs along the overhanging eaves and accentuates the dormer. The historic main entrance consists of a single-pane replacement door flanked by sidelights above molded rectangular panels and topped by a segmented, rectangular transom. The entrance is sheltered by a full-length porch with Tuscan columns, thin balusters, and a millwork frieze that extends to the northeast elevation. Fenestration on the northeast elevation, clad in wood clapboard siding consists of one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows. A double-hung arch window, featuring a four-light arch portion over paired six-light rectangular portions, sits beneath the gable peak. A millwork frieze extends from the overhanging eaves of the front elevation and accentuates the gable end. The first floor is enclosed by a porch with vinyl replacement windows with twelve inset lights each. The two-story, three-bay shed roof addition,

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also clad in wood clapboard siding, contains one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows and a single replacement door with nine inset lights. Regular fenestration on the southwest elevation, clad in wood clapboard siding, consists of one-over-one, vinyl replacement windows. A double-hung arch window, featuring a four-light arch portion over paired six-light rectangular portions, sits beneath the gable peak. A millwork frieze extends from the overhanging eaves of the front elevation and accentuates the gable end. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way and connects the original dwelling to the 1999-2000 additions. Character-defining elements of the original dwelling include the one-story porch, arch windows, and decorative millwork trim.

The 1999-2000 additions, clad in vinyl siding, extend from the original dwelling's northwest elevation. They comprise a series of rectangles with intersecting gables sheathed in asphalt shingles. Windows on the additions include four-over-one, single and paired vinyl-sash windows.

History: 61 Maplewood Avenue hosted Sunnyfield Nursing Home before it was purchased by Anita Dietrick in 1998. Dietrick and her husband Edward previously operated The Elms at 25 Park Place West. Dietrick expanded Sunnyfield Nursing Home between 1999 and 2000, renaming it The Elms at Cranbury. The original dwelling at 61 Maplewood Avenue first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township as the residence of "Mrs. Everett," located northeast of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury and its associated cemetery. The original dwelling next appears on the 1872 Beers atlas as the estate of "C. Farr," with the dwelling's northwest addition clearly visible. According to the 1876 Everts and Stewart map, the original dwelling was once owned by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. The 1916 Sanborn map shows the original dwelling's one-story wraparound porch, two-story northwest addition, and a one-story northwest addition that is likely enclosed within the 1999-2000 addition. The 1916 Sanborn map also shows four frame outbuildings, including a two-story "wagon house," all of which were still on the property according to the 1933 Sanborn map. The outbuildings were demolished between 1999 and 2000 when the rear additions were constructed.

Setting:

The Elms of Cranbury at 61 Maplewood Avenue is sited on a trapezoid-shaped parcel (Block 29, Lot 12) located on the northwest side of Maplewood Avenue in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the east by Maplewood Avenue and to the north by Plainsboro Road. A concrete sidewalk spans the east and north sides of the parcel. A paved driveway leads south from Plainsboro Road to an expansive paved parking lot located west of the building. The property is lined with trees on all sides. The Elms of Cranbury at 61 Maplewood Avenue is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early-twentieth centuries. The Westminster Cemetery adjoins the parcel to the southwest.

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?

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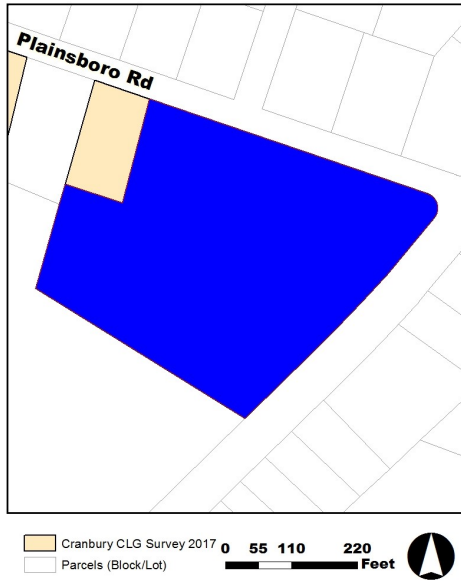
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Location Map:

Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979	(if applicable)
Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989	

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey found that 61 Maplewood Avenue is a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 61 Maplewood Avenue as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and use of materials and design compatible with the Cranbury Historic District. Despite the loss of all associated outbuildings and the extensive additions on the rear of the original dwelling, 61 Maplewood Avenue retains its overall design.

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: Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?

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

Conversion Problem? ConversionNote: 67

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