

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-967757615**

**Property Name:** 33 South Main Street  
**Address:** 33 S MAIN ST

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			35	11

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 78

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 33 S. Main Street, which includes a historic residence built circa 1800 and historic garage built circa 1920, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this painted wood shingle-clad, frame dwelling on a stone and parged foundation is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed on the southeast by a 2-story, gable-roofed, partial-width secondary volume. The rear volume is in turn flanked by a 1-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch volume on the southwest elevation. Gable-roofed, segmental arch door-hoods on scroll brackets in located on both the northwest, main and northeast, side elevation. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 6/1 replacement wood sash. An exterior brick chimney projects from the center of the northeast elevation of the main volume. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the central bay of the northwest elevation, is accessed by a straight brick stair with wrought iron rail and includes a historic 8-light door with extended recessed panels and a historic, fluted pilaster door surround that joins the door hood. The remaining bays are regularly fenestrated on both floors. The southwest, side elevation is lighted in the main block by a triple window on the first floor and a double window on the second floor. The enclosed rear porch is lighted by 2 fixed, 8-light windows and includes a secondary door in the northwest bay. The second floor of the rear volume is lighted by 2 single windows. The northeast, side elevation includes an 18-light door in the southeast bay with a door surround that matches that of the primary entrance, though the brackets of the door hood are shaped with a simpler profile. A single window lights the northwest bay of

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the main block. The rear volume is lighted by 2 single windows on the first floor and a smaller, double, 1/1 window on the second floor. The southeast, side elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 1-story, gable-roofed, frame garage located to the southeast of the residence, is accessed by a garage door on the northeast elevation and is lighted by a historic window on the northwest elevation.

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 residence at 33 S. Main Street was constructed circa 1920. Historic maps and visual evidence, however, indicate an earlier construction date. Current homeowners suggest that the stone foundation and hand-hewn interior beams of the southwest bays of the main block point to a late 18th-century construction campaign. Historic maps indicate that a residence was built on the property for "Mrs. Vanhorn" by 1876. This residence is documented in the 1916 Sanborn Map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan, frame dwelling fronted by a 1-story, partial-width front porch and backed by a 2-story, partial-width rear volume which is in turn flanked to the southeast by a 1-story porch. A 1-story outbuilding located to the southeast of the residence and 2-story outbuilding located in the northeast corner of the lot are also documented on the property. Visual evidence, such as changes in the foundation material, suggest that this residence expanded the earlier, 18th-century dwelling. The 1933 Sanborn Map records a dwelling with the same massing, but the 1-story outbuilding has been demolished and the 2-story outbuilding has been replaced by a 1-story garage in the southeast corner of the lot. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the rear volume was expanded to its current size between 1933 and 1940. Visual evidence suggests that during the renovation campaign the front porch was removed and replaced by a gabled door hood, a matching door hood to a secondary side entrance was added, paneled shutters were added to the windows, and the chimney was expanded. Imagery from the 974 photographic inventory documents the residence's current 8-light front door and 6/1 window sash, though visual evidence suggests that the window sash has been replaced within the last ten years. The rear porch was enclosed at an indeterminate time.

33 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 massing of the main volume, the historic shingle siding, and the historic front door. The garage retains historic clapboard siding and historic windows.

**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**

**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?**

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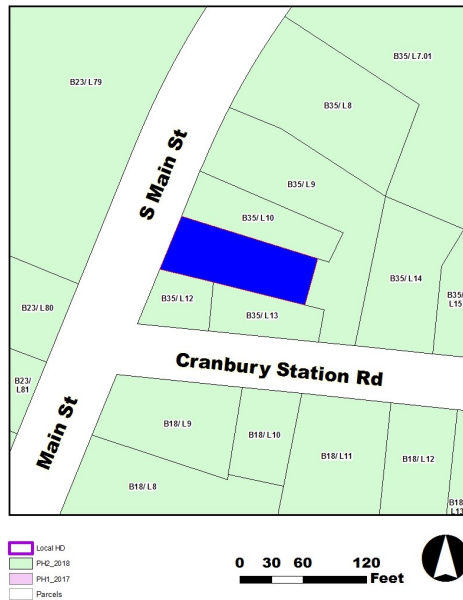
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Location Map:



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)

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Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

*Date form completed:* 8/24/2018

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