

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1797498727

Property Name: 36-38 Maplewood Avenue
Address: 36-38 MAPLEWOOD AVE

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	16

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 80

Description:

PS&S recommends that 38 Maplewood Avenue, constructed after 1876, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, composite siding-clad, main block of this residence on a stuccoed foundation is 6 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed by a 2-story, composite-roofed, full-width, altered secondary volume and a large, 1-story, combination shed- and gabled-roofed rear addition. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows throughout have double-hung replacement sash with applied muntins. The primary entrance is roughly centered on the northwest, main elevation and includes a replacement door fronted by an added entrance stair. Each of the remaining bays includes a window on both floors except for the interior northeast bay. The window of the northeast bay of the first floor is offset from the window above, reflecting the location of a former door. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a window on each floor in the south bay of the main block and a window on each floor of the 2-story rear volume. The southeast, rear elevation, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, is lighted by a central double windows and 2 flanking single windows, with a secondary door to the rear porch. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by 2 windows on the first floor and 1 window on the second floor of the main block, with asymmetrical fenestration in the rear volume and a single window in the rear el.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and

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aerial photographs indicate that this residence was constructed after 1876. It was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the third quarter of the 19th century, and as "altered" although in what way was not noted. The building is detailed in the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, frame, L-plan combination dwelling and store, with a main volume fronted by a 1-story, metal-roofed porch and the northeastern, store section backed by a 1-story, metal-roofed el. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northeast and northwest elevation and reflects the organization shown in the Sanborn map, with a full-width front porch with a shingled knee wall accessing 2 entrances. The store entrance was located between the 2 northeastern windows. The photograph also shows 2 brick, ridge chimneys near the ends of the building and the shed-roofed rear el on the store section of the building. Historic aerial photographs do not clearly document the date of the removal of the front porch and recladding of the exterior, but suggest this happened in the late 1970s. Historic aerial photographs indicate a major campaign of addition to the rear of the building took place in 2010.

This property is a non-contributing property in the historic district because it has lost integrity of materials and workmanship through the loss of historic exterior materials, and, with the loss of the front porch, second entrance, and the large scale of the rear addition, has lost integrity of design.

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:

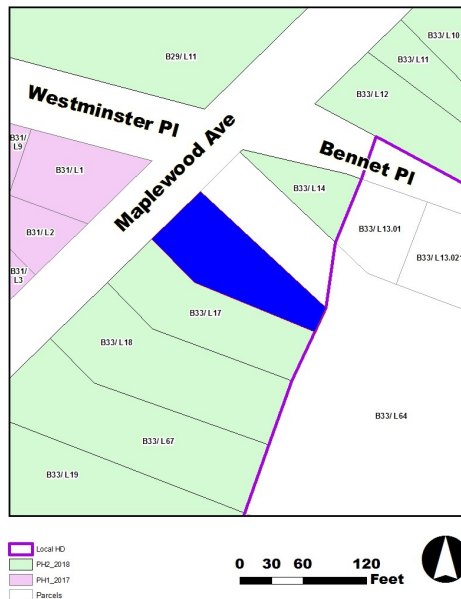
Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:

Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
(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	
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Additional Information:

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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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

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