

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 2117452849

Property Name: 50 North Main Street
Address: 50 N Main ST

Ownership: Private
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	32	2

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

50 North Main Street is a two-story tall, three-bay wide, three-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1870 with Italianate details. The dwelling consists of a two-story, side-gabled main block; a two-story, two-bay rear addition; and a one-story enclosed wraparound porch. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Two brick interior chimneys are located at the southwest gable end of the main block, one on either bent of the roof. The dwelling's molded wood cornice is supported by brackets with a return cornice at the gable ends. Brackets on the front elevation frame three rectangular molded wood panels. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding on all elevations. Windows on the front elevation are two-over-one, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with inoperable louvered shutters. The first floor is obscured by a wraparound porch later enclosed with windows and clad in aluminum siding. The northwest corner of the porch is rounded. On the northwest elevation, a six-over-six vinyl-sash replacement window, set within an earlier arched surround, sits in the gable end of the main block. Windows on the second floor are one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement with inoperable louvered shutters on the rear addition only. On the first floor, the enclosed porch has two sets of triple one-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash windows with inoperable louvered shutters. The set of windows in the west bay, beside the rounded corner, has lancet-shaped panes of glass in the upper sash. The rear addition has paired vinyl replacement casement windows with inoperable louvered shutters in the east bay. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right of way. The southwest elevation features a six-over-six vinyl-sash replacement window, set within an earlier arched surround, in the gable end of the main block, with two-over-one, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows on the first and second floors. The bracketed cornice with molded wood panels on the front elevation is a character-defining

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element of the dwelling. A one-story, side-gabled frame shed (built circa 2015) is located to the rear of the dwelling.

History: 50 North Main Street first appears cartographically on the 1872 Beers atlas, owned by "D. Measurall." The 1876 Everts and Stewart map shows no changes in ownership. The 1916 Sanborn map shows the subject dwelling as a two-story frame dwelling with a one-story wraparound porch, a two-story rear addition, a one-story porch on the southwest elevation, and a one-story frame outbuilding adjoining the southeast corner. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no changes to the subject dwelling. According to historic aerial photographs, the one-story porch on the southwest elevation was removed circa 2007 and the one-story frame outbuilding was demolished circa 2012. 50 North Main Street served as the Cranbury Gift Shop in the late-twentieth century.

Setting:

50 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 32, Lot 2) located on the east side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northeast and is set back approximately 10 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk, which runs along North Main Street, spans the west side of the parcel. A paved driveway leads west past the northwest elevation of the dwelling to a one-story frame shed. The backyard is enclosed by a wood fence. Perennial plantings about the front (northwest) elevation. 50 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:

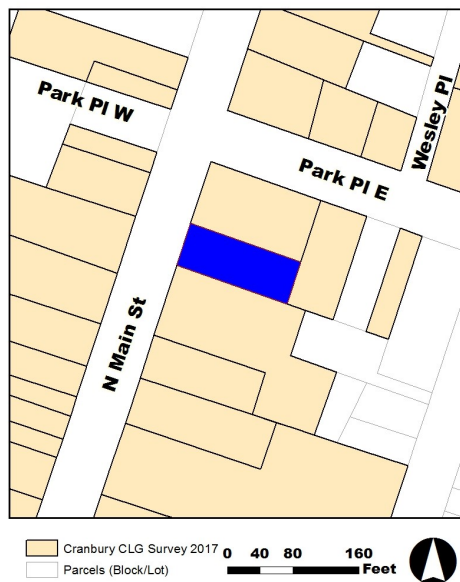
Other Designation Date:

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

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

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	

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The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified 50 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 50 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:

<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:** 82

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