

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-442386703**

**Property Name:** 41 South Main Street **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 41 S MAIN ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			18	8

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 46

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 41 S. Main Street, which includes a historic residence built circa 1850 and altered ca. 1900, and a garage built ca. 1920-1930, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a brick foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest, main and northeast, side elevations by a 1-story, hip-roofed porch and backed on the southeast by a 2-story, cross gable-roofed secondary volume. The secondary volume is in turn backed by a 1-story, composite-roofed volume. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows retain historic, double-hung, 6/1 wood window sash in most locations, and historic louvered wood shutters. An interior, double-stack, brick chimney projects from the southwest bay of the gable-ridge, backed by an exterior brick chimney that projects from the southwest, side elevation. An interior brick chimney also projects from the southwest roof slope of the rear volume. The front porch and main entrance are accessed by a stair in the northeast bay of the northwest elevation. A second stair is location in the southeast bay of the northeast elevation. The porch includes historic replacement columns and a historic replacement rail with square-plan balusters. The entrance includes a replaced door and historic, replacement, fluted pilaster surround with a 4-light fan light. The remaining bays are regularly fenestrated with decorative frieze panels above the second floor windows. The southwest, side and southeast, rear elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast elevation is lighted by a single window on the first floor and a historic 6/6 sash window on the third floor of the main block. An entrance to the rear volume is

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located on its northwest elevation, with a single window on the second floor. The northeast elevation of the rear volume is regularly fenestrated.

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 inventoried this building as having been constructed in the 2nd quarter of the 19th century. A historical plaque on the building asserts that the residence was constructed circa 1856. Historic maps indicate that a residence was built on the lot by 1850, and was owned by "E. Applegate" by 1876. The lot is partially recorded on the 1916 Sanborn Map and includes a 2-story, frame dwelling with a projecting side volume and a 1-story, partial wrap around porch as it appears on the building today. A 2-story outbuilding with a 2-story rear volume is located to the northeast of the residence. Historic imagery taken circa 1917 (Brennan and Brennan 1998: 54) depicts the residence with clapboard siding and shuttered 1/1 windows and shows the main door as lighted by a large single light over recessed panels. The porch columns and rail in the photograph appear freshly constructed and painted, suggesting a Colonial Revival renovation to the residence between 1890 and 1915 that resulted in much of its current appearance. The 1933 Sanborn Map records the same massing of the residence, and also show a 1-story side porch that extended beyond the end of the previous maps boundary. Historic aerial photographs do not provide information about the date of the removal of this porch other than to indicate that it likely took place before 1953.

41 S. Main Street is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains its integrity and historic character-defining features such its historic replacement porch columns, historic replacement porch rail and balusters, historic door surround, historic wood windows in multiple locations, and historic massing and fenestration patterns of the main block.

**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.

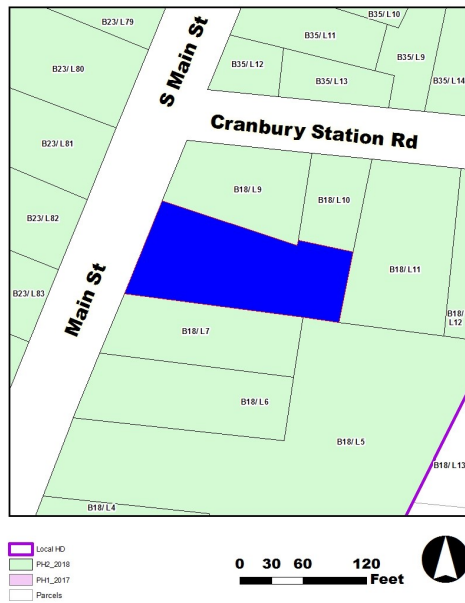
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**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:**

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

**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:

Date form completed: 8/24/2018

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