

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1038672773**

Property Name: 68 North Main Street **Ownership:** Private
Address: 68 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	30	3.01

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

68 North Main Street is a two-story tall, five-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1878 in a vernacular Queen Anne style. The dwelling, which sits on a stucco foundation, consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block; a two-story rear ell; and a wraparound, partially enclosed porch that adjoins the ell on the southwest and rear (southeast) elevations. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior, capped brick chimney pierces the roof at the southwest gable end of the main block. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on the front elevation and vinyl siding on the side elevations, with brick facing the first floor of the rear ell on the northeast elevation. Paired brackets support a molded wood cornice on the front elevation. Regular, symmetrical fenestration on the front elevation consists of one-over-one double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with louvered shutters. A two-story semi-hexagonal projecting bay with flared eaves, clad in wood shingles, is located in the south bay, with one-over-one, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows. The central entrance is a six-panel wood door with an aluminum screen door. A three-bay front porch shelters part of the first floor. It features a course of small turned spindles below the eaves and four thin columns supporting the roof. Louvered windows sit in the southwest elevation of the main block, with a single one-over-one, double-hung, replacement wood-sash window in the west bay on the first floor. The rear ell also has one-over-one, double-hung, replacement-wood sash windows in the west bays on the second floor. An enclosed shed roof porch with sliding screen windows obscures the first floor. The northeast elevation features louvered windows in the gable end of the main block, with one-over-one, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with louvered shutters in the west bays. The first floor of the rear ell is faced with brick, with vinyl siding on the second floor. Windows vary from

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single to paired, one-over-one, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the two-story semi-hexagonal projecting bay, molded cornice with paired brackets, and one-story front porch. A one-story, front-gabled frame shed, built circa 2010, is located southeast of the dwelling.

History: 68 North Main Street was constructed circa 1878 by Nelson Petty, who operated a harness shop on the property from 1877 until his death in 1944. The subject dwelling first appears cartographically on the 1916 Sanborn map of Cranbury Township in its current form. A frame building, Petty's harness shop, stands in the southwest corner of the property. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no changes to the subject dwelling. Petty's harness shop was demolished circa 1944. Historic aerial photographs show that the current shed on the property was built circa 2010.

Setting:

68 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 30, Lot 3.01) located on the east side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northeast and is set back approximately 10 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk, which runs along North Main Street, spans the west side of the parcel. A gravel driveway extends east from North Main Street and terminates halfway along the southwest elevation of the dwelling. A concrete path leads from the southwest elevation of the dwelling through the backyard, planted in grass, to the southeast corner of the parcel. The property is lined with shrubs to the north and east. 68 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

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:

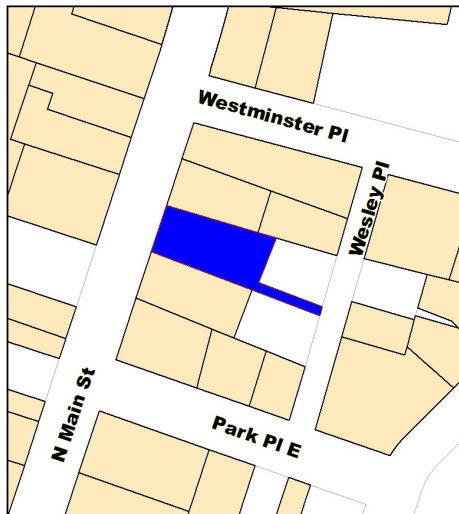
Other Designation Date:

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)
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	

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Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified 68 North Main Street has a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 68 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with the district.

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: 96

Date form completed: 6/26/2017

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