

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 754483597

Property Name: 6 North Main Street
Address: 6 N Main ST
Apartment #:
Ownership: Private
ZIP: 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	33	37

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

6 North Main Street is a two-story, three-bay, two-pile Federal residence constructed circa 1800. The house has a two-story rear ell section and a one-story rear addition.

The main block has a side-gabled roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The molded cornice is located above an expressed frieze. An exterior brick chimney is attached onto the north end of the house at the ridgeline, breaking through the cornice. The exterior of the dwelling is of whitewashed brick, and vestigial ("ghost") markings indicate the former roofline of a now-removed hipped roof porch. Fenestration is symmetrically arranged. Windows are six-over-six double-hung, wood-sash (possibly original) with brick jack arches. Paneled shutters flank the windows on the first floor, while the shutters on the second floor are louvered. The entrance, located in the southwest corner of the dwelling, consists of paired, one-panel wood doors in a molded surround with elaborate three-light filigree designs. The entrance is accessed via a brick pad porch with metal railings. The house has a stone foundation.

The south elevation repeats the cladding of the main elevation (asphalt shingles on the roof and brick walls). The molded cornice includes small returns on the end, over the expressed frieze. The wall is mostly solid, with two replacement windows: an attic unit and a first floor casement. Heavy vegetation complicates documentation of this elevation.

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The north elevation also repeats the cladding of the main elevation (asphalt shingles on the roof and brick walls). The most prominent feature of the elevation is the attached brick chimney, which is flanked by windows on the lower two floor levels below the cornice returns. The windows are replacement six-over-six vinyl sash units with the appropriate shutters (louvered on the second floor and paneled on the first).

The rear ell section is a two-story, three-bay section aligned with the north wall of the main block. It has a gabled roof with a molded cornice and frieze. The walls are brick. Fenestration is highly asymmetrical. Windows are double hung sash units that are not easily documented from the public right-of-way but which feature the appropriate shutters (louvered on the second floor and paneled on the first).

On the rear of the rear ell is a one-story addition that is not visible from the public right-of-way.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling include a white-washed brick exterior, historic (potentially original) wood-sash windows, and a brick exterior chimney.

History: 6 North Main Street is locally known as the "House of Doctors," as it served as the home and office of several Cranbury physicians throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (Chambers 2012:54-55). The 1916 Sanborn Atlas shows the main block of the house with its rear ell and a one-story section in the void. The Atlas shows two outbuildings behind the house. The 1933 Sanborn Atlas shows the same information for the property. All historic aerials show the house and outbuildings, beginning with 1940.

Setting:

6 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 33, Lot 37) located on the east side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 10 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, shared with the dwelling John Lewis House at 2 North Main Street, leads east from North Main Street past the subject dwelling's southwest elevation. The property is lightly wooded. 6 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

Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

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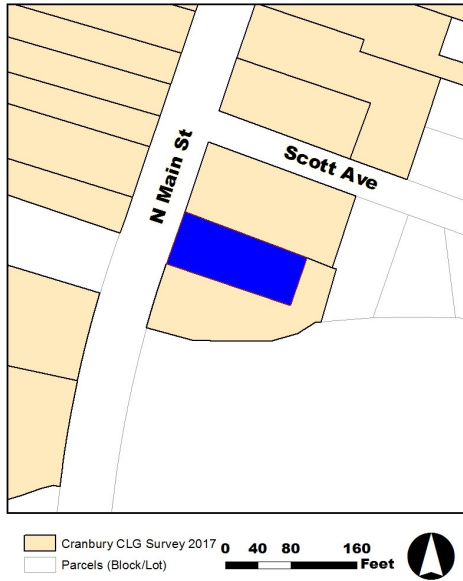
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Location Map:

Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:	(if applicable)
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 6 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 6 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

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: 22

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