

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1189924114**

Property Name: 6 Station Road **Ownership:** Private
Address: 6 STATION RD **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			18	11

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 95

Description:

PS&S recommends that 6 Station Road, constructed circa 1867, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The shed at the rear of the property, constructed after 1979, does not contribute to the property.

The 2 ½-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this board and batten-clad, vernacular Gothic Revival frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 3 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted on the north by a 1-story, hip-roofed, full-width porch and backed on the south by a 2-story, composite-roofed, full-width secondary volume. The rear volume is in turn backed by a 1-story, shed-roofed el. A 1-story, hip-roofed altered enclosed porch flanks the southern end of the main volume and el. An exterior brick chimney is centered on the west elevation of the main volume. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows throughout have 2/2 replacement wood sash with historic Gothic labels. The rooflines of the main block, rear volume, and porch include historic bargeboards with an extended diamond, cut-out pattern. The front porch includes historic posts with decorative cut-out panels and a historic frieze with a cut-out "X" pattern divided by verticals. The primary entrance residence, located in the east bay of the north elevation, includes a single-light door and a historic door surround with 3-light sidelights over recessed panels and a 4-light transom. The remaining bays are regularly fenestrated on both floors, with a historic, 6-light fan-light on the third floor. The east and west, side elevations are regularly fenestrated in the main and rear volumes, except for the central, north bay of the side elevation. The altered side porch volume is lighted on its north elevation by a 3-sided bay window on brackets with 1/1 sash. A straight wood stair provides access to a multi-light door flanked by a single

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window on the west elevation. The south, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. A 1-story, gambrel-roofed, frame, manufactured shed is located to the southwest of the residence.

Historic maps indicate that Station Road was developed beginning in the first half of the 19th century. This property was inventoried in the 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been built circa 1867, although the source of this date is not documented. A historical plaque on the residence also reports a circa 1867 construction. Brennan and Brennan indicate that this house was part of the property owned and operated by wheelwrights and carriage makers William S. and Edward Applegate, and that William Applegate at one time owned what is now the Cranbury Inn. A ca. 1900 photograph published by them shows the carriage works to the west of the house, which appears much as it does at the time of this survey, with the exception of louvered shutters, which are closed over the second floor windows (Brennan and Brennan 1995: 38). The 1876 Everts and Stewart documents the residence as the property of "Mrs. M. Applegate." The property is detailed on the 1916 Sanborn map as including the 2-story, rectangular plan dwelling with a 1-story, full-width front porch, a 2-story rear volume, a 1-story, partial-width rear el, and a 1-story side porch on the west. A 2-story wagon house backed by a 1-story volume is located to the south of the dwelling and a 2-story wood-working and printing shop, backed by a 2-story volume for the "Fire Department, which is backed in turn by a 2-story carriage house, is located to the west of the residence. The 1933 Sanborn records the same massing and arrangement of buildings, though the wagon house is identified as a garage and the printing shop and fire house as "storage." The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence largely unchanged from the 1900 view, although the shutters have been removed and the windows appear to retain the historic, 4/4 sash at this date. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the 1-story side porch was altered to the current 1-story, hip-roofed volume between 1987 and 2002. A reference to an "added wing" in the 1989 Heritage Studies assessment suggest this alteration took place closer to the date of this project. Visual evidence suggests that the window sash was replaced in approximately the last decade.

6 Station Road 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, its historic front porch, bargeboards, door surround, window labels, board and batten-siding, and brick chimney.

Setting:

Within Cranbury Township, Station Road is an approximately 1/2-mile long road that connects S. Main Street, to the west, to Route 130, to the east, and then continues east. Station Road is a tree-lined, residential street predominantly bordered by single-family dwellings of moderate size.

Registration and Status Dates:	National Historic Landmark?: <input type="checkbox"/>	
	National Register: 9/18/1980	SHPO Opinion:
	New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979	Local Designation: 9/26/1988
	Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977	Other Designation:
	Certification of Eligibility:	Other Designation Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?		<input type="checkbox"/> Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

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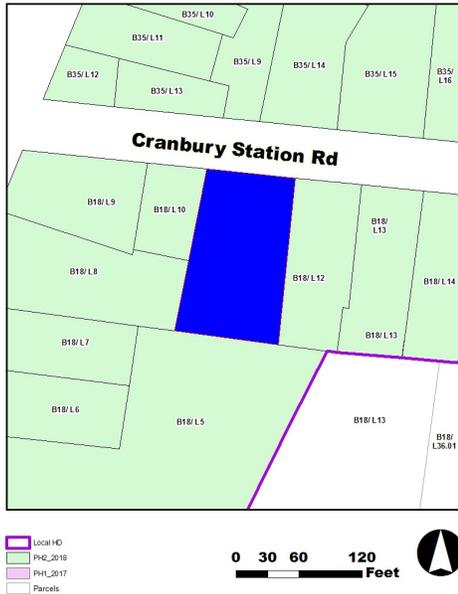
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Location Map:

Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979	
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Additional Information:

1202_18_11 / 2-STY - SFD / 1867

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)

Conversion Problem? ConversionNote:

Date form completed: 8/28/2018

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