

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1536112412**

**Property Name:** 127 North Main Street  
**Address:** 127 N Main ST

**Ownership:** Private  
**Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

## PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

| County:   | Municipality:     | Local Place Name: | USGS Quad: | Block: | Lot: |
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## Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

## Description:

127 North Main Street is a one-and-one-half-story-tall, three-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1951 in the Minimal Traditional style. The dwelling consists of a three-bay-wide, side-gable-and-wing main block with a one-story-tall, two-bay-wide, attached garage connected to the northeast of the main block by a central, one-story-tall, one-bay-wide wing. A shed-roof dormer projects from the rear (northwest) roof slope of the main block and an exterior brick chimney extends above the northeast gable end of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in machined shingles. Metal louvered vents are located in the northeast and southwest gable ends of the main block. Windows consist of six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement units flanked by inoperable, louvered vinyl shutters throughout. Located in the center bay of the main block and below the front-gabled wing, the primary entrance contains a six-light vinyl sash door set within a wood surround with fluted pilasters (historic, likely original). A small brick stoop with metal handrails provides access to the entrance. A secondary entrance with wood steps is located on the rear elevation of the central wing but was not readily visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling sits atop a concrete foundation.

A one-story, side-gabled, frame shed, constructed circa 1960, stands approximately 35 feet northwest of the dwelling but is not readily visible from the public right-of-way. A circa-2015, vinyl shed stands north of the dwelling.

History: 127 North Main Street was constructed circa 1951 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1951, the subject property was sold as an empty lot by brothers Isaiah, Albert, and Staney Barclay along with their wives Gladys, Marion, and Elinor, to William and Irene C. Chermak (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1951 Deed Book 1557:259). The Chermaks owned Adrian's Diner in Cranbury (The Central New Jersey Home News, 18 February 1946:2). Likely built for the Chermaks shortly after they purchased the land, the subject dwelling first appears on a 1957 aerial photograph showing its current footprint (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1957). A pool was constructed approximately 25 feet northwest of the dwelling around 1960, along with a side-gabled shed (NETR 1957, 1963). The pool was removed around 2000 (NETR 1957, 1963, 1995, 2002). By 2013, the extant vinyl-sash windows were installed (Google 2013). A small, vinyl shed was added to the north of the property around 2015 (NETR 2012, 2019).

## Setting:

127 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 23) located on the northwest side of North Main Street, at the northwest corner of its intersection with Barclay Street, in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented

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with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 60 feet from North Main Street. An asphalt-paved driveway extends along the northwest border of the property. A stone path leads from North Main Street to the primary entrance. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

**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) |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| The Central New Jersey Home                    | Cranbury Personals. 18 February:2. New Brunswick, New Jersey.                                                      | 1946  |                                  |
| Google                                         | Google Street View. Electronic document, www.maps.google.com, accessed June 2023.                                  | 2013  |                                  |
| Heritage Studies                               | Preserving Historic Cranbury Village. Prepared for the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. | 1989  |                                  |
| Middlesex County Clerk's Office                | On file, Middlesex County Clerk's Office, New Brunswick, New Jersey.                                               |       |                                  |
| Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR) | Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, http://www.historicaerials.com, accessed May 2023.                | 1957  |                                  |
| Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR) | Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, http://www.historicaerials.com, accessed May 2023.                | 1963  |                                  |
| Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR) | Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, http://www.historicaerials.com, accessed May 2023.                | 1995  |                                  |
| Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR) | Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, http://www.historicaerials.com, accessed May 2023.                | 2002  |                                  |
| Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR) | Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, http://www.historicaerials.com, accessed May 2023.                | 2012  |                                  |
| Nationwide                                     | Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document,                                                                   | 2019  |                                  |

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Environmental Title Research (NETR) <http://www.historicaerials.com>, accessed May 2023.

Walsh, Ruth National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for 1980 the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.

**Additional Information:**

The dwelling at 127 North Main Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination and evaluated as a non-contributing (harmonious) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 127 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

**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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*Photo 2*



*Photo 3*