

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 655816565

Property Name: 11 South Main Street
Address: 11 S MAIN ST

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			35	4

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 74

Description:

PS&S recommends that 11 S. Main Street, built in the mid-19th century, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a stone foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest elevation by a 1-story, hip-roofed, partial-width porch offset to the northeast, and backed on the southeast elevation by a 2-story, gable-roofed volume. The rear volume is in turn backed by a 2-story, cross gable-roofed addition. A 1-story, shed-roofed porch flanks the southwest elevation of the rear volume, and a 1-story, composite-roofed, 3-sided window bay is on the northwest bay of the northeast elevation of the rear volume. A 1-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch backs the northeast bay of the rear volume. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle with eave returns at the gable-ends and the windows predominantly have 6/6 replacement vinyl sash with applied muntins and historic louvered wood shutters. A substantial, replaced, interior brick chimney projects from the west bay of the gable ridge. A second substantial, exterior brick chimney projects from the northeast elevation of the rear volume. The primary entrance with historic replacement door and historic door surround is located in the northeast bay of the northwest elevation and is accessed by the front porch, which includes a brick stair, cast iron posts, and a wrought-iron rail. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated. The southwest, side elevation is lighted in the main volume by a window on each floor of the northwest bay. The painted brick chimney base is exposed in the lower portion of the first floor of the central bay. The rear volume, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, is lighted by double windows on the first floor and single windows on the second floor and includes a secondary

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entrance. The rear porch includes historic turned posts and historic wood brackets. The rear volume is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is lighted 2 windows on the first floor of the main volume, 3 windows in the projecting bay of the rear volume, and 2 windows on the second floor of the rear volume.

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 11 S. Main Street was built in the 3rd quarter of the 19th century. A historical plaque on the building asserts that the residence was constructed circa 1846. Visual evidence, such as the stone foundation, suggests that the residence was built in the mid-19th century. This residence may be one of 5 buildings documented on the 1850 Otley and Keiley Map between Brainerd Lake and Station Road. The Everts and Stewart map indicates that by 1876 the lot was occupied by a "Tailor Shop." The current building is documented on the 1916 Sanborn Map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling fronted by a full-width porch and backed by a 2-story rear volume with a three-sided projecting bay on the northeast elevation and a flanking porch on the southwest elevation. The rear volume is in turn backed by a 1-story volume and a 2-story wagon house is located to the southeast of the residence. This same massing of the residence and garage is recorded in the 1933 Sanborn map. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence with its current 1-bay porch with cast-iron posts, a standing seam metal roof, and 2/2 window sash. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the garage was demolished and a 2-story, L-plan volume was constructed on the rear elevation of the rear volume and porch between 1987 and 1995. Visual evidence suggests that the windows were replaced during this construction campaign or after.

The residence at 11 S. Main Street is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic massing of the main volume, historic wood shutters, historic rear porch posts, and historic eave returns.

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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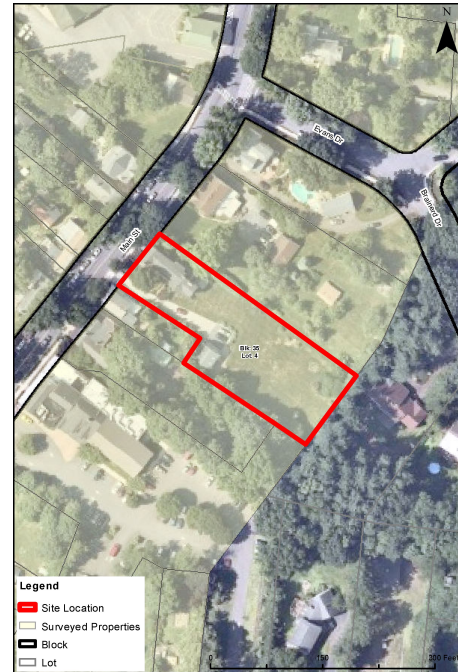
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Location Map:



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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