

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1405390774**

Property Name: 54 South Main Street **Ownership:** Private
Address: 54 S MAIN ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			38	3

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 51

Description:

PS&S recommends that 54 S. Main Street, which includes a residence and garage constructed circa 1910, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, hip-roofed, foursquare main block of this stuccoed terra-cotta tile, Craftsman-style residence on a stuccoed foundation is 3-bays wide and 2 bays deep and is fronted on the southeast by a hip-roofed porch that wraps around the southeast bays of the southwest elevation with an enclosed section that retains historic window sash. A 3-sided projecting oriel is centered above the main door on the second floor of the southeast elevation. A 1-story rear el backs the main volume on the northeast side of the northwest elevation. A 1-story, hip-roofed, 3-sided bay projects from the northwest bay of the southwest elevation. The northeast and southwest roofs slopes include a hip-roofed dormer. An interior stuccoed chimney is located near the center of the northeast roof slope. The roofs of the main block and dormers include roof kicks and the roofs are clad throughout in historic terra cotta tile. Paired brackets articulate the corners of the main block. The windows predominantly have 1/1 historic wood sash. The front porch, accessed by a centered stair with stuccoed cheekwalls, includes square-plan, stuccoed pillars, a stuccoed knee wall, and a dentilled cornice. The primary, centered entrance includes a historic door with a large single light and historic, single-light sidelights over a recessed panel. The remaining bays of both floors are regularly fenestrated, with 3 windows lighting the second floor oriel. A single, wide 1/1 window flanked by smaller 1/1 windows lights the dormer. The enclosed porch is accessed by a central 6-light door flanked on each side by 6-light windows. The northeast, side elevation is

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regularly fenestrated, with smaller windows in the central bay. The southwest, side elevation is lighted in the enclosed porch by 2 sets of triple 6-light windows. The enclosed porch partially covers the 3-sided bay. The second floor is lighted by paired and single windows, with a single window lighting the dormer. A secondary door provides access to the south elevation of the rear el. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The 2-bay, hip-roofed garage, located to the west of the residence, includes 2 sets of paired, 9-light doors and its historic terra cotta tile roof.

Historic maps indicate that the west side of S. Main Street south of the First Presbyterian Church was developed after the church subdivided this land for development after 1894. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the 2 1/2-story, stucco residence 52 S. Main Street was constructed circa 1910. The house is documented on the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, rectangular-plan, terra cotta tile dwelling with a 1-story, wrap-around, frame front porch and a 1-story, tile rear el and 1-story, tile garage. A ca. 1914 image that shows a partial view of the southwest elevation strongly suggests that the porch sash on this side of the building dates to the period of original construction (Brennan and Brennan 1998: 47).

The residence at 54 S. Main Street contributes to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as its historic massing and fenestration patterns, historic door and door surround, historic windows, historic terra cotta roof tiles, historic chimney, and historic porch pillars and knee wall. The garage retains its historic roof tiles and historic garage doors.

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

National Historic Landmark?:

National Register: 9/18/1980

SHPO Opinion:

Dates:

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979

Local Designation: 9/26/1988

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977

Other Designation:

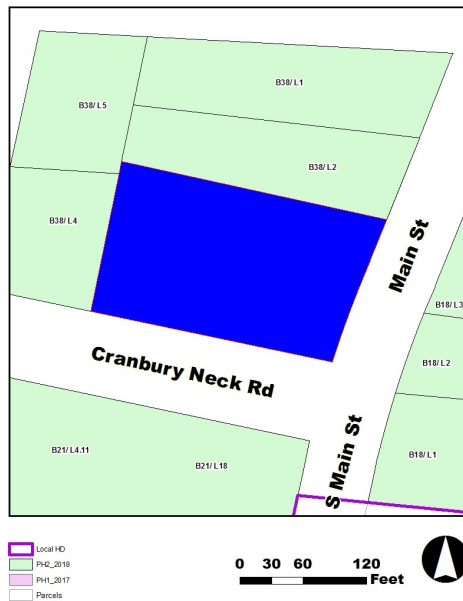
Certification of Eligibility:

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 #:
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916	(if applicable)
(None Listed)	1876 Everts and Stewart Map	1876	

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

Additional Information:

1202_38_3 / 2STY SFD / 1914

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:

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