

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1714909379**

Property Name: Horatio S. Disbrow House **Ownership:** Private
Address: 15 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Highstown	23	66

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Horatio S. Disbrow House at 15 North Main Street is a two-story tall, five-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame commercial building (converted from a private residence circa 2012) constructed circa 1847 in a vernacular style. The building consists of rectangular, side-gabled main block and a two-story rear ell (built circa 1870). The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior, capped stucco chimney pierces the roof at the northeast gable end. The exterior of the building is clad in aluminum siding on all elevations. Brackets support the molded cornice on the front elevation. Regular fenestration on the front elevation consists of one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows with aluminum storm windows and inoperable louvered shutters. The central entrance is a single door with two square inset lights above four rectangular panels. Sidelights with molded panels, a rectangular transom, and simple pilasters surround the door. A one-story, hipped roof porch with turned wood posts and a low railing with square balusters shelters the center three bays. On the northeast elevation, a louvered window sits in the gable end of the main block. Windows on the main block and rear ell are one-over-one, vinyl-sash windows, with inoperable louvered shutters on the main block. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. On the southwest elevation, a louvered window sits in the gable end of the main block. Windows on the main block and the second floor of the rear ell are one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows, with inoperable louvered shutters on the main block. The first floor of the rear ell is covered by a one-story enclosed porch. Character-defining elements of the building include the bracketed cornice and one-story front porch with turned wood posts.

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History: The Horatio S. Disbrow House at 15 North Main Street was constructed circa 1847 by Horatio S. Disbrow. His father, Samuel Disbrow, Jr., constructed an adjacent building at 13 North Main Street circa 1810. The subject building first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, owned by Horatio S. Disbrow. On the 1872 Beers atlas, the subject building (with rear ell depicted) is owned by "S.B. Sutton," referring to Stafford B. Sutton, who purchased the subject building in 1869. The 1876 Everts and Stewart map shows no change in ownership. The 1916 Sanborn map shows the subject building as a two-story frame dwelling with a two-story rear ell, a central one-story porch on the front elevation, and a one-story porch adjoining the ell to the south. The 1933 Sanborn map indicates no changes to the subject building. The subject building was restored circa 1983, at which the front porch was reconstructed (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society n.d.). The building currently serves as a daycare facility.

Setting:

The Horatio S. Disbrow House at 15 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 66) 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. The portion of the sidewalk that spans the east side of the parcel is paved with bricks. The property is lightly wooded to the rear (west) of the building. 15 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:

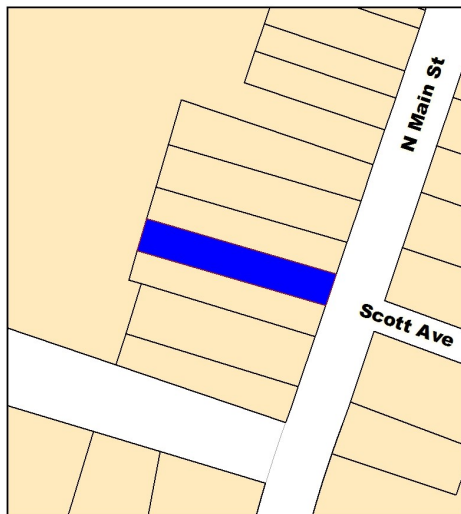
Other Designation Date:

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:

Site Map:



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		
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Title Owners of 15 North Main Street, Property File, 15 North Main Street			

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Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Horatio S. Disbrow House at 15 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Horatio S. Disbrow House at 15 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with the district.

More Research Needed? (checked=Yes)

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)

Conversion Problem? ConversionNote: 102

Date form completed: 6/26/2017

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