

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-18743621**

Property Name: Dr. Garrett P. Voorhees House **Ownership:** Private
Address: 4 Park PL E **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	32	24

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Dr. Garrett P. Voorhees House at 4 Park Place East is a two-story tall, three-bay wide, one-bay deep, frame building constructed circa 1834. The building was a private residence throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and was converted into a museum in 1972. The building consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block and several telescoping additions: a two-story, three-bay ell; a one-story, three-bay shed roof addition; a one-story, shed roof, partially enclosed porch; and a one-story, side-gabled rear wing. All additions were added between 1850 and 1862, except for the rear wing, which was added in 1975. The roof is sheathed with wood shingles. The exterior of the building is clad in wood clapboard siding with wood shingles on the one-story rear wing. Regular fenestration on the front elevation consists of six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash windows within molded wood surrounds, flanked by louvered shutters. The entrance, located in the west bay, is a six-panel wood door within a molded surround and topped by a transom with six inset lights. A one-story entry porch with unfluted Doric columns and wood steps with a cast iron railing shelters the entrance. Paired louvered windows sit in the northwest gable end of the main block with a six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash window with louvered shutters on the first floor. Windows on the rear additions vary from four-light fixed wood windows to six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash windows. The double-hung windows on the first floor have louvered shutters. Paired louvered windows sit in the southeast gable end of the main block. Windows on the rear additions vary from six-light fixed wood windows to six-over-six and paired four-over-four, double-hung, wood-sash windows. The rear wing has a projecting vinyl replacement window with three eight-light fixed unit. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include wood-sash windows, louvered shutters, and wood shingles on the roof. A one-story, front-gabled frame shed stands at the rear of the

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property.

History: The Dr. Garrett P. Voorhees House serves as the Cranbury Museum and headquarters of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society. The subject building was constructed circa 1834 by Dr. Garrett P. Voorhees. It first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, then owned by Isaac Snedeker. On the 1872 Beers atlas and the 1876 Everts and Stewart map, the subject building is owned by George Mershon. The 1916 Sanborn map shows the subject building as a two-story frame dwelling with a two-story and a one-story rear addition and two porches one on the front elevation and one on the southeast elevation. A one-story frame shed and a two-story frame stable stood at the rear of the property, both demolished by 1933. The 1933 Sanborn map shows that the one-story front porch was removed. According to historic aerial photographs, the current one-story frame shed was constructed by 1950 and the one-story rear wing was added to the subject building in 1975.

Setting:

The Dr. Garrett P. Voorhees House at 4 Park Place East is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 32, Lot 24) located on the south side of Park Place East 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 Park Place East. A concrete sidewalk, which runs along the south side of Park Place East, spans the entire north side of the parcel. The property is lightly wooded with perennial plantings adjoining the dwelling on all elevations. A one-story, frame shed is located south of the dwelling. 4 Park Place East is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential 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:

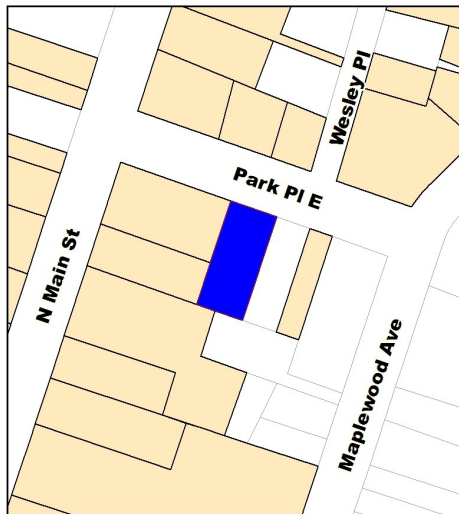
Other Designation Date:

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)
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Property File, 4 Park Place East			
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex	1979		

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Heritage Studies

Preserving Historic Cranbury Village

1989

Additional Information:

The Dr. Garrett P. Voorhees House serves as the Cranbury Museum and headquarters of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society. The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Dr. Garrett P. Voorhees House at 4 Park Place East as a contributing building to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the subject building as a contributing resource due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with the district.

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: 32

Date form completed: 6/26/2017

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