

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 454216687

**Property Name:** 8 Maplewood Avenue  
**Address:** 8 MAPLEWOOD AVE

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

| County:   | Municipality:     | Local Place Name: | USGS Quad: | Block: | Lot: |
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| MIDDLESEX | Cranbury township |                   |            | 33     | 28   |

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 8

### Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 8 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The garage on the property, built between 1947 and 1953, is non-contributing.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, L-plan, asbestos shingle-clad, main volume of this frame residence on a parged foundation is 4 bays wide and 3 bays deep. A 1-story, hip-roofed porch on turned posts extends across the northwest, main elevation of the northwestern portion of the main volume and wraps around the southwest side to shelter a secondary entrance into the rear, southeastern portion of the main volume. A 2-story, gable-roofed addition projects from the southeast corner of the residence. The roofs are clad in asphalt shingle with eave returns at the gable-ends, and the windows predominantly have historic 6/6 wood sash and historic 2/2 wood sash with applied shutters. An interior brick chimney projects from the gable ridge of the northern portion of the main volume. The front porch is accessed by a straight stair and includes historic wood posts, a simple rail, and square-section balusters. The residence is accessed by 2 historic doors, with 1 in the south bay of the north volume and 1 in the north bay of the south volume. A window is in each of the remaining bays on each floor. A casement window lights the first floor of the rear volume and a 1/1 window lights the second floor. A pent eave divides the 2 floors. The south, side elevation includes a window on each floor of the main volume, a small, sliding window on the first floor of the rear volume, and a 1/1 window on the second floor. The east, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The north, side elevation has a window in each bay of each floor except the central bay of the first floor.

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The 1 ½-story, cross gable-roofed garage located to the northeast of the residence includes 2 entrances and 2 car ports, with a shuttered opening on the second floor.

Historic maps show that the residence at 8 Maplewood Avenue was built between 1850 and 1876. Current homeowners report the house to have been built circa 1858. It is identified as the property of "P. R. Bergen" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the mid-19th century. A view of the house seen from Maplewood Avenue (Brennan and Brennan 1995: 66) shows the same organization of the main volume, with 6/6 windows in the northern section and 2/2 windows in the southern, and clapboard cladding. Louvered shutters are visible on most of the windows. The front porch appears to be as it is today, but without a railing and the larger bottom plinths of the posts. The residence was identified as the "Stahl Homestead." The building was detailed in the 1916 Sanborn map as a 2-story, L-plan, cross gable-roofed, frame dwelling with a 1-story, slate or metal-roofed, partial wrap-around front porch and a small, 1-story, composite-roofed secondary building immediately behind the residence. The 1933 Sanborn shows no alterations. The smaller secondary building was removed after 1933 and the current. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the current, larger garage was built to the northeast of the residence between 1947 and 1953. 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, and indicates that the current porch railing and asbestos shingle were present at this date. The 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District Historic inventory noted the shingle and the combination of 6/6 and 2/2 sash. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted that the rear portion of the main volume may have been a historic addition, which is supported by both visual evidence and comparison to neighboring properties on Maplewood Avenue aerial photographs. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the garage was expanded into its present, cross gable-roofed configuration between 1979 and 1987. A 2-story, gable-roofed rear addition was constructed on the southeast corner of the residence between 1987 and 2002.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and such character-defining historic features as the massing of its historic main volume, its historic front porch, historic chimneys, and historic window sash and wood doors.

**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?**

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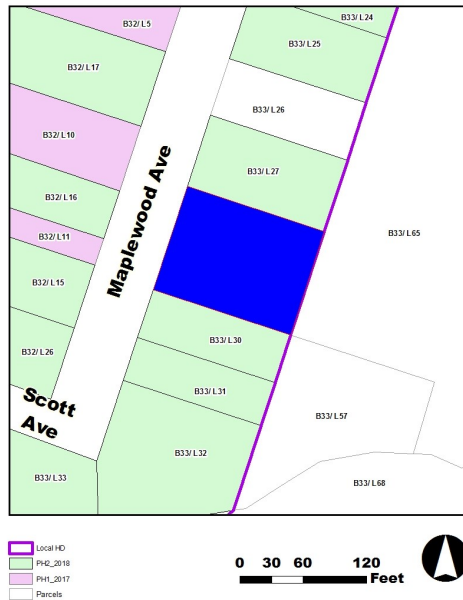
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Location Map:



Site Map:

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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| Walsh, Ruth                     | National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey   | 1979  |                                  |

**Additional Information:**

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More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**

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| <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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