New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

-453125586 **PROPERTY REPORT** Property ID: Ownership: Private Property Name: 60 Maplewood Avenue Address: 60 MAPLEWOOD AVE **ZIP:** 08512 Apartment #: **PROPERTY LOCATION(S):** County: Municipality: Local Place Name: USGS Quad: Block: Lot: 5 MIDDLESEX Cranbury township 33

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number: 31

Description:

PS&S recommends that 60 Maplewood Avenue, constructed in the mid-19th century, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The small secondary buildings near the rear of the property are non-contributing.

The 2-story, asymmetrically gable-roofed main block of this frame, T-plan, asbestos shingle-clad dwelling on a parged foundation is 5 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, hip-roofed, full-width porch and backed by a 2-story, gable-roofed, partial-width secondary volume. A 1-story, hip-roofed porch backs the rear volume, and a 1-story, hip-roofed volume backs the main block. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows throughout have replacement sash. An interior, brick, ridge chimney is located toward the southwest elevation of the main block. The front porch includes replaced columns and a replaced rail with square-plan balusters. The primary, centered entrance includes an altered door in a historic surround, with a 4-light transom and sidelights. The remaining bays on both floors are regularly fenestrated. The southeast, side 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 is regularly fenestrated. There are 2 gable-roofed frame sheds are located east of the residence.

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

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aerial photographs indicate that this residence was probably constructed by 1850. It is identified as the property of "C. Petty" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the mid-19th century and as having been clad in asbestos shingle. The building is detailed in the 1933 Sanborn map essentially as it appears today. 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 and reflects the organization shown in the Sanborn map, and shows Tuscan columns on the front porch, in addition to a ridge chimney near the northeast end of the main volume that is no longer extant. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted the presence of both chimneys, and claimed that the building was originally "3 bays with the side hall" although the basis of this information was note noted. Historic aerial photographs indicate the expansion of a rear addition between 1987 and 2002. Visual evidence suggests that the current porch columns and railing date to within approximately the last 15 years.

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 brick chimney, and some historic porch details.

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?:
 Image: Mathematic landmark

 New Jersey Register:
 9/18/1980

 Determination of Eligibility:
 8/9/1979

 Certification of Eligibility:
 3/25/1977

SHPO Opinion: Local Designation: 9/26/1988 Other Designation: Other Designation Date:

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Site Map:

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

Location Map:



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Additional Information: 1202_33_5 (4 UNIT APAR	TMENT) / 2STY - 4FAMILY / 1870	
More Research Needed?	? (checked=Yes)	
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