

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 2112981193

**Property Name:** 20 Maplewood Avenue  
**Address:** 20 MAPLEWOOD AVE

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	22

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 86

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 20 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, replacement clapboard-clad, main block of this frame dwelling on a parged foundation, 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep, is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, full-width, hip-roofed porch and backed on the southeast by a partial-width, 2-story, gable-roofed, 3 bay deep secondary volume. A 1-story, shed-roofed, enclosed side porch flanks the rear volume on the southwest. The rear volumes are backed by a hip-roofed porch. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows have replacement sash throughout. An interior, brick, ridge chimney is found near the southwestern end of the main volume, and a second interior, ridge, brick chimney is located on the rear volume. The primary entrance with historic transom and replaced door surround, is located in the northeast bay of the northwest elevation and is accessed by the front porch, which includes replaced posts. A window lights each of the remaining bays of each floor of the elevation. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a window on each floor in the northwest bay. The rear enclosed porch volume includes a door and 2 windows on the first floor and 2 windows on the second 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 of each floor of the rear volume with a single window in the west bay on the first floor of the main block.

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Local Historic District Survey 2018

**Principal Investigator:** Emily Cooperman

**Organization:** Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor

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Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs indicate that the residence at 20 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the property of "Mrs. C. Harkness" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the third quarter of the 19th century. The property is documented by the 1916 Sanborn map as a rectangular-plan, frame dwelling, with a 2-story, shingle-roofed main volume fronted by a full-width, open, 1-story porch and backed by 2-story, metal-roofed, partial-width rear volume flanked on the southwest by a 1-story, metal-roofed porch and backed in turn by a full-width, 1-story, metal-roofed rear el. The 1933 Sanborn shows a small, 1-story, metal-roofed garage had been constructed by this date to the south of the dwelling along the southwest lot line. 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 connected by a railing with closely-spaced balusters, 6/6, double-hung, wood windows in all visible windows. A ridge chimney is shown near the southwest end of the front volume. The 1979 Heritage Studies inventory noted "additions on back" but there is no evidence these are not historic. Both the 1974 and 1989 surveys shows a wide transom over the front door. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the rear volume was removed between 1987 and 2002. Visual evidence indicates the extensive replacement of exterior material, including the front porch and window sash, within approximately the last decade and a half. This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and such key character-defining features as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, and historic chimneys. The extent of replacement of exterior materials, including the historic window sash and front porch posts, make this status marginal. The application of dentils to the front cornice create a false sense of history and age of the building.

#### 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:

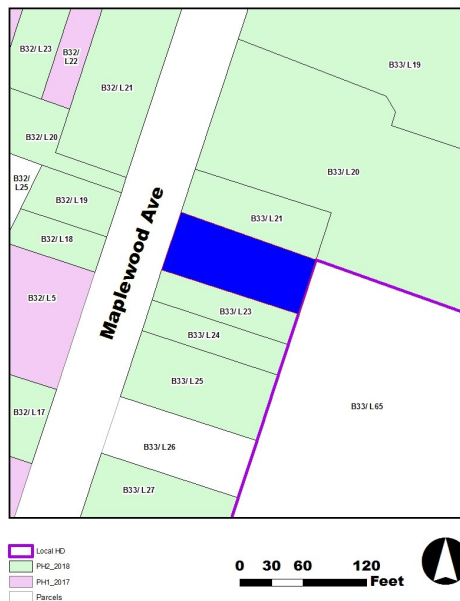
Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:

#### Site Map:



#### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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

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Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
(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)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989

**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)

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Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

Date form completed: 8/17/2018

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