

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -676112339

Property Name: 44 Maplewood Avenue
Address: 44 MAPLEWOOD AVE

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	12

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number: 18

Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 44 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The cottage southeast of the main house contributes to the property, but a rear shed does not.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan, clap-board clad, frame, historic main block on a parged foundation of this residence is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, hip-roofed, full-width porch. Added and altered 1- and 2-story, gable-roofed rear volumes form an H-plan, with a projecting, 1-story, flat-roofed porch topped with a deck centered on the southwest, side elevation. A 1-story, gable-roofed garage flanks the main volume on the northeast. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows in the main volume retain historic, double-hung wood sash. An interior, brick, ridge chimney is located near the southwest end of the main volume. The front porch includes historic turned wood posts. The primary entrance is located in the northeast bay and includes a paneled wood door that may be historic. The remaining bays of the first floor are both lighted by 9/6 windows, with 6/6 on the second floor. A fixed, 6-light, added window lights the garage volume and the garage is accessed by an added, roll-up door with top lights. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a single window in each bay of the main volume. The secondary volume is lighted by a window in each bay with a fixed 4-light window under the gable end. The east, rear and north, side elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way.

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The secondary residence is located to the southeast of the primary residence. The 1-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, clapboard-clad, frame main block on a concrete foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep. A 1-story, asymmetrical gable-roofed side volume is located to the southeast of the main volume and set back from it slightly. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows have 6/6, double-hung wood sash. The primary entrance, located in the central bay of the south, main elevation includes a pedimented door hood with wood brackets. The remaining bays are each lighted by a window with applied shutters. The side volume is lighted by a double window. The southeast, side elevation is lighted by a double window in the south bay and a single window in the north bay. The other elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way.

A 1-story, gambrel-roofed, frame shed is located to the east of the secondary residence.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs suggest that this residence was constructed between 1850 and 1876. It appears in the 1876 Everts and Stewart map as the property of "S. G. Forman." It was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the mid-19th century, as having asbestos shingles, 6/6 windows, as well as "eyebrow windows." These last are not evident in the 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society that shows the building's northwest elevation and the northeast elevation of the garage, and may be a misidentification. This image shows these elevations much as they appear today with the exception of a historic garage door with multi-light upper sections, 2 windows in the garage, what appear to be historic, 19th-century porch brackets contemporary with the turned posts, and the asbestos shingle on these elevations. The 1933 Sanborn map details the main house as a rectangular-plan, frame dwelling with a 2-story, metal-roofed main volume fronted by a full-width porch and backed by 1-story secondary volumes. A 1-story garage is shown to the southeast of the dwelling in the location of the rear cottage. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the side garage volume was added by 1940, but do not clearly document the date of the alteration of the rear garage to a cottage. Historic aerial photographs indicate a major campaign of addition to the rear of the building took place between 1995 and 2002.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns of the main volume, historic wood clapboard cladding, historic wood windows, and historic porch details. The scale and visibility of the rear additions from the public right-of-way make this status marginal.

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

National Historic Landmark?: ☐

National Register: 9/18/1980

SHPO Opinion:

Dates:

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979

Local Designation: 9/26/1988

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977

Other Designation:

Certification of Eligibility:

Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

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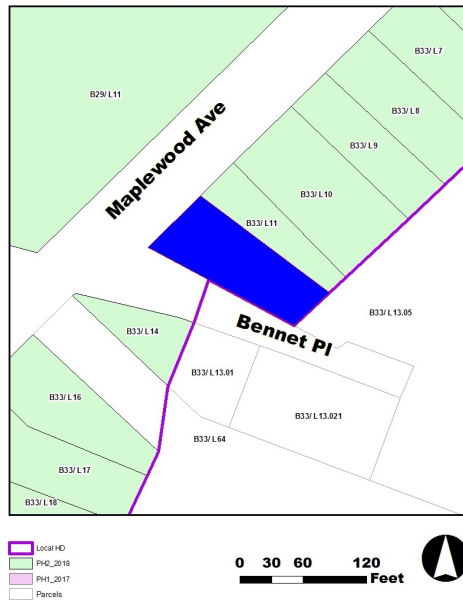
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Location Map:



Site Map:



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Additional Information:

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More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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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:

Date form completed: 8/17/2018

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