

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-841664253**

**Property Name:** 11 Symmes Court

**Ownership:** Private

**Address:** 11 SYMMES CT

**Apartment #:**

**ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			38	4

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:** 52

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 11 Symmes Court, which includes a residence and garage constructed in 1929, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The garage, which was undergoing substantial alterations at the time of survey does not contribute to the property.

The 2-story, gambrel-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this brick and clapboard-clad dwelling on a brick foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed on the east by a 1-story, shallow el. The first floor of the main block, side volume, and el are brick construction and the second floors are frame with clapboard siding. A 2-story, gambrel-roofed side volume is located on the south, side elevation. A 1-story rear porch was in construction at the time of survey, as was the addition of dormers to the south volume. Large, shed-roofed dormers are located on the west and east roof slopes. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the window predominantly have 6/1 historic wood sash. An exterior brick chimney, now enclosed by the added floor to the side volume, is on the south elevation. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the central bay of the west, main elevation, is accessed by a straight brick stair flanked by historic painted wood benches, and includes a historic front door, historic pilastered door surround, and historic door hood with a segmental arch opening, recessed fan details, and paired brackets under a broad cornice. The remaining bays are regularly fenestrated, with double windows with historic louvered shutters on the first floor and single windows with applied louvered shutters and a smaller central window on the second floor. The side volume is regularly fenestrated. The north and south side elevations, only partially

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visible from the public right-of-way, are regularly fenestrated with triple or double windows on the first floor and single windows on the second. The east, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. A 1-story, gable-roofed garage, being extensively renovated at the time of survey, is located east of the residence.

Symmes Court, named for a local parson, occupies land previously owned by the Presbyterian Church and sold and planned for subdivision in 1894. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District reports that the 2-story, gambrel-roofed residence at 11 Symmes Court was built by "Chamberlin" in 1929. The residence is documented on the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a brick first floor and frame upper floors. 1-story brick volumes are shown on the south and east of the main volume. A 1-story frame garage is shown east of the residence. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence much as it is today. A construction project at the time of this survey included extensive alterations to the garage as well as the addition to the rear of the house and new dormers on the south volume.

The residence at 11 Symmes Court is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic character defining features, such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns of the main volume, historic windows, historic chimney, historic door, door surround, entry benches and hood, historic shutters on the first floor, and historic siding materials.

**Setting:**

Symmes Court is a short residential street that connects South Main Street, to the southeast, to Cranbury Neck Road, to the southwest. The residences of this tree-lined street are single family dwellings of moderate size.

**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

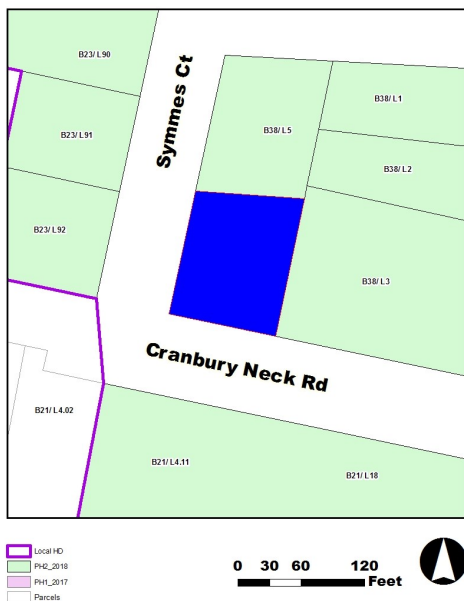
**Other Designation:**

**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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	County, New Jersey	
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
(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	
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
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**Additional Information:**

1202\_38\_4 / 2STY-SFD / 1929

**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)

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