

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **2134038147**

**Property Name:** Harry N. Scott House

**Ownership:** Private

**Address:** 14 N Main ST

**Apartment #:**

**ZIP:** 08512

**PROPERTY LOCATION(S):**

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	32	13

**Property Photo:**



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

**Description:**

The Harry N. Scott House at 14 North Main Street is a two-and-a-half-story, four-bay, three-pile Queen Anne residence constructed circa 1910. The house has the form of an American Foursquare but with a wide cross-gable on the main (west) elevation. A two-story rear wing appears to be original to the house.

The main block of the house is the square section off the intersection of North Main Street and Scott Avenue. The section has a pyramidal roof clad with asphalt shingles and featuring a small brick chimney at the point of the roof. The cross-gable on the west slope of the roof has a wood shingled wall with a centered double hung sash window with diamond panes in the upper sash, flanked by smaller fixed-pane windows (possibly original). The overhanging eaves feature a slight flare and are clad with wood. The exterior of the square dwelling is of brick on the first floor and clad in wood shingles on the second floor. Fenestration on the main elevation is asymmetrically spaced. Windows are one-over-one wood sash units (possibly original). The second floor has four windows, and the wall surface flares out past the first floor wall surface. On the first floor, the southwest corner is chamfered and contains a one-over-one (replacement) window. First floor windows have a stone lintel and sill. The original front porch has been removed and replaced by a portico consisting of an extended gable supported by thin round posts. The door below the portico is a French unit with 15 inset lights opening between sidelights. The house has a concrete foundation.

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The south elevation faces onto Scott Avenue. Many features of the main elevation are repeated: the asphalt shingled roof with the slight flare at the eaves, the wood shingled second floor with its own flare, and the brick first floor. A cross-gable interrupts the roof at the eastern end of the main block; the flared eaves with wood soffits runs below the gable, creating a tympanum containing a rectangular attic window. Fenestration on the elevation is somewhat symmetrically arranged. Windows are primarily one-over-one vinyl sash units. The bay has three panels on each floor level. Its second floor has a window on each panel, and the first floor has a replacement paneled door on the southwest panel with windows on the other panels. Like the main elevation, windows have a stone lintel and sill. The original porch wrapped around this elevation but has been replaced by a centered portico consisting of an extended gable supported by two thin corner posts. A light railing outlines the perimeter of the porch.

The north elevation is the least visible elevation of the main block. It repeats the cladding of the other elevations: asphalt shingles on the roof, flared extended eaves clad with wood siding, wood shingles on the second floor, and brick first floor. A slightly protruding octagonal bay is aligned with the east end of the main block; it features a pediment interrupting the roof and three panels on the first and second floors. Windows on this elevation are asymmetrically arranged; some have been sealed for repair. A shed-roofed porch has replaced the original wrap-around porch; two unfluted columns support its eaves and stand on a brick wall.

The two-story rear section appears to be original to the house. It is aligned with the north wall of the main block. The gabled roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The second floor is clad with wood shingles, and the first floor is brick. Windows all appear to be replacement one-over-one double hung sash units. The south elevation has a two-story porch accessed by a second floor on the rear of the main block and a first floor door centered on the rear section. Each floor of the porch has a simple railing with square balusters; a frame set of stairs leads down to the grade of the rear lawn. The east elevation of the section has two ranks of windows offset to the south and a rear entrance opening below a braced hood near the northeast corner. The foundation of the rear section is concrete. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include a pent roof that divides the first and second floors and a tri-partite wood window (potentially original) in the west gable end.

A one-story, concrete block garage is located east of the building, with its primary elevation facing southwest toward Scott Avenue. It has asphalt shingles on its roof, wood shingles in the front gable, and block walls with two overhead garage doors on the south elevation.

History: The 1916 Sanborn Atlas shows the main block of the house with its rear section. The two-story porch on the south elevation of the rear section and the front wrap-around porch are both indicated. In the rear of the lot is a two-story outbuilding that had disappeared by the time of the 1933 Sanborn Atlas. The latter atlas shows the house as it appears today but with its front porch. In the rear of the lot, the former large outbuilding has been replaced with the current garage and is indicated simply as "concrete." The house and garage appear on all historic aerials. The earlier aerials are not clear enough to distinguish the presence of the original porch. The first aerial clear enough to distinguish the porch is that of 1979, which shows the current porch configuration.

#### Setting:

The Harry N. Scott House at 14 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 32, Lot 13) located on the east side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the west by North Main Street and to the south by Scott Avenue. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing west and is set back approximately 20 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk, which runs along North Main Street and Scott Avenue, spans the west and south sides of the parcel. The property is lightly wooded to the rear (east) of the dwelling. The Harry N. Scott House at 14 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?

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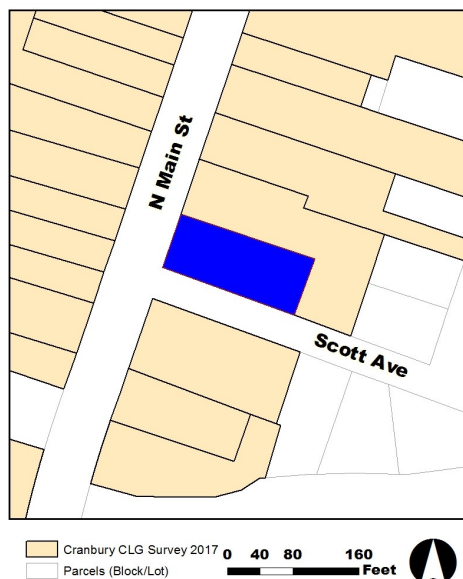
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Location Map:



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 identified the Harry N. Scott House at 14 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Harry N. Scott House at 14 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

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: 24

Date form completed: 6/26/2017

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