

# PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-776254772**

**Property Name:** 50 South Main Street **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 50 S MAIN ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

**PROPERTY LOCATION(S):**

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			38	1

**Property Photo:**



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 97

**Description:**

PS&S recommends that 50 S. Main Street, which includes a Colonial Revival-style residence and garage constructed circa 1910-1920, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, gambrel-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this clapboard-clad, frame dwelling on a parged foundation is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed on the northwest by a 2-story, gable-roofed, partial-width secondary volume offset on the northeast. The rear volume is in turn backed by a 1-story, composite-roofed rear el. The main block is flanked on the northeast and southwest by 1-story, composite-roofed historically enclosed porches. A large shed-roofed dormer spans most of the southeast roof slope. A 1-bay, shed-roofed oriel projects from the central bay of the northwest elevation. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle. Exterior brick chimneys are centered on the gable of both the southwest elevation of the main volume and the northwest elevation of the rear volume. The windows predominantly have 8/1, historic wood sash, with historic paneled shutters on the main block's front elevation. The primary entrance of the residence, located in the central bay of the southeast elevation, includes a historic door with historic 5-light sidelights and a historic eyebrow-arched door hood on shaped brackets and a carved fan panel beneath the arch. The outer bays of the first floor are each lighted by a single window flanked on each side by a narrow, 2/1 sash window. The second floor is lighted by paired windows in the outer bays and fixed, triple, 6-light casement windows in the central bay. Both side volumes are lighted by paired windows. The northeast, side elevation, only partially visible from the public right-of-way, is lighted on the second floor by a window to the southeast and a smaller

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window to the northwest, with 2 multi-light, quarter-round windows on the third floor. The southwest, rear elevation is regularly fenestrated and lighted in the side volume by 2 paired windows. The northwest, rear elevation is irregularly fenestrated with 8/1 and 6/1 windows. A secondary door to the rear el, located in the central bay, is accessed by a wood stair with a wrought iron rail and includes a 3-light transom. Another secondary entrance, located in the southwest bay, provides access to the basement. The northeast bay of the main block is lighted by a single window flanked by 1/1 windows. A door provides access to the northwest elevation of the northeast side volume. The historic, side gable-roofed, 2 bay garage, located to the southwest of the residence, includes shaped brackets supporting the roof overhang on the main, southeast elevation, and historic 9-light, paired folding doors flanked by fixed 9-light side panels. Historic 6/1 windows survive on the side elevations.

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 the 2-story, gambrel-roofed residence at 50 S. Main Street was constructing during the 1920s. Visual evidence suggests it may have been constructed as early as 1910. The property is detailed on the 1933 Sanborn Map as including a 2-story, L-plan residence with a 1-story rear el and 1-story side volumes, with a 1-story garage to the northeast. Aerial photographs indicate that the rear el was expanded between 1987 and 1995.

50 S. Main Street is a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic window sash, historic door and door surround, historic siding material, and historic chimneys. The garage retains historic brackets, doors, and windows.

**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.

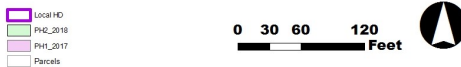
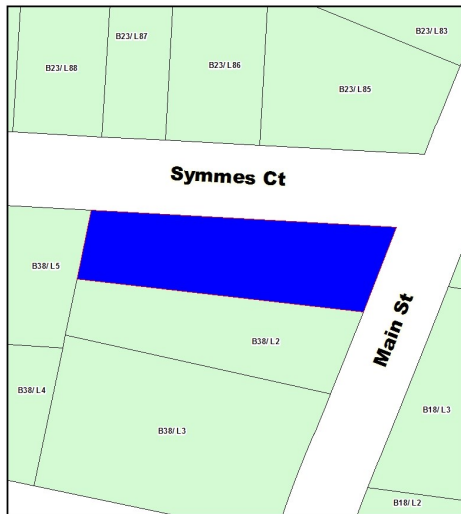
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**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?

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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

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

**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:* 8/24/2018

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