

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1899385827**

Property Name: 7 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private
Address: 7 MAPLEWOOD AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			32	16

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 84

Description:

PS&S recommends that 7 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. Storage sheds at the rear of the property are non-contributing.

The 2 1/2-story, rectangular-plan, gable-roofed, aluminum siding-clad, main volume of this frame residence on a parged foundation is 2 bays wide and 3 bays deep. The main volume is fronted on the southeast by a 1-story, hip-roofed, full-width front porch with added, stuccoed knee walls and historic, turned posts, and flanked on the southwest elevation by a partially enclosed, 1-story, hip-roofed side porch. The main volume is backed on the northwest by a partial-width, 2-story, composite-roofed rear volume on the northeast and a 1-story, hip-roofed rear volume to its southwest. The roofs are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly contain historic 6/6 wood sash. An interior brick chimney projects from the central bay of the gable ridge. The primary entrance to the residence is in the southwest bay of the main elevation, with a window in each of the remaining bays on both floors. A single window lights the third floor. The north, side elevation includes a window on each floor of the outer bays, with a window on each floor of the rear volume. The west, rear elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and includes a window in the south bay of the second floor and a single window on the third floor. The 1-story, hipped roof porch projects from the west bay of the south, side elevation and includes an enclosure with aluminum windows to the west and a secondary door to the east. Each of the remaining bays includes a window. The 1-story volume to the rear includes an additional door and double window on the south, side elevation, with a single window in the 2-story volume.

Survey Name: Cranbury Local Historic District Survey 2018

Principal Investigator: Emily Cooperman

Organization: Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor

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Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps show that the residence at 7 Maplewood Avenue was built between 1850 and 1876. It was inventoried for unknown reasons in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the 1930s, and, as noted in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory, "everything about it looks like the second half of the 19th century." According to historic Sanborn Maps, in 1916 the property included a 2-story, rectangular-plan, shingle-roofed, frame dwelling with a 1-story front porch, a 2- rear volume, and a 1-story rear el, all with slate or metal-roofs. The 1933 Sanborn map indicates that a 1-story garage had been added to the rear of the property by this date. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's southeast and southwestern elevations, and show asbestos shingle cladding, and the front porch as open, with a railing with square-plan balusters spanning the front of the building. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted the alterations to the front porch to create the concrete knee wall, and the application of aluminum siding. This ca. 1980-1989 project included the installation of applied shutters. The 1-story rear el was demolished and the early garage removed at an unknown date.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and such character-defining historic features as the massing of its historic main volume and front porch, historic wood porch posts, and historic window sash.

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.

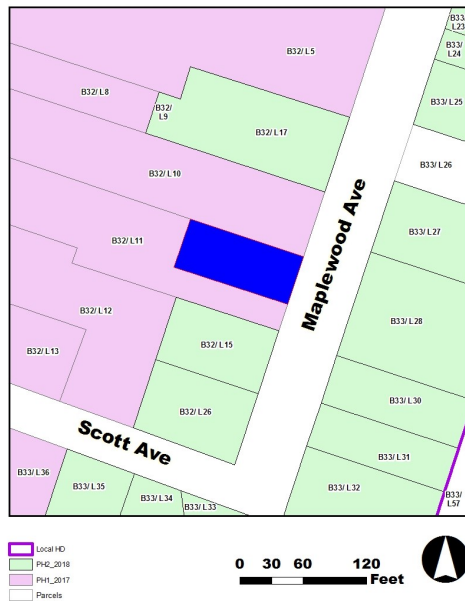
Registration and Status Dates:

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:

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	(if applicable)
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850	

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(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at historicaerials.com and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916

Additional Information:

1202_32_16 / 2STY - SFD / 1880

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:

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