

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -711156334

**Property Name:** 13 South Main Street      **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 13 S MAIN ST      **Apartment #:**      **ZIP:** 08512

**PROPERTY LOCATION(S):**

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			35	5

**Property Photo:**



**Old HSI Number:**                                      **NRIS Number:**                                      **HABS/HAER Number:** 75

**Description:**

PS&S recommends that 13 S. Main Street, constructed circa 1875-80, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 ½-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 3 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, composite-roofed porch that wraps around the northwest bays of the northeast elevation and is backed on the southeast by a 2-story, composite-roofed volume. A 1-story, composite-roofed rear volume is on the east corner of the residence. The main roof is clad in wood shingle and the windows predominantly have 1/1 replacement wood sash on the first floor and 6/6 historic wood sash on the second floor, all with historic shutters. A stuccoed interior chimney projects from the southeast bay of the gable ridge. The porch includes historic square-plan posts and a historic rail with square-plan balusters. The primary entrance is located in the northeast bay of the northwest, main elevation and includes a historic door with a large single light. A secondary door, accessed by the porch on the northeast side, provides access to the 1-story rear volume. The remaining bays of the northwest elevation are regularly fenestrated on both floors. A shuttered, segmental-arch window lights the third floor. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by 3 windows on the second floor and a single window in the northwest bay and a double window of the southeast bay of the first floor. The rear volume is lighted by double, 4-light, awning window on the first floor and a single window on the second floor. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by 3 windows in the 1-story volume and a window in the southeast and central bay of the second floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

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<b>Organization:</b> Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor		

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, frame residence at 13 S. Main Street was constructed circa 1850. A historical plaque on the building asserts that the residence was built for John Duncan circa 1845. However, visual evidence suggests that the residence may have been constructed later, and the 1876 Everts and Stewart map appears to indicate that no building was located on this lot at that date. The current building is documented on the 1916 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 1-story, wrap-around porch, a 2-story rear volume, and a 1-story, wrap-around rear el. A small 1-story outbuilding is located to the southeast of the residence. The 1933 Sanborn map records the same massing of the residence, although by this time the outbuilding had been demolished. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence with 1/1 sash windows on the first floor and 6/6 on the second floor. Aerial photographs and visual evidence indicate that, aside from replaced window sash on the first floor, the residence has not undergone any major campaigns of alterations or renovations.

13 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, historic clapboard, historic window sash, historic front door, and historic porch posts.

**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

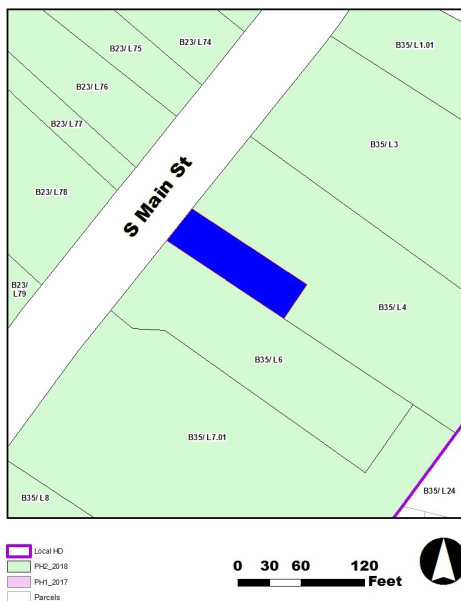
**Other Designation:**

**Other Designation Date:**

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex	1979	(if applicable)

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Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
(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 <a href="http://historicaerials.com">historicaerials.com</a> and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	

**Additional Information:**

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**More Research Needed?**  (checked=Yes)

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**

0 Building	0 Bridge
0 Structure	0 Landscape
0 Object	0 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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*Date form completed:* 8/24/2018

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