

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 2082712971

Property Name: 21 Maplewood Avenue
Address: 21 MAPLEWOOD AVE

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			32	19

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 108

Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 21 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, replacement clapboard-clad, main block on a parged foundation of this frame dwelling is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the southeast by a 1-story, full-width, hip-roofed porch and backed on the northwest by a 2-story, 3-bay deep, partial-width secondary volume offset to the northeast. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have replacement 6/6 wood sash. An interior, ridge, brick chimney is located near the southwestern end of the main block, and 2 interior, ridge, brick chimneys are located on the rear volume. The front porch includes replacement, square-plan posts and provides access to the primary entrance in the northwestern bay, which includes a historic door surround. Single windows with replacement wood shutters are located in each of the remaining bays on both floors. The roofline of the southeast elevation includes added dentils. The northeast, side elevation is lighted in the rear volume by a 6/6 window on the first floor and a single and triple casement window on the second floor. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The southwest, side elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and includes a triple window in the east bay of both floors, a secondary door on the first floor of the central bay with a bank of 2/2 slider windows on the second floor.

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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 21 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the "Miss C. Johnson" property on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the mid-19th century. The configuration of the dwelling on this property is documented differently in the available historic sources. The 1916 Sanborn map shows a rectangular-plan, frame dwelling with a 2-story, metal-roofed main volume fronted by a partial-width, 1-story, metal-roofed porch offset to the northeast, and backed by a 2-story, partial-width, shingle-roofed secondary volume flanked on the southwest by a 1-story side porch and backed by a 1-story, metal-roofed rear volume. A 1-story secondary building is shown to the rear along the southwest lot line. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no secondary building on the lot at that date, but otherwise the building is as shown in the 1916 publication. In contrast, 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, including a hip-roofed, full-width, open front porch with slim, grouped posts that appear to date to ca. 1860-70. The door, in the northeasternmost of 3 bays on the front elevation, is shown with sidelights. The front elevation appears to be clad in asphalt or asbestos shingle, and the side elevation is clad in asbestos shingle. The windows of the front elevation have 6/6, double-hung sash. In contrast to this photograph, the 1989 survey characterizes the building as Greek Revival and as having eyebrow windows, which are not visible and were likely identified using the wrong term. A side entrance is noted. Historic aerial photographs suggest a campaign of alteration after 2007. Visual evidence indicates that this included the replacement of most of the exterior materials, including window sash and the front porch. This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and such character-defining historic features as it historic massing, chimney, and fenestration patterns. Alterations such as the addition of cornice dentils, however, give a false sense of history.

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:

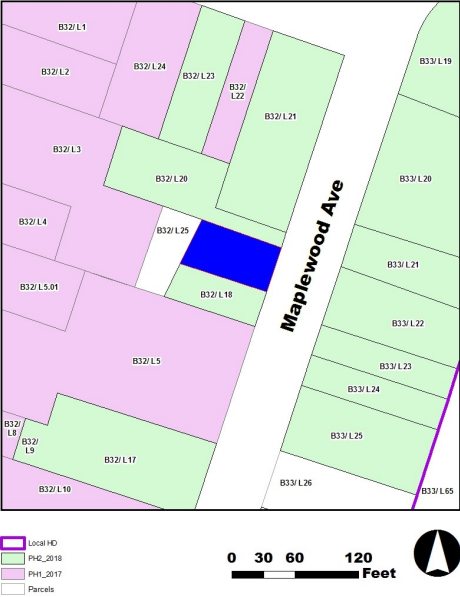
Other Designation Date:

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

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

Location Map:

Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #: (if applicable)
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876	
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916	
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	
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012	
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850	
(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		

Additional Information:

1202_32_19 / 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:

Date form completed: 8/17/2018

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