

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **21122540**

**Property Name:** 16 Prospect Street **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 16 Prospect ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

## PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	28	16

## Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

## Description:

16 Prospect Street is a two-story-tall, three-bay-wide, one-bay-deep, frame dwelling constructed circa 1880. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with a one-story-tall, shed-roof addition to the northeast (added circa 1950) and a two-story, cross-gabled, rear (southeast) addition (added circa 1950, raised to two stories circa 2000), Asphalt shingles cover the roof throughout. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in machined shingles. An exterior, parged chimney is centered on the northeast elevation of the northeast wing. Windows are generally single and grouped, six-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash units, with some eight-over-one units on the first floor of the primary (northwest) elevation of the main block. The primary elevation of the main block has symmetrical fenestration with inoperable, louvered vinyl shutters flanking the windows in the outer bays. The central, primary entrance contains a paneled wood door with a glazed storm door, set within a wood surround with segmented sidelights. The entrance is sheltered by a pediment-front portico with square wood columns. The southwest and northeast elevations of the main block feature paired of six-over-one, wood-sash windows sashes in the gable ends, below the gable peak (historic, likely original). A deep overhang accents the northwest roof line on the northeast wing. The rear additions are largely obscured from the public-right-of-way. They appear to be clad in vinyl siding and contain asymmetrical fenestration with vinyl-sash windows and wall dormers.

A one-and-one-half-story-tall, front-gabled, frame garage stands approximately 60 feet southeast of the dwelling. The garage is largely obscured from the public right-of-way.

History: 16 Prospect Street was likely constructed circa 1880 and is an example of a late nineteenth-century, vernacular dwelling in Cranbury. The land on which the subject dwelling stands was part of a larger property owned by Isabella Holmes in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The 1876 Everts & Stewart Combination Atlas Map of Middlesex County, New Jersey depicts a building northeast of the current location of 16 Prospect Street, and it is possible that the building depicted may represent the subject dwelling (Everts & Stewart 1876). In 1894, Isabella sold the land that included the subject dwelling to her son, John C. Holmes, a physician (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] 1894 Deed Book 266:347; United States Bureau of the Census 1900). The subject dwelling, a vernacular I-house that appears to have a center-hall plan, stylistically dates to the mid-to-late nineteenth century and was likely extant at the time of John Holmes' purchase.

A 1933 Sanborn map of Cranbury depicts the subject dwelling as a two-story, frame building with a one-story, rear addition (Sanborn Map

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Company 1933). On the Sanborn map, the subject dwelling is marked with an "X" on its roof, suggesting that it may have functioned as an outbuilding prior to 1933, or that surveyors erroneously identified it as an outbuilding in 1933. A 1940 aerial photograph depicts the subject dwelling as a side-gabled building with a small porch on its primary elevation (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1940). During the mid-to-late twentieth century, the dwelling was heavily expanded. A large addition was constructed on the rear and northeast elevations of the dwelling around 1950, along with a one-story, detached garage southeast of the dwelling (NETR 1947, 1953). Around 1984, the circa-1950 addition was expanded to the northeast (NETR 1979, 1987). Around 2000, the additions on the rear of the dwelling were raised to two stories (NETR 1987, 1995, 2007). Between 2013 and the present day, louvered vinyl shutters were added to the windows on the primary elevation of the dwelling (Google 2013).

**Setting:**

16 Prospect Street is sited on a rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 28, Lot 16) located on the southeast side Prospect Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 50 feet from the road. A gravel driveway extends along the northern and eastern borders of the property and connects to the detached 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.

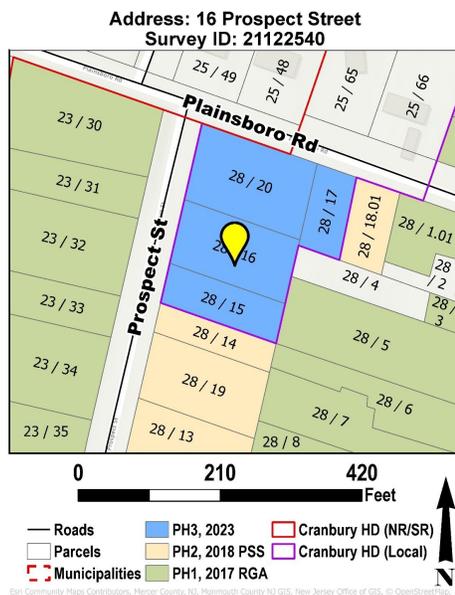
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**National Historic Landmark?:**   
**National Register:** 9/18/1980  
**New Jersey Register:** 8/9/979  
**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:**

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Sanborn Map Company	Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Sanborn Map Company, New York, New York.	1933
United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1900
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	1980

**Additional Information:**

The dwelling at 16 Prospect Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination as a "modern 2-story colonial" (Walsh 1980). Research to date has determined that the subject dwelling was likely constructed circa 1880. Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 16 Prospect Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to low integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. Later alterations to the dwelling distort its original massing, and the dwelling does not convey the significance of the district.

**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

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?**   

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

Conversion Problem?        ConversionNote:    1202\_28\_16

*Date form completed:*    6/21/2023

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

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*Photo 2*



*Photo 3*