

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-778982127**

**Property Name:** 52 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 52 MAPLEWOOD AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	8

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 14

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 52 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876 and substantially altered, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, L-plan, main block of this composite siding-clad, frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 3 bays wide and 5 bays deep. A 2-story, hip-roofed, 3-sided bay projects from the southwest elevation of the main volume. The main volume is backed on the southeast by a 2-story, gable-roofed, partial-width secondary volume offset to the northeast which is flanked on the southwest by a 1-story, shed-roofed, enclosed side porch. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows throughout have replacement sash with applied muntins. An exterior, vinyl siding-clad chimney projects from the central bay of the northeast elevation of the southeast volume. The primary entrance, located in the northeast bay of the northwest, main elevation, is accessed by a straight brick and concrete stair with a simple rail and turned balusters and includes a replaced door with an added door surround with an exaggerated keystone. Each of the remaining bays on both floors is lighted by a single window with added, keystone entablatures. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by 3 windows on each floor of the projecting bay with a small sash window under the gable eaves. The rear volume includes a secondary sliding door in the central bay flanked by double windows, with 2 single windows on the second floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a small stair window in the northwest block, with a small window under the gable eaves. The rear block is lighted by 1 window on the first floor and 2 windows on the second floor.

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Local Historic District Survey 2018

**Principal Investigator:** Emily Cooperman

**Organization:** Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor

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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 appears in the 1876 Everts and Stewart map as the property of "J. Gravat." It was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the late 19th century, and as having 6/6 sash and a "projecting bay on the end." The building is detailed in the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, frame, L-plan dwelling, with a main volume fronted by a 1-story, full-width porch and a 1-story porch flanking the rear portion of the house to the southeast of the 3-sided bay. A 1-story garage is shown in the location of the current garage. A 1944 photograph (Bergen and Bergen 1998: 95) indicates that the house survived at that date, and included bracketed, square-plan posts. This image also shows 2/2 windows and asbestos shingle siding. 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, but with no porch, and the exterior chimney on the northeast elevation that is currently clad in clapboard. This image also shows 6/6 windows on the front elevation. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted "poorly applied aluminum siding and badly designed Colonial Revival aluminum door surround. Historic aerial photographs do not clearly document the date of the removal of the front porch and recladding of the exterior, but suggest this happened in the late 1970s. Google street view photographs indicate that extensive replacement of exterior materials, including the removal of what appear to have been historic windows, took place between 2013 and 2016.

This property is a non-contributing property in the historic district by virtue of the building's loss of integrity from the loss of its historic porch, its historic cladding, and its historic wood windows.

**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:**

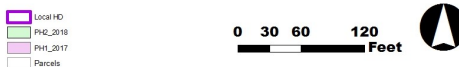
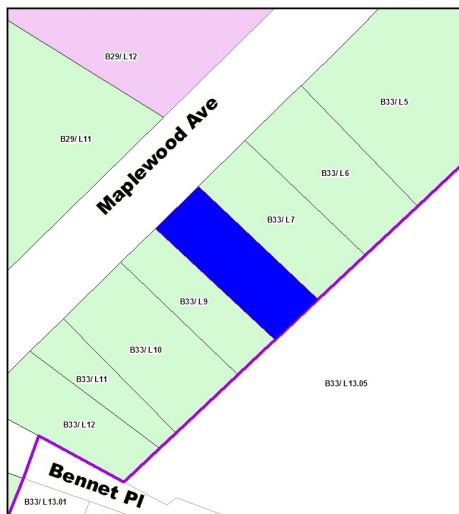
**Other Designation Date:**

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	1995
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(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, Volume II	1998
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979

**Additional Information:**

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**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:** Non 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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