

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1425506974**

**Property Name:** Stella La Baw House  
**Address:** 3 Park PL E

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	30	8

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Stella La Baw House at 3 Park Place East is a two-story tall, three-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1830 in a vernacular style. The dwelling consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block; a two-story, three-bay wide rear addition; and a one-story, L-shaped, shed roof addition adjoining the rear and southeast elevations. Both additions were constructed circa 1910. The portion of the addition on the southeast elevation is an enclosed screen porch. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the southeast gable end of the main block. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Regular fenestration on the front elevation consists of six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash windows flanked by inoperable louvered shutters. The historic entrance, located in the southwest corner of the building, is a one-light, two-panel wood door with an exterior twelve-light, one-panel wood door. Segmented sidelights above rectangular molded panels and fluted pilasters surround the door, which is topped by a shallow front-gabled hood. The northwest elevation has two louvered windows in the gable end and a six-over-six, double-hung wood-sash window with inoperable louvered shutters in the south bay on the first floor of the main block. Windows on the two-story rear addition are three-over-three, double-hung wood-sash frieze band units on the second floor, with six-over-one, double-hung wood-sash with inoperable louvered shutters on the first floor. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. Windows on the southeast elevation include three-over-three, double-hung wood-sash frieze band units on the second floor of the two-story rear addition and six-over-six, double-hung wood-sash with inoperable louvered shutters on either side of the enclosed screen porch on the first floor. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include six-over-six wood-sash windows and the interior brick chimney. The property contains two outbuildings: a one-story frame

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garage (constructed circa 1910) and a one-story frame shed (constructed circa 2000).

History: The Stella La Baw House was the site of Francis La Baw's blacksmith shop in the 1870s (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society n.d.). The subject dwelling first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, owned by "F. La Baw," referring to Francis La Baw. The 1872 Beers atlas and the 1876 Everts and Stewart map also show that La Baw owned the subject dwelling and operated a blacksmith shop on site. The 1916 Sanborn map shows the subject dwelling's two-story rear addition and one-story L-shaped addition, as well as the one-story frame garage. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no changes to the subject dwelling. The one-story frame shed was constructed circa 2000, according to historic aerial photographs.

**Setting:**

The Stella La Baw House at 3 Park Place East is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 30, Lot 8) located on the north side of Park Place East in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southwest and is set back approximately 6 feet from Park Place East. A concrete sidewalk, which runs along the north side of Park Place East, spans the entire south side of the parcel. Two one-story, frame sheds are located east of the dwelling. The property is lightly wooded and enclosed by a wood fence. 3 Park Place east is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early-twentieth century.

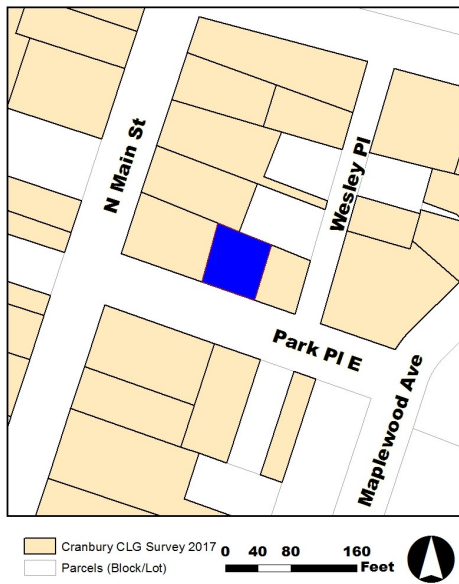
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**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 #:
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Property File, 3 Park Place East		(if applicable)
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979	

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**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Stella La Baw House at 3 Park Place East as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Stella La Baw House at 3 Park Place East as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

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

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

<b>Attachments Included:</b>	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: 83

*Date form completed:* 6/26/2017

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