

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-773382052**

Property Name: 29 South Main Street
Address: 29 S MAIN ST

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			35	10

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 17

Description:

PS&S recommends that 29 S. Main Street, which includes a historic residence and a historic outbuilding constructed in the late 19th century, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The garage, constructed in 2016, does not contribute to the property.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, L-plan main block of this clapboard-clad dwelling on a parged stone foundation is 3 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is backed on the southeast by a 2-story, cross-gable-roofed rear volume that projects beyond the northwest elevation of the main volume. A 1-story, hip-roofed porch, added in 2016, backs the rear volume. A 1-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch volume flanks the northeast side of the main volume. An added gabled door hood with a segmental arch opening and pendant brackets is located in the northeast bay of the northwest, main elevation. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 2/2 replacement wood sash. An interior brick chimney projects from the central bay of the southwest roof slope. The primary entrance, located in the northeast bay of the northwest, main elevation, includes a 2-light, leaded glass, replaced door with replaced, segmental arch, leaded glass transom and a replaced rail with replaced newels. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated and include historic shutters and eyebrow arch entablatures. A single window lights the enclosed porch volume. The southwest, side elevation is regularly fenestrated in both the main and rear volumes. The northeast, side elevation is regularly fenestrated and includes a secondary, recessed opening in the northwest bay of the enclosed porch. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 1-story, gable-roofed, frame outbuilding, located to the southeast of the residence, is accessed on the northwest and southeast elevations

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by added French doors and on the southwest elevation by a historic, 6-light door with a flanking historic window. The 1 ½-story, gable-roofed, frame garage, located to the southeast of the outbuilding, is 2-bays wide and is lighted by 6/6 sash windows. A cupola with fixed 9-light windows is in the central bay of the gable ridge.

Historic maps indicate that South Main Street includes some of the earliest development in Cranbury. The settlement began in 1736 with the construction of a mill on the south banks of the Cranbury Brook and, by 1810, developed into a small village. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the 2-story dwelling with Victorian trim at 29 S. Main Street was constructed in the late 19th century. Historic maps indicate that a residence owned by "Miss Abrahams" was constructed on the property by 1876. A historical plaque on the building asserts that the residence was built by Stafford and Sutton circa 1850. Visual evidence, such as the stone foundation and scalloped bargeboards, suggest that the residence was possibly built to as early as the 1860s. The 1916 Sanborn Map documents this residence as a 2-story, irregular plan dwelling with a 1-story, wrap around front and rear porch, a 1-story outbuilding, and a 1-story garage. A brick foundation at the rear of the building suggests that the 2-story rear volume was added between the date of the building's construction and 1916. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory documents that, though the house retained the historic bargeboard and shutters, a large portion of the porch had been removed and the entrance had been relocated to the northeast side. This is evident in images from the 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society in which there appears to be no front door in the current location. The windows in this photograph include 1/1 sash. Visual evidence suggests that the front door, door hood, and eyebrow arch window frames were all added after 1989. Visual evidence also suggests that the windows were replaced with 2/2 wood sash within the last ten years. Information provided by the current owners indicate that the 1 ½-story garage, rear porch, and French doors to the historic outbuilding were all added within the last 3 years, and historic aerial photographs indicate this campaign dates to ca. 2016. The garage was built on the site of the previous, historic garage.

The residence at 29 S. Main Street is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as the historic wood shutters, historic bargeboard, historic clapboard, and historic secondary building.

Setting:

South Main Street stretches from Brainerd Lake to the southern edge of Cranbury and is characterized by freestanding single-family residences of moderate scale ranging in date from the early 19th century to the early 20th century.

**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?**

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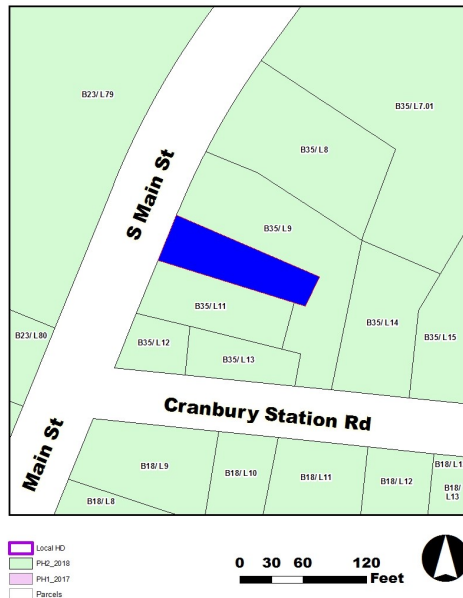
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Location Map:



Site Map:



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Additional Information:

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More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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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: 8/24/2018

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