New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

2068236403

Ownership: Private **Property Name:** 22 Maplewood Avenue Address: 22 MAPLEWOOD AVE **ZIP:** 08512 Apartment #:

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County: Municipality: **Local Place Name: USGS Quad:** Block: Lot: **MIDDLESEX** Cranbury township 33 21

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: NRIS Number: HABS/HAER Number: 68

Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 22 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. A manufactured shed near the rear of the property is non-contributing.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, clapboard-clad, main block of this frame residence on a parged foundation is 2 bays wide and 5 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, hip-roofed, full-width porch and backed by a 1-story, shed-roofed rear el that connects to a rear porch that wraps around the southeasternmost bay of the northeast elevation. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows have 2/2 replacement vinyl sash. The replaced primary door, located in the northeast bay of the main elevation, is accessed by the porch, which includes historic turned posts with historic decorative brackets. A window lights each of the remaining bays on both floors. The southwest, side elevation is lighted in the central and southeast bays by a window on each floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a window in each bay on both floors. The rear porch includes square-plan posts.

A 1-story, gable-roofed, manufactured frame shed is located to the east of the property.

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 the residence at 22 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the property of "J. Potts" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the late 19th century. The property is documented by the 1916 Sanborn map as a rectangular-plan, frame, 2-story, shingle-roofed dwelling with a full-width, open, 1-story front porch and a 1-story, 3-sided, partial width side porch on the northeast elevation. The 1916 Sanborn also shows a 1-story, frame secondary building located to the rear (southeast) of the dwelling at that this date. The 1933 Sanborn depicts the buildings in the same configuration. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northeast and northwestern elevations, including the shed-roofed, open front porch on turned posts with Eastlake scrollwork brackets. The building is also shown as having 2 bays on the narrow, front-gabled end and 5 bays on the northeast elevation. The side porch had been removed by this date. The windows shown have 2/2, double-hung sash and shutters throughout. There are 2 ridge, brick chimneys shown and the building appears to be clad in wood clapboard. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted the clapboard and chimneys as well as unidentified "additions" on the rear, as well as the front porch and a "large non-contributing outbuilding" which does not appear on contemporary historic aerial photographs and may be on the adjacent park property. Historic aerial photographs indicate that rear, wrapping porch was added to the main volume between 2002 and 2007 and the small secondary building was constructed at the same time. Visual evidence indicates that the front door and the window sash 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 porch brackets and posts, and historic clapboard.

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.

National Historic Landmark?: Registration

and Status 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?

Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author: Title: Year: **HPO Accession #:** (if applicable)

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