

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1503940734**

**Property Name:** 83 North Main Street  
**Address:** 83 N Main ST

**Ownership:** Private  
**Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	41

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

83 North Main Street is a two-story tall, three-bay wide, three-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1860 in a vernacular style with a Queen Anne style front porch. The dwelling consists of a rectangular, front-gabled main block, a two-story, three-bay rear addition, and a one-story, three-bay shed roof addition (both constructed circa 2000) to the rear. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles with overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. A capped, interior brick chimney pierces the roof on the northeast bent of the main block. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on the front elevation and vinyl siding on the side elevations. A louvered window sits in the front gable end. Windows on the front elevation are six-over-six, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows on the first and second floors. The central historic entrance is a two-panel wood door with a one-panel, wood screen door. The first floor is sheltered by a one-story, full-length porch with a hipped roof that is arched in the center. The porch has a frieze of spindles below the eaves and four turned posts connected by a low railing with thin turned balusters. Regular, symmetrical fenestration on the northeast elevation consists of six-over-six replacement wood-sash windows on the first and second floors. A recessed secondary entrance, a four-panel wood door with an aluminum storm door, is located in the east bay. The southwest elevation has six-over-six, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows, arranged asymmetrically, on the first and second floors. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the louvered gable end window, exposed rafters, and porch with spindlework details. A one-story, front-gabled garage (constructed circa 1960) is located west of the dwelling.

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**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick

**Organization:** RGA, Inc.

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History: 83 North Main Street first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, at the corner of North Main Street and Bunker Hill Drive, owned by "L. Watson." The 1872 Beers atlas shows the subject dwelling owned by "Mrs. Wilbur." The 1876 Everts and Stewart map shows no changes in ownership. The 1916 Sanborn map shows the subject dwelling as a two-story frame dwelling with a one-story rear addition and a one-story front porch. Several frame outbuildings stood west of the dwelling; all but one were demolished by 1933. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no changes to the subject dwelling except for the removal of most of the outbuildings. According to historic aerial photographs, the remaining frame outbuilding was demolished circa 1955 and the current one-story frame garage was constructed circa 1960. The two-story rear addition and one-story shed roof addition were built circa 2000.

**Setting:**

83 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 41) located at the intersection of North Main Street and Bunker Hill Drive in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Both dwellings are oriented with primary elevations facing southeast and are set back approximately 10 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk spans the north and east sides of the parcel. A wood fence surrounds the property. Shrubs line the parcel on the north, west, and south sides. A one-story, front-gabled frame garage is located west of the dwelling. The garage is accessed from a paved driveway that extends south from Bunker Hill Drive. 83 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

**Registration and Status Dates:**

**National Historic Landmark?:**   
**National Register:**  
**New Jersey Register:**  
**Determination of Eligibility:**  
**Certification of Eligibility:**

**SHPO Opinion:**  
**Local Designation:**  
**Other Designation:**  
**Other Designation Date:**

**Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

**Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

**Location Map:**

**Site Map:**

(Location Map Not Available)

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified 83 North Main Street as a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 83 North Main Street as a contributing property due to its date of construction and design.

**More Research Needed?**  (checked=Yes)

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**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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Conversion Problem?                ConversionNote:    Null

*Date form completed:*            8/28/2017

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