

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1315466571

Property Name: William Silvers House **Ownership:** Private
Address: 46 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	32	3

Property Photo:



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

Description:

The William Silvers House at 46 North Main Street is a two-story tall, three-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1881 in a Queen Anne style. The dwelling consists of a front gable-and-wing main block; two-story, two-bay rear additions to the southeast (built circa 1910) and southwest (built circa 1978); a one-story, two-bay hipped roof addition adjoining the rear additions (built circa 1978); and a one-story, one-bay shed roof addition adjoining the southeast rear addition (built circa 1910). The dwelling also has a three-bay enclosed porch on the southwest elevation. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Three interior brick chimneys pierce the roof: one on the northeast bent of the front-gabled portion, one on the southeast bent of the wing, and one at the southeast gable end of the southeast rear addition. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on the front elevation and vinyl siding on all other elevations. On the front elevation, a two-story, semi-hexagonal projecting bay with flared eaves and rectangular, molded panels is located in the north bay. The projecting bay is clad in wood fish scale shingles. All windows on the front elevation are two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash windows with aluminum storm windows and painted louvered shutters on the wing. The entrance, located south of the projecting bay, is a double-leaf, single-light wood door with molded square panels, topped by a stained glass transom in a molded wood surround. The first floor of the wing is sheltered by a porch with square and turned wood posts, a low railing with turned balusters, decorative filigree brackets, and a turret roof at the rounded southwest corner. The southwest elevation has a two-story, semi-hexagonal projecting bay with flared eaves and rectangular, molded panels, clad in wood fish scale shingles, on the wing. Windows on the southwest elevation, including the projecting bay are two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash, with painted louvered shutters on the second floor of the

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southwest rear addition. The first floor of the southwest rear addition is sheltered by a shed roof (covered with standing seam metal) enclosed porch with aluminum screen windows below a frieze of rectangular fixed vinyl windows with an inlaid floral design. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. Windows on the northeast elevation are two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash windows on the main block and southeast rear addition. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the two-story semi-hexagonal projecting bays with wood fish scale shingles, the one-story front porch with corner turret, and wood-sash windows with louvered shutters. Three frame outbuildings (built circa 1881) are located at the rear of the property: two one-story, front-gabled frame sheds and a two-story, side-gabled frame barn.

History: The William Silvers House at 46 North Main Street, constructed circa 1881, first appears cartographically on the 1916 Sanborn map of Cranbury Township. The subject dwelling is depicted as a two-story frame dwelling with semi-hexagonal projecting bays on the northwest and southwest elevations, a one-story front porch, a two-story addition to the rear (southeast), and two one-story additions to the southwest and southeast of the rear addition. Four frame outbuildings are present on the property. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no changes to the subject dwelling. According to historic aerial photographs, the southwest rear addition and enclosed porch were built circa 1978. Three of the four frame outbuildings survive. The fourth outbuilding was demolished by 1979.

Setting:

The William Silvers House at 46 North Main Street is sited on an L-shaped parcel (Block 32, Lot 3) 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 northwest and is set back approximately 15 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk, which runs along North Main Street, spans the west side of the parcel. A stone driveway leads east from North Main Street past the southwest elevation of the dwelling to a paved, circular driveway at the rear (east) of the dwelling. Three frame outbuildings are located east of the dwelling. The property is lightly wooded, with mature conifers and perennial plantings adjoining the front (northwest) elevation. 46 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.

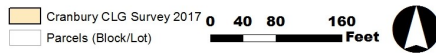
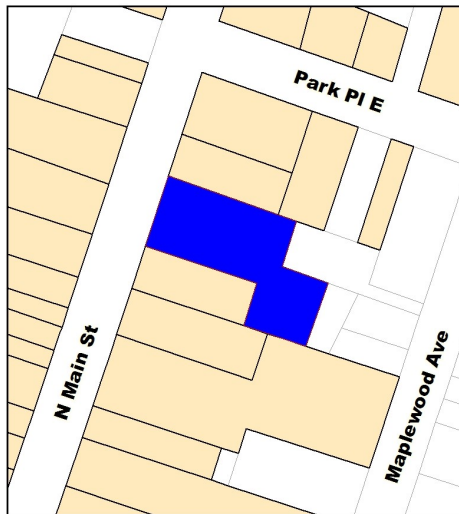
Registration and Status Dates:

National Historic Landmark?:
National Register: 9/18/1980
New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979
Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977
Certification of Eligibility:

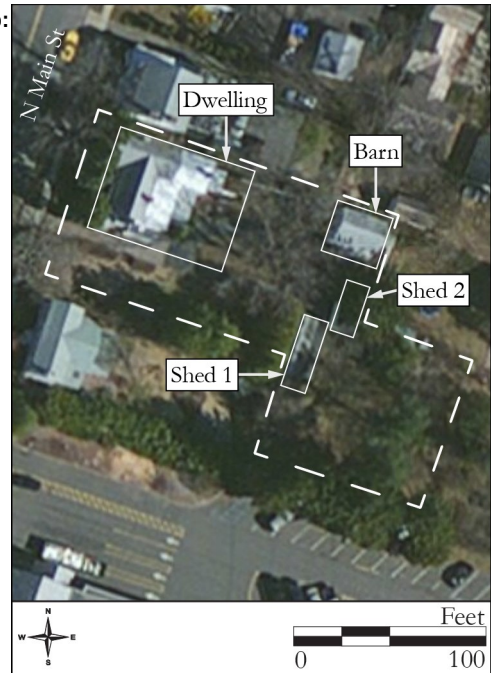
SHPO Opinion:
Local Designation: 9/26/1988
Other Designation:
Other Designation Date:

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)

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Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society Property File, 46 North Main Street

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

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the William Silvers House at 46 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the William Silvers House at 46 North Main Street 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: 16

Date form completed: 6/26/2017

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