

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1620386989**

Property Name: 5 Maplewood Avenue
Address: 5 MAPLEWOOD AVE

Ownership: Private
Apartment #: **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			32	15

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 100

Description:

PS&S recommends that 5 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, rectangular-plan, gable-roofed, clapboard-clad main volume on a parged foundation of this frame residence is 6 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is backed on the northwest by a partial-width, 2-story, composite-roofed, 5-bay wide and 1-bay deep rear volume, which is backed in turn by a 1-story, partial-width, shed-roofed rear el. A 1-story, composite-roofed, partial-width, centered porch projects from the southeast, main elevation, and a 1-story, hip-roofed porch flanks the rear volume on the southwest, side elevation. An interior, stuccoed chimney projects from the southwest bay of the gable ridge. Excluding the composite roofs, the roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle. The windows predominantly have 6/6, historic wood sash. The wood porch on the southeast, main elevation is accessed by a straight concrete stair and includes replaced, square plan outer posts, historic turned posts flanking the central stair, and a handrail with square-plan banisters. The house is primarily accessed through a historic door in the central bay of the main elevation. The entrance includes historic sidelights and a covered transom. Each of the remaining bays contains a window on both floors. The northeast, side elevation includes a window in the southeastern bay of the first floor and a central window on the second floor. The rear volume includes a replaced, double, fixed window on the first floor and a window on the second floor. The northwest, rear elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and includes an added window bay on the second floor and a single window in the south bay of the second

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floor. Two added skylights light the rear el. The southwest, side elevation includes a window in each of the outer bays except the west bay of the second floor. Both side elevations include 2 louvered vents under the gable peak. A single window lights the southwest side of the second floor of the rear volume. A secondary entrance, not visible from the public right-of-way, is accessed by the side porch.

Historic maps show that the residence at 5 Maplewood Avenue was built between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the property of "P. R. Bergen" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the mid-19th century. The nomination identified the siding as clapboard and the windows as 6/6. The building is documented by the 1916 Sanborn map much as it appears today, with a 2-story, rectangular-plan, slate or metal-roofed main volume with partial-width, 1-story, slate or metal-roofed front porch, a 1-story, slate or metal-roofed, partial-width, centered, rear el, and a side porch on the rear of the southwest elevation. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northeast and southeast elevations. In this image, the clapboard is clearly visible, although in poor condition in some locations, as are the 6/6 historic windows, and the front porch, which differs from the current condition in the presence of turned outer posts that match the interior ones. Historic aerial photographs indicate that an interior chimney in the north bay was removed between 1980 and 1987. Visual evidence suggests that the outer porch posts were replaced within approximately the last 2 decades.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic wood clapboard cladding, historic wood windows and doorway, and historic porch details.

Setting:

Maplewood Avenue is an approximately half-mile long primarily residential street that connects N. Main Street, to the northwest, to Route 130, to the northeast. Maplewood runs parallel to N. Main Street between Scott Ave. and Park Place, after which it turns to the northeast to form a southwest extension of Cranbury-South River Road.

**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

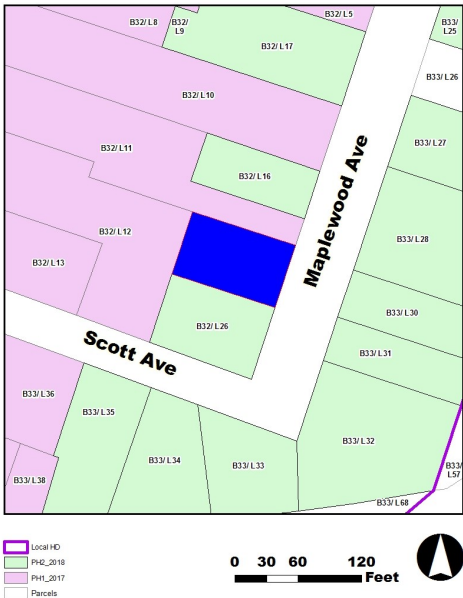
Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

☐ **Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

☐ **Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989	

Additional Information:

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More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:

Attachments Included:

<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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