New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

-1718775967

Property Name: 29 Maplewood Avenue Ownership: Private 29 Maplewood AVE **ZIP:** 08512 Address: Apartment #:

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County: Municipality: **Local Place Name: USGS Quad:** Block: Lot: **MIDDLESEX** Cranbury township Cranbury Hightstown 31 3

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: NRIS Number: HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

29 Maplewood Avenue is a one-and-a-half-story tall, three-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1860 in a vernacular Greek Revival style. The rectangular dwelling has a two-story, two-bay ell to the northwest, a two-story, two-bay side-gabled addition to the southwest and a one-story, one-bay shed roof addition to the northwest. The side-gabled roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Two interior stucco chimneys with brick trimmers pierce the roof: one at the southwest gable end of the main block and one on the northwest ell. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding. The eaves are of molded wood with a return cornice at the gable ends of the main block. Windows on the front elevation vary from six-over-six to six-over-one double-hung, single and paired, replacement wood- sash. A frieze band of three-light replacement wood hopper windows runs at the attic story above the porch. The entrance, located in the south corner of the building, consists of a one-light, two-panel door, flanked by sidelights and topped by a rectangular, segmented transom. A one-story porch with a hipped roof shelters the first story. Irregular fenestration on the southeast elevation consists of six-over-six, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows. A six-over-six double-hung, replacement wood-sash window on the main block's southwest elevation is set within a distinctive molded wood surround with a triangular lintel; no other windows feature this surround. Other windows on the southwest elevation vary from six-over-six to six-over-one, double-hung, single and paired, replacement wood-sash. Character-defining features of the dwelling include the frieze band of windows (likely bottom hinged). A one-story shed, constructed circa 1963, is located south of the dwelling.

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Surveyor: Kristen Herrick

Organization: RGA, Inc.

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History: 29 Maplewood Avenue first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, labelled as a carpenter's shop, one of four buildings on a trapezoid-shaped lot. The 1872 Beers atlas shows the subject building as the residence of "W. Mount" on the north side of Washington Avenue, later called Maplewood Avenue. The subject building's rear ell is also depicted on the 1872 Beers atlas. The 1876 Everts and Stewart map shows no change in ownership or alterations to the subject building. The 1916 Sanborn map shows both of the subject building's two-story rear additions and a one-story, one-bay porch on the front elevation. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no alterations to the subject building. The one-bay porch was extended across the full length of the front elevation in 2002.

Setting:

29 Maplewood Avenue is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 31, Lot 3) located on the northwest side of Maplewood Avenue in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 5 feet from Maplewood Avenue. A brick sidewalk spans the east side of the parcel. The property is lightly wooded. 29 Maplewood Avenue is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

Registration National Historic Landmark?: and Status National Register: 9/

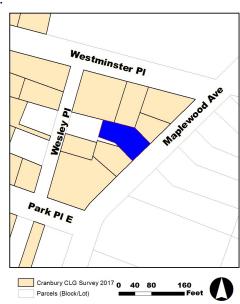
and Status National Register: 9/18/1980 SHPO Opinion: Dates:

Jates: New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979 Local Designation: 9/26/1988

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977 Other Designation:
Certification of Eligibility: 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		

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey found that 29 Maplewood Avenue is a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 29 Maplewood Avenue as a contributing resource due its date of construction and use of materials compatible with the Cranbury Historic District.

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More Research Needed?	(checked	=Yes)							
INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE C	ONLY:								
Attachments Included:		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?	Conversion	Note: 34							
Date form completed:	7/10/2017								

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