

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **967755152**

**Property Name:** Micajah Voorhees House **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 17 Bunker Hill DR **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

**PROPERTY LOCATION(S):**

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	14.02

**Property Photo:**



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

**Description:**

The Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive has undergone little to no alterations since it was surveyed by Richard Grubb & Associates in 2017. Similarly, the three outbuildings to the rear (north) of the dwelling do not appear to have changed since 2017.

**Setting:**

No changes from the 2017 survey.

**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?**

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

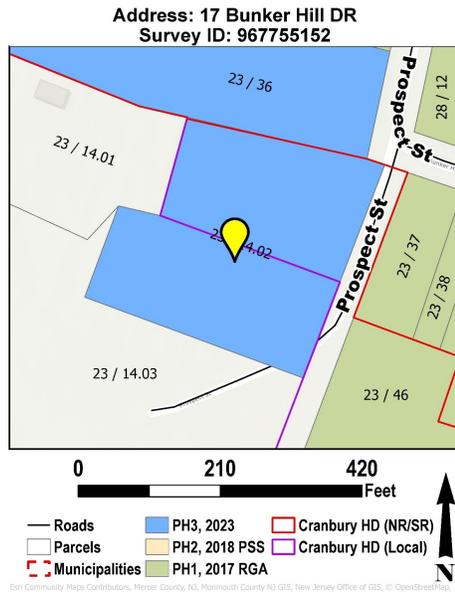
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**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:	(if applicable)
Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission	Meeting with the Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission, August 1, 2023.	2023		
Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.	Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phase I, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Prepared for the Township of Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	2017		

**Additional Information:**

The Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive was recommended as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District by Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. in 2017. Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. concurs with the previous recommendation.

**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:** Key Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?**     

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

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## ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Properties

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**History:**

The extant barn that stands to the rear of the Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive was moved to its current location around 1990 (Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission 2023).

**Statement of Significance:**

No change from the 2017 survey.

**Eligibility for New Jersey and National Registers:**  Yes  No

**National Register Criteria:**  A  B  C  D

**Level of Significance:**  Local  State  National

**Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:**

No change from the 2017 survey.

**Total Number of Attachments:** 0

**List of Element Names:**

**Narrative Boundary Description:**

The recommended boundary consists of the entirety of Block 23, Lot 14.02.

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

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*Photo 2*



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**Description:**

The Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive (formerly 15 Bunker Hill Drive) is a two-and-a-half-story tall, five-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed in 1819 with vernacular Italianate details. The dwelling consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block and multiple rear additions: a two-story rear ell (built circa 1870); a one-story shed roof addition on the rear of the ell with a side-gabled wing to the southwest (built circa 1910, expanded circa 1970); a one-story enclosed porch on the southwest elevation (built circa 1910, expanded circa 2001); and two projecting additions on the second floor of the southwest elevation (constructed circa 2001). The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Interior brick chimneys pierce the roof at the gable ends of the main block and the rear elevation of the ell. The dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on the main block with vinyl siding on the side elevations of the additions. The dwelling has a molded cornice with ogee brackets running along the frieze board. Symmetrical fenestration on the front (southeast) elevation consists of one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows with molded wood lintels, flanked by louvered shutters. The main entrance in the center bay is located in an early twentieth century windbreak featuring a door with twelve inset lights and multiple inset lights on the side walls. The front porch extends along the center three bays; it features a hipped roof, bracketed cornice, and four square columns connected by a railing with square balusters. A louvered window sits in the east bay in the southwest gable end of the main block, with one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows on the first and second floors. Windows in the east bays have louvered shutters. The enclosed porch features square screen windows on the first and second floors, with a two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash window on the second-floor projecting addition. The side-gabled wing of the shed roof addition has a bay window with six inset lights

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between two single panes and a louvered window in the gable end. The rear and northeast elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include a bracketed cornice and interior gable-end brick chimneys. The property contains three outbuildings: a one-story, side-gabled detached garage (built circa 1969; a one-story frame shed (built circa 1930); and a one-story, front-gabled frame barn (built circa 1990).

History: In the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the Micajah Voorhees House was occupied by Norman and Kathryn Wright. The Wright family, who purchased the subject dwelling in 1928, operated a wholesale florist company, Wright's Roses, on Bunker Hill Drive. The then 40-acre property included several associated greenhouses. Historic aerials indicate that the greenhouses were demolished circa 2005 (Chambers 2012:154; Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society). The subject dwelling was constructed by Micajah Voorhees in 1819. It does not appear on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township. The 1872 Beers atlas shows the subject dwelling's rear ell, the property then owned by "S.M. Stults." The 1876 Everts and Stewart map shows the subject dwelling owned by "D.P. Measerall." The subject dwelling does not appear on 1916 Sanborn map. The 1933 Sanborn map shows the subject dwelling's ell as well as one-story additions on the rear and northeast elevations and a one-story enclosed porch on the southwest elevation. Two one-story frame outbuildings are also shown at the rear of the dwelling. Historic aerial photographs show the late-twentieth century additions to the property. Only one of the frame outbuildings survive. The other was demolished and replaced by the current detached garage circa 1969. The shed roof addition was expanded to include the side-gabled wing circa 1970. The one-story frame barn does not appear in historic aerial photographs until 1990; however, it appears to be older and may have been moved from another location. The enclosed porch was expanded circa 2001, along with the additions of the second floor projections on the southwest and northeast elevations.

**Setting:**

The Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive is sited on a trapezoid-shaped parcel (Block 23, Lot 14.02) located approximately 70 feet southwest of the intersection of Prospect Street and Bunker Hill Drive. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast. A paved, unnamed road runs southwest from the intersection of Prospect Street and Bunker Hill Drive along the west and south sides of the parcel, leading to a baseball field and another residential property adjoining the parcel to the south and west. A paved driveway leads northwest from the unnamed road to an outbuilding, located west of the dwelling, and an attached garage on the dwelling's rear (northwest) elevation. A brick sidewalk leads northwest from the driveway to the porch on the dwelling's primary elevation. Perennial plantings about the dwelling on all elevations. Trees line all sides of the parcel, with a more dense concentration of trees on the south and west sides of the parcel. 17 Bunker Hill Drive is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by other residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

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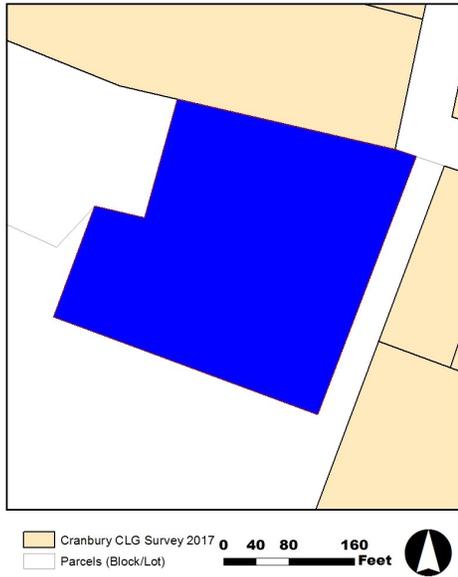
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Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989		
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012		
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Property File, 17 Bunker Hill			

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

More Research Needed?  (checked=Yes)

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