

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-415052535**

Property Name: 8 Symmes Court **Ownership:** Private
Address: 8 SYMMES CT **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			23	89

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 22

Description:

PS&S recommends that 8 Symmes Court, built circa 1925, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 ½-story, hipped-roofed, foursquare main block of this clapboard and shingle-clad, frame residence on a covered foundation is 2 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the south by a 1-story, hipped-roofed, full-width porch and backed on the north by a 1-story, shed-roofed, partial-width rear el. Hipped-roofed dormers are located on the south and east roof slopes and are lighted by paired, multi-light windows with an extended triangular arch pattern. The first floor is clad in clapboard and the second floor and dormers are clad in painted wood shingle. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 1/1, historic wood sash. The front porch, accessed by a straight stair with a replaced rail in the west bay, includes historic Tuscan columns and a historic rail with square-plan balusters. The primary entrance, located in the west bay, includes a replacement door with an arched single light. The east bay is lighted by double windows on both floors, and the west bay is lighted by a single window on the second floor. The east elevation, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, is lighted on both floors of the south bay by a single window. The west, side and north, rear elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way.

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 indicates that the 2 ½-

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story, hipped-roofed residence at 8 Symmes Court was constructed in 1925. The residence is recorded on the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 1-story, full-width front porch and a 1-story rear el. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence much as it is today. Visual evidence suggests that the rail of the front steps has been replaced within the last ten years.

8 Symmes Court is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic siding materials, historic windows, historic dormer windows, historic porch rail, and historic porch columns.

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:

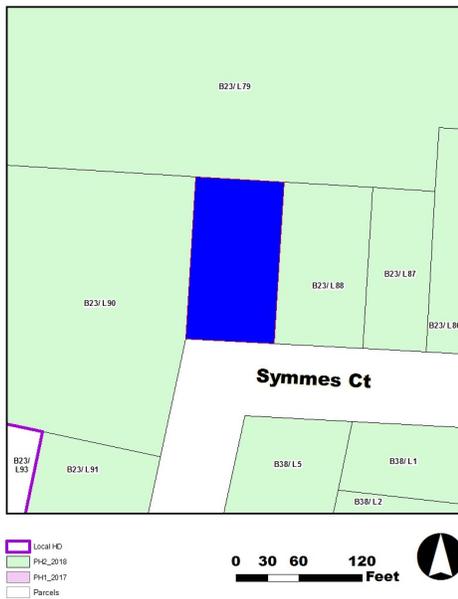
National Historic Landmark?:
National Register: 9/18/1980
New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979
Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977
Certification of Eligibility:

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 #: (if applicable)
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(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979	
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(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

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Additional Information:
1202_23_89 / 2STY - SFD / 1919

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:

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