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History: Throughout the twentieth century, 54 North Main Street has served a variety of purposes in Cranbury, including a pet shop, a township permit office, and a secondhand bookstore (Chambers 2012:171-172). The subject dwelling first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, sited on a lot at the corner of North Main Street and Park Place East. According to the 1872 Beers atlas and the 1876 Everts and Stewart map, the subject dwelling was owned by Aaron Lane in the late-nineteenth century. The 1916 Sanborn map and the 1933 Sanborn map show the subject dwelling's wraparound porch on the front elevation in addition to a one-story, full-length porch on the rear elevation. A two-story frame garage, demolished circa 1970, stood east of the subject dwelling. According to historic aerial photographs, the current one-story, front-gabled frame garage located east of the subject dwelling was built circa 1975.

**Setting:**

54 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 32, Lot 1) located on the east side of North Main Street at its intersection with Park Place East in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the west by North Main Street and to the north by Park Place East. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 10 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk spans the east and north sides of the parcel. A gravel parking lot and a one-story frame shed are located to the rear (southeast) of the dwelling. The property is lightly wooded. 54 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by 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:**

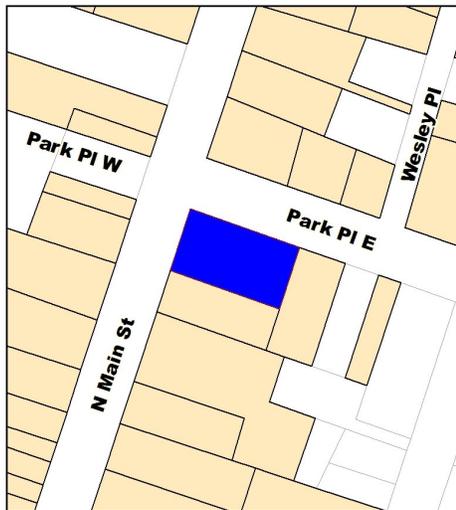
**Other Designation Date:**

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

**Location Map:**

**Site Map:**



Legend:   
 Cranbury CLG Survey 2017   
 Parcels (Block/Lot)   
 Scale: 0 40 80 160 Feet

**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	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex	1979	

**Survey Name:** Cranbury CLG Survey 2017

**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick

**Organization:** RGA, Inc.

**Property ID:**

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County, New Jersey

Heritage Studies

Preserving Historic Cranbury Village

1989

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified 54 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 54 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with the district.

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

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**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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