

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1357119628**

**Property Name:** 25 South Main Street **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 25 S MAIN ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			35	8

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 89

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 25 S. Main Street, constructed circa 1850 and renovated circa 1920, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame residence is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed on the southeast elevation by a 2-story, full-width, cross gable-roofed volume. A 1-story, partial-length, shed-roofed porch is on the northeast, side elevation. A 2-story, rectangular-plan bay projects from the southeast end of the southwest elevation. The 2 floors of the main block are divided on all elevations by a pent eave. A gabled door hood on brackets is located in the northeast bay of the northwest elevation. A 1-story, shed-roofed volume projects from the southeast elevation. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 6/1 historic wood sash with applied shutters. The horizontal rooflines of both the main and rear blocks include a dentiled cornice. An interior brick chimney projects from the gable ridge of the rear volume. The primary entrance, located in the northeast bay of the northwest elevation, includes a historic 6-light door with extended recessed panels and 4-light sidelights over recessed panels. The door hood includes a basket-handle arch under the pediment and a paneled fan. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated and include simple entablatures and applied shutters. The southwest, side elevation is lighted on both floors of the main volume by a double window, with a shuttered window on the first floor. The projecting bay is lighted by single windows on the northwest elevation and 2 single windows on both floors of the southwest elevation. The northeast, side elevation includes the shed-roofed

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porch in the northwest bays, which includes square-plan, paired posts with cornice and capitals. A secondary entrance is located in the northwest bay. The remaining bays of the main and rear volumes are regularly fenestrated. A single, smaller, shuttered window is under the gable-end of both side elevations. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

Historic maps indicate that South Main Street includes some of the earliest development in Cranbury. The settlement began in 1736 with the construction of a mill on the south banks of the Cranbury Brook and, by 1810, developed into a small village. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that a 2-story, 3-bay wide, frame residence with a side entrance was constructed circa 1850 on this property. The residence appears on the 1876 Everts and Stewart map as belonging to "J. Hutchinson." The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory adds that the residence was substantially altered in the mid-20th century, doubling windows and adding a pent roof and door hood. The 1916 Sanborn Map records this residence as having a 2-story, rectangular-plan main volume fronted by a 1-story, partial-width front porch and backed by a 1 1/2-story, partial-width secondary volume that in turn was backed by a 1-story volume and flanked on the southwest by a 1-story porch. A 2-story outbuilding with a 1-story side volume is shown to the southeast of the residence. The 1933 Sanborn Map shows this residence to have been changed to or replaced with a 2-story, rectangular-plan residence with a projecting bay on the southwest elevation and a 1-story porch on the northeast elevation. Visual evidence suggests that the door surround and irregular fenestration pattern on the northwest elevation could be ascribed to the gable-roofed main block shown in the 1916 Sanborn, but that the rear volume, porch, door hood, windows, and dentils are likely from the circa 1920 alterations. These details relate to the substantial change in the building's massing between 1916 and 1933. Visual evidence suggests that there have been no major campaigns of alterations since that time.

25 S. Main is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as the historic door surround and door hood, dentiled cornice, historic porch posts, historic window sash, and historic clapboard siding.

**Setting:**

South Main Street stretches from Brainerd Lake to the southern edge of Cranbury and is characterized by freestanding single-family residences of moderate scale ranging in date from the early 19th century to the early 20th century.

**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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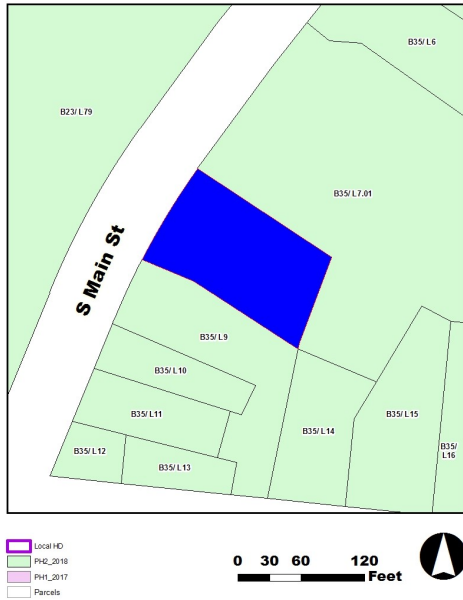
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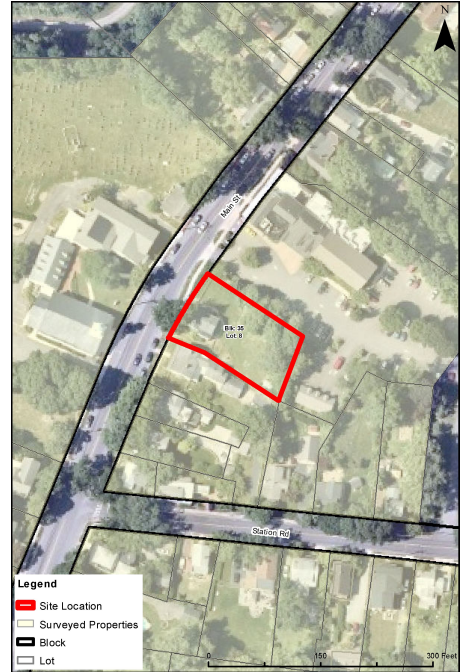
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Location Map:



Site Map:



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**Additional Information:**

1202\_35\_8 (PARSONAGE) / 2STY - SFD / 1950

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:** Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?**   

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

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Conversion Problem?                ConversionNote:

*Date form completed:*            8/24/2018

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