

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1340513434**

Property Name: Elwood Van Dusen House **Ownership:** Private
Address: 31 Maplewood AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	31	2

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Elwood Van Dusen House at 31 Maplewood Avenue is a two-story tall, three-bay wide, one-bay deep, frame private residence constructed circa 1870. The rectangular dwelling has two additions to the northwest: a one-and-a-half-story tall, two-bay wide addition and a one-story, three-bay wide addition. The side-gabled roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and features a return cornice at the northeast and southwest gable ends. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in aluminum siding. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof on the southeast bent of the main block. Windows are one-over-one, replacement vinyl-sash, with louvered inoperable shutters on the second floor of the front elevation; the wider southern bay disrupts the symmetry of the front elevation. The entrance, located in the southeast corner of the dwelling, consists of a one-light, multi-paneled replacement door. A one-story, front-gabled, enclosed porch shelters the entrance. The porch features a door with eight inset lights, paired one-over-one, vinyl-sash, replacement windows, and a brick stoop. Fenestration on the northeast elevation consists of one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows on the main block and two-bay wide addition, with a one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement window on the enclosed porch. The southwest elevation's fenestration is similar, with one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows on the main block and three-bay wide addition. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the return cornice. A one-story frame shed, constructed circa 1970, is located northwest of the dwelling.

History: The dwelling at 31 Maplewood Avenue was constructed for Elwood R. Van Dusen, who purchased the property in 1868 (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society n.d.) The subject dwelling first appears cartographically on the 1872 Beers atlas on the north side of

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Washington Avenue, later called Maplewood Avenue. The 1876 Everts and Stewart map identifies the subject dwelling as owned by "E. Van Dusen." He 1916 Sanborn map shows the subject dwelling's two rear additions and a one-story, one-bay porch on the front elevation. A one-story, frame outbuilding is depicted northwest of the dwelling but is no longer extant by 1933; the 1933 Sanborn map shows no alterations to the subject dwelling.

Setting:

The Elwood Van Dusen House at 31 Maplewood Avenue is sited on a square parcel (Block 31, Lot 2) located on the northwest side of Maplewood Avenue in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 5 feet from Maplewood Avenue. A brick sidewalk spans the east side of the parcel. A loose gravel driveway leads northwest from Maplewood Avenue to a shed located west of the subject dwelling. The Elwood Van Dusen House at 31 Maplewood Avenue is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

Registration and Status Dates:

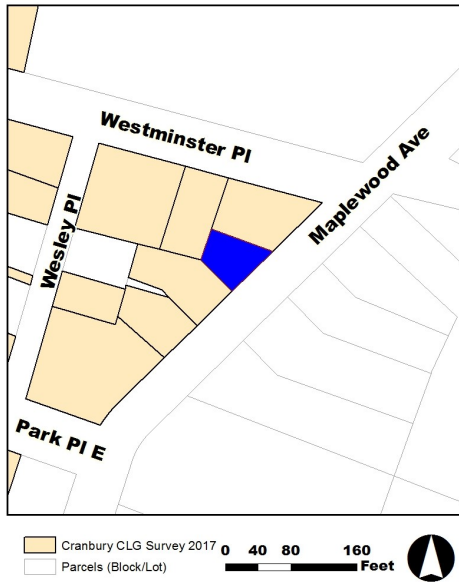
National Historic Landmark?:
National Register: 9/18/1980
New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979
Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977
Certification of Eligibility:

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)
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979	
Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989	
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Property File, 31 Maplewood Avenue		

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey found that the Elwood Van Dusen House at 31 Maplewood Avenue is a contributing resource to the

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Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Elwood Van Dusen House at 31 Maplewood Avenue as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and overall massing.

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: 7

Date form completed: 7/10/2017

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