

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **370542619**

Property Name: 16 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private
Address: 16 MAPLEWOOD AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	24

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 92

Description:

PS&S recommends that the residence at 16 Maplewood Avenue, constructed between 1850 and 1876 and substantially altered, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, aluminum siding-clad, main block of this frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 2 bays wide and 7 bays deep, and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, shed-roofed front porch. A 2-story, 3-bay wide, rectangular-plan projecting bay is roughly centered on the southwest, side elevation. The roofs are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows have 6/6 replacement sash throughout. The porch is accessed by a straight stair in the north bay and includes replaced posts, a replaced rail, and replaced turned balusters. The primary entrance to the house is located in the northeasternmost bay of the northwest elevation, with windows in the other bays on each floor. The southwest, side elevation is only fenestrated in the central projecting bay, with 3 windows on the first floor and 2 on the second floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation includes a single window in the central bay of each floor.

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 16 Maplewood Avenue was constructed between 1850 and 1876. It is identified as the property of "R. McShepperd" on the 1876 Everts & Stewart map, and was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the

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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. A 2-story, frame secondary building was located at the rear (southeastern) lot line at this date. The 1933 Sanborn shows no secondary building on the lot at that date, and an enlargement of the rear volume to the southwest, although later aerial photographs do not clearly show this addition. 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 square-plan posts, the rear, shed-roofed volume, and 2 bays of openings on each elevation. This photograph and one of the building at 18 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. The front gable included a decorative barge board at that date. A ridge or slope chimney is shown near the center of the building. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted asbestos siding, 6/6 sash, and a center chimney on the building. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the building was substantially altered between 1987 and 2002 to its current configuration, extending the building to the southeast and removing the chimney. Visual evidence indicates this project included the replacement of the front porch, recladding of the exterior, movement of the front door to the northeast bay of the main elevation and changing the fenestration pattern of this elevation and the northeast elevation at minimum, removing the historic windows, door, and barge board, and parging the foundation.

This property is a non-contributing property in the historic district by virtue of the building's loss of integrity from extensive alterations in the period 1987-2002, in which all historic exterior materials were replaced, fenestration patterns were changed, and the historic volume of the building was substantially altered such that the change in historic envelope was highly visible from the public right-of-way.

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:

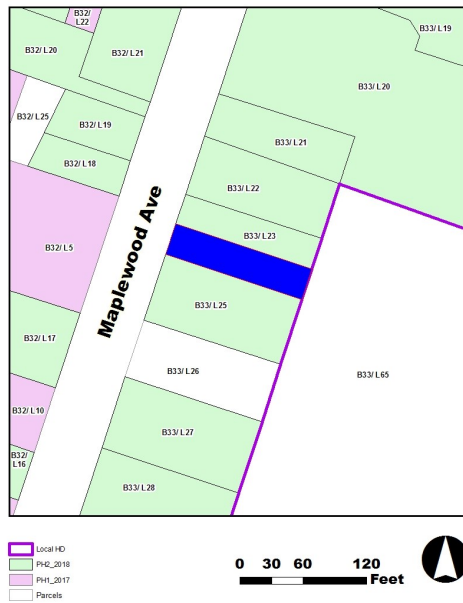
National Historic Landmark?:
National Register: 9/18/1980
New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979
Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977
Certification of Eligibility:

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:

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Author:	Title:	Year:	HPO Accession #: (if applicable)
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, Volume II	1998	
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876	
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	
(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 historicaerials.com and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth		
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989	
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850	
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey	1979	
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916	
Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995	

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: Non 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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