

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **791400122**

Property Name: 18 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private
Address: 18 MAPLEWOOD AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	23

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 3

Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 18 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District. The garage on the property, built between 1947 and 1953, is non-contributing.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, replacement clapboard-clad, main block of this frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 2 bays wide and 3 bays deep. The main block is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, composite-roofed porch and backed on the southeast by a 2-story, gable-roofed, 3 bay-deep addition. The roofline of the addition is higher than the roofline of the main block. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows in the main volume retain 6/1, historic wood sash. The main volume includes a historic, interior, ridge brick chimney. The primary entrance, located in the southwest bay of the main elevation is accessed by the front porch, which includes replaced Tuscan columns. There is a window with replaced wood shutters in each of the remaining bays on each floor. A secondary, added entrance with a shed-roofed hood on a single Tuscan column is located on the northwest elevation of the addition volume. The southwest, side elevation includes a window in each of the outer bays of both the main block and rear volume. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation contains a window in each of the outer bays on each floor of the main block and a shed-roofed window bay and single window on the first floor and a single window on the second floor of the addition.

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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 18 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the property of "J. Williamson" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been constructed in the third quarter of the 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, full-width, rear secondary volume. The 1933 Sanborn shows a partial-width rear volume, although later aerial photographs do not clearly show this and suggest this Sanborn misrepresented the configuration of the building. 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 replaced metal posts and what was likely a concrete deck, the rear, shed-roofed volume, and 2 bays of openings on each elevation, with a square window in the rear el. This photograph and one of the building at 16 Maplewood Avenue, along with historic aerial photographs before 2002 strongly suggest that these 2 buildings were constructed at the same time and were likely identical at the time of their completion. The front door is shown in the southwest bay of the front elevation. A ridge or slope chimney is shown near the center of the building. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted siding, but not its materials, 6/6 sash, and a center chimney on the building. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the building was altered between 2002 and 2006 by the addition of a substantial rear volume that is visible from the public right-of-way. Visual evidence indicates this project included the replacement of the front porch and shutters, and recladding of the exterior.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district, because it retains integrity and such character-defining historic features as the massing of its historic main volume, historic chimney, and historic wood window sash and front door in its main volume. The scale and visibility of the rear addition, and false sense of history presented by the front porch columns, however, make this status marginal.

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.

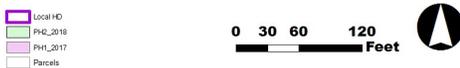
Registration and Status Dates:

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

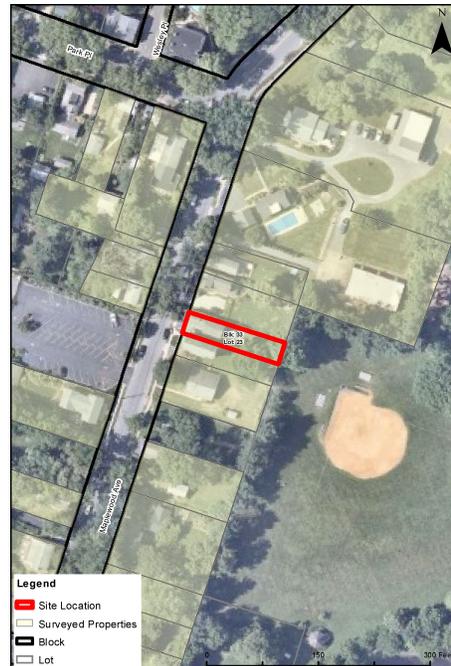
SHPO Opinion:
Local Designation: 9/26/1988
Other Designation:
Other Designation Date:

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

Location Map:



Site Map:



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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:

Date form completed: 8/17/2018

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