

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 910594820

Property Name: 7-9 South Main Street
Address: 9 S MAIN ST

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

| County: | Municipality: | Local Place Name: | USGS Quad: | Block: | Lot: |
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| MIDDLESEX | Cranbury township | | | 35 | 3 |

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 9

Description:

PS&S recommends that 7-9 S. Main Street, which includes a historic former combination grocery store and residence built ca. 1910, now a double residence, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The altered garage and later shed do not contributed to the property.

The 2 ½-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this vinyl siding-clad, frame, double dwelling on a parged foundation is 7 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest elevation by a 1-story, partial-width, centered, gable-roofed porch and backed on the southeast elevation by a 1-story, shed-roofed rear el. A 2-story, 3-sided bay with a projecting gable roof is located in the southwest bay of the main elevation, with a wall gable in the northeast bay. A gable-roofed, 3-sided bay is located in the southeast bay of the southwest, side elevation. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 1/1, historic wood sash. The front porch, includes square section posts and is accessed by a straight stair. The primary entrances to the residences, accessed by the porch, both retain historic doors with large single lights. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated, with half-round windows in the wall-gable and projecting bay gable. The southwest, side elevation is lighted on the first and second floors by 3 windows in the projecting bay, with a single window in the northwest bay and a smaller window in the central bay. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is lighted on the first floor by a double window in the east bay, a single window in the northwest bay, and 3 windows on the second floor. A Serliana (Palladian) window with a lancet-arched central

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sash lights the third floor of both the northeast and southwest side elevations.

A 1 ½-story, gable-roofed, 2-bay wide garage is located to the southeast of the residence and includes an entrance to the second floor on the south elevation and sectional garage doors on the west elevation.

A 1-story, asymmetrical gable-roofed shed is located to the southeast of the residence.

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 ½-story, gable-roofed residence at 7-9 S. Main Street was built in the early 20th century. The 1876 Everts and Stewart map documents the lot as occupied by a millinery that predated the current building. Brennan and Brennan report that the residence was constructed in 1910 (Brennan and Brennan 1998: 83). The 1916 Sanborn map documents the 2-story frame building, fronted by a full-width, 1-story porch that wrapped around the southwest, side elevation of the main volume, and backed by 2 1-story els as a combination dwelling and grocery store, with the residence on the southwest half and the grocery on the northeast. A 2-story garage is shown southeast of the residence. The 1933 Sanborn map indicates that the store had been converted to a double dwelling by that date. A historic photograph taken circa 1938 depicts the building with 1/1 shuttered windows and a full-width front porch that included round columns, a central pediment, and a stair leading to 2 open central bays (Brennan and Brennan 1998: 83). Imagery taken for the 1974 photographic inventory depicts the residence with its current, 2-bay, central, gable-roofed porch. Visual evidence suggests that the building retains its historic window sash and doors, but that the majority of the exterior surface materials have been replaced.

The residence at 7-9 S. Main Street is a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic massing, historic doors, and historic Serliana windows. The garage, which has been extensively renovated and does not retain any historic materials visible from the public right-of-way, does not contribute to the Cranbury Historic District.

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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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:

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| <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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