

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1050234717

Property Name: John Embley House
Address: 10 N Main ST

Ownership: Private
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	33	36

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The John Embley House at 10 North Main Street is a two-and-a-half-story tall, five-bay wide, three-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1881 in a vernacular style. The dwelling, which sits on a brick foundation, consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block; a two-story, two-bay addition and a one-story, one-bay shed roof addition to the southeast (built circa 1900); and a one-story, one-bay, hipped roof addition to the northeast (built circa 1900). The roof, which has overhanging eaves supported by brackets, is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Interior corbelled brick chimneys pierce the roof: two on the northwest bent and two on the southeast bent, all at the gable ends. An interior brick chimney is located on the one-story hipped roof addition. A large central front-gabled dormer rests on the northwest and southeast bents of the roof. Each dormer has overhanging eaves supported by brackets at the corners and two two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash windows (likely original). The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on the front (northwest) elevation and vinyl siding on the side and rear elevations. Regular fenestration on the front elevation consists of two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash windows (likely original) with molded surrounds on the second floor and two-over-two triple-sash wood windows (likely original) on the first floor. Windows on the front elevation have louvered shutters. The central historic entrance consists of paired wood doors (original) with rectangular panels above square panels and a brass knob. The doors are set within a molded wood surround and topped by a rectangular, segmented transom. A one-step wood stoop provides access to the entrance. The northeast elevation features two two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash windows (likely original) in the gable end. Windows on the first and second floors of the main block and additions are two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash windows (likely original). The one-story shed roof addition features a six-

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over-six vinyl-sash replacement window. All windows on the northeast elevation have louvered shutters. The southeast elevation features two two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash windows (likely original) in the gable end. A two-story, semi-hexagonal projecting bay is located in the west bay of the main block. Windows on the first and second floors of the main block, the projecting bay, and two-story addition are two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash (likely original). Only the windows on the main block have louvered shutters. The one-story shed roof addition has a six-over-one vinyl-sash replacement window. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include overhanging eaves supported by brackets, wood-sash windows, and two front-gabled dormers. A two-story, front-gabled frame carriage house, constructed circa 1881 during the district's period of significance and currently used as a garage, stands east of the dwelling.

History: The John Embley House at 10 North Main Street stands on the former site of the William Stults Inn (also called Stults Tavern), which burned down in 1880. John Embley, a Philadelphia banker, constructed the subject dwelling the following year (Chambers 2012:81). The subject dwelling first appears cartographically on the 1916 Sanborn map of Cranbury Township as a two-story frame dwelling with a two-story addition to the southeast, one-story additions to the southeast and northeast, and a one-story porch across the front of the subject dwelling. A two-story frame outbuilding stands east of the subject dwelling. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no changes to the subject dwelling. The front porch was removed by 1979.

Setting:

The John Embley House is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 33, Lot 36) located on the east side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the west by North Main Street and to the north by Scott Avenue. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing east and is set back approximately 20 feet from North Main Street. The portion of the sidewalk that spans the west side of the parcel is paved with bricks. A paved driveway leads south from Scott Avenue to a one-story, frame carriage house, located southwest of the dwelling. The property is lightly wooded. The John Embley House at 10 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

**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

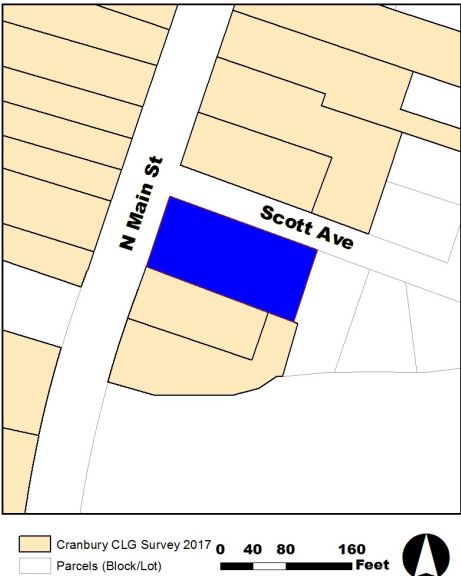
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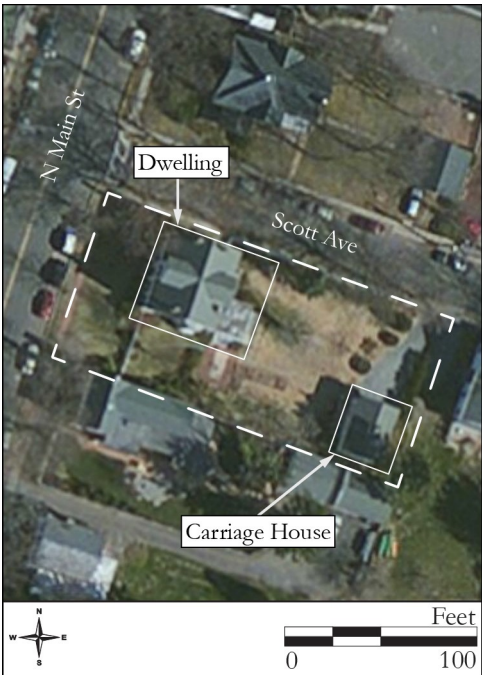
☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:



Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author:

Title:

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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 Historic Cranbury Village	1989
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the John Embley House at 10 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the John Embley House at 10 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with the district.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 70

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