

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1044708785**

Property Name: 57 North Main Street **Ownership:** Private
Address: 57 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	51.01

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

57 North Main Street is a one-and-a-half-story tall, three-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame commercial building constructed circa 1945. A one-story, three-bay, front-gabled addition extends to the northwest. The front-gabled roof has a very gentle slope; it is sheathed with asphalt shingles and aluminum-clad eaves. An exterior brick chimney pierces the roof on the southwest slope of the main block. The exterior of the building is clad in wood clapboard siding. The second floor has no windows; previous windows were sealed in the late twentieth century. The first floor is sheltered by a pent roof with asphalt shingles. The commercial entrance consists of a central canted door with nine inset lights over two panels opening below a transom. Flanking the entrance are large display windows with twenty-four inset lights facing the street and twelve on the canted wall area. The northeast elevation is void of any openings. The rear elevation, clad in wood clapboard siding and wood plank siding, is pierced by a single metal door with a one-over-one, vinyl hopper window above. A concrete stoop with metal railings provides access to this secondary entrance. The southwest elevation is void of any openings. The character-defining element of the building is its display window and entrance.

History: 57 North Main Street once served as a Cumberland Farms convenience store on the first floor with an apartment on the second floor. The apartment was sealed in the late twentieth century following a structural fire. 57 North Main Street does not appear on any historic maps. According to historic aerial photographs, the subject building was constructed circa 1945. 57 North Main Street currently contains a restaurant.

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Setting:

57 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 51.01) located on the west side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel is bounded to the north by Park Place West and to the east by North Main Street. The building is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 10 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk spans the north and east sides of the parcel. Trees are planted along the curb between the building and North Main Street. A parking lot is located west of the building. 57 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by commercial and residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

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	
Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989	

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey found that 57 North Main Street is a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. However, the subject building was not constructed until 1945, approximately 15 years after the district's period of significance ends. Therefore, RGA recommends 57 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District.

More Research Needed? (checked=Yes)

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Attachments Included: 0 Building 0 Bridge
 0 Structure 0 Landscape
 0 Object 0 Industry

Historic District ?

District Name: Cranbury Historic District

Status: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?

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

Conversion Problem? ConversionNote: 12

Date form completed: 7/25/2017

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