

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 284182252

Property Name: Ezekiel Price House **Ownership:** Private
Address: 28 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	32	10

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Ezekiel Price House at 28 North Main Street is a two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, one-pile residence constructed circa 1790 and later renovated into a conservative Queen Anne style. The house has a two-story rear tee section with one-story additions on its north and south elevations.

The main block faces west onto North Main Street. It has a cross-gabled roof clad with asphalt shingles. The centered cross-gable has a single one-over-one double hung sash replacement window flanked by oversized shutters. Small rectangular (rebuilt) chimneys are located near the north and south ends of the ridge. The eaves are slightly molded with minimal returns on the end walls. The frame walls are clad with aluminum siding. Fenestration is mostly symmetrical. Windows are one-over-one, double hung, wood-sash (replacement) windows with aluminum storm windows, flanked by louvered, inoperable shutters. The second floor has four of these windows, aligned horizontally and also aligned vertically over the first floor windows and door. The central door consists of a one-light, two-panel wood door with an exterior wood door. The front porch was constructed in a half-oval shape; it features a small cross-gable, a molded cornice, and thin Doric columns connected by a light railing with thin turned balusters. A turret is located in the southwest corner of the house. It has a conical cap clad with asphalt shingles, wood shingled walls, and replacement one-over-one windows flanked by louvered shutters. The courses of wood shingles on the turret alternate between octagonal ends and scalloped ends. The house has a stone foundation.

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The north end wall of the main block faces onto the property drive. Above, the chimney appears above the peak of the gable. The molded cornice with its minimal returns is visible; the soffits are clad with vinyl siding. The aluminum-clad wall has a single rank of windows located near the northwest corner. The windows are replacement one-over-one double hung sash units with louvered shutters.

On the south end wall of the main block, the brick chimney also appears above the peak of the gable. The molded eaves with their minimal returns and vinyl clad soffits are visible near the top of the wall surface. The aluminum-clad wall surface features a single rank of windows; an attic louver and replacement one-over-one double hung sash units on the lower floors (each with louvered shutters).

The rear tee section is not visible from the public right-of-way. It is roughly centered on the rear of the main block. It has asphalt shingles on its gabled roof and frame walls. Second floor windows on the sides face over the flanking one-story additions, and a two-story glass atrium addition constructed in 1987 stands on the east end. The one-story sections flanking the tee section have shed roofs clad with asphalt shingles and frame walls clad with aluminum siding.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling include a one-story, cross-gabled porch with Doric columns, a two-story tower with a turret roof, and staggered wood shingles on various places on all elevations.

A two story, frame garage resembling a barn and an in-ground pool are located to the rear of the dwelling.

History: The 1916 Sanborn Atlas shows the main block of the house with its bay and front porch, plus the two-story tee section with its one-story addition to the south. In the rear of the lot is a multi-section garage. The 1933 aerial shows the house the same way but only shows the existing garage. The house appears on historic aerial photographs beginning with 1940. The one-story additions flanking the two-story tee section are not always clearly shown. The addition on the north side of the tee is first clearly indicated on the aerial of 1987.

Setting:

The Ezekiel Price House at 28 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 32, Lot 10) located on the west side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The parcel extends east to Maplewood Avenue. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 15 feet from North Main Street. Perennial plantings about the dwelling's front (northwest) elevation. A brick driveway leads east from North Main Street past the northeast elevation of the dwelling to a one-story, frame barn. An in-ground pool and a one-story, frame shed are located to the rear (east) of the dwelling. The property is lightly wooded. 28 North Main Street is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

Registration and Status

National Historic Landmark?:

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?

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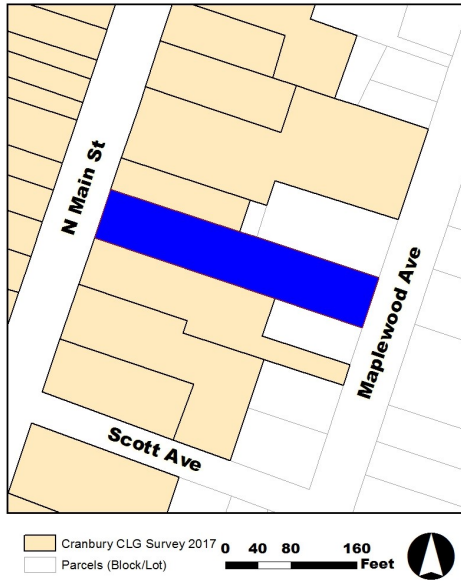
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Location Map:



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		
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society	Property File, 28 North Main Street			
Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village	1989		

Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Ezekiel Price House at 28 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Ezekiel Price House at 28 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

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: 37

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