

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 829667208

**Property Name:** 56 Maplewood Avenue  
**Address:** 56 MAPLEWOOD AVE

**Ownership:** Private  
**Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	6

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 53

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 56 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The historic garage on the property, built before 1933, contributes to the property.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, T-plan, main block of this clapboard and aluminum siding-clad, frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 4 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted by a 1-story, composite-roofed porch and backed by a 1-story, gable-roofed rear volume. A partially recessed side porch is located on the southwest elevation of the rear volume. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows have 1/1 replacement vinyl sash. Interior, stuccoed, ridge chimneys are located on the northeast end of the main block and on the southeast end of the rear addition. The front porch on the northwest, main elevation includes square-plan posts with beveled edges, decorative scroll brackets, and a simple rail with square-plan balusters. The primary entrance, roughly centered, includes a historic, large light door with historic single light transom. Each of the remaining bays on both floors are regularly fenestrated. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a window on each floor of the northwest bay and by a single window on the first floor and 2 windows on the second floor of the southeast bay. The rear volume is accessed by a porch with replaced turned posts. A secondary entrance is located in the west bay of the rear addition, with a single window in the remaining bay. 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 is asymmetrically fenestrated.

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**Organization:** Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor

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The 1-story, hip-roofed, frame garage with sliding door 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 constructed between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the property of "Mrs. L. Applegate" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the late 19th century and as having been clad in asbestos shingle. The building is detailed in the 1933 Sanborn map as a roughly square-plan frame dwelling with a 2-story front volume with a 1 ½-story rear volume fronted by a partial-width, centered porch. A 1-story garage is shown south of the dwelling. 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, with a partial-width front porch with posts with scrollwork brackets and a railing. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted 1/1 sash, and "poorly fitted shutters." Historic aerial photographs indicate the expansion of a rear addition between 1987 and 2002. Visual evidence, and Google street view images from 2007 indicate that the current exterior materials date to this period, with the exception of the porch, which was being worked on that year. These street views indicate alterations to the front porch, including the likely replacement of the historic posts, between 2013 and 2016.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic fenestration patterns and some historic porch details. The extent of replacement of these materials, and the visibility of the rear addition from the public right-of-way make this status very marginal.

#### 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?: ☐

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?

Location Map:



Site Map:



#### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author:

Title:

Year:

HPO Accession #: (if applicable)

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Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
(None Listed)	Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at <a href="http://historicaerials.com">historicaerials.com</a> and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850

**Additional Information:**

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**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> 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:

Date form completed: 8/17/2018

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