

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1460589352**

Property Name: 35 South Main Street
Address: 35 S MAIN ST

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			35	12

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 37

Description:

PS&S recommends that 35 S. Main Street, built circa 1820, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The main block of this 2-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a stone foundation is 4 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed on the southeast by a 2-story, cross gable-roofed, partial-width secondary volume offset to the northeast that projects beyond the northeast elevation and a 1-story, gable-roofed, attached garage to the southwest that projects beyond the southwest elevation of the main volume. A recessed porch is located in the southwest corner of the rear volume. The main volume roof is clad in standing seam metal. The rear volume and garage roof are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows throughout have 4/4 replaced sash with applied muntins and applied shutters. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the center of the northwest elevation and marked by a pedimented hood, is accessed by a stair with a replaced rail and replaced turned balusters and includes a replaced 8-light door and historic pedimented door hood with shaped brackets. The southwest bay is fenestrated on the first floor by a replaced 6/6 sash window and on the second floor by an offset 4/4 window. The northeast bay is lighted by 2 single windows on the first floor and an offset single window on the second floor. The southwest, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated with offset 6/6 windows on both floors of the northwest bay and a single 4/4 window on the first floor of the southeast bay. The second floor of the rear volume is regularly fenestrated on the southwest side. The garage is accessed by a roll-up door on the southwest elevation. An entrance on the southwest elevation of the rear volume is accessed by the recessed porch, which includes a square-plan post with beveled edges. The

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northeast, side elevation of the main block is lighted by 2 windows on the first floor and a single window on the second floor. The rear volume is lighted by a single window on the first floor and a double window on the second floor of the northwest elevation and by a single window and 3 double windows on the northeast elevation. The southeast, rear elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated.

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, frame residence with a center entrance at 35 S. Main Street was built in the mid-19th century. The 1989 Heritage Studies Inventory reports that a plaque on the residence dates it to 1820, but that the small windows on the north end of the main elevation suggest an earlier construction date for part of the dwelling. Historic maps indicate that a residence owned by "N. Rue" was built on the property by 1876. A historic photograph taken circa 1890 depicts the building as the Rue residence and bootmaker's shop. The clapboard clad building is fronted by a full-length, composite-roofed porch with square-plan posts, and is lighted by 6/6 windows. In the southwest bay is a projecting, 12-light display window and a 4-light door. This evidence suggests that the bootmaker's shop was located in the southwest bays of the building and the residence located in the northeast bays (Brennan and Brennan, 1995: 19). The 1916 Sanborn Map documents the building as a 2-story, rectangular-plan, frame dwelling fronted by a 1-story, partial-width porch and backed by a 1-story, partial-width rear volume with a projecting bay. A 2-story secondary dwelling, now 3 Station Road, is also documented as part of the lot. The 1933 Sanborn Map documents the same massing of the dwelling. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation indicates that the front porch was replaced by a pedimented door hood with shaped brackets sometime in the mid-20th century. This image also documents the residence as having a 3-light door, 6/6 sash windows, and a standing seam metal roof. Visual evidence suggests that the door, window sash, and roofs have been replaced within the last ten years.

This is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as the historic massing and historic fenestration patterns of the main volume.

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

SHPO Opinion:

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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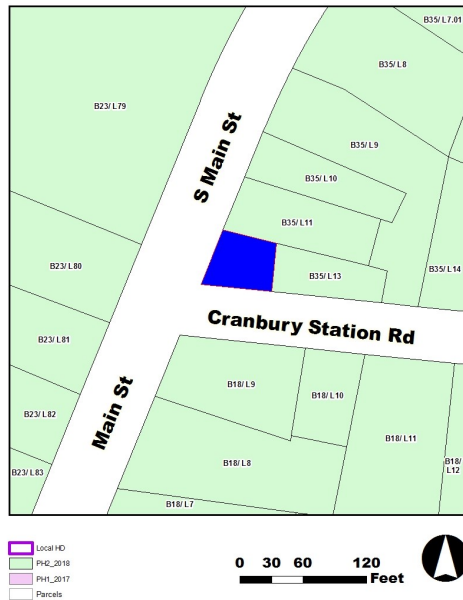
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Location Map:



Site Map:

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #: (if applicable)
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(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998	
(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	
(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 historicaerials.com and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth		
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Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012	
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916	

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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