

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -1440934094

Property Name: 52 South Main Street
Address: 52 S MAIN ST

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

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			38	2

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 43

Description:

PS&S recommends that 52 Main Street, which includes a residence and garage constructed circa 1920, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, hip-roofed, foursquare main block of this stuccoed, Craftsman-style dwelling on a stucco foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the southeast by a hip-roofed, full-width porch that extends to the southwest to front a 1-story, hip-roofed, partial-width side volume, and backed on the northwest by a 1-story rear el offset to the northeast. A 1-story, hip-roofed, 3-sided bay projects from the southeast bay of the northeast elevation. A hip-roofed dormer projects from the southeast roof slope. An interior, stuccoed chimney is located near the center of the northeast, main roof slope. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and have paired, shaped eave brackets along the cornice of the main block and the front dormer. The windows predominantly have 3/1 and 4/1 historic wood sash. The front porch, accessed by a stair in the central bay, includes a stuccoed knee wall with a raised central panel in each bay and stuccoed pillars with round-arched caps that project beyond the roofline. The primary, centered entrance includes a historic door with 6 small lights over 3 extended single lights and historic sidelights with 2 lights over 1 extended light. Both of the outer bays are lighted by a single 4/1 window flanked on either side by 2/1 windows. The second floor is lighted by a single 4/1 window in the central bay and paired 3/1 windows in the outer bays. A paired, smaller 3/1 window lights the dormer. The northeast, side elevation is regularly fenestrated and includes a triple window in the northwest bay of the first floor and a single window lighting the el. The southwest, side

elevation, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, is regularly fenestrated. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 2 bay, side gable-roofed garage, located to the northwest of the residence, includes historic paired 3-light doors.

Historic maps indicate that the west side of S. Main Street south of the First Presbyterian Church was developed after the church subdivided this land for development after 1894. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the 2 ½-story residence at 52 Main Street was constructed circa 1920 and included a central dormer, a wide cornice with scroll brackets, and 4/1 windows. Visual evidence suggests the house and garage may have been constructed as early as the 1910s. The house is documented in the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan, frame dwelling with a 1-story, full-width front porch that joins a 1-story enclosed side volume. A 1-story rear el projects from the northwest elevation. The 1989 Heritage Studies Inventory notes that a matching garage also contributes to the district. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the garage was built between 1933 and 1940. Historic aerial photographs and visual evidence suggest that there have been major campaigns of construction or alterations to the residence or garage.

The residence at 52 S. Main Street contributes to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic massing, historic windows, historic door and door surround, historic porch pillars and knee walls, historic eave brackets, historic chimney, and historic surface cladding. The matching garage it retains its historic doors.

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

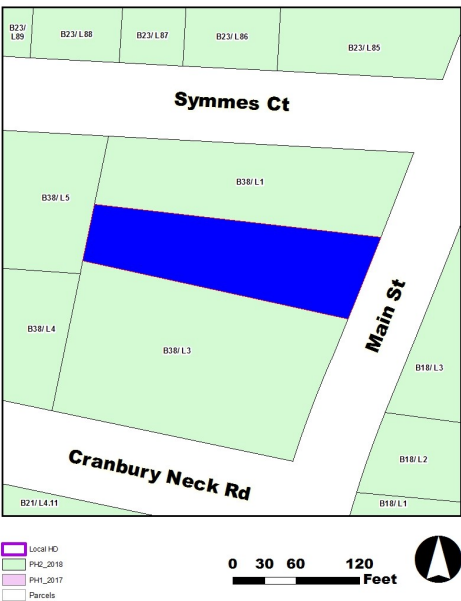
Other Designation:

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 #:
(None Listed)	Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995,		(if applicable)

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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Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
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Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012

Additional Information:

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More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote:

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