New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

-828826183

Property Name:4 Maplewood AvenueOwnership:PrivateAddress:4 MAPLEWOOD AVEApartment #:ZIP:08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County: Municipality: Local Place Name: USGS Quad: Block: Lot:

MIDDLESEX Cranbury township 33 31

### **Property Photo:**



Old HSI Number: NRIS Number: HABS/HAER Number: 102

## Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 4 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The property includes a non-contributing manufactured storage shed.

The 2-story, rectangular-plan, gable-roofed, aluminum siding-clad, main volume of this frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 3-bays wide and 2-bays deep and is backed on the southeast by a 2-story, shed-roofed, 1-bay deep rear volume. A 1-story, shed-roofed rear el projects from the 2-story rear volume. A 2-story, hip-roofed, cedar shingle-clad, side volume on a concrete foundation projects from the southeast corner of the building. The visible roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle, and the windows throughout the main volume contain historic 6/6 wood sash with replaced, applied shutters. An interior brick chimney projects from the north bay of the gable ridge. The concrete porch includes a replaced rail. The residence is accessed by a replaced, 16-light door in the southwest bay of the northwest, main elevation. Each of the remaining bays of the main elevation contains a window on both floors. The southwest, side elevation includes 2/2 windows on the first floor of the side volume and a bank of fixed, 4-light windows on the second floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation includes a window in the northwest bay of the first floor and a window on each floor of the 2-story rear volume.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century and that the

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residence at 4 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. According to historic Sanborn Maps, by 1916 the property included a 2-story, rectangular-plan, shingle-roofed dwelling with a 1-story, slate or metal-roofed front and back porch. 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 much as they appear today. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted aluminum siding on the building and 6/6 window sash, along with a "modern flush door." Historic aerial photographs show that a 2-story, hip-roofed addition was constructed on the southwest, side elevation between 1987 and 1995.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and such character-defining historic features as the massing and fenestration pattern of its main volume, historic brick chimney, and historic wood window sash.

#### 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 National Historic Landmark?:

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:



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