

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **2068236403**

**Property Name:** 22 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 22 MAPLEWOOD AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	21

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 68

### Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 22 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. A manufactured shed near the rear of the property is non-contributing.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, clapboard-clad, main block of this frame residence on a parged foundation is 2 bays wide and 5 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, hip-roofed, full-width porch and backed by a 1-story, shed-roofed rear el that connects to a rear porch that wraps around the southeasternmost bay of the northeast elevation. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows have 2/2 replacement vinyl sash. The replaced primary door, located in the northeast bay of the main elevation, is accessed by the porch, which includes historic turned posts with historic decorative brackets. A window lights each of the remaining bays on both floors. The southwest, side elevation is lighted in the central and southeast bays by a window on each floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a window in each bay on both floors. The rear porch includes square-plan posts.

A 1-story, gable-roofed, manufactured frame shed is located to the east of the property.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and

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aerial photographs indicate that the residence at 22 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the property of "J. Potts" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the late 19th century. The property is documented by the 1916 Sanborn map as a rectangular-plan, frame, 2-story, shingle-roofed dwelling with a full-width, open, 1-story front porch and a 1-story, 3-sided, partial width side porch on the northeast elevation. The 1916 Sanborn also shows a 1-story, frame secondary building located to the rear (southeast) of the dwelling at that this date. The 1933 Sanborn depicts the buildings in the same configuration. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northeast and northwestern elevations, including the shed-roofed, open front porch on turned posts with Eastlake scrollwork brackets. The building is also shown as having 2 bays on the narrow, front-gabled end and 5 bays on the northeast elevation. The side porch had been removed by this date. The windows shown have 2/2, double-hung sash and shutters throughout. There are 2 ridge, brick chimneys shown and the building appears to be clad in wood clapboard. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted the clapboard and chimneys as well as unidentified "additions" on the rear, as well as the front porch and a "large non-contributing outbuilding" which does not appear on contemporary historic aerial photographs and may be on the adjacent park property. Historic aerial photographs indicate that rear, wrapping porch was added to the main volume between 2002 and 2007 and the small secondary building was constructed at the same time. Visual evidence indicates that the front door and the window sash have been replaced throughout within approximately the last decade.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic porch brackets and posts, and historic clapboard.

**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.

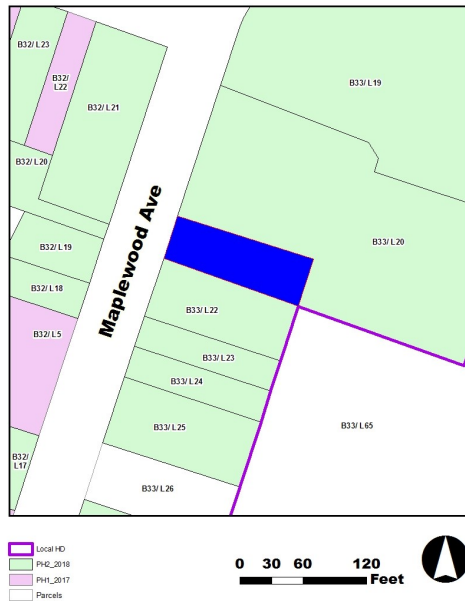
**Registration and Status Dates:**

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

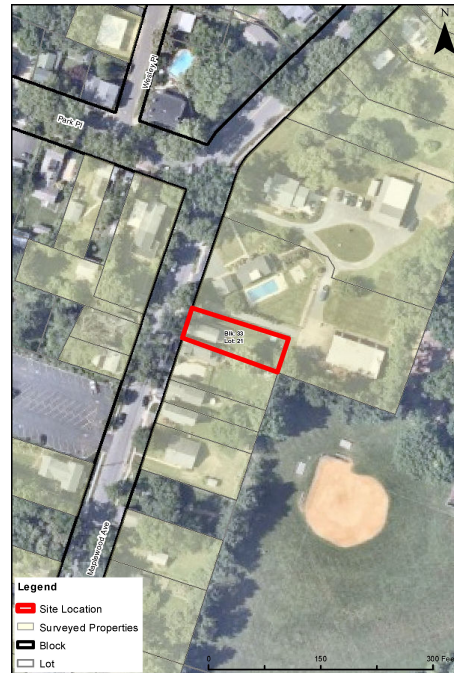
**SHPO Opinion:**  
**Local Designation:** 9/26/1988  
**Other Designation:**  
**Other Designation Date:**

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

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

**Author:** **Title:** **Year:** **HPO Accession #:** (if applicable)

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(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
(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	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury, Volume II	1998
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876

**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:

*Date form completed:* 8/17/2018

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