

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1081651239**

**Property Name:** 4 Symmes Court **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 4 SYMMES CT **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	87

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 70

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 4 Symmes Court, constructed in 1920 and extensively altered, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 ½-story, hipped-roof main block of this clapboard and painted wood shingle-clad, frame dwelling on a covered foundation is 2 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is fronted on its south elevation by a 1-story, hipped-roofed porch that projects beyond the east elevation. A 2-story, hip-roofed, altered side volume projects to the west from the main volume and is fronted on the south by a 1-story, hipped-roofed enclosed porch. The altered rear volume is in 1 and 2 stories. A hipped-roofed dormer is located on the south roof slope. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and include exposed rafter tails. An exterior brick chimney is roughly centered on the east elevation. The windows throughout have replaced sash. The first floor is clad in clapboard and the second floor is clad in painted wood shingle. The front porch includes historic columns and is accessed by a stair in the west bay and by a brick stair on the east side. The primary entrance, located in the west bay, includes a single-light door. The remaining bays of both floors are lighted by a double window. A triple window lights the 1-story side volume. The east, side elevation is regularly fenestrated, with a double window in the south bay of the first floor. The west, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated on the first floor and regularly fenestrated on the second floor. The north, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 1 ½-story, gable-roofed garage, located to the northeast of the residence, includes paired segmental 6-light, replaced garage doors and is lighted on the upper floor by a triple 6-light awning window fronted by a historic

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window box with shaped brackets.

Symmes Court, named for a local parson, occupies land previously owned by the Presbyterian Church and sold and planned for subdivision in 1894. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District reports that the 2 1/2-story, hipped-roofed residence at 4 Symmes Court was constructed by Lewis Bowers in 1920. The residence is documented on the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 1-story front porch, a 1-story rear el, and a 2-story side volume with a 1-story front porch. A 2-story garage is located to the northeast of the residence. Aerial photographs show that a large 2-story volume was added to the west side and rear of the residence and the garage was doubled in size between 2010 and 2012. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows that the side porch was enclosed sometime in the mid-20th century.

The residence at 4 Symmes Court is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because of multiple alterations after the period of significance that have replaced the vast majority of historic exterior materials and distorted the historic massing of the house.

**Setting:**

Symmes Court is a short residential street that connects South Main Street, to the southeast, to Cranbury Neck Road, to the southwest. The residences of this tree-lined street are single family dwellings of moderate size.

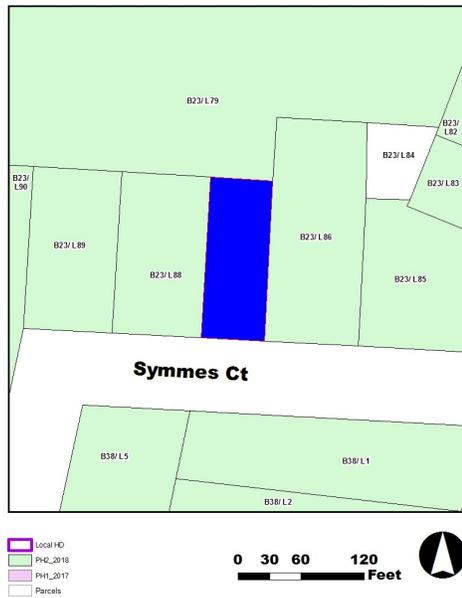
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**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 #:
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	(if applicable)
(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,		

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2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at [historicaerials.com](http://historicaerials.com) and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth

Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916

**Additional Information:**

1202\_23\_87 / 2STY - SFD / 1910

**More Research Needed?**  (checked=Yes)

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**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:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?**

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

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