

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1341125085**

Property Name: James Clark House **Ownership:** Private
Address: 44 S MAIN ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	83

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 20

Description:

PS&S recommends that 44 S. Main Street, which includes a residence and garage constructed circa 1910, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, hip-roofed, foursquare main block of this clapboard- and shingle-clad dwelling on a random ashlar, quarry-faced, stone foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the southeast elevation by a hip-roofed porch that wraps around the southeast and central bays of the southwest elevation, and is backed on the northeast by a 1-story, hip-roofed secondary volume. The southwest, southeast, and northeast roof slopes all include a scalloped shingle-clad, gabled dormer with eave returns. A 3-sided oriel lights the central bay of the second floor of the southeast elevation above a centered pediment on the porch and the main entrance. A 2-story, 3-sided window bay lights the northwest bay of the southwest elevation. The roofs are clad throughout in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly retain 1/1, double-hung, historic wood sash with louvered shutters. An interior brick chimney projects from the ridge of the northeastern dormer. The front porch is accessed by 2 straight stairs with random ashlar stone cheekwalls in the central bays of the southeast and southwest elevations and includes historic Tuscan columns and a historic rail with square-plan balusters. The main entrance includes a historic 12-light door with recessed panels and historic large single-light sidelights. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated. Chamfered bays at both corners of the elevation are lighted by a single window. The northeast, and southwest side elevations are regularly fenestrated. Secondary entrances are located in the southeast bay of the southwest side and the southeast

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bay of the 3-sided window bay. Each of the gabled-dormers is lighted by a round-arch window with historic wood sash that contains lancet arches on the upper sash. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 2-story, frame, clapboard-clad, hip-roofed garage, located to the southwest of the residence, is clad in painted wood shingle on its upper floor and is lighted by historic, 6/6 wood sash.

Historic maps indicate that the west side of S. Main Street south of the First Presbyterian Church was developed after the church subdivided this land for development after 1894. Visual evidence, such as the front doors, chamfered corners, and terra-cotta tile garages, strongly suggests that the residences at 40 – 44 S. Main Street were constructed by the same builder after the church's property was subdivided. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the 2 ½-story residence at 44 S. Main Street, identified as the James Clark House, was constructed circa 1910 and included clapboard on the first floor, shingle on the second floor, and a central entrance with sidelights. Visual evidence suggests that there have been no major alterations since the residence's construction.

The residence at 44 S. Main Street contributes in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic massing, windows, door and door surround, historic porch columns, porch rail and balusters, and historic siding materials. The garage contributes retains its historic massing, siding materials and historic windows.

Setting:

South Main Street stretches from Brainerd Lake to the southern edge of Cranbury and is characterized by freestanding single-family residences of moderate scale ranging in date from the early 19th century to the early 20th century.

Registration and Status

National Historic Landmark?:

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:

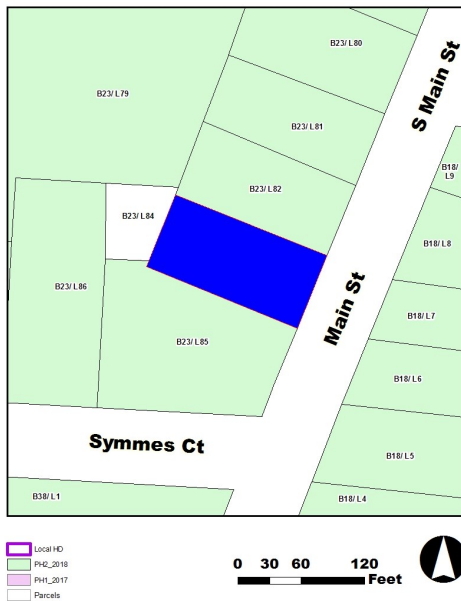
Other Designation Date:

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:

Site Map:



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995	(if applicable)

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Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876
(None Listed)	Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at historicaerials.com and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933

Additional Information:

1202_23_83 (L84) / 2STY - SFD / 1890

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:

Date form completed: 8/24/2018

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