

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 701268132

Property Name: Uriah Dehart House

Ownership: Private

Address: 60 N Main ST

Apartment #:

ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	30	7

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Uriah Dehart House at 60 North Main Street is a two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, two-pile, frame commercial building and private residence constructed circa 1845 and later renovated in the Gothic Revival style. The building has multiple rear additions and a freestanding frame outbuilding to the east.

The main block is the two-and-a-half story, five-bay Gothic Revival commercial building. Its cross-gabled roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and features a centered cross-gable with a rectangular window sealed with louvered shutters. The house has a molded cornice that doubles as an interior gutter system over an expressed wood frieze. The house has wood clapboard walls on the main elevation. The second floor has five one-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash (replacement) windows with aluminum storm windows and louvered shutters. A protruding storefront below a pent roof occupies the first floor; it features large plate glass windows and a recessed entrance with a metal crossbuck screen door accessed via two concrete steps.

The south end of the original building faces Park Place East. The south end chimney is clearly visible. The molded cornice has returns at the eaveline, flanking two four-light attic windows (possibly original). The storefront wraps around this elevation and occupies the western half of the elevation. Fenestration on the end wall is balanced, with one-over-one double hung sash windows flanked by louvered shutters, with two on the second floor and one on the first floor. The north end of the building shares many of the same features. The roof is clad

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with asphalt shingles, and the molded cornice includes returns that flank the two four-light attic windows (possibly original). Because of additions, little of the wall surface is visible from the public right-of-way. The end wall appears to be solid, with the only wall opening being a single one-over-one replacement window on the second floor level.

Character-defining elements of the building include a cross-gabled roof and interior brick chimneys at the gable ends.

A two-story wing extends from the east elevation, facing onto Park Place East. The section has a gabled roof clad with asphalt shingles. Its molded cornice includes an expressed wood frieze. The walls are frame, clad with vinyl siding. A two-story bay breaks through the cornice; the octagonal element has wood shingled walls, one-over-one (replacement) windows with shutters on each panel, and a flared base over the first floor of the bay. Fenestration on the wing is asymmetrical; windows are one-over-one (replacement) units, mostly flanked by shutters. The first floor has a door on each side of the bay, both paneled replacement units.

A one-story storefront wing extends north from the main block along the east side of North Main Street. The asymmetrical gable includes a short western slope that extends the pent roof of the house and a long east slope. The front of the building consists of two commercial units. Doors near the center access the units, with large plate glass display windows extending from each door to the outer corner of the section. The north end of the section is clad with narrow clapboards and includes a small sealed window near the northeast corner. The section has a concrete foundation.

A two-story, three-bay, two-pile outbuilding facing onto Park Place East is located behind the rear wing. Its front gabled roof is clad with asphalt shingles, and the eaves are clad with vinyl siding. The walls of the building are frame, clad with flush vertical wood siding on the main elevation and horizontal siding on the side walls. Fenestration is symmetrically spaced; windows are mostly six-over-six double hung sash units (replacement). The main elevation has an attic louver, a second floor loading door flanked by windows, and the first floor contains a paneled door (replacement) flanked by display windows (an eight-over-eight unit to the west and a two-over-two unit to the east). The west wall is solid, though the horizontal siding includes evidence of a sealed window. The east elevation has horizontal wood cladding and two ranks of six-over-six double hung sash (replacement) windows.

History: The Uriah Dehart House previously featured a one-story front porch with a hipped roof and turned posts, removed in the late-nineteenth century. The storefront addition on the first floor was added in the early twentieth century. The building served as the Cranbury General Store, operated by Irme Lindenfeld, in the 1930s and 1940s (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society n.d.; Chambers 2012:157). The 1916 Sanborn Atlas shows the property with the original house, the wings extending north and east, and the freestanding outbuilding (identified as "repair shop" and "sausage factory." An outbuilding in the northeast corner of the property is shown; it also appears on the 1933 Sanborn Atlas and on historic aerial photographs as late as 1970. The 1933 Sanborn shows the property nearly the same as 1916. Historic aerials show the property substantially the same as the atlases and the current footprint.

Setting:

The Uriah Dehart House at 60 North Main Street is sited on a square parcel (Block 30, Lot 7) located on the east side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the west by North Main Street and to the south by Park Place East. Entrance to the commercial part of the building is gained to the northwest and entrance to the residential part of the building is gained to the southeast. A concrete sidewalk spans the west and south sides of the parcel. Trees are planted along the curb between the building and North Main Street. A loose gravel parking lot is located east of the building. The Uriah Dehart House at 60 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by commercial and residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

Registration **National Historic Landmark?:** ☐

and Status **National Register:** 9/18/1980

Dates: **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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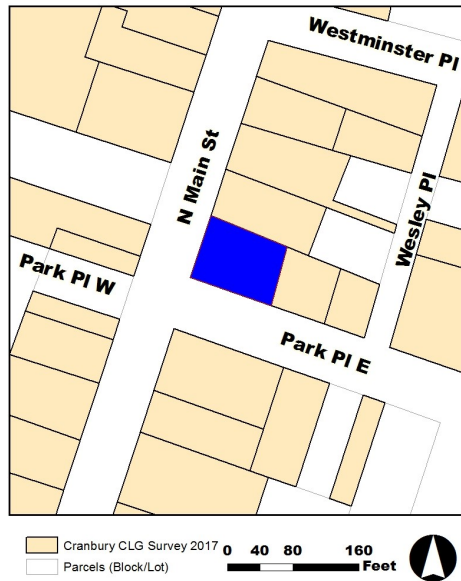
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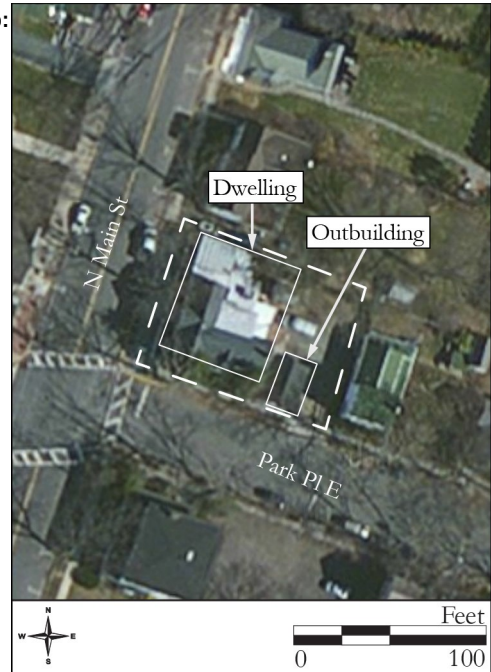
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Location Map:



Site Map:



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Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989		
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Property File, 60 North Main Street			
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012		

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Uriah Dehart House at 60 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Uriah Dehart House at 60 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:

Attachments Included:
☐ Building ☐ Bridge
☐ Structure ☐ Landscape
☐ Object ☐ Industry

Historic District ? ☒

District Name: Cranbury Historic District

Status: Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

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

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