

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-194316516**

**Property Name:** 7 Symmes Court  
**Address:** 7 SYMMES CT

**Ownership:** Private  
**Apartment #:** ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			38	5

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:** 81

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 7 Symmes Court, constructed in 1929, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 ½-story, hipped-roofed, L-plan main block of this stuccoed, Tudor Revival-style dwelling on a stuccoed foundation is 4 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is composed of a north-south oriented gable-roofed volume and an east-west oriented hipped-roofed volume. A 1-story, asymmetrically gable-roofed garage is located to the south of the gable-roofed block and a 1-story, flat-roofed, added sun room is located in the interior corner of the 2 main volumes. Gable roofed dormers project from the west roof slope of the gable-roofed block and the south and east slopes of the hipped-roofed block. A hipped-roofed, 3-sided dormer with splayed jambs is located on the interior junction of the gable roof and hipped roof. A gable-roofed oriel with applied timber framing projects from the east bay of the north elevation of the gable-roofed block. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and include bargeboards with decorative king posts with turned ends. The windows predominantly have historic multi-light, metal casement windows. An interior, brick, ridge chimney is located near the center of the hipped roof volume. An exterior, stuccoed chimney projects from the west elevation of the sun room. The primary entrance to the residence, located in the east bay of the north, main elevation, includes an applied stone door surround and a multi-paneled, segmental arch door lighted by a small stained glass window. A narrow, stained glass window is located to the east of the door. The east corner of the first floor of the gable-roofed volume includes decorative, random stone quoining. The gable-roofed oriel above the door includes rectangular brackets and corner pendills. The remaining bays are regularly fenestrated, with a smaller window on

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the third floor. The north elevation of the hipped roof volume is asymmetrically fenestrated. The west, side elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated and includes a gabled projecting oriel in the south bay. The garage volume, which projects beyond the west elevation, is accessed by a large, paneled, roll-up door. An entry porch to the main block is located on the north end of the garage and includes a stuccoed knee wall and square-plan posts. The south, rear elevation is asymmetrically fenestrated and includes an entrance to the garage on the east elevation of the garage volume. The sun room is lighted by multi-light windows. The east, side elevation is not visible from the public right of way. A 1-story, gable-roofed garden structure with brackets, bargeboards, kingposts, and multi-light, diamond pattern, Tudor-arch casement windows is located to the southwest of the residence.

Symmes Court, named for a local parson, occupies land previously owned by the Presbyterian Church and sold and planned for subdivision in 1894. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District reports that the Tudor style residence at 7 Symmes Court was constructed by "Burroughs" in 1929. The residence is documented on the 1933 Sanborn map as a 2-story, T-plan, frame dwelling with a 1-story rear el and a 1-story, attached, concrete garage. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the residence much as it is today, except it is missing the bargeboard and kingpost of the upper gable. Historic aerial photographs indicate that a 1-story, rear sun-room with a stuccoed chimney and a deck on the roof of the garage were added between 1995 and 2002. Visual evidence suggests that the residence was also re-stuccoed and a small garden structure was added to the lot during this construction campaign.

The residence at 7 Symmes Court is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic character-defining features, such as its historic massing of the main volume, historic door, and historic windows. The garden structure, which has no historic association with the property, does not contribute to the Cranbury Historic District.

**Setting:**

Symmes Court is a short residential street that connects South Main Street, to the southeast, to Cranbury Neck Road, to the southwest. The residences of this tree-lined street are single family dwellings of moderate size.

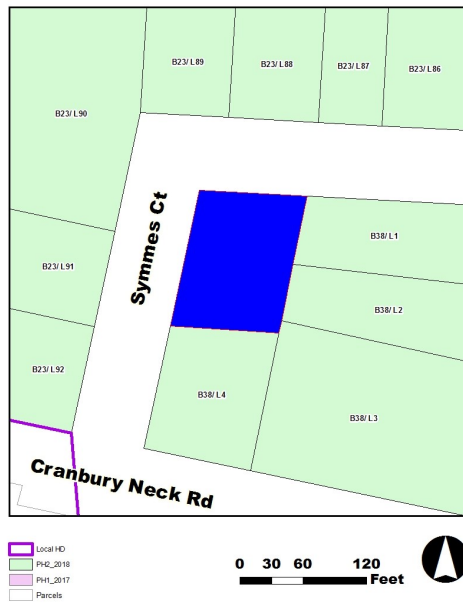
**Registration and Status Dates:**

**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)
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916		
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Brennan, Peggy and Frank J. Jr.	Images of America: Cranbury	1995		
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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:

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