

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1930636860**

**Property Name:** 26 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 26 MAPLEWOOD AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	19

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 73

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 26 Maplewood Avenue, constructed in the mid-19th century, is a key-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The barn contributes to the significance of the property.

The 2 ½-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan, clapboard-clad, main block of this frame residence on a brick foundation is 5 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, partial-width, composite-roofed, pedimented front porch and backed on the southeast by a 2-story, gable-roofed secondary volume. The roofs other than that on the porch are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows retain 6/6, double-hung, historic wood sash. A substantial brick chimney projects from the northwest bay of the southwest roof slope. The gable ends of both the northwest and southeast elevations are pedimented. The front porch extends across the central 3 bays of the northwest, main elevation and includes historic turned posts, rail, turned balusters, spindle frieze, and pediment brackets. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the central bay and accessed by the porch, includes historic, double, recessed leaf doors with 9-light upper lights windows with a large central pane. Each of the remaining bays on both floors is lighted by a window with historic wood shutters, with undecorated entablatures over the first floor windows. The third floor is lighted by a single central window with flanking quarter circle shuttered windows. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a window on the first floor and 3 windows on the second floor. The 2 southeastern bays include a recessed porch that extends 1 bay to the southeast, with a hip-roofed, 1-bay-deep covering. A secondary, replacement sliding door with a flanking window is accessed by the rear porch. A window lights each of the remaining bays of

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the rear volume on both floors. The southeast, rear elevation is lighted by a double window on the first floor with a window in each bay on the second floor and a small rose window on the third floor. An additional door with a shed-roof hood is located in the southeast bay. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a single window in each bay of both floors, with a double window in the southeast bay of the first floor of the main block.

The 1 1/2-story, multi-roofed, multi-volume frame barn, located to the east of the residence, includes a gable-roofed main block with a 1-story, shed-roofed volume on the northwest elevation and a 1-story, shed-roofed volume on the northeast elevation. The barn is clad in board and batten and vertical board siding. The roofs are clad in asphalt shingle and includes historic bargeboard and exposed rafter tails. The windows visible from the public right-of-way have 6/6 historic wood sash. A sliding barn door provides access to the barn on the southwest elevation.

A 1-story, gambrel-roofed, frame shed is located to the northwest of the barn.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs indicate that the residence at 26 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the property of "A. Voorhees" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, which shows a "shoe shop" to the south of the dwelling. The property was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the mid-19th century. It is documented by the 1916 Sanborn map as including not only the main residence, but also numerous outbuildings. The dwelling is shown as having a 2-story, metal-roofed main volume backed on the southeast by a shallow, 1-story, metal-roofed rear volume and fronted on the northwest by a partial-width, 1-story, metal-roofed, open porch. The secondary buildings including 4, 1-story buildings roughly lined up to the southeast of the dwelling and a 2 larger secondary buildings the more western of which is labeled a "wagon house." The 1933 Sanborn depicts the dwelling with a smaller front porch and a smaller number of secondary buildings, the largest and easternmost of which was a 2-story building with a 1-story front volume on its northwest. Historic aerial photographs indicate that by 1940, by which date the house at 24 Maplewood Avenue had been completed, the only remaining secondary building was the one currently on the property at the time of the present survey. Historic aeriels also indicate that a large, 1-story addition was placed on the northeast elevation of the secondary building between 1972 and 1979. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the dwellings northeast and northwestern elevations with no clear differences other than a projecting front door vestibule under the porch. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory identified the dwelling as an "important building," noting that it was in a "good state of preservation" and its location as "terminating [the] vista down Park Place." The secondary building was characterized as a "good contributing barn." Visual evidence suggests the siding has been replaced within approximately the last decade, along with selected window sash at the rear of the building.

This property is a key contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic porch and front door, historic windows and shutters in most locations, and historic chimney.

**Setting:**

Maplewood Avenue is an approximately half-mile long primarily residential street that connects N. Main Street, to the northwest, to Route 130, to the northeast. Maplewood runs parallel to N. Main Street between Scott Ave. and Park Place, after which it turns to the northeast to form a southwest extension of Cranbury-South River Road.

**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?**

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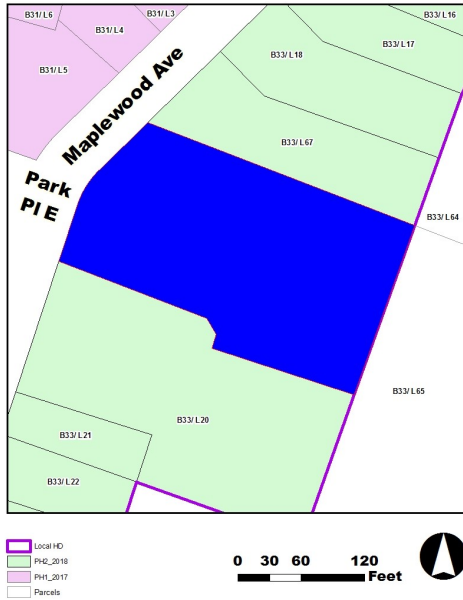
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**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #:	(if applicable)
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850		
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876		
(None Listed)	Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at <a href="http://historicaerials.com">historicaerials.com</a> and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth			
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933		
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998		
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989		
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012		
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995		
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916		
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979		

**Additional Information:**

1202\_33\_19 / 2STY - SFD / 1840

**More Research Needed?**  (checked=Yes)

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**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:** Key Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?**   

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

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Conversion Problem?                ConversionNote:

*Date form completed:*            8/17/2018

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## ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Properties

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### History:

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs indicate that the residence at 26 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. Stylistic evidence strongly suggests it was constructed shortly after the turn of the century. It is identified as the property of "A. Voorhees" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, which shows a "shoe shop" to the south of the dwelling. The property was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the mid-19th century. It is documented by the 1916 Sanborn map as including not only the main residence, but also numerous outbuildings. The dwelling is shown as having a 2-story, metal-roofed main volume backed on the southeast by a shallow, 1-story, metal-roofed rear volume and fronted on the northwest by a partial-width, 1-story, metal-roofed, open porch. The secondary buildings including 4, 1-story buildings roughly lined up to the southeast of the dwelling and a 2 larger secondary buildings the more western of which is labeled a "wagon house." The 1933 Sanborn depicts the dwelling with a smaller front porch and a smaller number of secondary buildings, the largest and easternmost of which was a 2-story building with a 1-story front volume on its northwest. Historic aerial photographs indicate that by 1940, by which date the house at 24 Maplewood Avenue had been completed, the only remaining secondary building was the one currently on the property at the time of the present survey. Historic aerials also indicate that a large, 1-story addition was placed on the northeast elevation of the secondary building between 1972 and 1979. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the dwellings northeast and northwestern elevations with no clear differences other than a projecting front door vestibule under the porch. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory identified the dwelling as an "important building," noting that it was in a "good state of preservation" and its location as "terminating [the] vista down Park Place." The secondary building was characterized as a "good contributing barn." Visual evidence suggests the siding has been replaced within approximately the last decade, along with selected window sash at the rear of the building.

### Statement of Significance:

The property at 26 Maplewood Avenue is locally significant under Criterion C as representative example of a vernacular Greek Revival mansion of the mid-19th century in a prominent location.

Eligibility for New Jersey and National Registers:  Yes  No

National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D

Level of Significance:  Local  State  National

### Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:

The property at 26 Maplewood Avenue retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship and thus continues to be able to convey its significance under Criterion C.

Total Number of Attachments: 0

List of Element Names: Residence  
Barn

### Narrative Boundary Description:

The property at 26 Maplewood Avenue corresponds to block 33. lot 19. Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

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## BUILDING ATTACHMENT

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<b>Common Name:</b>	<u>26 Maplewood Avenue</u>	
<b>Historic Name:</b>	<u>26 Maplewood Avenue</u>	
<b>Present Use:</b>	<u>Residential, permanent</u>	
<b>Historic Use:</b>	<u>Residential, permanent</u>	
<b>Construction Date:</b>	<u>Circa 1860</u>	<b>Source:</b> _____
<b>Alteration Date(s):</b>	_____	<b>Source:</b> _____
<b>Designer:</b>	_____	<b>Physical Condition:</b> <u>Good</u>
<b>Builder:</b>	_____	<b>Remaining Historic Fabric:</b> <u>High</u>
<b>Style:</b>	<u>Greek Revival</u>	
<b>Form:</b>	<u>Other</u>	<b>Stories:</b> <u>2.5</u>
<b>Type:</b>	_____	<b>Bays:</b> <u>5</u>
<b>Roof Finish Materials:</b>	<u>Asphalt shingle</u>	
<b>Exterior Finish Materials</b>	<u>Wood, clapboard</u>	

### Exterior Description:

The 2 ½-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan, clapboard-clad, main block of this frame residence on a brick foundation is 5 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, partial-width, composite-roofed, pedimented front porch and backed on the southeast by a 2-story, gable-roofed secondary volume. The roofs other than that on the porch are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows retain 6/6, double-hung, historic wood sash. A substantial brick chimney projects from the west bay of the southwest roof slope. The gable ends of both the northwest and southeast elevations include pedimented gables. The front porch extends across the central 3 bays of the northwest, main elevation and includes historic turned posts, rail, turned balusters, spindle frieze, and pediment brackets. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the central bay and accessed by the porch, includes historic, double, recessed leaf doors with 9-light upper lights windows with a large central pane. Each of the remaining bays on both floors is lighted by a window with historic wood shutters, with undecorated entablatures over the first floor windows. The third floor is lighted by a single central window with flanking quarter circle shuttered windows. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a window on the first floor and 3 windows on the second floor. The 2 southern bays are open to a recessed porch that extends to the southeast, with a hip-roofed, 1-bay-deep covering. A secondary, replacement sliding door with a flanking window is accessed by the rear porch. A window lights each of the remaining bays of the rear volume on both floors. The southeast, rear elevation is lighted by a double window on the first floor with a window in each bay on the second floor and a small rose window on the third floor. An additional door with a shed-roof hood is located in the east bay. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a single window in each bay of both floors, with a double window in the east bay of the first floor of the main block. A pent eave divides the floors of the rear volume.

The 1 ½-story, multi-roofed, multi-volume frame barn, located to the east of the residence, includes a gable-roofed main block with a 1-story, shed-roofed volume on the northwest elevation and a 1-story, shed-roofed volume on the northeast elevation. The barn is clad in board and batten and vertical board siding. The roofs are clad in asphalt shingle and includes historic bargeboard and exposed rafter tails. The windows visible from the public right-of-way have 6/6 historic wood sash. A sliding barn door provides access to the barn on the southwest elevation.

A 1-story, gambrel-roofed, frame shed is located to the northwest of the barn.

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### Interior Description:

This survey project did not include a review of building interiors. Further research/survey is recommended.

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