

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **675082360**

Property Name: Aaron Long House **Ownership:** Private
Address: 33 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	57

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Aaron Long House at 33 North Main Street is a two-story tall, four-bay wide, three-bay deep, frame former private residence constructed in 1865 in a vernacular style. The building now serves commercial purposes. The building has multiple rear additions, including two three-story additions and two one-story shed roof additions (built between circa 1910 and 1979). The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney is located on the north slope of the two-story rear addition that adjoins the main block. The exterior of the building is covered with stucco on the first floor and aluminum siding on the second floor. A louvered window pierces the front gable end. Paired one-over-one, vinyl-sash windows with inoperable louvered shutters are located on the second floor. A wood frieze separates the first and second floors. The first floor has two large canted plate glass display window sheltered by fabric awnings. Between the display windows, there is a recessed door with a single fixed light and a rectangular transom. A secondary entrance, located in the south bay, is a four-light, four-panel wood door. The side and rear elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way. The wood frieze is a character-defining element of the building.

History: The Aaron Long House at 33 North Main Street was constructed in 1865. It first appears cartographically on the 1972 Beers atlas of Cranbury Township, owned by "A.L." referring to Aaron Long. The 1916 Sanborn map shows the subject building, labeled as a bakery, with a two-story rear addition and two one-story rear additions; these additions are labeled "oven," "bake house," and "shed." Two outbuildings were located on the property, west of the building. Only one remained by the 1933 Sanborn map, which shows the one-story

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rear additions converted to two-story additions. The remaining outbuilding was removed by 1963 according to historic aerial photographs. The shed roof additions appear on historic aerial photographs as early as 1979. A one-story, side-gabled frame shed, located west of the subject building, first appears on historic aerial photographs in 1979. In the 1880s, the Aaron Long House served as a bakery. After World War II, the subject building became a paint and hardware store. A specialty store operated in the subject building in the early twenty-first century (Chambers 2012:88).

Setting:

The Aaron Long House at 33 North Main Street is sited on an L-shaped parcel (Block 23, Lot 57) 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 concrete sidewalk, which runs along North Main Street, spans the east side of the parcel. A one-story, frame shed is located to the rear (west) of the dwelling. 33 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:

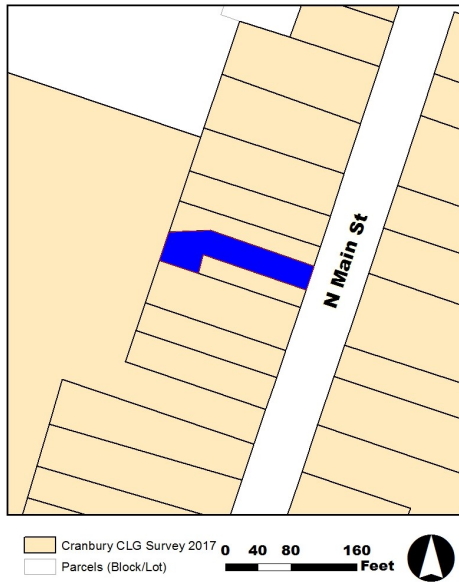
National Historic Landmark?:
National Register: 9/18/1980
New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979
Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977
Certification of Eligibility:

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:



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