

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **987093661**

**Property Name:** Bunting House **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 5 Prospect ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

## PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury		23	35
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	114

## Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

## Description:

The Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street has undergone little to no alterations since it was surveyed by Richard Grubb & Associates in 2017.

History: No changes from the 2017 survey.

## 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

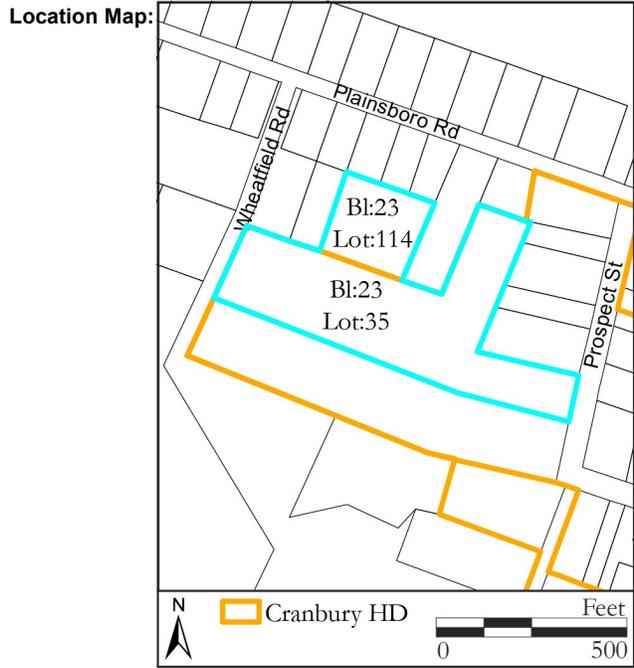
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Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.	Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phase I, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Prepared for the Township of Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	2017		

**Additional Information:**

The Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street 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. The current survey adds Block 23, Lot 114 to the property boundary.

**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)

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

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Photo 4

## PROPERTY REPORT

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### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street is a two-story tall, five-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1855 in a vernacular Gothic Revival style. The dwelling, which sits on a brick foundation, consists of a rectangular main block, a two-story rear ell, and a one-story shed roof addition extending from the rear (northwest) elevation of the ell. The side-gabled roof, which has a bracketed cornice with a return cornice at the northeast and southwest gable ends, is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An exterior brick chimney pierces the roof at the northeast gable. A cross-gabled dormer with an arched louvered window intersects the roof in the center of the front elevation. The exterior of the entire dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding, except for the northeast elevation of the rear ell, which is clad in cedar shakes. A wood frieze with molded panels runs beneath the eaves on the front elevation. Windows on the front elevation are largely two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash with slight drip-mold, molded wood surrounds and aluminum storm windows. A six-over-six, double-hung, potentially original wood-sash window with a slight drip-mold, molded wood surround is located in the center bay on the second floor. The central primary entrance is a four-panel wood door flanked by lancet-shaped sidelights and topped by a dentil lintel and a rectangular transom. A one-story porch shelters the center three bays. The porch has a paneled and bracketed frieze, supported by square columns set on bases with molded panels. Two narrow louvered windows sit in the northeast gable end of the main block, with two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with slight drip-mold, molded wood surrounds on the first and second floors. The northeast elevation of the rear ell, clad in cedar shakes, features two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with molded wood lintels on the second floor and two vinyl-sash replacement bay windows on the first floor. The bay windows

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have four vinyl-sash windows each with six inset lights. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right of way. Two narrow louvered windows sit in the southwest gable end of the main block, with two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with slight drip-mold, molded wood surrounds on the first and second floors. The southwest elevation of the rear ell, clad in wood clapboard siding, features two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with molded wood lintels on the second floor and an enclosed screen porch on the first floor. The enclosed screen porch has a shed roof and multiple wood screen windows. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the bracketed cornice and frieze with molded wood panels, slight drip-mold window surrounds, and one-story porch with a paneled, bracketed frieze.

The Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street is a two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, two-pile private residence constructed circa 1855 in a vernacular Gothic Revival style, plus a long rear ell section extending to the west. The cross-gabled roof of the core is sheathed with asphalt shingles; it features a centered cross-gable on the main elevation, cornice returns on the end walls, and an attached brick chimney on the north end. A paneled frieze running below the eaves supports a row of brackets below the eaves and running below the raking cornice of the cross-gable. Fenestration is symmetrically spaced along the main elevation. It consists of an arched-headed attic window with louvered shutters in the cross-gable and wood two-over-two double-hung sash units (possibly original) with slight dripmold, molded wood surrounds and aluminum storm windows on the lower floors. The central entrance is a four-panel wood door flanked by lancet-shaped sidelights and topped by a dentil lintel and a rectangular transom. The front porch is a hipped-roof element extending over the three central bays; it has a bracketed cornice and four square columns standing on paneled bases. The house has a stone foundation. The north elevation is clad with clapboards and features two ranks of windows flanking the brick chimney. The attic level has louvered windows, and the lower floors have two-over-two units with wood frames. The south elevation is clad with clapboards and features two ranks of windows. The attic level has two louvered units, and the lower two floors have two-over-two units with molded casings. The rear ell section, which is not visible from the public right-of-way, is a two-story section with a porch on its south elevation. Its roof is clad with asphalt shingles. Fenestration varies widely; many windows appear to be replacement units of differing sizes and shapes. A modern one-story addition stands on the west end of the ell section. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include a bracketed cornice and front porch.

History: Historic photographs of the Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street (also referred to as the Goodwin House) indicate that when James H. Goodwin purchased the dwelling sometime after 1876, he added character-defining Gothic Revival features including the front cross gable and the louvered cross gable window. Goodwin, a local merchant, was not the first owner of the dwelling to alter its form. A previous owner added the dwelling's rear ell sometime after 1864. (Chambers 2012:94-96). The Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township as the residence of "J. Pulen." On the 1872 Beers atlas, the subject dwelling is owned by "Mrs. Rockafella" and on the 1876 Everts and Stewart map, the subject dwelling is owned by "W. Perrine." The property is not shown on the 1916 Sanborn Atlas. The Sanborn Atlas of 1933 shows the house with its front porch and tee section on the rear. Two large chicken houses standing in the rear of the lot survive today. Between the house and the chicken houses, the 1933 Sanborn Atlas shows a small shed or garage; this building appears on the 1940 historic aerial. The historic aerial photographs from 1947 through 1972 are difficult to interpret in the area of the small outbuilding, but the 1979 aerial (and later aerial photographs) show the current detached garage.

**Setting:**

The Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street is sited on an L-shaped parcel (Block 23, Lot 35) located on the west side of Prospect Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing east and is set back approximately 10 feet from Prospect Street. The portion of the sidewalk that spans the east side of the parcel is paved with bricks. A loose gravel and dirt driveway leads west from Prospect Street to several outbuildings located west of the subject dwelling. The property is lightly wooded and abuts farmland to the west. The Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early-twentieth centuries.

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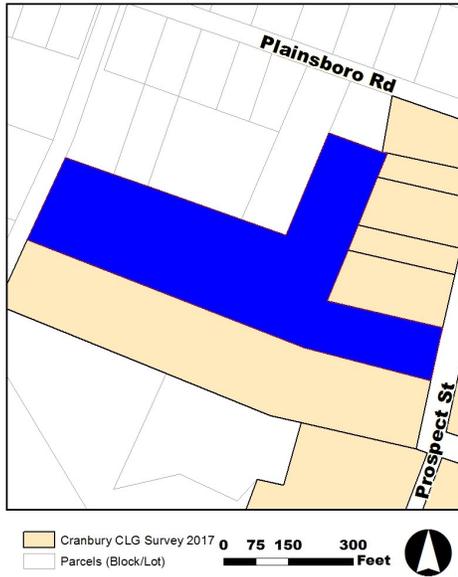
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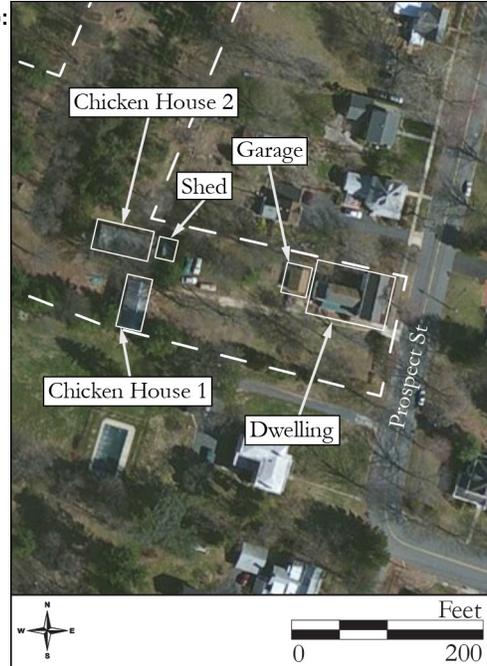
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Location Map:



Site Map:



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Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989		
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Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012		

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street as a contributing resource to the district due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with the district.

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