New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

424076065

Property Name: 49 North Main Street Ownership: Private Address: 49 N Main ST **ZIP:** 08512 Apartment #:

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County: Municipality: **Local Place Name: USGS Quad:** Block: Lot:

MIDDLESEX Cranbury township Cranbury 23 52

Property Photo:



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

Description:

49 North Main Street is a two-story, five-bay, one-pile, frame former private residence constructed circa 1860. The building currently serves as commercial space on the first floor with apartments on the second floor. The rectangular building is connected to the building at 43 North Main Street via a one-story addition to the south and abuts the building at 55 North Main Street to the north. The side gabled roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and features vinyl-clad eaves. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof on the rear addition. The walls are frame, clad with wood shingles on the main elevation. The second floor features five two-over-two wood sash windows (possibly original), arranged symmetrically over a pent roof. The first floor features large display windows and replacement entrances. The door into the store is located near the center of the building; it is a paired glass door that is slightly recessed. The door to the second floor is located in the north bay and opens under a segmented transom.

The south elevation is a mostly solid frame wall clad with vinyl siding. A small attic window is located in the vinyl-clad eaves.

The one-story wing attaching the building to the building at 43 North Main Street is a one-story, three-bay section aligned with the main (east) elevation of 49 North Main Street. Its end-gabled roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The walls are frame, clad with vinyl siding and containing three plate glass windows.

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A two-story rear addition stands on the west side of the building. It has a gabled roof and extends the width of the main building. The only portion of the addition visible from the public right-of-way is a portion of the south elevation, which is clad with vinyl siding and features two second floor replacement windows of different sizes.

History: The Sanborn Atlas of 1916 shows the main building and the two-story rear addition in place. The southern half of the building was a grocery store at that time. The 1933 Sanborn Atlas shows the building as a hardware store. It appears on all historic aerials, beginning in 1940. The small section connecting it to the building to the south appears to have been constructed by 1970, though it is difficult to make a definitive determination based on historic aerials.

Setting:

49 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 52) located on the west side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The building is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 10 feet from North Main Street. A brick and concrete sidewalk spans the east side of the parcel. Trees are planted along the curb between the building and North Main Street. A paved parking lot is located west of the building. 49 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 National Historic Landmark?:

and Status National Register: 9/18/1980 SHPO Opinion: Dates:

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979 Local Designation: 9/26/1988

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977 Other Designation:
Certification of Eligibility: Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?
☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:

Cranbury CLG Survey 2017 0 40 80 160 Parcels (Block/Lot)

Site Map:

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	0	Structure	0	Landscape					
	0	Object	0	Industry					
Historic District?	✓								
District Name:	ict Name: Cranbury Historic District								
Status:	Contributing								
Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? (known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)									
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