

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-469664345**

**Property Name:** 45 South Main Street **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 45 S MAIN ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			18	6

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 16

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 45 South Main Street is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, side-gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a fieldstone foundation is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed on the southeast by a 2-story, gabled secondary volume that is backed in turn by a 2-story, cross-gabled addition. The rear volumes are flanked on the southwest by a 1-story, shed-roofed, added side volume and a single-bay, added, gabled entry porch projects from the northwest bay of the 1-story volume. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 6/6 historic wood sash with louvered shuttered on the northwest elevation. Brick, ridge chimneys are found near the gable ends of the main volume. The primary entrance is roughly centered on the northwest elevation and includes a historic door frame, historic single-light transom, and replacement paneled door. The remaining bays are lit with 6/1, double-hung sash windows on the first floor and 6/6 on the upper floor. The southwest, side elevation is regularly fenestrated except for the southeast bay of the second floor of the main block. A secondary entrance is accessed by the side entry porch, which includes square-plan posts. The northeast, side elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and is lit in the main block by a single window on the second floor and a single window with multi-light, extended diamond pattern upper sash on the first floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Local Historic District Survey 2018

**Principal Investigator:** Emily Cooperman

**Organization:** Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor

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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 2 earlier residences were joined to form this house circa 1802, and that the earlier construction consisted of a 3-bay, side hall house enlarged to 5 bays. Visual evidence does not clearly identify the earlier part of the building as either the northeast or southwestern portion of the building. The dwelling may be depicted in the 1850 Otley and Keiley Map, when 3 residences were recorded on the east side of Main Street between Station Road and Cranbury Neck Road. Historic maps indicate that the lot was owned by "Flemming" in 1876. The 1933 Sanborn map records a 2-story, frame dwelling with a 1-story, partial-width, centered front porch and a 1 ½-story, partial-width, centered rear volume. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory indicates that the first floor windows have been either totally or partially replaced to contain single light lower sash and that the door was not a paneled door at the time of that survey. Historic aerial photographs indicate that a cross gable-roofed rear volume and a flanking 1-story shed-roofed porch were added between 1987 and 2002. Visual evidence suggests that the main door was replaced with the current paneled door within approximately the last ten years.

45 S. Main Street is a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and such character-defining historic features as its historic massing in its main volume, its historic siding material, wood shutters and window sash, and historic chimneys.

**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:**

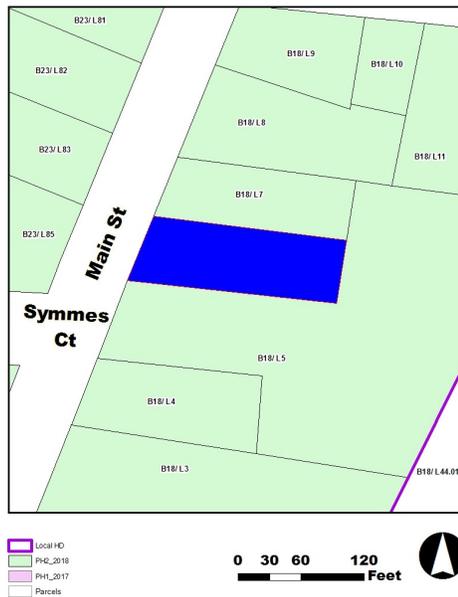
**Other Designation Date:**

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 #:	(if applicable)
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933		
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876		

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(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	
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
(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
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995

**Additional Information:**

1202\_18\_6 / 2-STY - SFD / 1791

**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:

*Date form completed:* 8/24/2018

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