

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-499420439**

Property Name: 54 Maplewood Avenue **Ownership:** Private
Address: 54 MAPLEWOOD AVE **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	7

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 54

Description:

PS&S recommends that 54 Maplewood Avenue, constructed in the 1930s, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 1-story, hip-roofed, rectangular plan, Flemish bond brick bungalow on a parged foundation is 2 bays wide and 3 bays deep and is fronted by a 1-story, jerkinhead-roofed entry volume and a recessed porch. A 1-story frame addition backs the main volume on the southeast. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows throughout have 6/1 replacement vinyl sash with applied muntins. The recessed porch, located in the northeastern bay of the northwest, main elevation, includes a brick knee wall, segmental arch openings, and a historic, varnished wood ceiling. The primary entrance to the residence is located in the northwest side bay of the entry volume and includes a replaced 6-light door. A single window lights the remaining bay, with a triple window and a window under the jerkinhead lighting the entry volume. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a single window in the northwest bay and a double window in each of the remaining bays. The rear volume is accessed by a secondary door with a straight stair in the central bay and is lighted by a single window in the southeast bay and a double window in the northwest bay. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is regularly fenestrated with a window in each bay.

Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs indicate that this residence was constructed between 1933 and 1940. It was inventoried in the 1980 National Register

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Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the 1940s, and in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory as an intrusion. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northeast and northwest elevations, with no clear difference other than the rear addition. Historic aerial photographs indicate this was placed on the building in 2017, and that this project included the replacement of the existing 6/1 windows.

This property is a contributing property in the historic district because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic brick exterior, and historic open front porch.

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)
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876	
(None Listed)	1933 Sanborn Map	1933	
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989	
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	

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Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995
(None Listed)	1850 Otley and Keily Map	1850
(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	
Chambers, John Whiteclay II	Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present	2012
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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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