

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1488466816**

Property Name: 42 North Main Street **Ownership:** Private
Address: 42 N Main ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	32	4

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

42 North Main Street is a two-story tall, five-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed between 1820 and 1840 in a vernacular style. The dwelling consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block; a two-story, one-bay ell (constructed by 1910); a two-story, two-bay hipped roof addition on the rear of the ell (constructed by 1910); and a one-story, one-bay addition to the southwest (constructed circa 1978). The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior brick and stucco chimney is located in the southeast gable end of the main block. The main block has a molded wood return cornice in the northeast gable end only. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on all elevations. On the front elevation, windows on the second floor are six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash (likely original) with two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood sash windows on the first floor. All windows have aluminum storm windows and molded wood trim. The central window on the second floor is flanked by four-light sidelights; all other windows have paneled shutters. The central historic entrance is a three-panel wood door with sidelights and a rectangular transom. A one-story entry porch with fluted Doric columns and a standing seam metal roof shelters the door. The northeast elevation features two square fixed wood windows, one louvered and one with four inset lights, in the gable end of the main block. Windows on the first floor of the main block are two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash windows with paneled shutters. The two-story ell has one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows; the first floor is sheltered by a shed roof entry porch with square posts. The hipped roof addition has six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement windows with three-light transoms. The southwest elevation features two square fixed wood windows, one louvered and one with four inset lights, in the gable end of the main block. A two-over-two, double-hung, replacement wood-sash window with paneled

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shutters sits in the west bay on the first floor of the main block. The rear addition has one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows and the hipped roof addition has six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement windows with three-light transoms. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include the wood-sash window with sidelights on the front elevation and the entry porch.

History: 42 North Main Street first appears cartographically on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township, owned by "W. Carsons." On the 1872 Beers atlas, the subject dwelling is owned by "A. Covert" and on the 1876 Everts and Stewart map it is owned by "B. Wyckoff." The 1916 Sanborn map shows the subject dwelling with a two-part, two-story main block, indicating that it may have been constructed in two stages. The 1916 Sanborn map also shows the one-bay entry porch, the rear ell, a one-story addition to the northwest, and a one-story addition adjoining the rear ell. The 1933 Sanborn map shows no changes to the subject dwelling. Historic aerial photographs show that the one-story shed roof addition to the southwest was built circa 1978.

Setting:

42 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 32, Lot 4) located on the east 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 15 feet from North Main Street. A concrete sidewalk, which runs along North Main Street, spans the west side of the parcel. Shrubs adjoin the front (northwest) elevation of the dwelling. The property is lightly wooded. 42 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?:**

Dates: **National Register:** 9/18/1980 **SHPO Opinion:**

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979 **Local Designation:** 9/26/1988

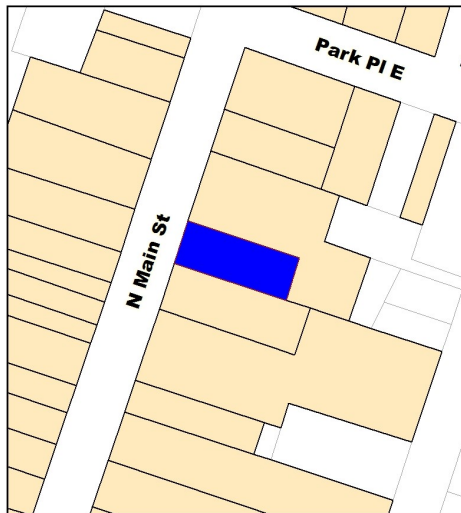
Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977 **Other Designation:**

Certification of Eligibility: **Other Designation Date:**

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey? **Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

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	

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Additional Information:

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified 42 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends 42 North Main Street as a contributing resource due to its date of construction, design, and use of materials compatible with 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: Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?

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

Conversion Problem? ConversionNote: 1

Date form completed: 6/26/2017

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