

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1599093028

**Property Name:** 50 Maplewood Avenue  
**Address:** 50 MAPLEWOOD AVE

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

| County:   | Municipality:     | Local Place Name: | USGS Quad: | Block: | Lot: |
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| MIDDLESEX | Cranbury township |                   |            | 33     | 9    |

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 105

### Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 50 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, rectangular plan, main block of this composite siding-clad, frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 3-bays wide and 1 bay deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, nearly full-width, composite-roofed porch and backed by a 2-story, gable-roofed, full-width secondary volume. A projecting oriel is in the central bay of the second floor of the rear volume. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows throughout have double-hung replacement sash. A substantial exterior brick chimney projects from the northeast elevation of the main block. The front porch includes replacement turned posts and added decorative brackets. The primary entrance to the residence is located in the central bay, with a window in each of the remaining bays of the first floor and in the outer bays of the second floor. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a window on each floor of the main block with asymmetrical fenestration in the rear volume. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a window on each floor of the main block, with a single window on the first floor of the rear volume and 2 small fixed windows on the second floor. A double window lights the side oriel.

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 constructed between 1850 and 1876. It appears in the 1876 Everts and Stewart map as the property of "A. Everingham." It was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the late 19th century, and as being clapboard clad. The building is detailed in the 1933 Sanborn map as a relatively small, 1 1/2-story, frame, L-plan dwelling, with a main volume fronted by partial-width, 1-story, metal-roofed porch and a 1-story rear el. 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 the shed roof of the rear el clearly visible, along with a standing-seam metal top roof, partially enclosed porch, and an exterior brick chimney in the location of the present chimney on the building. The poor quality of this image does not allow for an understanding of the historic configuration of the window sash. 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. Historic aerial photographs indicate a major campaign of addition and substantial alteration to the rear of the building that took place between 2002 and 2007. Google street view photographs from 2007 confirm that the extensive replacement of exterior materials with those current on the building was part of this project.

This property is a non-contributing property in the historic district because of the extent of replacement of exterior materials, and the visibility of the addition from the public right-of-way.

#### 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

National Historic Landmark?: ☐

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:

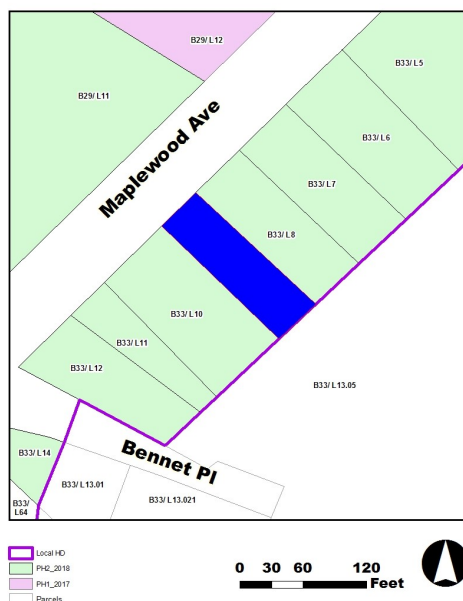
Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:

#### 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 | 1979  |                                  |

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|                                 | County, New Jersey  |      |
| (None Listed)                   | 1933 Sanborn Map  | 1933 |
| (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 |      |
| (None Listed)                   | 1876 Everts and Stewart Map   | 1876 |
| (None Listed)                   | 1916 Sanborn Map  | 1916 |
| Chambers, John Whiteclay II     | Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present  | 2012 |
| (None Listed)                   | 1850 Otley and Keily Map  | 1850 |
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**Additional Information:**

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

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

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| <b>Attachments Included:</b> | <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:** 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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