

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1847601761**

Property Name: Ralph C. Stults House **Ownership:** Private
Address: 6 Westminster PL **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	31	8
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	31	9

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Ralph C. Stults House at 6 Westminister Place is a two-and-a-half story tall, three-bay wide, two-bay deep frame private residence constructed circa 1839 in a vernacular Greek Revival style. The dwelling, which sits on a masonry foundation, consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block; a two-story, two-bay frame rear (southwest) ell (built circa 1870); a one-story, three-bay frame shed roof addition adjoining the ell to the northeast (built circa 1910); and a one-story, one-bay frame shed roof addition across rear of the dwelling (built circa 1910). The main block and the rear ell have asphalt shingle roofs, while the shed roof additions are capped by standing seam metal roofs. The main block and rear ell have a return cornice at the gable ends. Two brick, interior chimneys pierce the roof: one at the southeast gable end of the main block and one at the southwest gable end of the ell. The dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on all elevations. A molded wood frieze is featured prominently on the front elevation below a molded wood cornice. Windows on the front elevation are six-over-six, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash windows with louvered shutters on the second floor and paneled shutters on the first floor. The entrance, located in the west bay, is a six-panel wood door within a molded wood surround. Segmented sidelights above molded rectangular panels flank the entrance, which is topped by a segmented, rectangular transom. A one-story entry porch with fluted Doric columns shelters the entrance. The flat porch roof has a prominent molded wood cornice and dentil trim. Two four-light fixed wood windows (likely original) sit in the northwest gable end of the main block. A small, single six-over-six, double-hung wood wash window (likely original) on the first floor is the only opening on the northwest elevation of the main block. On the ell, six-over-six,

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double-hung wood sash windows (likely original) with louvered shutters are spaced evenly across the façade. A secondary entrance, a wood door with a single pane of glass, provides access to the rear shed roof addition. This secondary entrance is sheltered by a one-story entry porch with fluted Doric columns and a flat roof with a molded wood cornice and wood frieze. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast elevation features two four-light fixed wood windows (likely original) in the gable end and a six-over-six, double-hung wood-sash window (likely original) with louvered shutters on the first floor. The second floor of the ell has fixed wood windows (likely original) with three square lights. Windows on the first floor of the northeast shed roof addition are paired four-over-four replacement vinyl units; the adjoining window units give the appearance of an enclosed porch. Character-defining features of the dwelling include the wood frieze on the front elevation and six-over-six, double-hung wood-sash windows. A one-story frame garage, constructed circa 1900 during the district's period of significance, is located south of the dwelling. A one-story frame outbuilding, constructed circa 2010, is located east of the dwelling.

History: From about 1868 to 1910, the Ralph C. Stults House served as the parsonage for the United Methodist Church of Cranbury, located at 21 North Main Street (Chambers 2012:60-61). The subject dwelling was constructed by Ralph C. Stults circa 1839. It first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, owned by "Mrs. Voorhees." On the 1872 Beers atlas, the subject dwelling is labelled as the Methodist parsonage and has a rear ell. The 1876 Everts and Stewart map also identifies the subject dwelling as the Methodist parsonage. The 1916 Sanborn map depicts the subject dwelling's rear ell and two shed roof additions. The 1933 Sanborn map indicates no changes to the subject dwelling. Both the 1916 and 1933 Sanborn maps show a one-story, full-length porch across the subject dwelling's front elevation; this porch was removed and replaced with the current entry porch by 1989.

Setting:

The Ralph C. Stults House at 6 Westminster Place is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 31, Lot 8) located on the south side of Westminster Place in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the north by Westminster Place and to the west by Wesley Place. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northeast and is set back approximately fifteen feet from Westminster Place. A concrete sidewalk, which runs along the south side of Westminster Place, spans the entire north side of the parcel. The property is lightly wooded, with perennial plantings adjoining the dwelling on all elevations. The Ralph C. Stults House at 6 Westminster Place is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential and commercial properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early-twentieth century, across from a mid-nineteenth century cemetery.

Registration and Status Dates:	National Historic Landmark?: <input type="checkbox"/>	
	National Register: 9/18/1980	SHPO Opinion:
	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?

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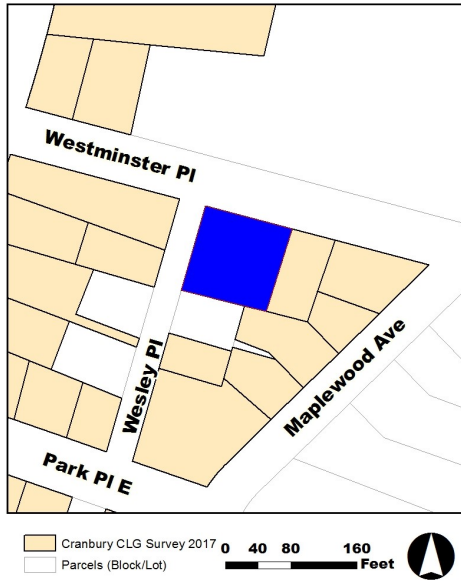
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Location Map:

Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:	(if applicable)
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012		
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Property File, 6 Westminster Place			
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 identifies the Ralph C. Stults House at 6 Westminister Place as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Ralph C. Stults House at 6 Westminister Place as a contributing resource to due 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)

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Conversion Problem? ConversionNote: 60

Date form completed: 8/23/2017

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
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Element ID: 1503494734

BUILDING ATTACHMENT

Common Name: Outbuilding, 6-8 Westminster Place

Historic Name: 8 Westminster Place

Present Use: Unclassifiable Activities

Historic Use: Unclassifiable Activities

ConstructionDate: 2010 **Source:** NETR 2010

**Construction
Start Date:**

**Construction
End Date:**

Style: Other

Vernacular Style?

Form: Other

Physical Condition: Good

Type: Other

Remaining Historic Fabric: Unknown

Roof Finish Materials: Standing Seam Metal

Stories: 1

Exterior Finish Materials: Vinyl Siding

Bays: 3

Exterior Description:

The outbuilding of 6-8 Westminster Place is a one-story tall, three-bay wide, two-bay deep frame outbuilding constructed circa 2010. The building has a side-gabled roof covered by standing steam metal panels. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof at the ridge line. Windows on the front (northwest) elevation are fixed vinyl windows with four inset lights each. Four adjoining windows of this type are located in the south bay. The central entrance is a single door flanked by segmented sidelights. A segmented, rectangular transom set between two square lights sits above the door. A shed-roof hood shelters the entrance. A secondary entrance consisting of a single door is located on the southwest elevation. Windows on the rear (southeast) and northeast elevations are fixed vinyl windows with four inset lights each, single and paired, similar to those on the front elevation.

History: The outbuilding of 6 Westminster Place stands on the former site of a two-story dwelling known as 8 Westminster Place, constructed in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified 8 Westminster Place as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. According to historic aerial photographs, 8 Westminster Place was demolished circa 2007 and the outbuilding of 6 Westminster Place was constructed circa 2010. RGA recommends the outbuilding of 6 Westminster Place as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

Interior Description:

Not accessible

Alteration Dates:

Architect/Designer::

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