

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1551105995**

Property Name: 26 Station Road **Ownership:** Private
Address: 26 STATION RD **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			18	19

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 44

Description:

PS&S recommends that 26 Station Road, constructed circa 1860 and extensively altered circa 2005, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this composite siding-clad, frame dwelling on a brick foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the north by a 1-story, hip-roofed, 1-bay front porch offset to the west and backed on the south by a 1 ½-story, partial-width, gable-roofed rear volume that is in turn flanked on the east by a 1-story, shed-roofed volume. A 2-story, gable-roofed addition backs the rear volumes. An exterior, concrete block chimney is located on the west elevation. The roofs are clad throughout in asphalt shingle and the windows have 6/6 replacement sash in most locations. The front porch, located in the west bay of the north elevation, includes replacement, square-plan posts. The primary entrance, accessed by the porch, includes a historic door surround with 3-light sidelights over recessed panels and a 4-light transom. The west, side elevation, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, is lighted in the main block by a single window on the first floor and in the rear volume by 2 single windows on the second floor. The east, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated in the rear volumes. A 1 ½-story, gambrel-roofed garage, located to the southwest of the residence, is connected to the added volume by an open hyphen.

Historic maps indicate that Station Road was developed beginning in the first half of the 19th century. The 1980 National Register of

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Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District inventoried this residence at 26 Station Road as having been constructed circa 1850. A historical plaque on the residence reports that the residence was built by or for James Forman circa 1857. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence as porchless, with clapboard siding, 6/6 windows with shutters, the existing chimney and a second, ridge chimney near the east wall of the main volume. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted that the residence had been reclad in aluminum siding and that a porch had been constructed. Historic aerial photographs indicate that a large 2-story, side gable-roofed volume was added to the rear of the building between 2002 and 2007. Visual evidence suggests that the exterior siding materials and windows were replaced during this construction campaign. Historic aerial photographs indicate that an earlier garage was replaced by the current gambrel-roofed garage between 1979 and 1987.

26 Station Road is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District it has lost integrity of design, materials and workmanship through the extensive replacement of exterior materials and the distortion of the historic massing through the addition of the rear volume, that is highly visible from the public right-of-way.

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.

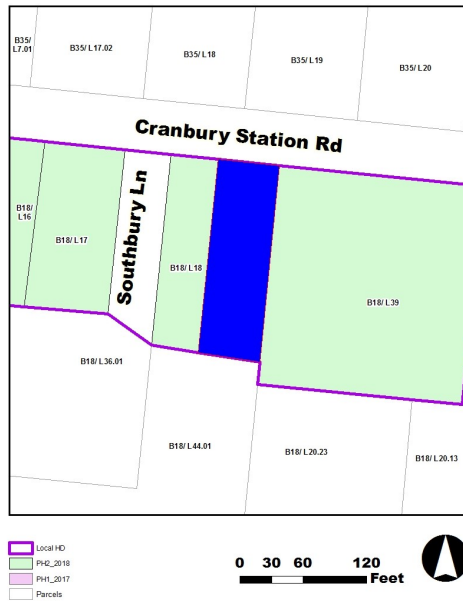
Registration and Status Dates:

National Historic Landmark?:
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 #: (if applicable)
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916	
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850	
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	

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Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
(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 historicaerials.com and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012

Additional Information:

1202_18_19 / 2-STY - SFD / 1820

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?

(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ConversionNote:

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