

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-804915646**

**Property Name:** 33 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 33 Maplewood AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

| County:   | Municipality:     | Local Place Name: | USGS Quad: | Block: | Lot: |
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| MIDDLESEX | Cranbury township | Cranbury          | Hightstown | 31     | 1    |

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

33 Maplewood Avenue is a two-and-a-half-story tall, four-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1860 in a Carpenter Gothic style with a front gable and wing plan. The dwelling has a one-story, one-bay, shed-roof frame addition to the northwest, added to the dwelling by 1916. The cross-gabled roof is sheathed with slate shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof at the intersection of the ridgelines. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on all elevations. Fenestration on the front (southeast) elevation of the wing consists of two-over-two, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash windows with louvered shutters and molded wood lintels. Windows on the first floor also feature double-hung wood walkout windows. A pointed millwork frieze board runs above the windows on the second floor, below the eaves. A pointed window with louvered shutters punctuates the peak of the front gable. A pointed millwork vergeboard accentuates the front gable end. A two-story, semi-hexagonal projecting bay is centered beneath the pointed window. The projecting bay contains three two-over-two, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash windows on both floors, with molded rectangular panels framing the windows on the bay's first floor. A pointed millwork frieze board, similar to that on the second floor of the wing, runs above the windows on the bay's second floor.

Fenestration on the southwest elevation of the dwelling, clad in wood clapboard siding, consists of two-over-two, double-hung, potentially original wood sash windows with molded wood lintels and louvered shutters. Two pointed windows with louvered shutters sit beneath the gable peak. A decorative bargeboard similar to that on the front elevation accentuates the gable end. Fenestration on the rear elevation,

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clad in wood clapboard siding, consists of two-over-two, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash windows with molded wood lintels, with louvered shutters only on the front gable portion of the dwelling. A pointed, two-over-two, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash window with louvered shutters sits beneath the gable peak. A decorative bargeboard, similar to that on the front and southwest elevations, accentuates the gable end. A pointed millwork frieze runs below the eaves on the second floor of the wing. The one-story northwest frame addition features a sliding vinyl replacement window and a vinyl casement replacement window, both with louvered shutters. Two secondary entrances are located on the rear elevation: a single replacement door with four inset lights within a molded wood surround on the front gable portion, and a single replacement door with nine inset lights within a molded wood surround on the one-story addition. Both secondary entrances are sheltered by a small entry porch with a single turned wood post and turned wood balusters. A pointed millwork frieze runs below the eaves on the addition.

Regular fenestration on the northeast elevation, clad in wood clapboard siding, consists of two-over-two, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash windows with molded wood lintels and louvered shutters. This elevation features a cross-gabled dormer with a pointed window with louvered shutters. A pointed millwork frieze runs below the eaves and extends into the cross-gabled dormer. The primary entrance on the front elevation consists of paired wood doors with one vertical inset light above a square panel, topped by a rectangular, two-pane transom. A one-story, shed roof porch with square posts, narrow square brackets, and a pointed millwork frieze board, shelters the entrance. The porch is supported on a brick foundation. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the semi-hexagonal projecting bay on the front elevation, decorative bargeboards and millwork details, and pointed windows with louvered shutters in the gable peaks and dormer.

History: 33 Maplewood Avenue first appears cartographically on the 1861 H.F. Walling map of Cranbury Township as the residence of "J. Gordon," sited on a corner lot across from the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. The 1872 Beers atlas shows the subject dwelling as owned by "W. Devoe," located on the north side of Washington Avenue, later called Maplewood Avenue. The 1876 Everts and Stewart map indicates that the subject dwelling was owned by "A. Snow." The subject dwelling appears on the 1916 Sanborn map as a two-story, T-shaped frame dwelling with a semi-hexagonal projecting bay and a one-story porch on the front elevation and a one-story frame addition on the rear elevation. The 1916 Sanborn map also shows a one-story frame outbuilding west of the subject dwelling, demolished by 1979 according to historic aerial photographs. The 1933 Sanborn map indicates no changes to the subject dwelling. The front porch was reconstructed in 2005

**Setting:**

33 Maplewood Avenue is sited on a square parcel (Block 31, Lot 1) 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 Westminster Place. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 20 feet from Maplewood Avenue. A brick sidewalk spans the north and east sides of the parcel. A paved driveway leads south from Westminster Place to the subject dwelling's northwest elevation. The property is lightly wooded and enclosed by a wood fence. 33 Maplewood Avenue is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

**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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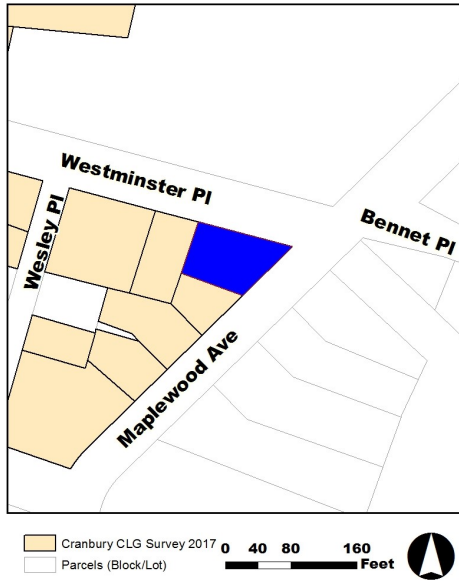
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Location Map:

Site Map:



**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

| Author:          | Title:  | Year: | HPO Accession #: | (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  |                  |                 |

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey found that 33 Maplewood Avenue is a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommend 33 Maplewood Avenue as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and use of materials and design compatible with the Cranbury Historic 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: 63

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