New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

-1386128706

Ownership: Private Property Name: 62 Maplewood Avenue **62 MAPLEWOOD AVE ZIP:** 08512 Address: Apartment #:

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

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

MIDDLESEX Cranbury township 33 4

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: NRIS Number: HABS/HAER Number: 79

Description:

PS&S recommends that 62 Maplewood Avenue, built in the 1910s, contributes to the Cranbury Historic District. The historic garage contributes to the property.

This 2 1/2-story, gambrel-roofed, rectangular-plan dwelling with a stuccoed concrete block first floor and basement and aluminum sidingclad, frame upper section is 5 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, shed-roofed, screened-in porch and backed by a 1-story, partial-width, shed-roofed secondary volume. The roofs are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have double-hung historic wood sash with a multi-light upper sash that includes extended narrow lights beneath a row of diamond pattern lights. A stuccoed, ridge chimney is centered on the main volume roof. The front porch includes a stuccoed knee wall and substantial stuccoed corner posts and is accessed by a straight brick stair with stuccoed cheek walls. The primary, centered entrance includes a historic door with a large, single light flanked by historic, large, single sidelights. A window on each side of the door lights the first floor, with 4 windows in the outer bays of the second floor. The southwest, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated and is lighted in the rear volume by a 6/6 sash and a 4-light casement window. Windows with 1/1 sash light the second floor, and a small, 1/1 sash window lights the third floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and includes a 1-story, rectangular-plan, projecting window bay in the southeast bay of the first floor. The northwest bay is lit by 3 windows and a triple window lights the projecting bay. The second floor is lighted by 2 1/1 windows with

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a small 1/1 window on the third floor.

A 1-story, gable-roofed, frame garage is located to the southeast of the residence.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs indicate that this residence was built before 1933, and stylistic evidence suggests it dates to the 1910s. It was not included in the inventory of the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District. The building is detailed in the 1933 Sanborn map essentially as it appears today, with the note that the first floor is concrete block and the garage walls are terra cotta tile. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northeast and northwest elevation, but with little detail. The image suggests the upper 2 floors were clad in wood shingle at that date. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory dated the building to the 1920s. Historic aerial photographs show no major campaigns of addition or alteration. Visual evidence suggests that the current siding was applied to the upper part of the building and the lower part of the building was stuccoed in the 1980s or later.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic chimney, and its historic windows and 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 National Historic Landmark?:

and Status National Register: 9/18/1980 SHPO Opinion: Dates:

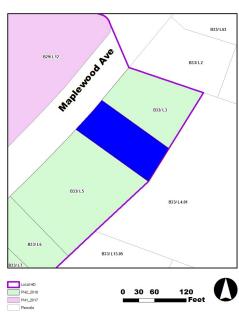
New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979 Local Designation: 9/26/1988

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:







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Author:Title:Year:HPO Accession #: (if applicable)(None Listed)1876 Everts and Stewart Map1876

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