

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **701278430**

**Property Name:** 148 North Main Street  
**Address:** 148 N Main ST

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

## PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	29.28

## Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

## Description:

148 North Main Street is a two-and-one-half-story-tall, five-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling constructed circa 1989 in the New Traditional Colonial Revival style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with a one-and-a-half-story cross-gabled, attached garage to the northeast, and two, one-story and two-story, shed-roof, rear (southeast) wings. Three, symmetrically placed gabled dormers interrupt the northwest roof slope of the main block and an exterior, brick chimney is centered on the southwest elevation. A central, gable-roof wall-dormer interrupts the northeast roof slope of the wing. Asphalt shingles cover the roof throughout and a dentillated frieze board accents the roof line on the primary (northwest) elevation. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding. Windows are all double-hung, vinyl-sash units with screens. Inoperable, louvered vinyl shutters flank the windows on the primary and southwest elevations. The primary elevation of the main block has symmetrical fenestration with a Palladian window centered on the second floor and decorative wood lintels with keystones above the windows on the first floor. The primary entrance is located in the center bay and contains double-leaf panel doors flanked by five-light sidelights. Sheltering the entrance is a low-sloped, hipped-roof portico supported by paneled, square wood posts. The roof of the portico features a dentillated cornice and is topped with a vinyl balustrade. A single bay window is located in the southernmost bay of the northeast wing and an arched transom is located above the window in the front-gable peak. The northeast elevation of the wing contains metal roll-top garage doors in the two eastern bays and a pedestrian entrance, consisting of a panel vinyl door, in the westernmost bay. A shed-roof addition. The rear (southeast) elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

History: 148 North Main Street was constructed circa 1989 and is an example of a late twentieth-century, New Traditional Colonial Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1989, Robert and Susan Fingerhut purchased the land from Cranbury Walk Inc. (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1989 Deed Book 3819:454). Cranbury Walk, Inc., a development company, constructed 28 houses along North Main Street during the late 1980s and early 1990s. The houses, including the subject dwelling, featured a Colonial Revival-inspired design (Sunday Star-Ledger, 22 October 1989:243). The design was intended to be compatible with nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings within the Cranbury Historic District, as the township sought to preserve the district's historic character in light of nearby suburban development (The Times, 28 July 1989:78). The Fingerhuts most likely built the house shortly after purchasing the land. The property first appears in a 1995 aerial depicting its current footprint (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1995). Little to no alterations have occurred to the subject dwelling since its construction.

## Setting:

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Spencer Rubino

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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148 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 29.28) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 91 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway connects to the northeast elevation of the attached garage. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties generally 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:**

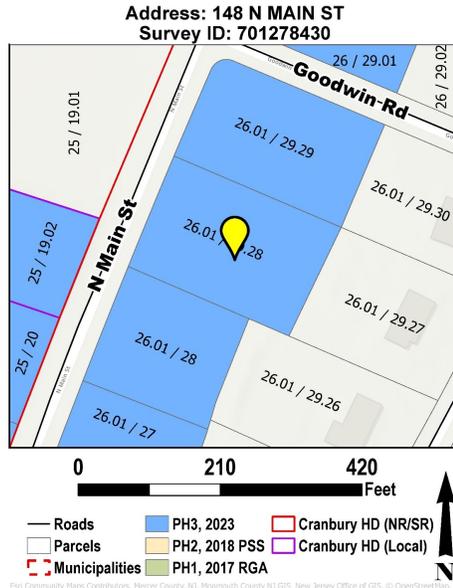
**Other Designation Date:**

**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)
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, <a href="https://www.historicaerials.com">https://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed April 2023.	1995		
Sunday Star-Ledger (Newark, New Jersey)	Cranbury Walk Advertisement. 22 October: 243. Newark, New Jersey.	1989		
The Times (Trenton, New Jersey)	Historic Cranbury Struggles with Development to Preserve Charm. 28 July: 78. Trenton, New Jersey.	1989		

**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 148 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

**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:** Non Contributing

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**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?**   
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

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*Photo 3*