

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-2101094430**

Property Name: 25 Park Place West **Ownership:** Private
Address: 25 Park PL W **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	46

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

25 Park Place West is a two-and-a-half-story tall, five-bay wide, four-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1860 with vernacular Gothic Revival details. The dwelling, which has a rusticated stone block foundation, consists of a square main block and three one-story, shed roof frame additions extending from the rear (northwest) elevation. The front-gabled roof, which has overhanging eaves, is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The dwelling has three brick chimneys: one exterior chimney on the southwest elevation and two interior chimneys on the northeast elevation. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in Hardi-Plank siding. Fenestration on the front elevation consists of six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement windows with aluminum storm windows spaced evenly across the façade. A six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement window sits in the gable end, flanked by quarter-circle-shaped, fixed vinyl windows. The central entrance, a single door, features a single fixed pane over molded panels and is flanked by sidelights and topped by a rectangular transom. A one-story porch shelters the central three bays on the first floor. The porch has a shed roof, square fluted columns, a wide frieze and a low railing with square balusters. The southwest elevation, clad in Hardi-Plank siding, has six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement windows with aluminum storm windows; a vinyl casement window with four inset lights is located on the second floor, slightly off-center. A single door with a single pane and an aluminum screen door is located roughly in the center of the façade on the first floor. A one-story entry porch with square fluted wood columns, a wide frieze, and brick steps covers this secondary entrance. The rear (northwest) elevation, clad in Hardi-Plank siding, features six-over-six and four-over-four, vinyl-sash replacement windows with aluminum storm windows. Two casement windows with six inset lights are located in the outer bays on the third floor. This elevation has three secondary entrances, one on each floor; the

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doors on the second and third floors are connected by a two-story porch with wood lattice panels. The lower floor of the porch rests on the roof of the one-story frame additions. Windows on the northeast elevation, clad in Hardi-Plank siding, are six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement windows with aluminum storm windows.

History: 25 Park Place West was constructed as the manse for the Second Presbyterian Church, formerly located on Westminster Place. In 1916, the subject dwelling was converted into four apartments. The dwelling then housed The Elms, an assisted living facility, between 1950 and 1999. The facility was named for the elm trees that once lined the drive between the subject dwelling and Main Street. The Elms later relocated to 61 Maplewood Avenue (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society n.d.) 25 Park Place West first appears on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, labelled as a parsonage. On the 1872 Beers atlas, the subject dwelling is occupied by "J.S. Van Dyke," referring to Reverend Joseph S. Van Dyke, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church from 1869 to 1897. The subject dwelling does not appear on the 1876 Everts and Stewart map or the 1913 Sanborn map. The 1933 Sanborn map depicts 25 Park Place West as a two-story dwelling with a one-story front porch and a one-story frame addition to the rear.

Setting:

25 Park Place West is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 46) located approximately 200 feet northwest of the intersection of Park Place West and Park Place Circle in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Access is gained to the property via a paved parking lot and paved driveway that lead northwest from the intersection of Park Place West and Park Place Circle. The property is lightly wooded. 25 Park Place West is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood, surrounded by residential and commercial properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early-twentieth 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:

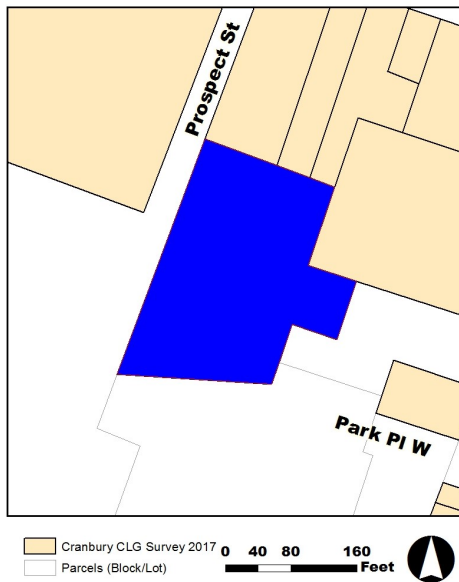
Other Designation Date:

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)
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979		

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