New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID:

1000286939

Property Name:167 North Main StreetOwnership:PrivateAddress:167 N Main STApartment #:ZIP:08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:Municipality:Local Place Name:USGS Quad:Block:Lot:MIDDLESEXCranbury townshipCranburyHightstown2518.02

Property Photo:



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

Description:

167 North Main Street is a two-story-tall frame dwelling with an L-shaped footprint built in 1982. It consists of a cross-gable main block, with a slightly raised, two-story gable wing on the east elevation and two, one-story shed-roof wings on the rear (south) elevation. An arched-top glazed metal sun porch extends from the center of the rear elevation. A vinyl-clad interior chimney pierces the roof of the central rear wing. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, with solar panels located on the south slope of the east wing. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding throughout. Windows consist of vinyl casement units set within simple vinyl trim. A chamfered overhanging second-story protects a recessed main entrance at the center of the primary (north) elevation. It contains a glazed vinyl door and is flanked by a sidelight, with a stone stoop. Two vinyl roll-top garage doors are located in the front gable portion of the main block. Wood steps lead to a wood porch wrapping around the west and south elevations, with a vinyl sash and metal screen door side entry in the west elevation's second to the north bay. A door matching the main entry is also located at the center of the rear elevation. The dwelling sits atop a parged foundation.

A one-story, frame outbuilding with a side-gabled roof and metal flush doors, constructed in 1982, stands approximately 100 feet east of the dwelling.

History: 167 North Main Street is an example of a late twentieth-century dwelling in Cranbury. It was built in 1982 for Mark A. and Nadine E. Berkowsky, two years after they purchased a large parcel of land on the west side of North Main Street that included the subject property (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] 1980 Deed Book 3174:58, 1982 Mortgage Book 2784:780).). Mark Berkowsky served as president of the Cranbury Housing Authority (The Central New Jersey Home News, 13 August 1989:10). The dwelling first appears on a 1987 aerial photograph, showing its current footprint (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1987). This section of North Main Street remained sparsely developed until the 1990s (NETR 1970, 1987, 1995).

Setting:

167 North Main Street is sited on an irregularly shaped parcel (Block 25, Lot 18.02) located on the northwest side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing north and is set back approximately 600 feet from the road. A long asphalt-paved driveway extends from the roadway to a parking area adjacent to the north of the dwelling and the outbuilding. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. A pool is located to the rear

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(south) of the dwelling, bounded by concrete decking and metal fencing. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries. Registration National Historic Landmark?: and Status 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: Address: 167 NO MAIN ST Survey ID: 1000286939 Dwelling 25 / 60.01 25/18.01 25 / 19.0 Outbuilding 0 420 840 Feet PH3, 2023 Cranbury HD (NR/SR) Roads PH2, 2018 PSS Cranbury HD (Local) Parcels Municipalities PH1, 2017 RGA Feet 400 **BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Author: Title: **HPO Accession #:** Year: (if applicable) The Central New Jersey Cranbury Readies Plans for its Seniors' Housing. 7 1989 Home News August: 10. New Brunswick, New Jersey. On file, Middlesex County Clerk's Office, New Brunswick, Middlesex County Clerk's Office New Jersey. Nationwide Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, 1970 **Environmental Title** http://www.historicaerials.com, accessed May 2023. Research (NETR) 1987 Nationwide Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, **Environmental Title** http://www.historicaerials.com, accessed May 2023. Research (NETR) Nationwide Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, 1995 **Environmental Title** http://www.historicaerials.com, accessed May 2023. Research (NETR) **Additional Information:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 167 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. More Research Needed? (checked=Yes) INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY: Attachments Included: Building 0 Bridge Structure Landscape

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Historic District?

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Status: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?

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

Conversion Problem? ConversionNote: 1202_25_18.02

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