

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 167896162

**Property Name:** 24 Maplewood Avenue  
**Address:** 24 MAPLEWOOD AVE

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	20

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 59

### Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 24 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1933 and 1940, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The garage on the property, built between 1953 and 1957, is non-contributing.

The 1 ½-story, gable-roofed vinyl, siding-clad, rectangular-plan main block of this frame Colonial Revival-style dwelling on a concrete foundation is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, 1 bay-wide, centered shed-roofed porch on square-plan posts with segmental arch openings. A 1-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch is on the northeast, side elevation. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 8/12, double-hung, historic wood sash. An interior, ridge, brick chimney is located just southwest of the center of the main volume. The primary entrance, centered on the main elevation, is accessed via the porch and includes a replaced door. Each of the remaining bays includes a window with applied vinyl shutters. The southwest elevation of the enclosed porch is lighted by a bank of jalousie windows. The southeast, side elevation is lighted by 2 windows on the first floor and a single window on the second floor. The northeast, rear elevation is lighted by a single window in each bay but the central bay, with a triple window in the second floor dormer. The northwest, side elevation, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, includes a secondary entrance and is lighted by jalousie windows in the west bay.

The 1-story, asymmetrical gable-roofed, vinyl siding-clad garage is 2 bays wide and includes 2 sectional garage doors on the southwest

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elevation and a door on the northwest elevation.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs indicate that this property was formerly part of the Vorhees farm property to the north, and that it was developed with the current residence between 1933 and 1940. It was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the 1950s. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northwest elevation. In this image, the main differences from the present configuration are the entrance, which is shown being enclosed with a multi-light door flanked by multi-light sidelights, and the shutters, which were hung on pintels at that date. This photograph also shows exposed rafter tails at the roofline. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted that scalloped bargeboard on the building matched those on the barn at 26 Maplewood Avenue, although this trim element is not clear in the 1974 photograph or on the building in its current configuration. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the garage was added to the property between 1953 and 1957, but show no other major campaigns of alteration or addition. Visual evidence indicates that the front door and cladding have been replaced throughout within approximately the last decade.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic windows and entrance porch.

#### 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

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977

Certification of Eligibility:

SHPO Opinion:

Local Designation: 9/26/1988

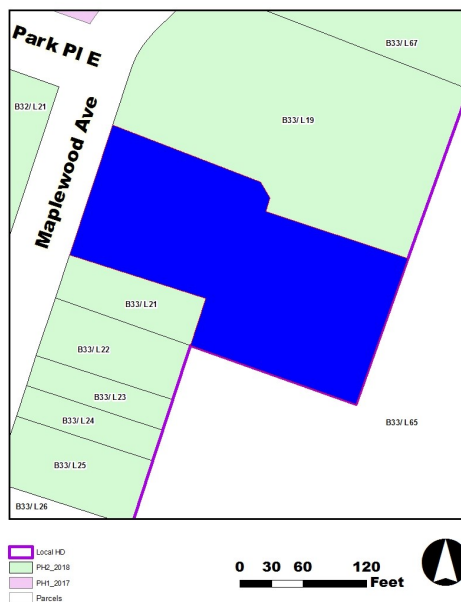
Other Designation:

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)

(None Listed)

1876 Everts and Stewart Map

1876

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Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(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 <a href="http://historicaerials.com">historicaerials.com</a> and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933

**Additional Information:**

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**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**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)

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Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

Date form completed: 8/17/2018

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