

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1849676786

Property Name: 19 Maplewood Avenue
Address: 19 MAPLEWOOD AVE

Ownership: Private
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			32	18

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 107

Description:

PS&S recommends that 19 Maplewood Avenue, constructed in the late 19th century but substantially altered after the 1970s, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The main block of the 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 4-bays wide and 2-bays deep and is fronted on the southeast by a 1-story, full-width, shed-roofed, enclosed porch and backed by a 2-story, partial-width, shed-roofed volume to the southwest and a 1-story, shed-roofed rear el and porch on the northeast. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle. The windows have been replaced throughout and predominantly have 1/1 sash with aluminum awnings. An interior stuccoed chimney projects from the north, central bay of the gable ridge. The plywood-clad, enclosed front porch on the southeast, main elevation is accessed by a historic paneled door in the central bay with paired windows in the flanking bays. The porch is lighted on either side by a single window. The second floor of the southeast elevation is lighted by a window in each bay. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a window in the east bay of the first floor of the main volume and a window in the rear el. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a single window on the second floor of the rear volume.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs indicate that the residence at 19 Maplewood Avenue was constructed after 1876 and before 1916. It was inventoried in

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the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the mid-19th century, which seems unlikely. The property is documented by the 1916 Sanborn map as a rectangular-plan, frame, 2-story, metal-roofed double dwelling with a full-width, open, 1-story front porch and a 1-story rear volume on the northeastern half of the building. The 1933 Sanborn shows no changes from 1916. Historic aerial photographs suggest that the 1-story rear volume on the northeast side of the building was extended and the existing rear porch on the southwest half of the building between 1957 and 1963. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northeast and southeastern elevations, including the shed-roofed, open front porch on square-plan posts, the rear, 1-story, shed-roofed volume on the northeast side of the building, doors at the northeast and southwest ends of the front elevation, 3 window bays between the doors on the first floor, and 4 bays of windows on the second floor. The photograph also shows 6/6, double-hung sash in all the visible windows, as well as relatively small, decorative Italianate style cornice brackets at the roofline, suggesting that the building dates to the 3rd quarter of the 19th century rather than earlier. Visual evidence indicates the building underwent an extensive renovation in the 1980s or 1990s, and that this included the enclosure of the front porch, replacement of the exterior cladding and the window sash, and removal of the cornice brackets. Visual evidence and comparison with the 1974 photograph also suggests that the current front door was moved from one of the historic entries under the porch to its present location.

This property is a non-contributing property in the historic district by virtue of the building's loss of integrity from extensive alterations in the period after the 1970s, in which all historic exterior materials were replaced and the historic open front porch was enclosed.

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:

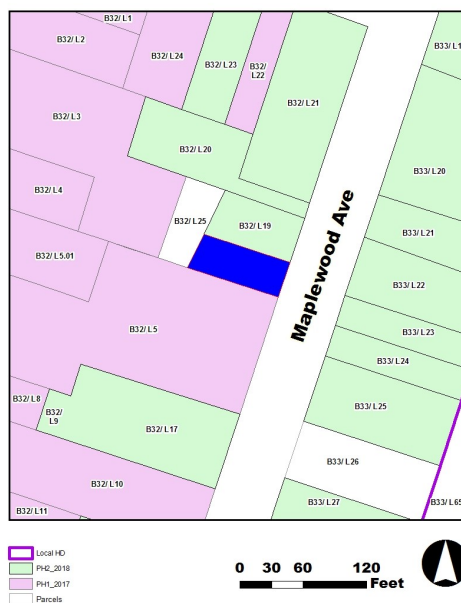
Other Designation Date:

☐ 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 #:	(if applicable)
Chambers, John	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the	2012		

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Whiteclay II	Present	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
(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
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

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