New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

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PROPERTY REPORT Property ID						
Property Name:	32 Maplewood Avenue			Ownership: Private		
Address:	32 MAPLEWOOD AVE		Apartment #:	<b>ZIP:</b> 08512		
PROPERTY LOCATION(S):						
County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block: Lot:		

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## **Property Photo:**



### **Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:** 

HABS/HAER Number: 48

### **Description:**

PS&S recommends that the residence at 32 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, vinyl siding-clad, main block of this residence on a brick foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, composite-roofed, full-width front porch and backed on the southeast by a 2-story, composite-roofed, altered rear volume that extends 1 bay beyond the southwest, side elevation to meet a 2-story, flat-roofed side volume fronted on the northwest by a small secondary entrance porch. The roofs are clad predominantly in asphalt shingle and the windows have 2/2, double-hung, historic wood sash. The front porch includes replacement turned posts and an added, simple rail with square-plan balusters. The primary entrance is located in the northeast bay and includes a historic paneled wood door with large top light and a historic door surround with 2-light sidelights and transom and historic wood pilasters. A window lights each of the remaining bays on both floors. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a single window in the northwest bay of the first floor of the main volume. A double window lights both floors of the 2-story rear volume. The 1-story, rear volume is lighted by a single window on the southwest elevation. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and includes a window on each floor of the 2-story rear volume.

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Principal Investigator:	Emily Cooperman	(Primary Contact)	2027690631	
Organization:	Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor			

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 and may have been the property owned by "D. J. Clayton" that is indicated in the 1876 Everts and Stewart Map. The 1933 Sanborn map details the building as a 2-story, L-plan, frame dwelling with a full-width, 1-story front porch and a small, partial-width, 1story rear el. It was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having Greek Revival features. Some of these are visible in the 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historic and Preservation Society, which shows the building's northwest and part of the northeast elevations. This photograph shows considerably more historic materials on the exterior of the building, including a standing-seam metal roof, a brick ridge, end chimney near the southwest end of the top roof, window trim and roof cornice details and corner board trim that are no longer visible and may no longer be present, wood clapboard or shingle cladding, and different turned porch posts than those that are on the building today. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted the 2/2 window sash. Visual evidence and historic aerial photographs do not clearly date the loss of the chimney, recladding of the exterior in vinyl or the replacement of the porch posts.

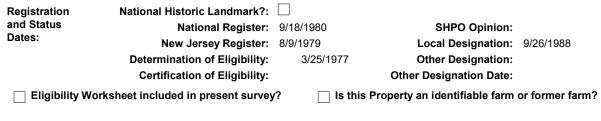
This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic door surround and door, and historic wood window sash and frames. The extent of loss of historic materials on the exterior since 1974 make this status marginal.

#### Setting:

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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.



Location Map: Site Map: Bennet Pi 331 B31/L Waplewood Ave B33/L14 B33/1 16 B31/L: B33/L17 B33/L64 B33/167 B33/L19 B33/L6 B33/L20 120 30 60 **BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Title: Author: Year: HPO Accession #: (if applicable) 1916 (None Listed) 1916 Sanborn Map Cranbury Local Historic District Survey 2018 Survey Name: **Property ID:** 2027690631 Emily Cooperman (Primary Contact)

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Heritage Studies Preserving Cranbury Township				1989		
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey			1979		
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map			1933		
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present			2012		
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map			1876		
(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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