

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 604320059

**Property Name:** George Barclay House **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 10 PARK PL E **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			32	21

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 60

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 10 Park Place East, constructed circa 1840, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame Greek Revival-style residence on a parged foundation is 3 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted on the northeast by a full-height, full-width, pedimented porch and backed on the southwest by an addition consisting of a 2-story volume backed by a 1-story volume that wraps around its southeast side. A 1-story, historic full-depth side volume is located on the northwest of the historic main volume. An interior concrete block chimney is located on the southeast roof slope near the northeast bay. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 6/6, double-hung, historic wood sash with applied shutters. The pedimented front porch, which is accessed by a straight wood stair with wrought iron rail in the northwest bay, includes 4 substantial, square-plan pillars with full-height recessed panels and half-round cutouts at the base. The entablature of the pediment includes a frieze with an upper course of small dentils and an unornamented, wide cornice. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the northwest bay of the northeast elevation, includes a historic paneled door and a historic door surround with single-light sidelights over recessed panels and a single-light transom. The 2 southeast bays of the main block and the 1-story side volume are regularly fenestrated. The southeast, side elevation of the main block is regularly fenestrated, though the window sash varies in the rear bays. The added volume is regularly fenestrated and includes an entry porch with a brick cheek wall and a simple post and rail. An entrance to the rear volume is located on the northeast elevation of the 1-story volume. The northwest, side and

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southwest, rear elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way.

Historic maps indicate that by 1850 there were 3 residences on the southwest side of park place. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District reports that the 2-story, Greek Revival residence at 10 Park Place East, known as the George Barclay House, was constructed circa 1869. Stylistic evidence indicates that the residence was constructed circa 1840. The 1876 Everts and Stewarts map depicts a residence on the lot. The residence is documented on the 1916 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling with a 3-sided projecting window bay on the rear elevation, a 1-story side volume, and a full-width, full-height front porch. The 1933 Sanborn depicts the residence with an added, 1-bay, side porch on the southeast, side elevation and a 1-story garage to the southeast of the residence. A historic photograph taken circa 1907 depicts the regularly fenestrated rear elevation of the residence, as well as the 1-story, rear window bay (Brennan and Brennan, 1998: 37). A historic photograph taken circa 1908 depicts the residence with the hipped-roofed side entry porch in the southwest bay of the southeast elevation. The main volume is shown as fenestrated on the southeast side by 2 windows on each floor in the northeast bays, but no windows are shown above the side entrance. A railing is shown on the front porch, and the windows in the northwest side volume appear to have 6/6 sash. Brennan and Brennan report that the side volume was added to the residence in the 3rd quarter of the 19th century (Brennan and Brennan, 1998: 39). Visual evidence suggests that the windows on the second floor of the southwest bays of the southeast elevation were added and the chimney was replaced circa 1925. It is possible that other historic 6/6 windows in the building date to this period or to the period of construction of the side volume. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the large, gable and flat-roofed rear volume that projects beyond the southeast, side elevation was constructed between 2010 and 2013.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features as its historic temple-front porch, side volume, historic windows and wood cladding, and fenestration patterns.

**Setting:**

Park Place is a short street that crosses N. Main Street and connects to Maplewood Avenue, to the southeast. Park Place East is a predominantly residential street with single family dwellings of moderate size.

**Registration and Status Dates:**

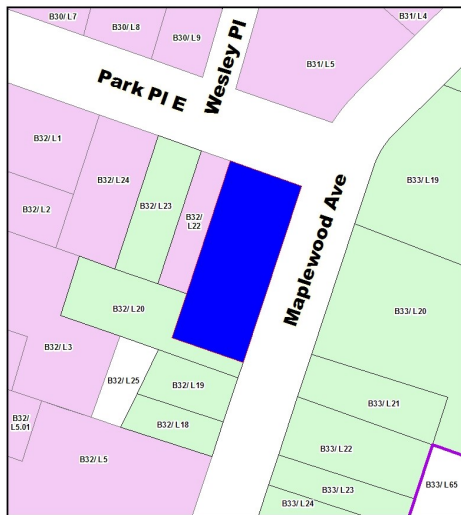
**National Historic Landmark?:**   
**National Register:** 9/18/1980  
**New Jersey Register:** 8/9/1979  
**Determination of Eligibility:** 3/25/1977  
**Certification of Eligibility:**

**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:**



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**Additional Information:**

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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:

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