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## SECTION 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of Phase One of a planned two-phase historic resource survey of the Cranbury Historic District in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The survey was completed in order to update the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) files. The Cranbury Historic District was listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places (NJRH) on August 9, 1979 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on September 18, 1980. Resources were locally designated in Cranbury on September 26, 1988. The project represents the first phase of a historic resource survey which intends to examine the entire historic district. This survey looked at 109 properties located in the northern half of the historic district, as selected by the HPC. The survey area includes most properties in the historic district located north of Brainerd Lake. The resources surveyed here are mainly residences constructed between 1820 and 1920.

RGA utilized survey methodology found in the Guidelines for Architectural Survey, published by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO). The survey included the following for each property surveyed: a visual examination; digital photography; map reference; a brief property history; a concise, professionally-written architectural description of each resource surveyed. This information was compiled onto new individual state resource survey forms as part of an Access cultural resource database created by the NJHPO. All properties are indicated as shape files on a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based historic district map, created by RGA for this survey.

The survey forms and this report were produced in color and provided in a bound paper format and on Digital Versatile Disc (DVD). Two bound copies of the report were submitted to the HPC (which will also be available for public use during business hours at the Township building and the Cranbury Library). One copy was submitted to the NJHPO in Trenton.

The survey produced the following findings and recommendations:

- 1) A total of 109 properties were surveyed and documented. Of these:
  - a) Six (6) individual properties are Key Contributing properties in the Cranbury Historic District; they were confirmed as potentially eligible for the NRHP;
  - b) Eighty-six (86) are Contributing properties in the Cranbury Historic District, including one (1) property that is currently listed individually on the NRHP: Old Cranbury School at 23 North Main Street (listed June 21, 1971), and;
  - c) Seventeen (17) are Non-contributing properties in the Cranbury Historic District.
- 2) The consultant team was impressed by the condition and quality of the historic resources within the historic district. Though most had undergone some changes, the overall integrity of this portion of the district is strong.
- 3) The consultant team recommends extending the period of significance for the district further into the twentieth century in order to re-assess the contributing status of Bungalows, Colonial Revival resources, and Dutch Colonial Revival resources located within or adjacent to the historic district (which could possibly be added if the district were expanded). In some cases, historic resources were identified for which the current classification warrants reconsideration.





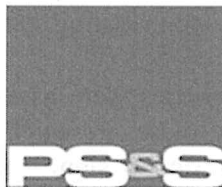
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OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
CRANBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT  
PHASE TWO  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
NEW JERSEY**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report describes the nature and provides the results of an Intensive-Level Survey of Historic Resources completed for planning purposes of properties in the Cranbury Historic District in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. This survey was accomplished between June and September 2018, by Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC (PS&S). The PS&S project team surveyed 110 properties identified by the Township of Cranbury as the second phase of a two-year survey of Historic District properties, the first phase of which was completed in 2017.

### **1.1 Scope of Work**

This study consisted of Intensive-Level Survey of 110 properties identified in a Request for Proposals (Appendix 1; see Figure 1-2). The properties surveyed were identified by the Historic Preservation Commission of the Township of Cranbury (HPC), and are concentrated in the southern, northeastern, and northwestern areas of the Historic District. The survey used standard procedures and guidelines recommended by the NJDEP-HPO (Splain 1999) to accomplish the goals of the Intensive-Level Survey investigation. The methods employed consisted of documentary research and architectural field survey, which included high-resolution digital photography of each property's features and components. Additionally, the project included entry of data into the NJDEP-HPO's historic resource Access database for the Township of Cranbury and the generation of Intensive-Level Survey forms from the database, using representative photographs that showed the least obstructed, most illustrative view of the property.

The scope of the survey did not include building interiors.

The survey produced the following findings with respect to the 110 properties surveyed:

- Five (5) properties were assessed as key-contributing in the Cranbury Historic District as worthy of individual designation in the National Register of Historic Places. Of these, two (2) had previously been evaluated as key-contributing. Three (3) properties had previously been identified as contributing.
- Seventy-five (75) properties were assessed as contributing to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, two (2) had previously been assessed as key-contributing, but PS&S found insufficient basis for individual National Register eligibility and thus key-contributing status.
- Twenty-nine (29) properties were assessed as non-contributing to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, research indicated that eleven (11) had been constructed after the period of significance. The remaining eighteen (18) had lost integrity.
- With respect to properties that have lost integrity and therefore can no longer be considered contributing, PS&S found that the extensive replacement of historic exterior materials and features, and additions to historic buildings that are highly



visible from the public right-of-way and distort buildings' historic massing, represent a pattern that has led to the loss of contributing status for multiple properties and threatens the contributing status of others.

- PS&S' project team concurs with the recommendation of the 2017 RGA report that the period of significance should continue to ca. 1940 in order to include early-20<sup>th</sup>-century resources.

## **1.2 Dates of the Survey**

Field survey was conducted in July, 2018. The preparation of survey forms and data entry was performed in July and August, 2018. The report was prepared in September, 2018.

## **1.3 Study Conditions and Constraints**

Field survey was conducted exclusively from the public right-of-way and from public property. Thus, rear elevations and features on the interior of lots not visible from these points were not included in the survey.

As noted above, the survey of building interiors was not within the scope of this project.

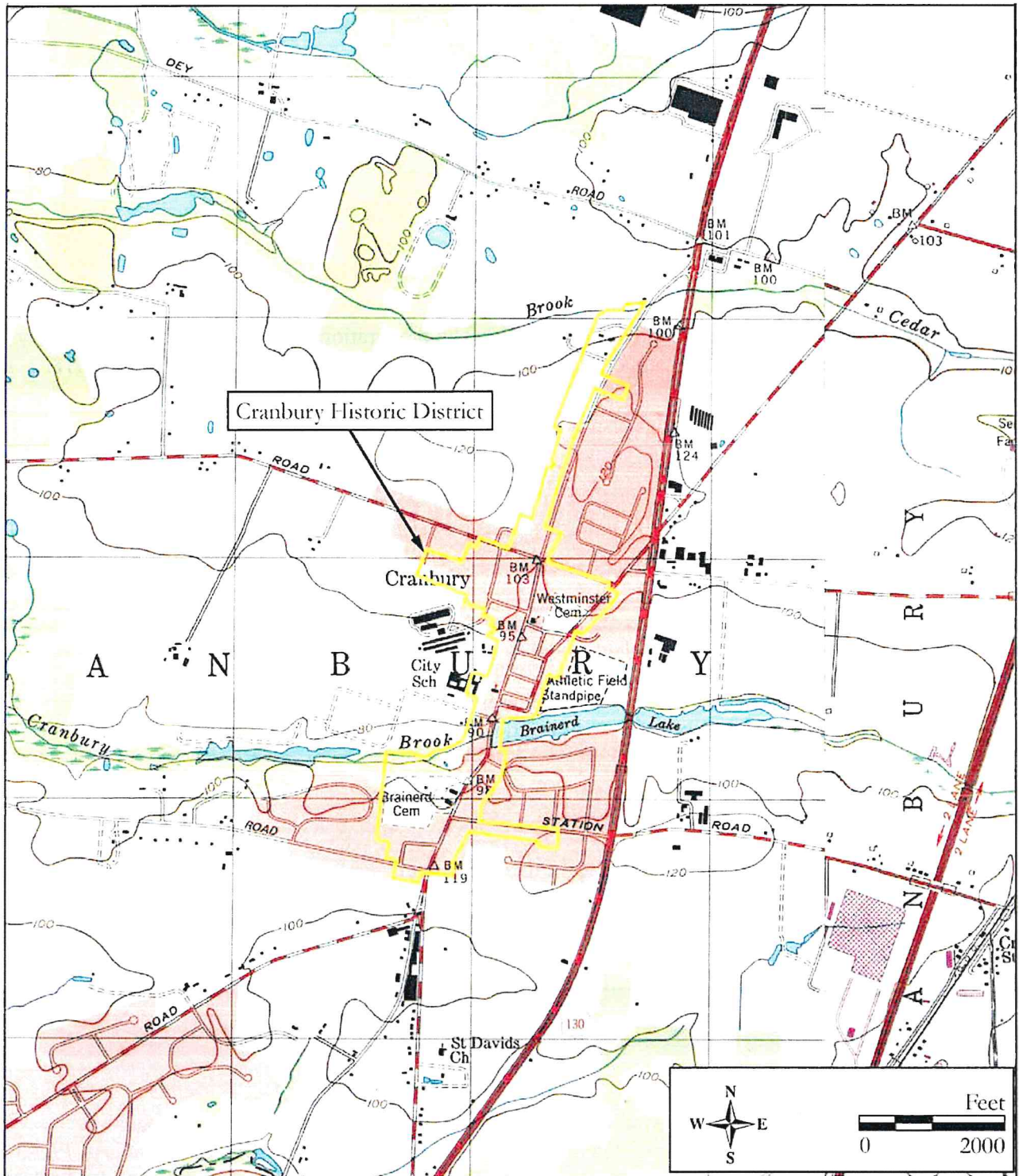
Vegetative growth, consisting primarily of mature trees and bushes, frequently restricted the visibility of the survey properties. The ability to obtain an unobstructed photograph was severely constrained on multiple properties. In these instances, PS&S' team obtained the least obstructed views possible under the circumstances to include with the survey forms.

## **1.4 Personnel and Authorship**

This survey project was conducted under the management of Matthew S. Tomaso, M.A., RPA. Field survey was conducted by Emily T. Cooperman, Ph.D., and Kyle Toth. Research for the project was conducted by Dr. Cooperman and Mr. Toth, who also prepared the content of the survey forms. Dr. Cooperman wrote the report, which was illustrated and edited by Kristian Eshelman. Mr. Tomaso provided quality control and supervision.

The report may be cited as follows:

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## HISTORIC DISTRICT LOCATOR MAP

Intensive-Level Survey of Historic Resources  
Cranbury Historic District  
Phase Two, 2018  
Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey

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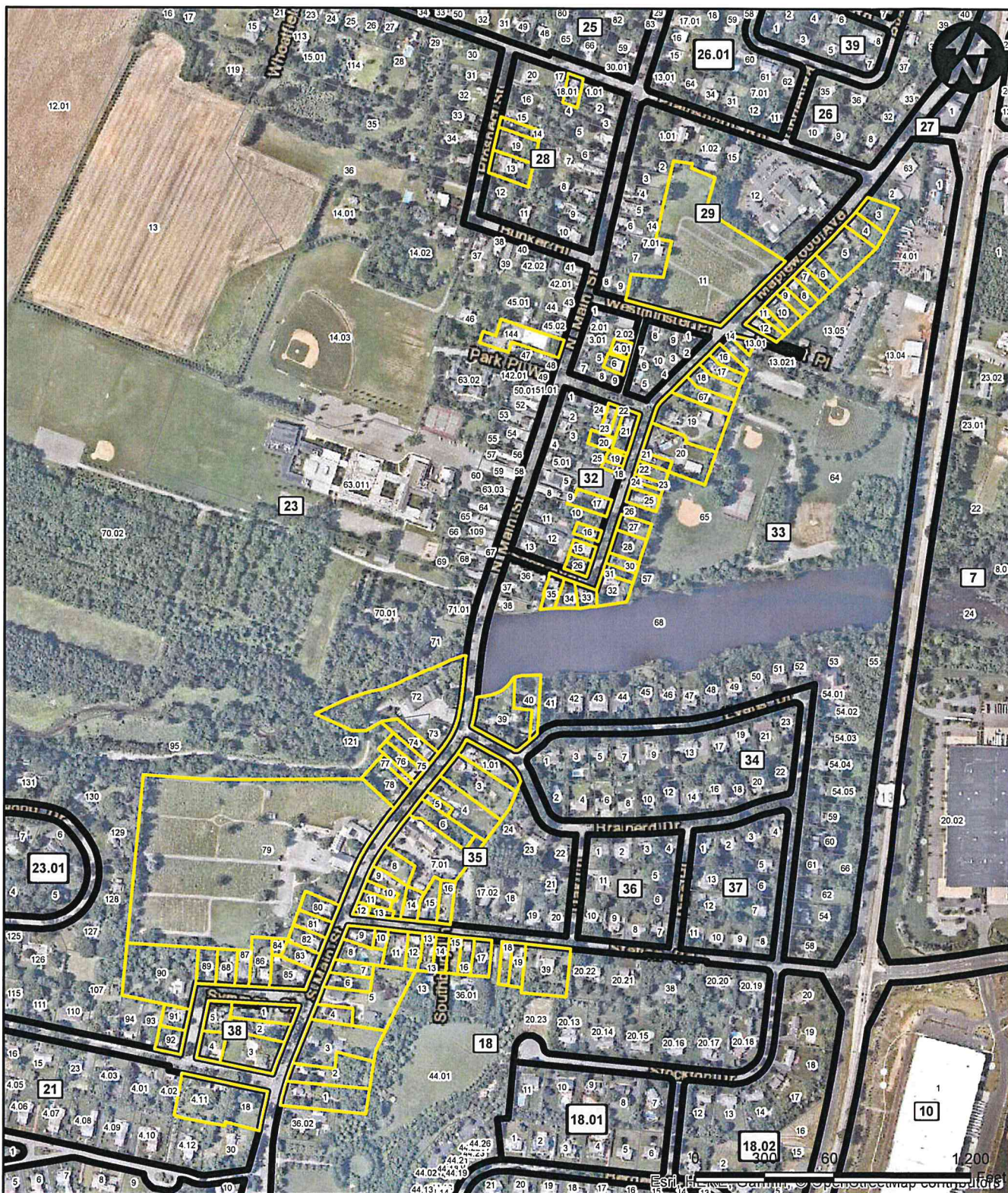
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#### Legend

- Surveyed Properties
- Block
- Lot



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## SURVEYED PROPERTIES MAP

### Intensive-Level Survey of Historic Resources Cranbury Historic District Phase Two, 2018 Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey

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of Parcels Data, NJGIN, 2017  
New Jersey Aerial Imagery, 2015

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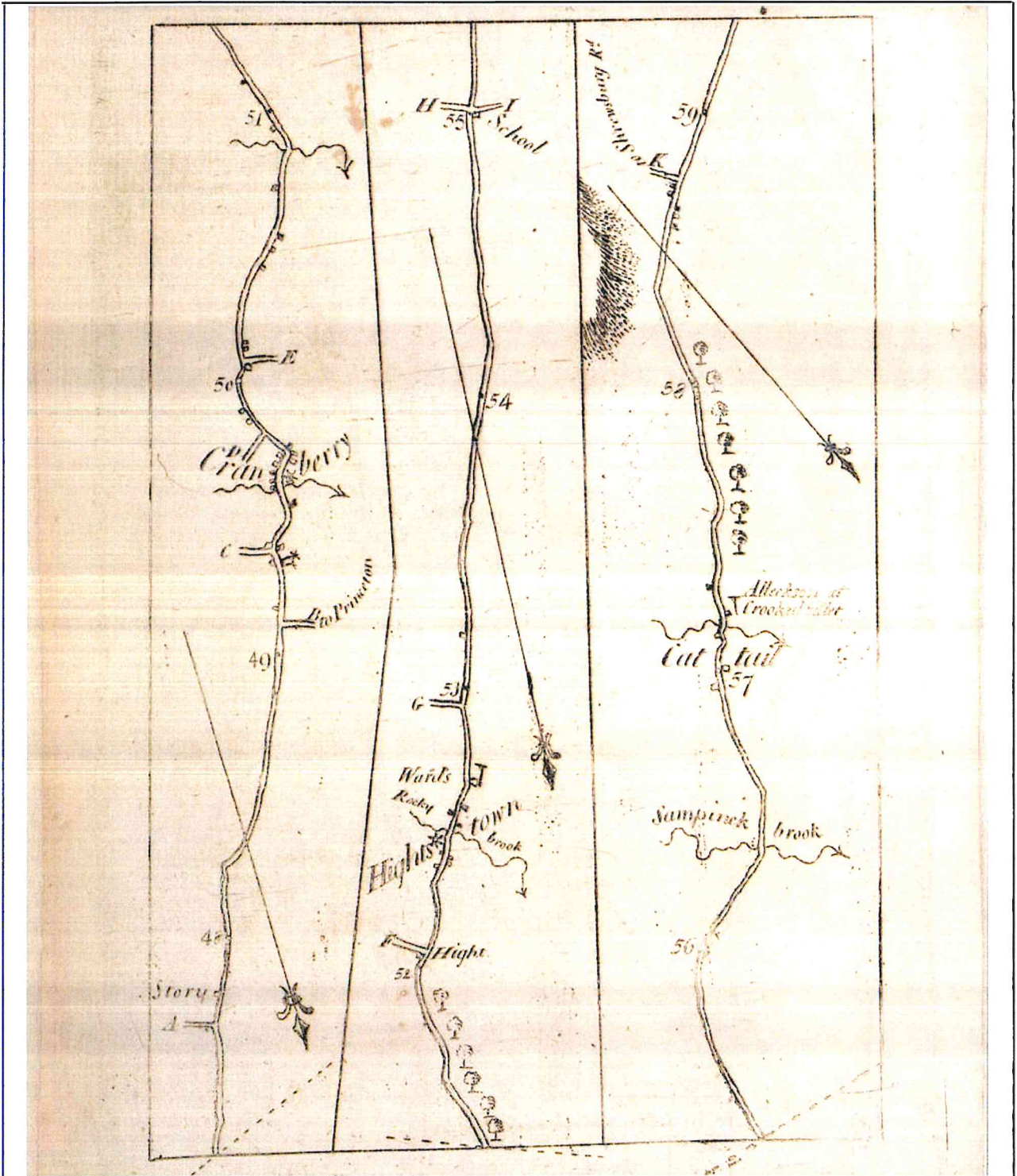
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# 1789 COLLES MAP

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## 1850 OTLEY, VANDERVEER AND KEILY MAP

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Cranbury Historic District

Phase Two, 2018

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# **CRANBURY TOWNSHIP HISTORIC SITES SURVEY PHASE III**



## **CRANBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT AND CRANBURY STATION HAMLET HISTORIC DISTRICT**

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# **CRANBURY TOWNSHIP HISTORIC SITES SURVEY PHASE III**

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**NJHPO Grant Number: HE22-006**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. (RGA) completed Phase III of a planned multi-phase historic resource survey in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The survey was completed to update the Township of Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) files and to expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District. The Cranbury Historic District was listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places (NJR) on August 9, 1979, and listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on September 18, 1980. The district was locally designated on September 26, 1988. This phase of the survey examined 52 properties, selected by the HPC and located within and adjacent to the Cranbury Historic District along North Main Street, South Main Street, Cranbury Neck Road, Plainsboro Road, Prospect Street, and Station Road. The survey area also included four properties along Halsey Reed Road that are within the locally designated Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District (Local Designation: 12/13/2021). The surveyed resources are primarily residences constructed between circa 1819 and 2015.

RGA utilized survey methodology found in the *Guidelines for Architectural Survey* (Splain 2002), published by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO). The survey included the following for each property: a visual examination, digital photography, map reference, a brief property history, and a concise architectural description. This information was compiled on individual state resource survey forms as part of a Microsoft Access cultural resource database created by the NJHPO. All properties are indicated as shape files on a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based historic district map, created by RGA for this survey.

The survey produced the following findings. A total of 56 properties were surveyed and documented. Fifty-two of the surveyed properties are within the Cranbury Historic District and 4 are within the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District. Four properties are recommended key-contributing resources to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, three properties were previously surveyed as key-contributing resources during the Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phases I and II in 2017 and 2018, respectively, and were resurveyed in the current Phase III to reconcile their boundaries with the full extent of their respective tax parcels: 40 Station Road, the William B. Reed House, and Old Cranbury School (NJR: 5/6/1971; NRHP: 6/21/1971). The remaining property, the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House, is newly recommended as a key-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District as a well-preserved example of an early twentieth-century Cape Cod dwelling.

Twelve properties are recommended contributing resources to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, two were previously surveyed as contributing resources during the Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phase I and were resurveyed in the current Phase III to reconcile their boundaries with the full extent of their respective tax parcels. The remaining nine recommended contributing resources retain a medium-to-high degree of integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, and sufficiently convey the architectural and historic significance of the Cranbury Historic District.

Thirty-five properties are recommended non-contributing resources to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, one property was previously surveyed as a non-contributing resource during the Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phase I and was resurveyed in the current Phase III to reconcile its boundary with the full extent of its tax parcel. Six recommended non-contributing resources were found to lack sufficient architectural integrity due to the heavy use of replacement materials and/or the presence of incompatible additions that distort the buildings' original massing and proportions. The remaining 28 recommended non-contributing resources are less than 50 years of age or were constructed after the end of the Cranbury Historic District's period of significance in 1940.

Of the four properties within the locally designated Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District, three are recommended contributing resources and one is recommended as a non-contributing resource. These four properties were previously surveyed as contributing resources by Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC in 2021.



As a result of the survey, RGA presents the following recommendations:

- Expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District to include the 46 newly surveyed properties.
- Expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District to include the full extent of the tax parcels associated with the six previously surveyed properties.
- Designate the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House as a key-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District.
- Designate the dwellings at 88, 90, and 92 Halsey Reed Road as contributing resources to the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District.
- Designate the dwelling at 96 Halsey Reed Road as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. (RGA) completed a historic resource survey within the Cranbury Historic District and Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey (Figures 1.1–1.2). The survey area primarily included one lake, a bridge, and 54 residential properties flanking North Main Street, Prospect Street, Cranbury Neck Road, Station Road, South Main Street, and Halsey Reed Road. The survey was completed on behalf of the Township of Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission. The purpose of the survey was to inventory, document, and map 56 properties containing historic resources within the locally designated Cranbury Historic District and Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District (Appendix A). The survey is Phase III of a multi-phase project to update the historic resources inventory of the Cranbury Historic District and Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District.

Lauren Dunkle was the Principal Investigator. The report was written by Lauren Dunkle, Kristen Herrick, Matthew Goldberg, and Spencer Rubino. Patricia McEachen produced the report graphics. Lynn Alpert and Emma Durham edited the report and Dr. Durham formatted the report. Copies of this report are on file at RGA headquarters in Cranbury, New Jersey.

### 1.1 Historic Preservation in Cranbury Township

The Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society (also known as the Cranbury Historical Society) was founded in 1967, partially in response to an increase in post-World War II housing development in Cranbury Township. Historical society members then spent most of the 1970s researching properties in the township. This information was utilized in the successful listing of the Cranbury Historic District in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places (NJRH) on August 9, 1979, and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on September 19, 1980 (Walsh 1980). The historical society operates both the Cranbury Museum and the Cranbury History Center (Nissen 1997:64). In 1979, Heritage Studies surveyed historic agricultural properties within Cranbury Township that lie outside the boundaries of the Cranbury Historic District (Heritage Studies 1979).

Cranbury Landmarks, Inc. (CLI), a volunteer organization, was established on September 28, 1973, with its primary purpose to advocate for the preservation of the Old Cranbury School at 23 North Main Street. Constructed in 1896, the Old Cranbury School served township students until 1964, when steadily rising enrollment prompted the construction of a new school building west of the Old Cranbury School. Renovation costs of the then 70-year-old building were deemed too costly and the Board of Education moved to demolish it. CLI and township residents successfully prevented the demolition of the building. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, CLI fostered the renovation of the Old Cranbury School through federal and state grants and oversaw the building's conversion to a multipurpose community space, including the township offices and the Municipal Court. CLI continues to participate in historic preservation efforts throughout Cranbury Township (Chambers 2012:168–170; Nissen 1997:66).

The Cranbury Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) was established in 1988 by the Township Committee. As part of its preservation activities, the HPAC identified and designated historic landmarks throughout Cranbury Township, in addition to advising municipal officials. In 1989, the HPAC commissioned Heritage Studies to conduct a survey of the Cranbury Historic District entitled *Preserving Historic Cranbury Village*. The survey inventoried properties included in the district's 1980 NRHP nomination; assigned a resource classification to each property (key-contributing, contributing, or non-contributing); noted alterations made to properties in the nine years since the NRHP nomination; and made recommendations for the future treatment of properties (Heritage Studies 1989).



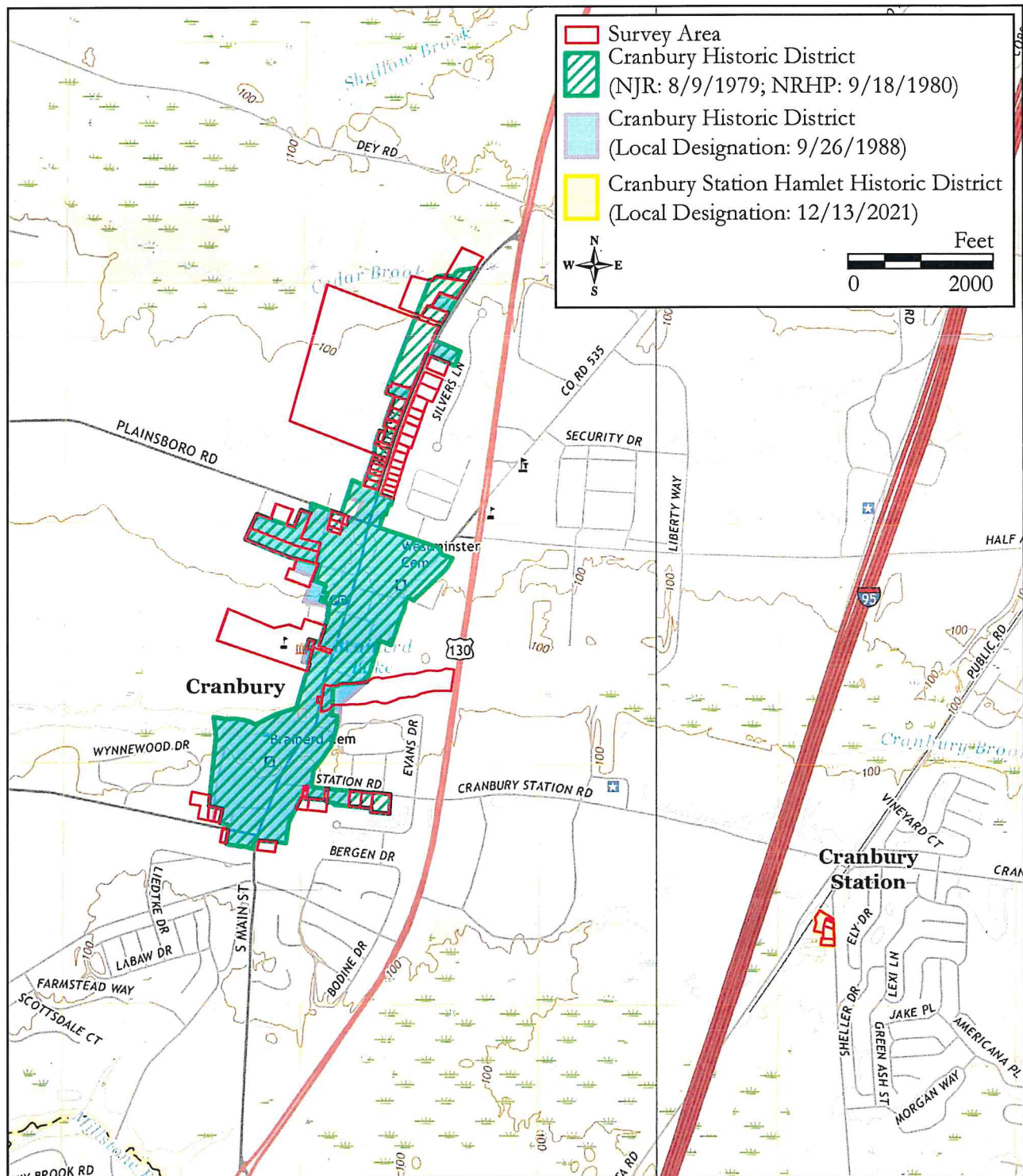
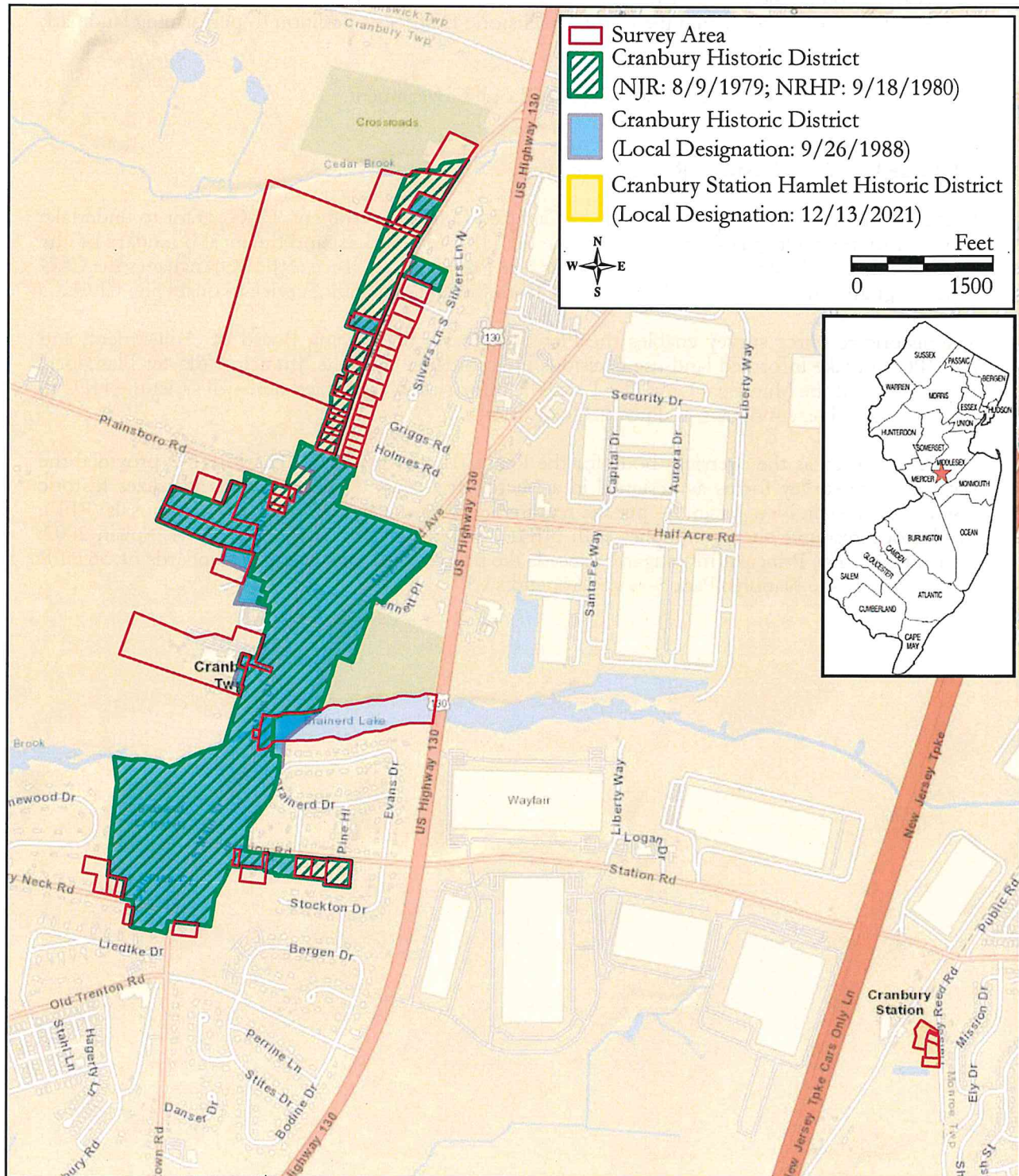


Figure 1.1: USGS map  
(1995 USGS 7.5' Quadrangle: Hightstown, NJ).





In 2006, the HPAC was replaced by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). New enabling legislation N.J.S.A. 40:55D adjusted the duties and responsibilities of HPCs in New Jersey. The former HPAC Ordinance 93 was repealed and replaced with two new ordinance chapters: Chapter 21 Historic Preservation Commission and Chapter 93 Historic Preservation. The HPC evaluates construction and renovations of properties within the Cranbury Historic District, in addition to performing landmark designation and advisory duties.

In 2009, Cranbury Township became a Certified Local Government.

## **1.2 Phase III of the Historic Resource Survey**

In 2023, Cranbury Township was awarded a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant to undertake Phase III of the multi-phase project to update the HPC files and expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District. The New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO) manages the CLG grant program, which distributes federal funds from the National Park Service to qualifying CLGs.

The historic resource survey enables the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the HPC to make informed land use decisions in accordance with the Municipal Master Plan, local ordinances, and the Municipal Land Use Law. The information assembled here will assist the HPC in making reasonable, consistent, and justifiable decisions.

The HPC served as the oversight body for the Phase III survey update. The NJHPO provided the state resource survey forms as designed in a Microsoft Access database that standardizes historic resource surveys in New Jersey. As per the requirements set out in the Request for Proposals (RFP), this historic resource survey complies with NJHPO's *Guidelines for Architectural Survey* (Splain 2002; Appendix B). The Principal Investigator exceeds the professional qualifications standards of 36 CFR 61 set forth by the National Park Service (Appendix C).



## 2.0 RESEARCH DESIGN

The goals of the historic resource survey, as outlined in the RFP, were to produce an Intensive Level Survey of the 56 identified properties provided by the HPC and to assess the status of each resource within the locally designated Cranbury Historic District and Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District. An assessment of key-contributing (e.g., resources individually eligible for the NRHP), contributing, and non-contributing status for each surveyed property was undertaken based on the NRHP Criteria of Evaluation (see Appendix B).

To assess the status of resources within the locally designated Cranbury Historic District, an examination of the historic district's previously delineated boundaries was required. The 1980 NRHP-listed boundary of the Cranbury Historic District encompasses much of the historic core of Cranbury Village between Cranbury Neck and Plainsboro roads and includes properties at the north end of North Main Street (Walsh 1980). The 1988 local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District roughly follows the NRHP-listed boundary but excludes most of the properties at the north end of North Main Street and several properties on Prospect Street and Station Road. Finally, the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the Cranbury Historic District documented properties at the north end of North Main Street adjacent to the NRHP-listed and local boundaries (Heritage Studies 1989).

The current Phase III survey aims to reconcile the NRHP-listed and local boundaries of the Cranbury Historic District; expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District to include properties documented only in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory; and expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District to include the full extent of the tax parcels for six properties previously surveyed in the Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phases I and II.

The research design consisted of background research, a field reconnaissance, the completion of a preliminary recommendation report, the drafting of an appropriate historical context for the survey area, the completion of NJHPO survey forms for each surveyed property, and the completion of a survey report.

### 2.1 Research Methods

Research was conducted to inform an appropriate historic context for the Cranbury Historic District and the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District and to evaluate the key-contributing, contributing, and non-contributing status of each surveyed property. Reports documenting the results of previous historic sites surveys and regulatory surveys on file at the NJHPO were reviewed. Additional background research consisted of a review of pertinent secondary sources, including historic maps, atlases, and local and county histories available online and at the Cranbury History Center in Cranbury.

### 2.2 Field Survey

An informational letter about the survey from Cranbury Township was mailed to property owners and residents within the district and posted on the township website before commencement of the field survey (see Appendix A). The project team conducted the field survey in March 2023. The project team visually examined and photographed 56 properties within the Cranbury Historic District and the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District (Figure 2.1). Photography included the main elevation of each primary resource on each property plus additional photographs of secondary elevations and outbuildings, when accessible from the public right-of-way, to assist in the descriptions. Only the exteriors of resources were examined; inspecting interiors was not feasible. Most examinations were conducted from the public right-of-way (street or sidewalk). With permission of the property owner, some resources were examined more thoroughly from within the property boundary, particularly in



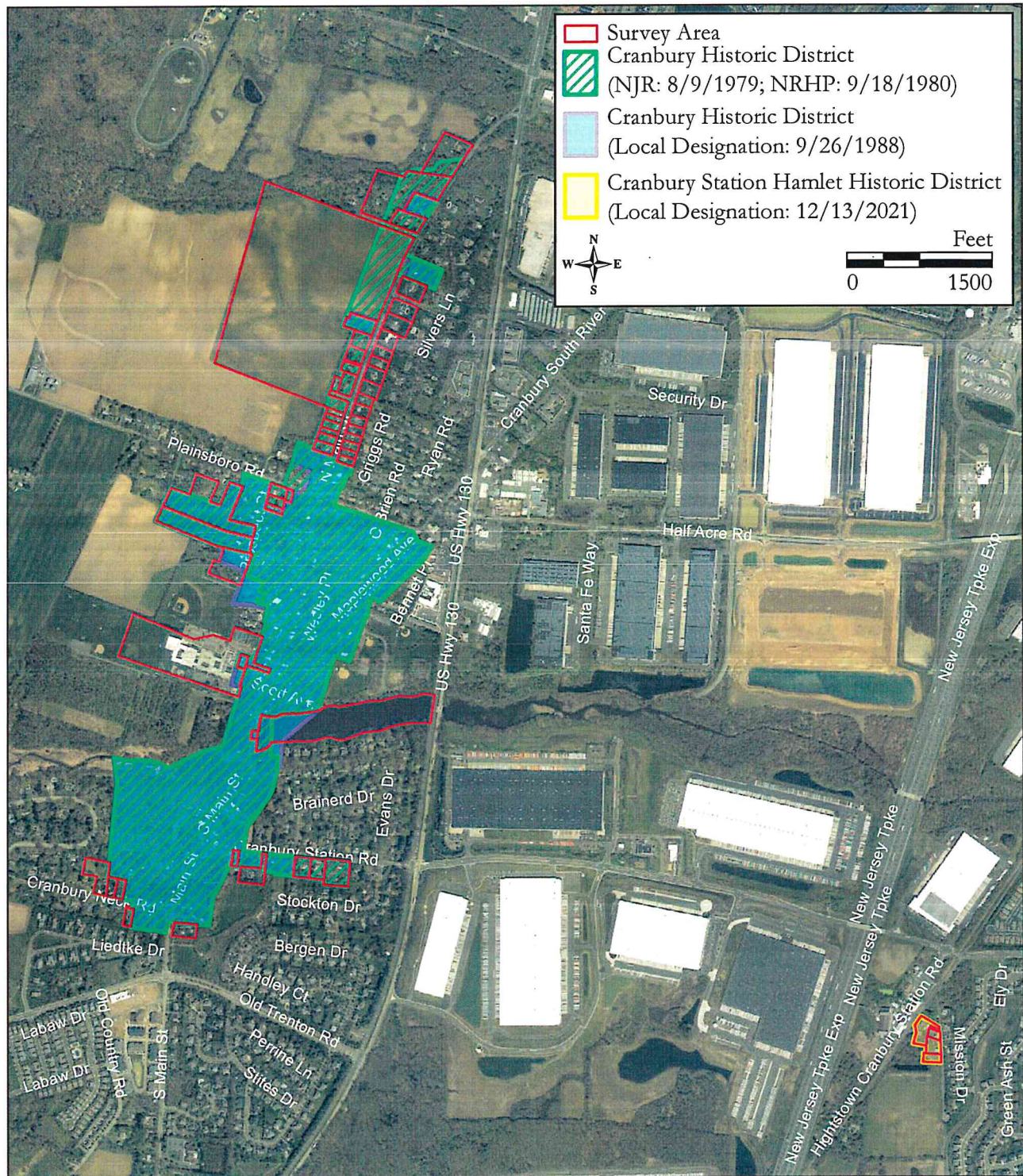


Figure 2.1: Aerial photograph showing the survey area and the boundaries of the Cranbury Historic District and the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District (NJDEP-NJGIS Digital Orthographic Imagery 2020).



cases where the primary elevation of the resource was obscured from the public right-of-way. Rear elevations were not examined but were briefly noted or described where possible.

Field survey notes were used by the project team in the field to collect architectural information on each property. The main purpose of the field notes was to record information that can be difficult to determine from photographs, such as the type of roof material and wall cladding and to determine, where possible, whether the windows and doors are original.

### **2.3 Recommendation Report**

A report containing preliminary recommendations based on the field survey was submitted to the HPC on March 31, 2023. The recommendation report was reviewed and discussed at an HPC meeting on May 2, 2023, and subsequently approved by the HPC.

### **2.4 Survey Forms**

The NJHPO provided a Microsoft Access database populated with records for each property documented in the NRHP nomination for the Cranbury Historic District and the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District, along with Geographic Information System (GIS)-derived location map images for each property. After the field survey was completed, each property was documented on separate Microsoft Access database survey forms. A base survey form was completed for each property. For the four identified key-contributing properties, a building attachment/property report and an eligibility worksheet were completed in addition to the base survey form. Each form contains multiple tabs or areas to provide distinct information, as described below.

#### Physical Description

The first area is the concise architectural description of the primary historic resource on each property. Descriptions begin with the architectural style of the resource and a brief introduction to the massing of the building and any additions or sections. A general description of the resource follows, with notations about materials and original and/or historic architectural elements such as windows and doors. The descriptions were based on the notes compiled during the field survey, digital photographs taken during the field survey, and information from historic atlases, maps, and aerial photographs.

#### Character-Defining Elements

The description includes a list of defining features of the resource that establish its architectural character. Character-defining elements were only documented for key-contributing and contributing resources. Defining elements of resources within the survey area include form or roof shape; original or historic windows and doors; molded lintels; architectural trim such as molded cornices, bargeboards, and gable-end returns; and porches with original or historic architectural details.

#### History

Following the description, a historic overview of the resource is provided. This information was based on existing information in the files of the Cranbury History Center and the HPC, as well as a review of historic atlases, maps, and aerial photography beginning in 1930. The history also includes information about alterations and other physical changes to the resource since it was documented in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, the 1989 *Preserving Historic Cranbury Village* survey, and the 2021 Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District Local Designation Package, if applicable.

#### District Status

A third area of importance documents the district status of the resource. The recommended status of the resource within the historic districts is indicated in this section of the form: Key-Contributing, Contributing, or Non-Contributing. Recommended district statuses were determined through



an evaluation of the integrity of the resource, as defined in the NRHP Criteria (see Appendix B). Particular attention was given to the integrity of materials, design, and workmanship of the resource. Any resource that had undergone extensive alterations, to the point where the historic form of the building was no longer discernible, is recommended as a non-contributing resource to the historic districts.

## **2.4 Historic District Mapping**

A map of the Cranbury Historic District and Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District was produced utilizing existing digital parcel data from Middlesex County and shapefiles provided by the NJHPO. The map, Figures 5.1a-5.1d in Section 5, depicts the locations of all 56 properties documented in Phase III of the survey and the resource classification of each property.

## **2.5 Survey Report**

The final project element was the completion of the historic resource survey report (this document). The format of the report is based on the *Guidelines for Architectural Survey* published by the NJHPO (Splain 2002). Briefly, the report contains a description of the project, its methodology, project findings, and recommendations.

## 3.0 SETTING

### 3.1 Cranbury Township

Cranbury Township is a 13.4-square mile municipality located in the southwestern portion of Middlesex County. The township is bounded to the north by South Brunswick Township, with Dey Road serving as a rough dividing line. Monroe Township lies to the east and Plainsboro Township lies to the west. The southern boundary of Cranbury Township doubles as the border between Middlesex and Mercer counties. Brainerd Lake divides Cranbury Township roughly in half. The central and southern parts of the township are residential, with the village of Cranbury in the center. The eastern portion of the township, particularly east of U.S. Route 130 and the New Jersey Turnpike (Interstate 95), is commercial and industrial. The western portion of the township is primarily agricultural.

Cranbury is served by a variety of transportation routes. The New Jersey Turnpike (Interstate 95) is a controlled access highway that runs primarily north/south just inside the eastern boundary of the township. The primary collector road in the township is U.S. Route 130, which runs roughly parallel to, and west of, the turnpike. Among the more important lower capacity routes are Main Street, Cranbury Neck Road, Plainsboro Road, and Old Trenton Road. Tertiary streets off these routes provide access to residences throughout the township, with few strong residential grid patterns. A freight railroad runs along the eastern boundary of Cranbury Township. The nearest commuter train station is Princeton Junction.

Historic resources have been identified throughout the township. Two are listed on the NRHP: the Cranbury Historic District and the Old Cranbury School. The latter resource is listed individually but is also located within the Cranbury Historic District. The district is regulated by the HPC. Five resources have NJHPO Opinions of Eligibility. One is the Camden and Amboy Railroad Main Line Historic District, which runs through the eastern portions of the township. Four other resources are farms in the western (rural) portion of the township; an additional farmstead obtained an NJHPO Opinion but was later demolished. In addition to these resources, a residence abutting the Cranbury Historic District has been identified but not evaluated for its significance. Table 3.1 outlines all previously identified historic (non-archaeological) resources.

Table 3.1: Previously identified historic resources in Cranbury Township.

Name	Address	Status
Cranbury Historic District	Main Street	NJR 8/9/1979; NRHP 9/18/1980; locally designated 1988
Camden and Amboy Railroad Main Line Historic District	N/A	SHPO Opinion 3/23/2016
Barclay Farm	147 Plainsboro Road	SHPO Opinion 9/2/2004
Duncan-Stults House (demolished)	Ancil Davidson Road	SHPO Opinion 9/3/1986
Johnson Covenhoven House	John White Road	SHPO Opinion 9/3/1986
John Barclay House	Ancil Davidson Road	SHPO Opinion 9/3/1986
Old Cranbury School	23 North Main Street	NJR 5/6/1971; NRHP 6/21/1971
25 Park Place West	25 Park Place West	Not formally assessed by the NJHPO

N/A – Not Applicable

NJR – New Jersey Register of Historic Places

NRHP – National Register of Historic Places

SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office

### 3.2 Survey Area

The survey area selected by the HPC encompasses Brainerd Lake, the Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook, and 50 residential properties within and adjacent to the Cranbury Historic District that flank North Main Street, South Main Street, Cranbury Neck Road, Plainsboro Road, Prospect Street, and Station Road. The survey area also includes four residential properties along Halsey Reed Road within the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District. The resources within the survey area were constructed between 1819 and 2015, exhibiting vernacular interpretations of popular late nineteenth- and early to mid-twentieth-century architectural styles and forms. Prevalent style elements in the district include Greek Revival, Italianate, Gothic Revival, Colonial Revival, and Minimal Traditional. The survey area retains a moderate level of integrity and is particularly strong in the aspects of location, setting, and feeling.



## 4.0 HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

### 4.1 Historic Context

The survey area is in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Formed in March of 1872, the Township of Cranbury was initially settled in the final decade of the seventeenth century. In March 1697/8, Josiah Pricket sold land in Middlesex County to John Harrison. This land, which included the village of Cranbury, was then in the possession of a tenant named Anthony Cranmore and was called “Cranberry brook” (Chambers 2012:5). The “Improvements” on the property mentioned by Pricket were likely situated at or near an intersection of two early roads that generally ran along today’s Main Street and Maplewood Avenue, forming a Y-shaped intersection. Main Street, then called “George’s Road,” was part of the Post Road between New York City and Philadelphia. George Rescarrick constructed an early public house in Cranbury on the Post Road in 1701 (Chambers 2012:8). Among the other early buildings in Cranbury were a grist mill constructed by Thomas Grubbs in 1737, Isaac Debow’s blacksmith shop, and a Presbyterian Church in 1740 (Chambers 2012:11).

The earliest settlers were of various ethnicities and religions, including Dutch Calvinists, French Huguenots, English Anglicans, Scottish Presbyterians, and African-born slaves (Chambers 2012:14–16). Prior to the Revolutionary War, Cranbury was a sparsely settled village that offered social, commercial, and religious services to the surrounding farm families. Events of note include the ministry of David Brainerd to the Native peoples and an event called the “Cranbury Brawl,” an insult match between two prominent men (Chambers 2012:30–32). In 1745, the Reverend David Brainerd settled in Cranbury, together with his brother John, and established a mission for approximately 65 Native Americans on the Bethel tract (Clayton 1882:866). The mission was removed from this site in 1759, possibly due to the fears of the local settlers regarding the Mission Indians (Williams and Kardas 1982:189).

Cranbury played a minor role in the American Revolution. Several members of the Cranbury Presbyterian Church were active Patriots, serving in the local Committee of Correspondence in 1775 and then in the state Provincial Congress. British soldiers camped at New Brunswick during the winter of 1776–1777 occasionally sent parties to raid local farms for livestock and provisions. Some residents of Cranbury formed a unit called the “Cranbury troop of horse” to discourage ongoing foraging of farms, and they recovered 17 head of cattle during a skirmish in Cranbury on March 12, 1777. The following year, George Washington led the Continental Army through Cranbury on their way to the Battle of Monmouth, using a house formerly standing at 53 South Main Street as an overnight headquarters (Chambers 2012:33–38).

New Jersey’s early road system helped draw settlers and link sections of the township to urban areas. Cranbury was situated along George’s Road, which ran from New Brunswick to Burlington and was popularly known as the Lower Road (Chambers 2012:5). Other early roads that extended west and east from Cranbury included a road to Princeton that followed a route similar to present-day Cranbury Neck Road and a road between Cranbury and Englishtown (possibly Union Valley Road), which the Continental Army traveled en route to the Battle of Monmouth (Figure 4.1; Chambers 2012:17; Hills 1781). In 1789, Cranbury contained 25 structures primarily related to its main business interests: milling and transportation services (Chambers 2012:43).

The early nineteenth century marked a period of growth and prosperity related to improvements and innovations in transportation in Cranbury. Turnpike development significantly improved overland travel routes and the Trenton to New Brunswick Turnpike was built east of the Upper Road at the beginning of the nineteenth century, bringing travelers along that route closer to Cranbury (Chambers 2012:47). In 1816, today’s Maplewood Avenue and South Main Street were improved by the Bordentown and South Amboy Turnpike Company as part of a longer road. The earlier path of Lawrie’s Road was straightened and improved to facilitate faster travel. Development of the Cranbury area during the first three decades of the nineteenth



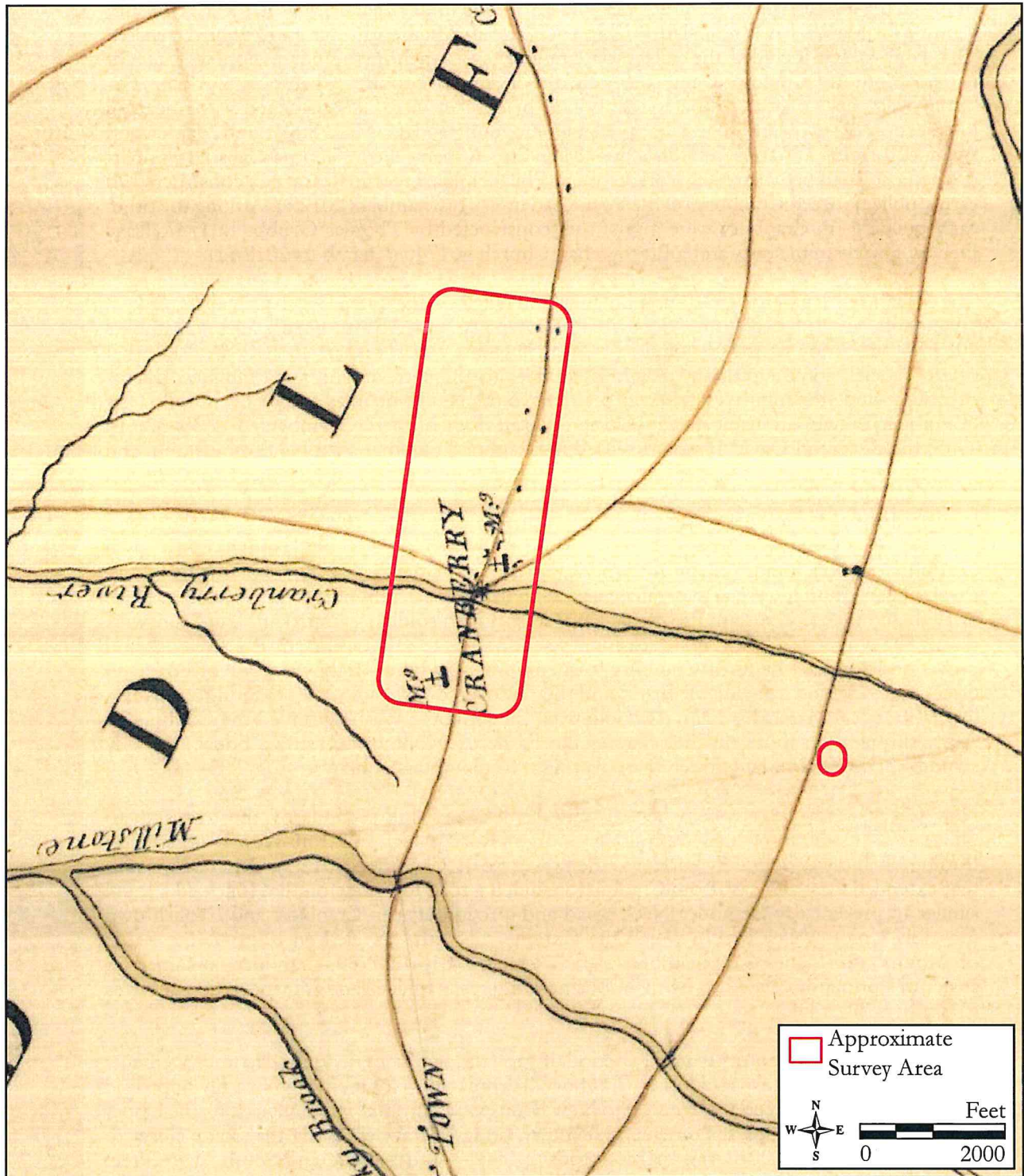


Figure 4.1: 1781 John Hills, *A Map [of] Middlesex County*.

century was centered in the village with several buildings extending north and south from Cranbury Brook along present-day Main Street (Gordon 1833; Figure 4.2). By 1834, Cranbury village contained a Presbyterian church, a school, a grist mill, two tanneries, two stores, and three taverns, as well as 60 to 70 dwellings (Gordon 1834:124). The Delaware and Raritan Canal was completed to the west in 1834. Construction of the canal took place concurrently with the laying out of the Camden & Amboy Railroad. Initially, the nearest train station to Cranbury was Hightstown, but Cranbury Station was opened by 1840 (Chambers 2012:48 48–50). The village of Cranbury grew substantially as a result.

The 1850 Otley and Keily *Map of Middlesex County* shows the development of Cranbury as a business and residential center as well as the development of its outlying farming community (Figure 4.3). Also on the 1850 map, “Cranberry Station Depot” appears to the southeast of Cranbury Village along the Camden & Amboy Railroad. Cranbury Station was connected to Cranbury village by a dirt road which linked the center of Cranbury to the depot (Chamber 2012). Halsey Reed Road had also been constructed by this time, though no structures are depicted within the survey area (see Figure 4.3).

By 1861, the community of Cranbury Station had been established around the Cranbury Railroad Depot. The community contained a hotel, a store, and several residences, including some within the survey area along Halsey Reed Road (Figure 4.4; Walling 1861). During the nineteenth century, a stagecoach service carried people between the depot and Cranbury village for 15 cents (Chambers 2012:79). Hightstown–Cranbury Station Road, which runs parallel to the Camden & Amboy Railroad corridor, was also present by 1861 (Walling 1861). The 1876 Everts & Stewart *Combination Atlas and Map of Middlesex County* depicts Cranbury as a sizable village surrounded by an extensive agricultural community (Figure 4.5). During the late nineteenth century, agricultural businesses were based near Cranbury Station in order to be close to the railroad, and development around the depot slowly continued to expand (Chamber 2012:92; Everts & Stewart 1876).

A 1916 Sanborn map shows several residences within the survey area along Main Street and Station Road (Figures 4.6a–4.6b Sanborn Map Company 1916). Changes in transportation in the early twentieth century played a large role in the continued development of Cranbury. In the 1920s, a series of local roads was designated as the Ocean Highway, intended to be the shortest distance between New York City and Florida. The northern terminus was New Brunswick, New Jersey. The Ocean Highway was an unofficial designation for these roads, but publications outlining the intersections and local destinations made the Ocean Highway a route for day trips or longer travels. In 1927, the portion of the Ocean Highway running through Cranbury Township (Main Street) was designated as U.S. Route 130. The amount of traffic running through Cranbury increased exponentially, and in the 1930s a bypass was constructed that shifted U.S. Route 130 onto its current route east of the village (Nationwide Environmental Title Research 1940). By 1933, Prospect Street was laid parallel to North Main Street connecting Princeton Avenue (now Plainsboro Road) to Brainerd Place (now Bunker Hill Drive; Figures 4.7a–4.7c; Sanborn Map Company 1933).

Likely in response to the increased accessibility of Cranbury, the large agricultural fields located in the northern portion of the survey area and along North Main Street began to be subdivided for residential development during the 1920s and 1930s. Deeds for these properties occasionally included restrictive covenants that limited future ownership of the property to white families only. Also known as racial covenants, such deed restrictions were frequently employed during the early twentieth century as a means of creating residential segregation and discriminating against non-white property owners in parts of Cranbury (Gotham 2000).

After World War II, an earlier plan to construct a freeway through New Jersey from the George Washington Bridge to the Delaware Memorial Bridge was renewed. The result was the construction of the NJ Turnpike. The NJ Turnpike was constructed in the early 1950s following the course of the earlier proposed road. To the east of Cranbury, the Turnpike runs roughly parallel to U.S. Route 130 and assumed a larger share of the traffic. While Route 130 and the NJ Turnpike took a substantial volume of traffic off Main Street and out of the village of Cranbury, the proximity of these routes





Figure 4.2: 1833 Thomas Gordon, *A Map of the State of New Jersey*.







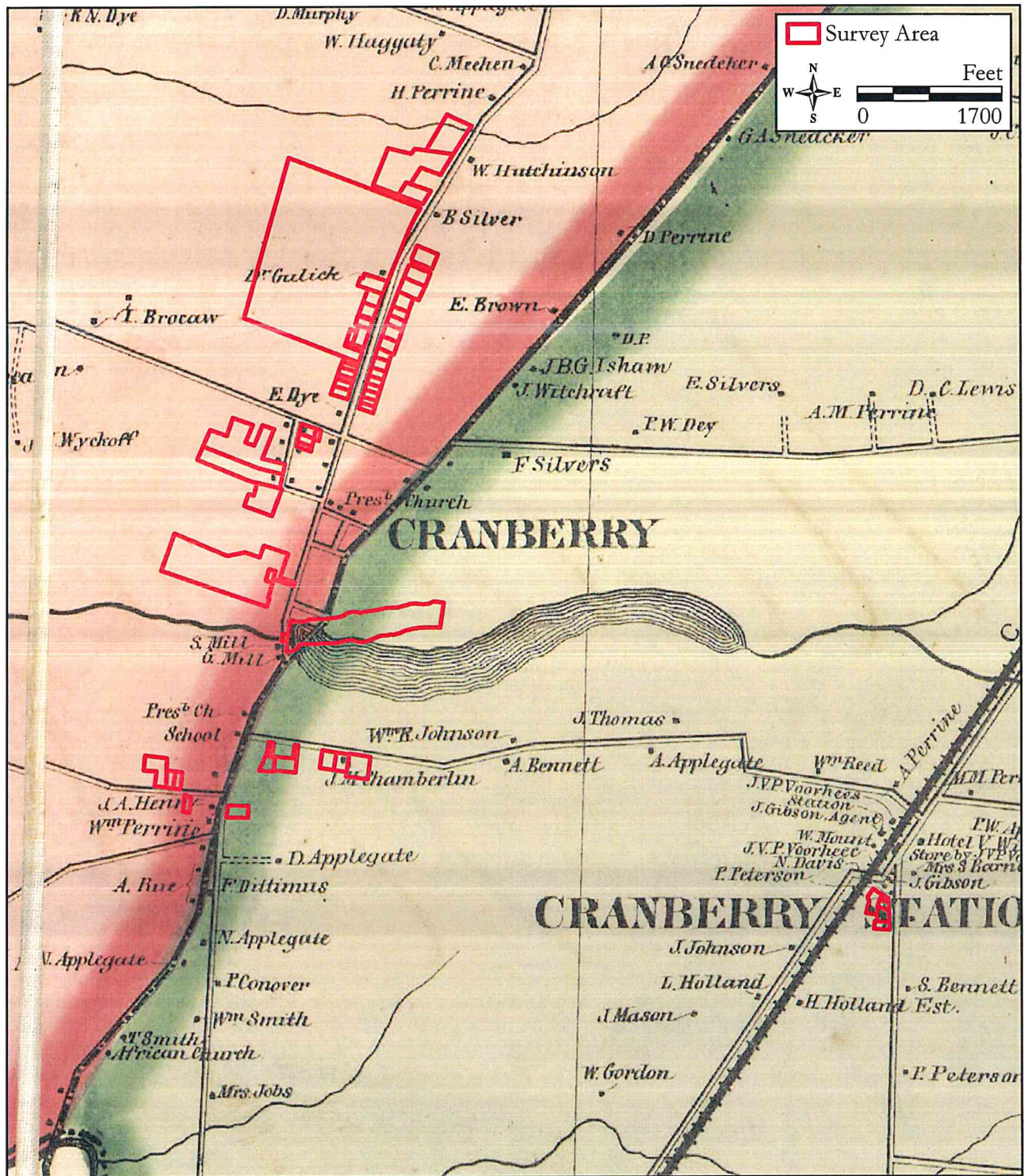


Figure 4.4: 1861 H. F. Walling, *Map of Middlesex County, New Jersey*.



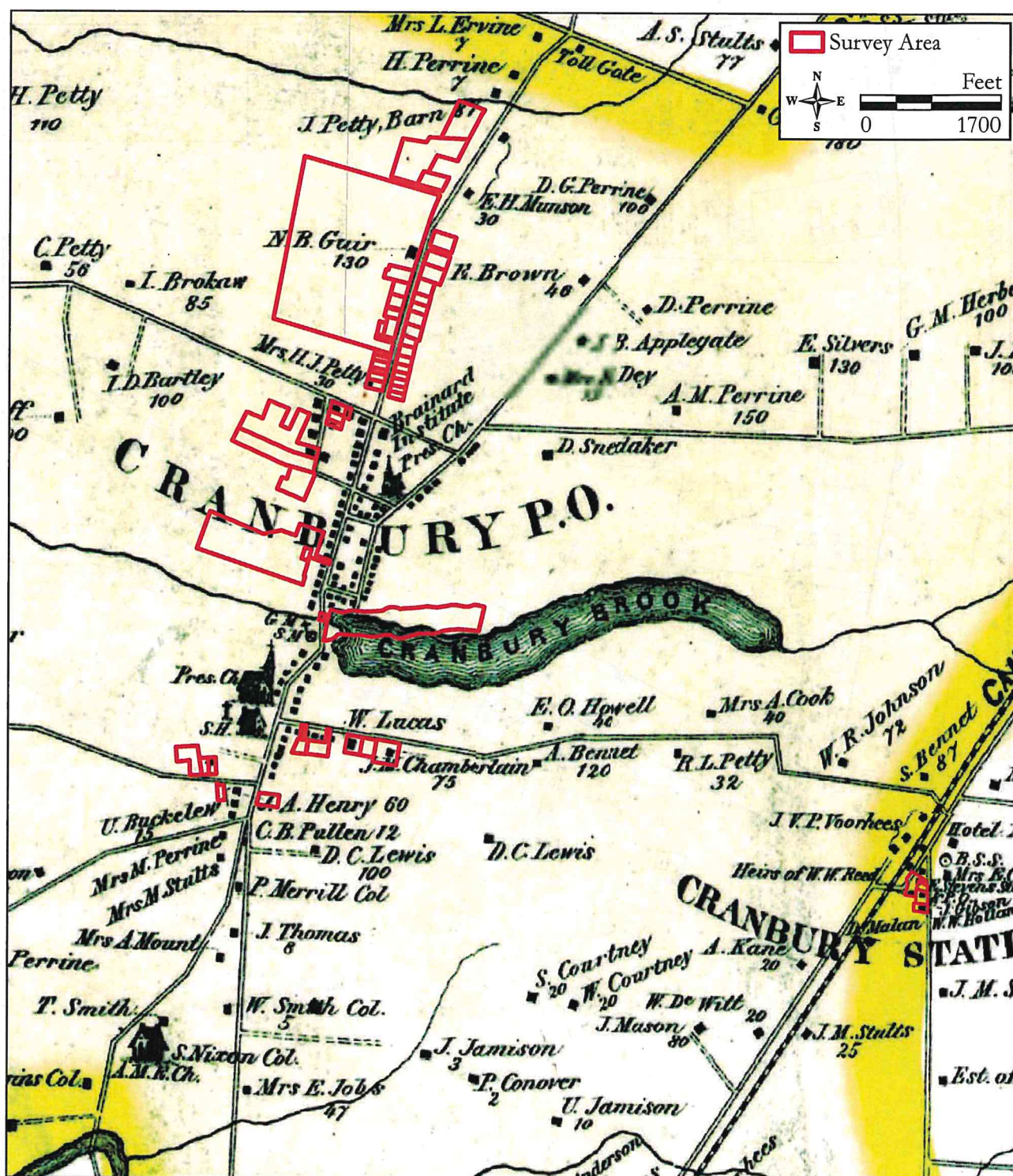


Figure 4.5: 1876 Everts & Stewart, *Combination Atlas Map of Middlesex County*.





Figure 4.6a: 1916 Sanborn Map Company, *Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.*

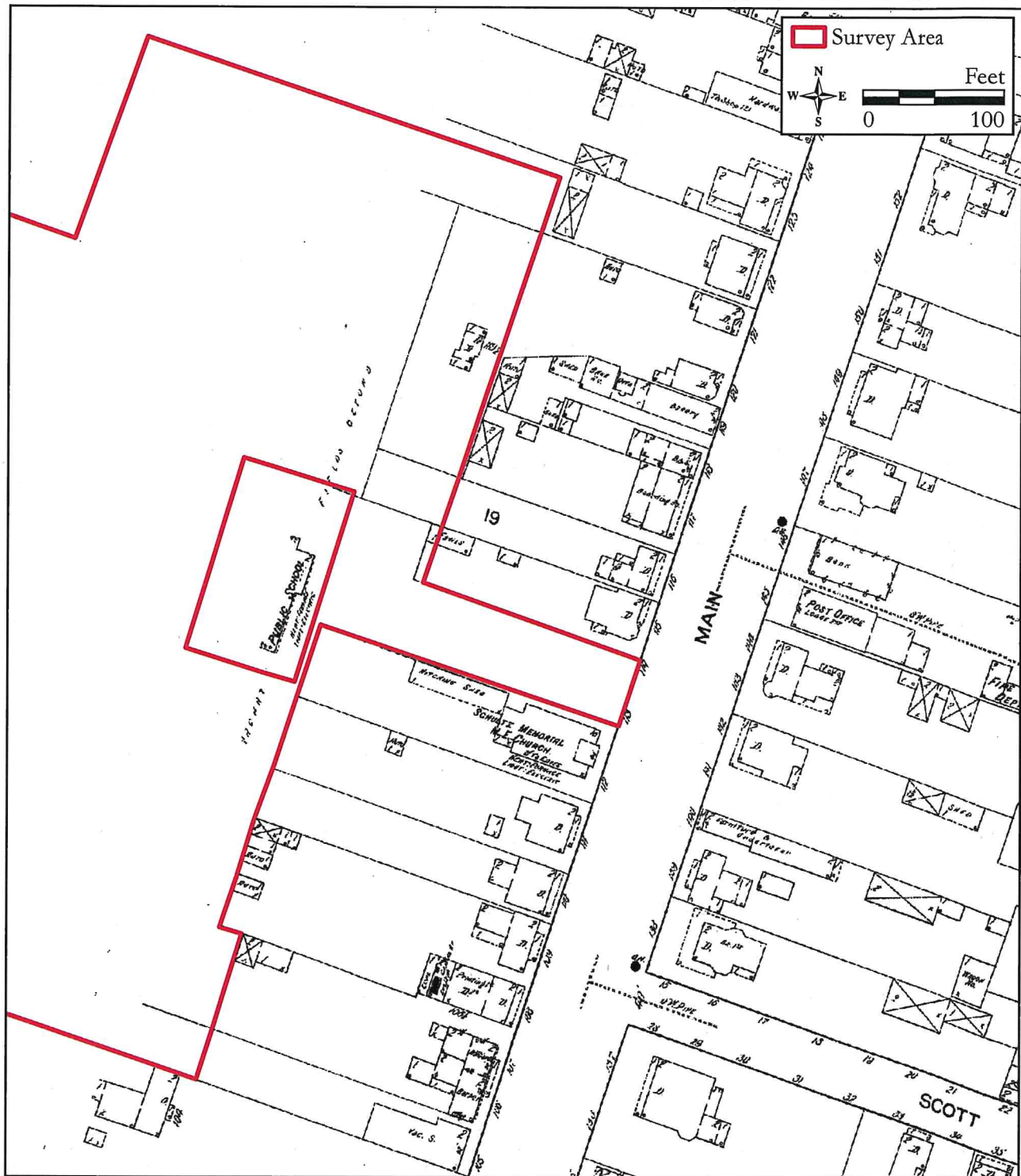


Figure 4.6b: 1916 Sanborn Map Company, *Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.*



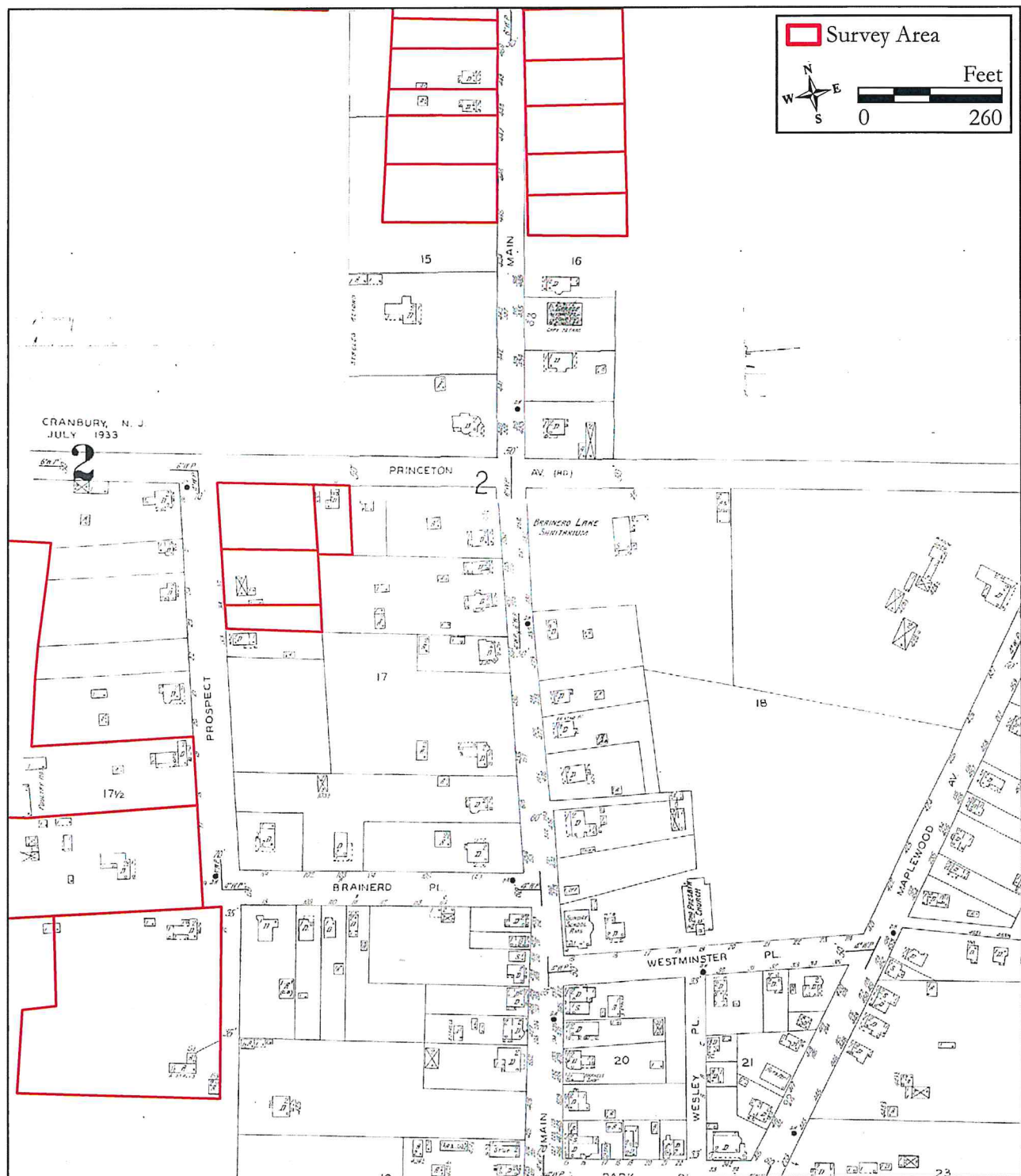


Figure 4.7a: 1933 Sanborn Map Company, *Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey*.

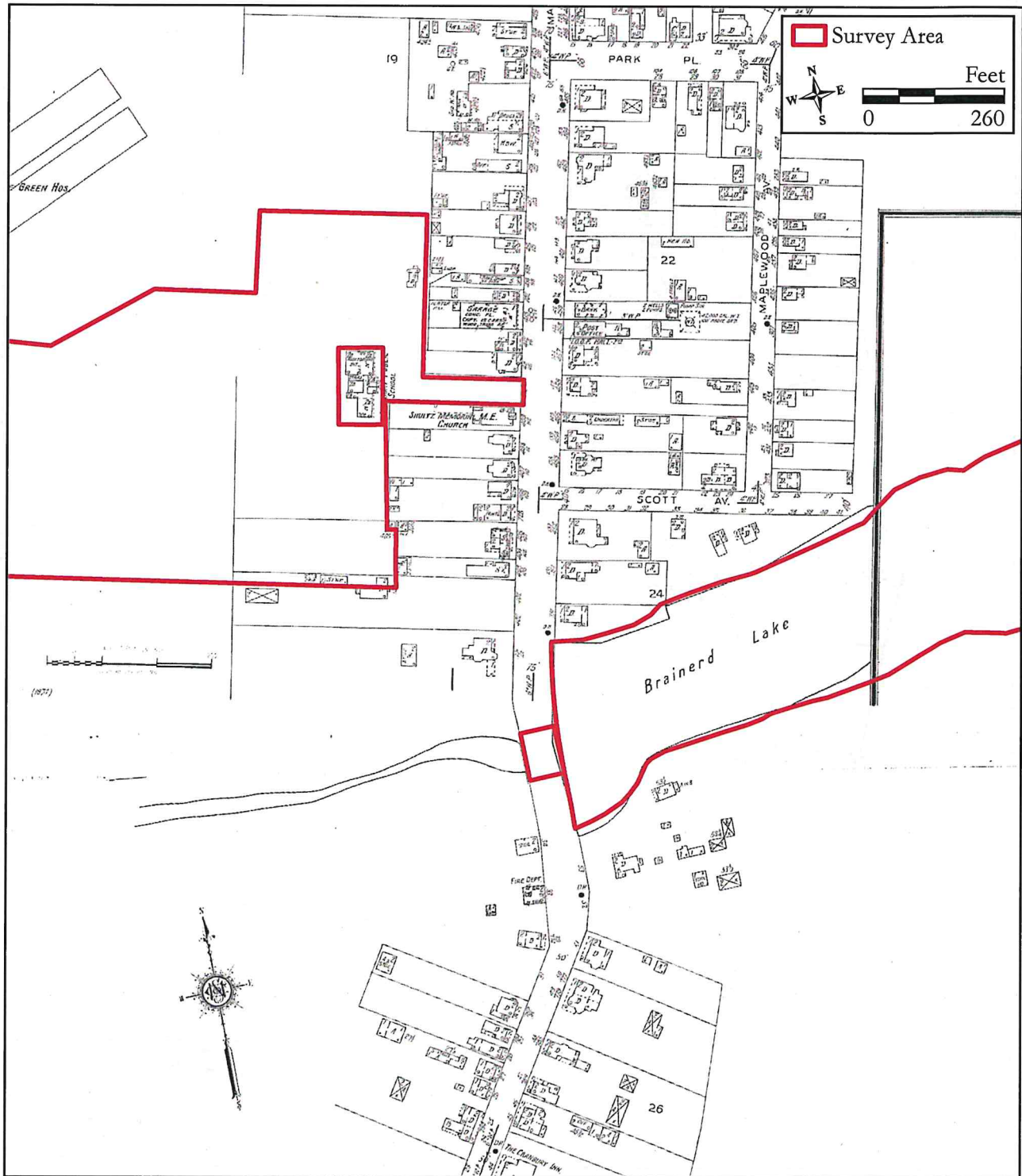


Figure 4.7b: 1933 Sanborn Map Company, *Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey*.



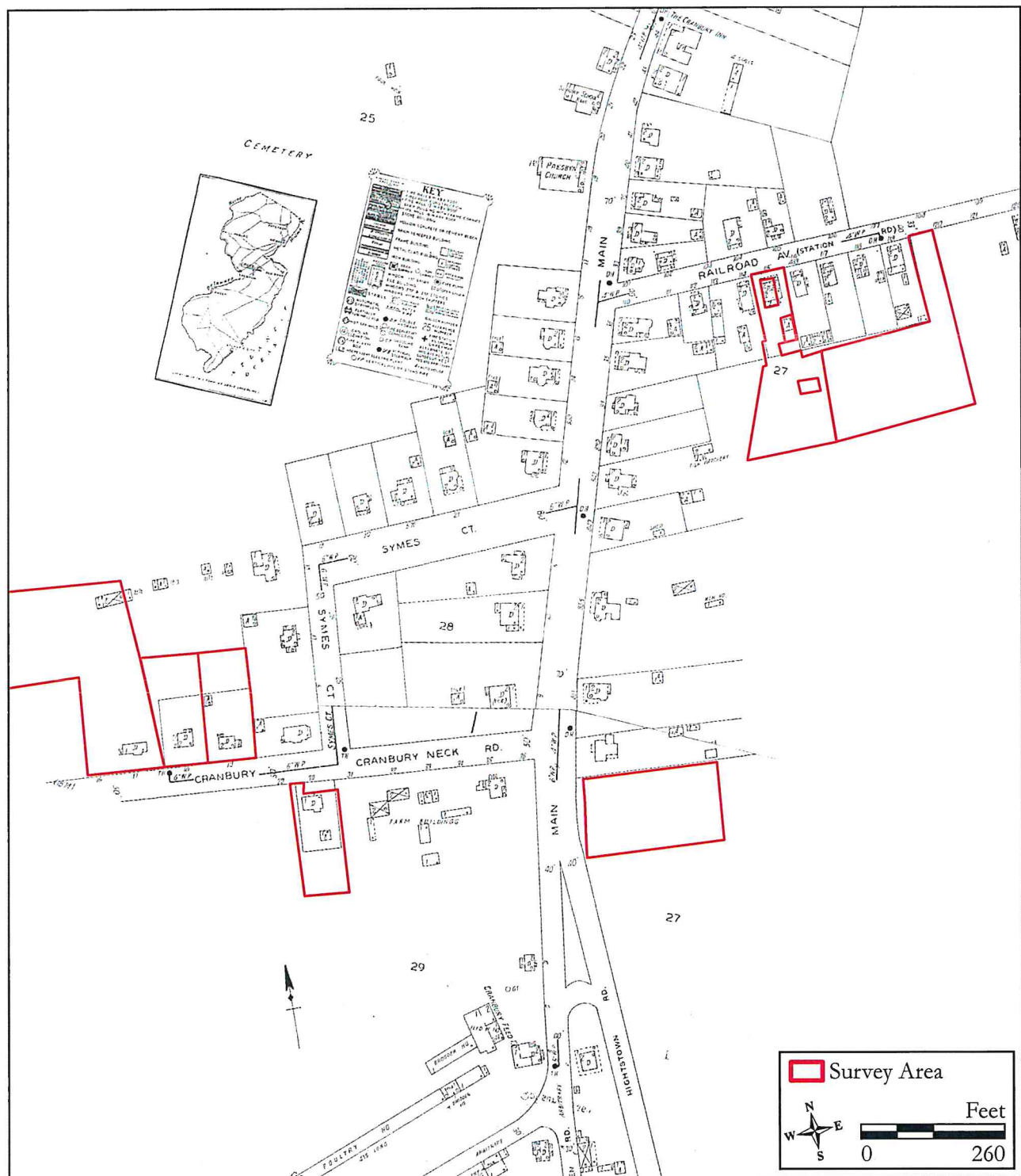


Figure 4.7c: 1933 Sanborn Map Company, *Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey*.

to the village resulted in suburban development in the township beginning in the 1950s. Ongoing residential development pushed the population of Cranbury Township past 2,000 in the 1960 U.S. Census (United States Bureau of the Census 1960).

This suburban development continued into the late twentieth century with several more houses being constructed within the survey area and along North Main Street. Several of the late twentieth-century houses within the survey area were constructed by Cranbury Walk, Inc., a local development company that built a total of 28 dwellings along North Main Street during the late 1980s and early 1990s. The houses featured a contemporary Colonial Revival-inspired design, intended to be compatible with the historic character of the Cranbury Historic District (Sunday Star-Ledger, 22 October 1989:243). In the early twenty-first century, the village of Cranbury continues to thrive. Its commercial district along North Main Street is supported by surrounding residential neighborhoods. Increasing economic opportunities in the area (with increased industrial development along the NJ Turnpike) enhance the desirability of residential centers such as Cranbury.

## 4.2 Architectural History

Several of the dwellings in the survey area constructed during the first half of the nineteenth century embody the Greek Revival-style. Prominent from the 1830s to 1850, the earliest example of this building style within the survey area is the residence at 59 South Main Street which was constructed slightly earlier in 1826 (Plate 4.1; McAlester and McAlester 2013:250). Four other vernacular examples of the Greek Revival-style are located within the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District survey area and include the circa 1850 Brown House at 92 Halsey Reed Road, the circa 1850 residences at 90 and 96 Halsey Reed Road, and the circa 1854 dwelling at 88 Halsey Reed Road (Plate 4.2).

Two architectural styles were introduced into the United States in the 1840s. Both styles reflected the Picturesque movement and ran concurrently. The more prevalent in Cranbury was the Italianate style. The oldest surveyed resource, the Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive, was constructed in 1819 and was likely altered later on in the nineteenth century to reflect the popular style at the time (Plate 4.3). A few other examples of the style are the William B. Reed House at 1 Prospect Street and the dwelling at 40 Station Road that were built during the mid-nineteenth century. Like the earlier Greek Revival style, several building forms were in common use during the popularity of the Italianate style (Plate 4.4). They generally consist of two-and-one-half-story, rectangular forms with side-gable or hipped roofs and overhanging eaves accented by bracketed cornices. They also feature central, one-story porches with decorative wood posts and bracketed cornices.

The second architectural style of the Picturesque movement was the Gothic Revival, which is not as common in Cranbury. One residence dating to this time features Gothic Revival-style elements, the Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street (Plate 4.5). Constructed circa 1855, it features a side-gable roof with a centered cross gable with a bracketed cornice, and a central, one-story front porch with square posts, a paneled frieze and a bracketed cornice.

Although it first started appearing in domestic architecture during the late nineteenth century, it was not until the first half of the twentieth century that the Colonial Revival style became popular (McAlester and McAlester 2013:414). Several examples of this prominent architectural style are located within the survey area along North Main Street and Cranbury Neck Road. They generally consist of two-story-tall and two-and-one-half-story-tall, side-gable forms constructed between 1900 and 1953 (Plate 4.6). Three represent the Dutch Colonial-style with side-gambrel-roof forms (Plate 4.7). Similar to the Colonial Revival style, the Tudor style was started to appear in American architecture during the late nineteenth century, but it was not until the early twentieth century that it became more widespread (McAlester and McAlester 2013:454). Although this style was most prominent between 1900 and 1920, a circa 1932 vernacular example of the style is located within the survey area at 12 Cranbury Neck Road (Plate 4.8; McAlester and McAlester 2013:454).





Plate 4.1: View of the Greek Revival-style dwelling at 59 South Main Street.

Photo view: East

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023



Plate 4.2: Perspective view of the vernacular Greek Revival-style houses along Halsey Reed Road, showing the Brown House at 92 Halsey Reed Road and the circa-1850 residence at 90 Halsey Reed Road.

Photo view: Southwest

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023





Plate 4.3: Perspective view of the Italianate-style dwelling known as the Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive.

Photo view: Northwest

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023



Plate 4.4: Perspective view of the Italianate-style dwelling known as the William B. Reed House at 1 Prospect Street.

Photo view: Southwest

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023





Plate 4.5: Perspective view of the Bunting House at 5 Prospect Street, showing a representative example of the Gothic Revival style in the survey area.

Photo view: Northwest

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023



Plate 4.6: View of 131 North Main Street, showing a representative example of the Colonial Revival style in the survey area.

Photo view: Northwest

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023





Plate 4.7: View of 135 North Main Street, showing a representative example of the Dutch Colonial Revival style in the survey area.

Photo view: Northwest

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023



Plate 4.8: View of the vernacular Tudor-style dwelling at 12 Cranbury Neck Road.

Photo view: North

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023



Another popular middle-class house type constructed in the early twentieth century was the Bungalow. These one- or one-and-one-half-story residences generally date to the years 1910 to 1930, and the single example of the style located within the survey area, 5 Cranbury Neck Road, was built around 1925 (Plate 4.9). A factor that dramatically increased the popularity of the Bungalow was the emergence of mail-order house marketing. Buyers could examine a catalog of various kits to build a house; the two largest companies offering kit houses were Sears and Montgomery Ward. The supplier would send kits to the nearest railroad station, and the builder would transport the parts to the building site. After World War I, Sears' kit houses included parts with impressed numbers to assist in assembling the building. Although many Bungalows were sold as kit houses, it is uncertain if the surveyed example was a kit house.

Following the Great Depression, the Minimal Traditional style became a widespread solution to the worker housing needs during World War II. Designed for quick and cost-effective construction, the simple design and small size of the Minimal Traditional style house continued to be popular following the war and was often used in developments going into the 1950s (McAlester and McAlester 2013:589). Constructed in tandem with Cranbury's growing commercial district along North Main Street, a significant number of the surveyed resources consisted of Minimal Traditional-style residences constructed during the early to mid-twentieth century. Primarily situated along North Main Street, most are comprised of one- and one-and-one-half-story-tall, gable-and-wing forms; however, a significant example of a Cape Cod dwelling is located at 124 North Main Street (Plates 4.10 and 4.11). Constructed in 1937, it retains its historic three-bay-wide, one-and-one-half-story massing and features a central, interior masonry chimney.

With the increasing popularity of automobiles during the 1920s, residences during this time began to reflect this trend by incorporating garages into the footprints of house designs (Pape 2014). Popular between the mid-1930s and 1975, the design of Ranch dwellings sometimes included an attached or incorporated garage. The most commonly built residence during the 1950s and 1960s, there is one example of a Ranch dwelling within the survey area at 138 North Main Street (McAlester and McAlester 2013:602). Constructed in 1959, the one-story building features a cross-gable roof and an incorporated garage (Plate 4.12). Another popular house form during this time was the Split-Level. Often containing a garage on the ground level, these house types were typically characterized into Bi-Level or Tri-Level Splits (McAlester and McAlester 2013:613). There are three examples of Tri-Level Split dwellings constructed between 1955 and the early 1960s within the survey area that are located at 18 Prospect Street, 111 and 120 North Main Street (Plate 4.13).



Plate 4.9: View of the Bungalow dwelling at 5 Cranbury Neck Road.

Photo view: Southwest

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023



Plate 4.10: Representative photograph of the Cape Cod dwellings within the survey area, showing the dwelling at 121 North Main Street.

Photo view: Northwest

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023





Plate 4.11: View of the key-contributing Cape Cod dwelling at 124 North Main Street.

Photo view: Southeast

Photographer: Spencer Rubino

Date: March 22, 2023



Plate 4.12: View of the Ranch dwelling at 138 North Main Street.

Photo view: Southeast

Photographer: Spencer Rubino

Date: March 22, 2023





Plate 4.13: Representative photograph of the Tri-Level Split dwellings within the survey area, showing the dwelling at 111 North Main Street.

Photo view: West

Photographer: Matthew Goldberg

Date: March 22, 2023



## 5.0 DATA SUMMARY AND FIELD RESULTS

The field survey was conducted in March 2023 and consisted of the identification and documentation of 56 resources within the survey area (Figures 5.1a–5.1d; Appendix D). Fifty-two of the surveyed resources are located within the Cranbury Historic District and four are within the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District.

Of the 52 resources within the Cranbury Historic District, four were identified as key-contributing resources. Of these, three properties were previously surveyed as key-contributing resources during the Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phases I and II in 2017 and 2018, respectively, and were resurveyed in the current Phase III to reconcile their boundaries with the full extent of their respective tax parcels: 40 Station Road, the William B. Reed House, and Old Cranbury School NJR: 5/6/1971; NRHP: 6/21/1971). The remaining property, the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House, is newly recommended as a key-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District as a well-preserved example of an early twentieth-century, Cape Cod dwelling.

Twelve properties are contributing resources to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, two were previously surveyed as contributing resources during the Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phase I and were resurveyed in the current Phase III to reconcile their boundaries with the full extent of their respective tax parcels. The remaining nine recommended contributing resources retain a medium-to-high degree of integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, and sufficiently convey the architectural and historic significance of the Cranbury Historic District.

Thirty-five properties are recommended non-contributing resources to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, one was previously surveyed as a non-contributing resource during the Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phase I and was resurveyed in the current Phase III to reconcile its boundary with the full extent of its tax parcel. Six recommended non-contributing resources were found to lack sufficient architectural integrity due to the heavy use of replacement materials and/or the presence of incompatible additions that distort the buildings' original massing and proportions. The remaining 28 recommended non-contributing resources are less than 50 years of age or were constructed after the end of the Cranbury Historic District's period of significance in 1940.

The expansion of the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District is recommended to include the 46 newly surveyed properties and the full extent of the tax parcels associated with the 6 previously surveyed properties, as outlined above. This recommended expansion reconciles the local boundary of the historic district with its NRHP-listed boundary and the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the historic district.

The four resources surveyed within the locally designated Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District are recommended contributing resources.

### 5.1 Identification of Historic Properties

Cranbury Historic District (NJR: 8/9/1979; NRHP: 9/18/1980; Local Designation: 9/26/1988)

The Cranbury Historic District encompasses much of the historic village of Cranbury in Cranbury Township. There are approximately 218 properties within the village and architectural forms and styles range from the Federal period in the late eighteenth century to Bungalows and American Foursquare homes in the early twentieth century. The majority of buildings in the district were constructed between 1825 and 1920, demonstrating the transition between eighteenth- and nineteenth-century architectural styles to more modern styles. The district retains a high level of integrity of location, design, setting, and feeling. Most new construction

within the district was designed to be compatible with historic architectural resources, thereby creating a cohesive image of a nineteenth-century village with minimal intrusions. The Cranbury Historic District is listed in the NJR and the NRHP under Criterion A in the area of Commerce and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The period of significance for the Cranbury Historic District begins in 1790, the approximate date of the earliest surviving architectural resource, and ends in 1940, when major development in Cranbury ceased.

Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District (Local Designation: 12/13/2021)

The Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District consists of four nineteenth-century, Greek Revival residences. Located next to the Camden-Amboy Railroad station that was established approximately 1 mile east of Cranbury in 1834, the four residences were built sometime during the mid-nineteenth century. The establishment of hamlets along railroad freight stops was a common trend throughout the nineteenth century and led to the expansion of agricultural markets by providing rural farmers with quicker transportation routes for their produce. The Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District is significant under Criterion A as it is a representative example of an agricultural hamlet formed around a railroad station during the nineteenth century and under Criterion C as a well-preserved collection of mid-nineteenth-century, Greek Revival-style residences (Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC 2021). The Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District was locally designated on December 13, 2021 (see Appendix A).

Old Cranbury School (NJR: 5/6/1971; NRHP: 6/21/1971)

The Old Cranbury School at 23 North Main Street is a two-story, nine-bay, three-pile brick school building. Constructed in 1896, the building retains several character-defining elements, including a bracketed cornice, brick corbelling, a central projecting bay, and a central cupola. The Old Cranbury School building meets Criterion C in the area of Architecture as the only example of a late nineteenth-century school building in Cranbury. It also meets Criterion A in the area of Education as an early example of the trend toward “centralized” schools. The period of significance spans 1875–1899 (Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society 1971).

40 Station Road

The dwelling at 40 Station Road is a two-and-one-half-story, Italianate-style dwelling built circa 1860–1870. Character-defining features include its massing, fenestration patterns, historic windows and doors, historic cornice brackets and porches, and historic secondary buildings. It is significant for its architecture under Criterion C as a representative example of the Italianate style (PS&S 2018).

William B. Reed House

The William B. Reed House at 1 Prospect Street is a two-and-one-half-story, four-bay, three-pile, frame Italianate style residence. It was constructed circa 1861 by William B. Reed, a commodity broker who worked in Hoboken and Manhattan. In addition to the dwelling, the property has two historic outbuildings: a frame chicken coop and a brick shed. The William B. Reed House is individually eligible under Criterion C for Architecture as a local and outstanding example of the Italianate style (Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. 2017).

Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House (Newly Recommended Individually Eligible)

Constructed in 1937, the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House at 124 North Main Street is significant as a well-preserved, rare example of a Cape Cod-style dwelling in Cranbury. Built for the locally prominent Dr. Benjamin S. Van Dyke and his wife, Mary, the dwelling remained in the Van Dyke family until 1963. The dwelling retains several character-defining elements including its one-and-one-half-story massing, wood and slate shingles, steeply pitched, side-gabled roof, central brick chimney, primary entrance with wood storm door, pilasters, and frieze, and its wood-sash windows with wood lintels and paneled wood shutters. It is recommended individually eligible for its architecture under Criterion C.



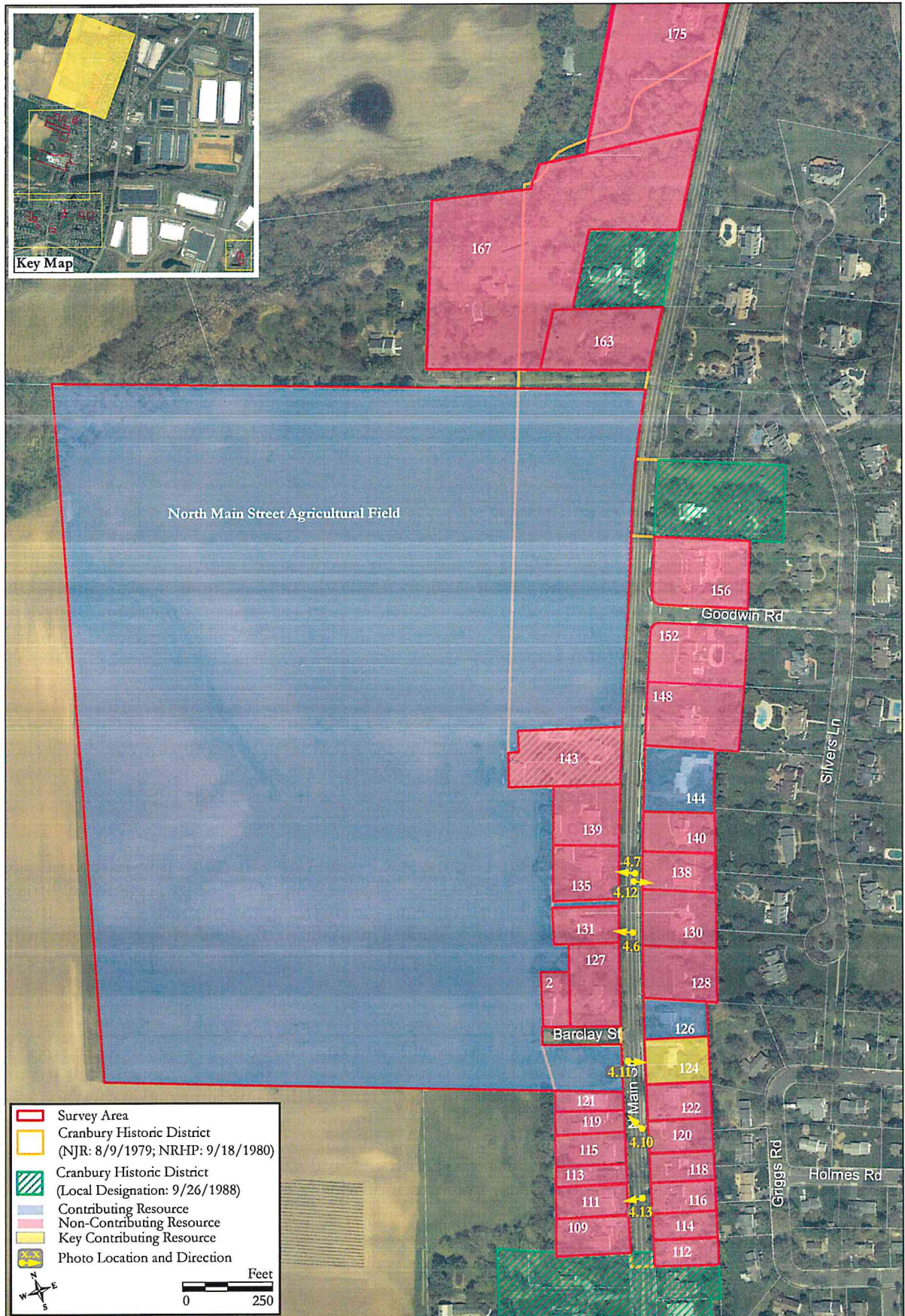


Figure 5.1a: Aerial photograph showing the survey area, the boundary of the Cranbury Historic District, and surveyed resources (NJDEP-NJGIS Digital Orthographic Imagery 2020).





Figure 5.1b: Aerial photograph showing the survey area, the boundary of the Cranbury Historic District, and surveyed resources (NJDEP-NJGIS Digital Orthographic Imagery 2020).



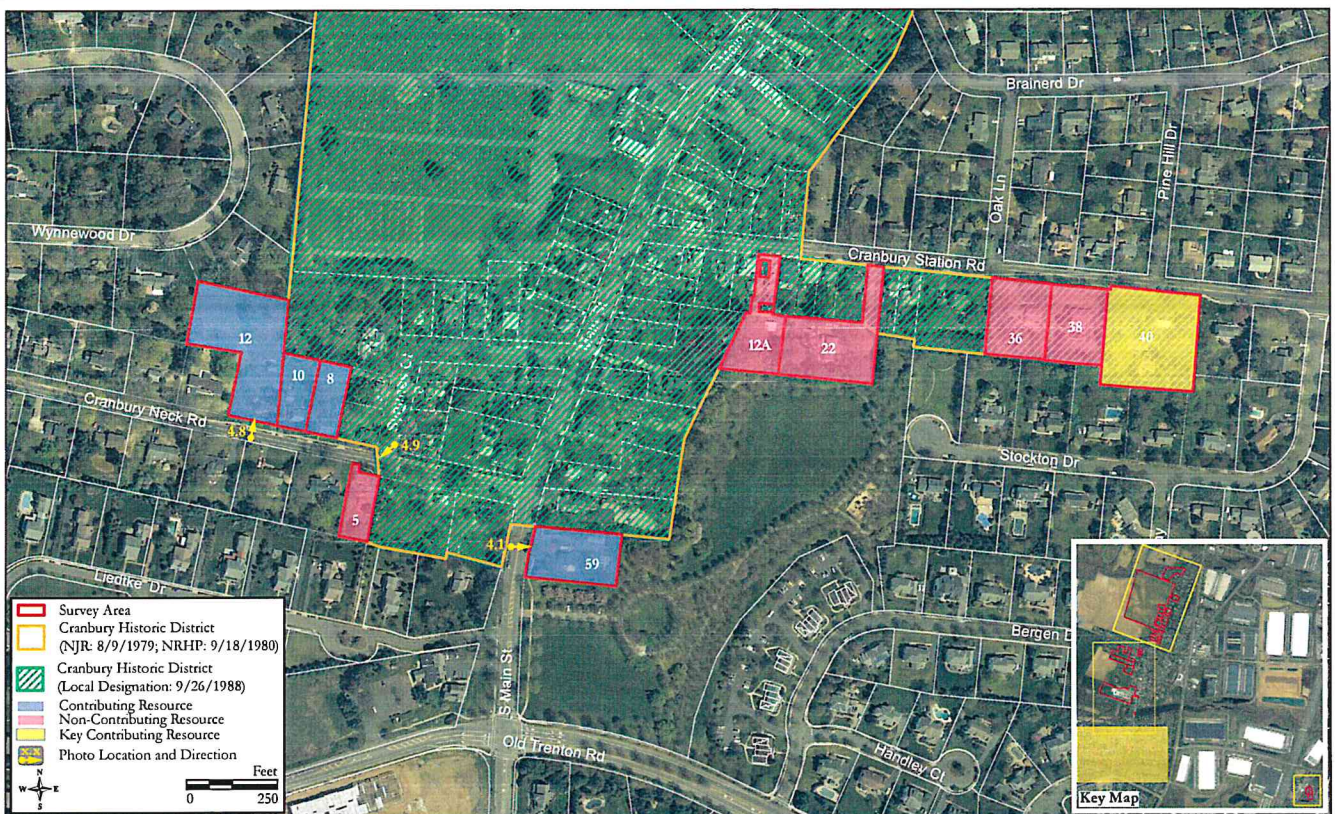


Figure 5.1c: Aerial photograph showing the survey area, the boundary of the Cranbury Historic District, and surveyed resources (NJDEP-NJGIS Digital Orthographic Imagery 2020).



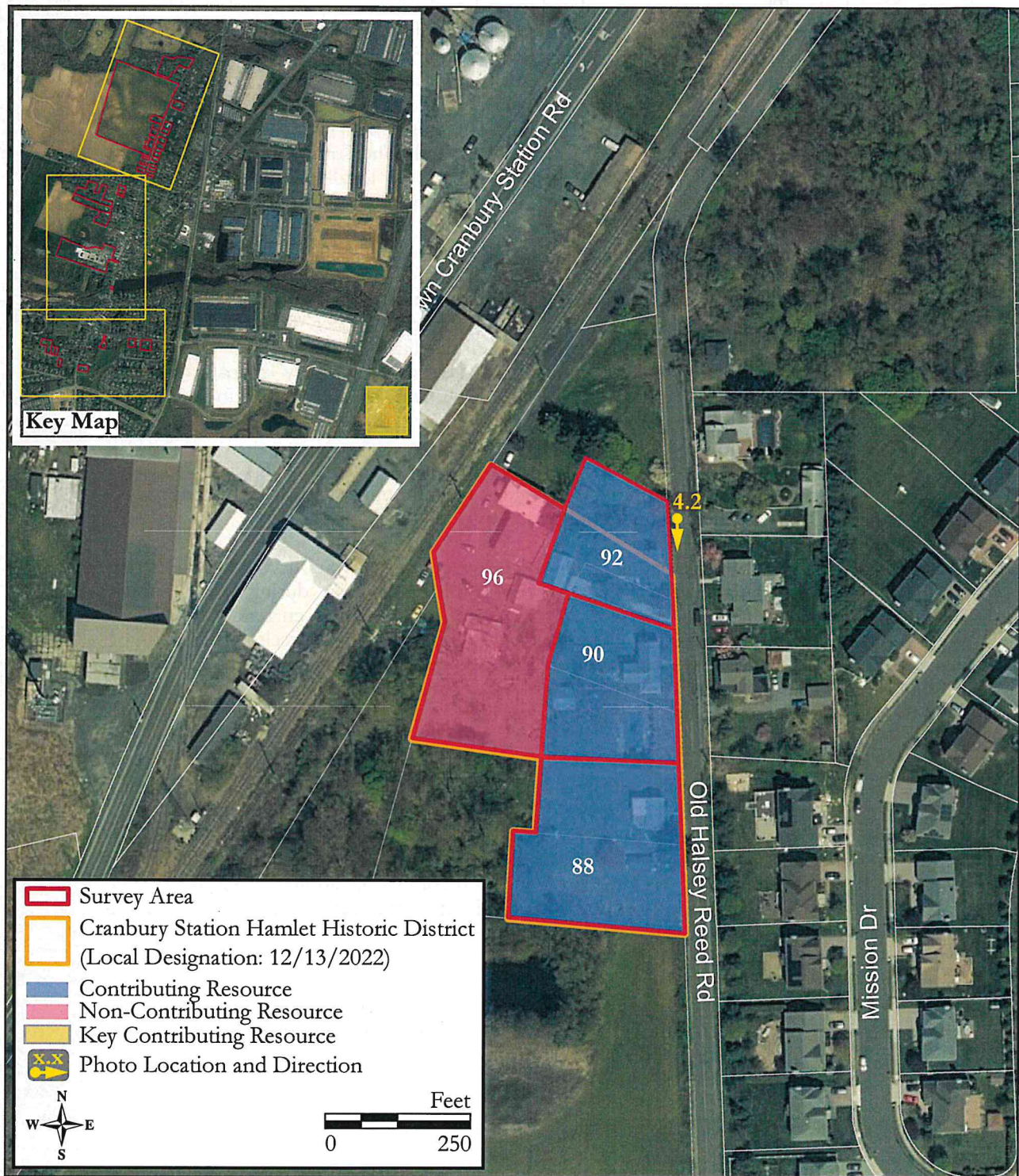


Figure 5.1d: Aerial photograph showing the survey area, the boundary of the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District, and surveyed resources (NJDEP-NJGIS Digital Orthographic Imagery 2020).



## 6.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. (RGA) completed Phase III of a planned multi-phase historic resource survey of the Cranbury Historic District in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The survey was completed to update the Township of Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) files and to expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District. The Cranbury Historic District was listed in the NJR on August 9, 1979, and listed in the NRHP on September 18, 1980. The district was locally designated on September 26, 1988. This phase of the survey examined 52 properties selected by the HPC and located within the historic district along North Main Street, South Main Street, Cranbury Neck Road, Plainsboro Road, Prospect Street, and Station Road. The survey area also included four properties along Halsey Reed Road that are within the locally designated Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District. RGA utilized survey methodology found in the *Guidelines for Architectural Survey* published by the NJHPO (Splain 2002).

The survey produced the following findings. A total of 56 properties were surveyed and documented. Fifty-two of the surveyed properties are within the Cranbury Historic District and four are within the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District. Four properties are recommended key-contributing resources to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, three were previously surveyed as key-contributing resources during the Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phases I and II in 2017 and 2018, respectively, and were resurveyed in the current Phase III to reconcile their boundaries with the full extent of their respective tax parcels: 40 Station Road, the William B. Reed House, and Old Cranbury School NJR: 5/6/1971; NRHP: 6/21/1971). The remaining property, the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House, is newly recommended as a key-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District as a well-preserved example of an early twentieth-century, Cape Cod dwelling.

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Thirty-five properties are recommended non-contributing resources to the Cranbury Historic District. Of these, one property was previously surveyed as a non-contributing resource during the Cranbury Township Historic Sites Survey Phase I and was resurveyed in the current Phase III to reconcile its boundary with the full extent of its tax parcel. Six recommended non-contributing resources were found to lack sufficient architectural integrity due to the heavy use of replacement materials and/or the presence of incompatible additions that distort the buildings' original massing and proportions. The remaining 28 recommended non-contributing resources are less than 50 years of age or were constructed after the end of the Cranbury Historic District's period of significance in 1940.

Of the four properties within the locally designated Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District, three are recommended contributing resources and one is recommended as a non-contributing resource. These four properties were previously surveyed as contributing resources by Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC in 2021.

As a result of the survey, RGA presents the following recommendations:

- Expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District to include the 46 newly surveyed properties.
- Expand the local boundary of the Cranbury Historic District to include the full extent of the tax parcels associated with the six previously surveyed properties.

- Designate the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House as a key-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District.
- Designate the dwellings at 88, 90, and 92 Halsey Reed Road as contributing resources to the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District.
- Designate the dwelling at 96 Halsey Reed Road as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District.



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**APPENDIX A: SCOPE OF WORK FROM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL;  
PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER; CRANBURY STATION  
HAMLET HISTORIC DISTRICT LOCAL DESIGNATION PACKAGE;  
ORDINANCE 11-21-14**

Township of Cranbury  
Historic Preservation Commission

Township of Cranbury  
Middlesex County  
New Jersey

Request for Proposal  
For  
Architectural Historian

Bid Opening:  
January 12, 2023

Town Hall  
23A N. Main Street  
Cranbury, New Jersey  
Middlesex County



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Historic Preservation Commission

11. All awards or waivers will be by resolution acted on by the Township of Cranbury Township Committee at a public session of the governing body convened in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.
12. All awards are subject to availability of funds obtained through the 2023 Certified Local Government Grant Award.
13. This policy will include, but not be limited to, all the listed requirements. The Township reserves the right to amend or revise its review standards. In the event of such revision or review, all candidates shall be given not less than ten (10) days notice of the additional or revised standard(s) and an additional ten (10) days to demonstrate their compliance with the additional or revised standard.

### SCOPE OF WORK

#### OVERVIEW

The Township of Cranbury is seeking proposals for professional services for an Architectural Historian qualified in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, identified below, to produce an Intensive Level Survey of a minimum of 45 historic properties (resources) and their secondary buildings and structures, which shall include all existing locally designated historic resources. The Township of Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission shall supply a block and lot listing of the historic properties to be surveyed.

Information generated from this Intensive Level Survey shall enable the Township of Cranbury Planning Board, Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to make informed land use decisions in accordance with the Township's Master Plan, local ordinances and Municipal Land Use Law; as well as to assist the Township's Historic Preservation Commission to make fair, consistent, informed and justifiable decisions.

The Intensive Level Survey must include Address (street), Block and Lot, Photo, Description, Setting, Location Map as Parcel Map, Site Map sketch with North indicator, Bibliography, Building Attachment Form Exterior Description, Eligibility Worksheet- Properties: History, Statement of Significance, Justification of Eligibility, Total number of Attachments and Boundary Narrative. Also attach to the Property Report significant structure photo(s) where relevant improvements/structures and or features exist.

INTERESTED PARTY MUST SUPPLY AN EXAMPLE OF AN INTENSIVE LEVEL SURVEY THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE ABOVE REQUESTS WITH THEIR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION. ALSO INCLUDE A DETAILED WORK SCHEDULE AND SUMMARY THAT SPECIFIES DATES FOR COMPLETION.

#### GRANT RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES OF PROFESSIONAL

A survey must be conducted in accordance with the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO) Guidelines for Architectural Survey. The survey data must be input into a database provided by the NJHPO and mapping will be based on GIS data (Parcel Based format). The results of the survey shall be compiled in a report that presents intensive level research, eligibility findings, and summarizes the overall survey effort.

The Architectural Historian shall produce three (3) copies of all survey products defined below. The NJHPO shall receive one (1) complete hard copy and one electronic copy on CD-ROM for the set of the

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completed survey products and The Township of Cranbury will retain two (2) copies of the survey products for local use and a CD-ROM.

1. Recommendation Report:

Based on existing New Jersey and National Register Historic District Nominations the Architectural Historian shall prepare a recommendation report of the minimum 45 resources identified in the attachment as a block and not listing of historic properties to be surveyed to be surveyed at the Intensive Level and indicating whether they are to be surveyed individually or as part of the Cranbury Village Historic District. The report shall discuss the method and justification for the recommendations for the selected resources based on historical or architectural significance. Resources may include buildings, structures, bridges, and objects. The report must include a digital photograph for each resource. All photographs shall be submitted as digital images in .jpg file format with a minimum pixel array of 1200 by 1800 (approximately 4" by 6" at 300 dpi). Please refer to Survey Special Conditions section regarding photography below. Digital images shall be submitted on CD.

Prior to final completion, the Architectural Historian must submit the report both to the Township of Cranbury via the HPC Administrative Officer and to the NJHPO for review and approval prior to commencing the Intensive Level Survey.

2. Intensive Level Survey:

The Architectural Historian shall conduct an Intensive Level Survey consisting of:

- Preparation of NJHPO approved forms for a minimum of 45 resources identified in the attachment. All forms must be submitted as hard copy and on CD. The CD must include a Microsoft Access database in the data-structure provided by the NJHPO. The hard copy inventory forms will be generated from the database
- Preparation of element attachments and eligibility worksheets for those properties identified as potentially individually eligible
- Assessment of "key-contributing," "contributing", and "non-contributing" status for all properties surveyed as part of a historic district(s) and 200' historic buffer area

3. Intensive Level Survey Report:

The Architectural Historian shall prepare an Intensive Level Survey report in accordance with Section 3.5 of the NJHPO Guidelines for Architectural Survey. The survey report shall be comprised of a minimum of 15 pages of typewritten text (12 pt. type in a single-spaced format), not including survey forms, maps, photos and illustrations. The final report must be submitted to the Township as hard copy and on CD. The CD must be submitted in the data-structure provided by the NJHPO.

A minimum of two (2) drafts of the architectural survey shall be submitted to the NJHPO for review and comment. The NJHPO's comments shall be addressed in the final product.

**Survey Special Conditions:**

**Photography:**

Survey reports displaying digital images rather than original photographs must incorporate a sturdy sleeve containing a CD with all the digital images used in the report. The color digital image files in the CD must be in .jpg format and have a minimum pixel array of 1200 x 1800 (approximately 4" x 6" at 300 dpi). Photographs must be of sufficient visual quality and clarity to accurately convey the subject matter. The CD should be provided with the draft report. If a revised or final report is provided it should also incorporate a sleeve into which the CD initially provided that can be inserted. The digital images shall be incorporated in the Intensive-Level Survey and on the hard copy survey forms.

**GIS Mapping**



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- GIS Mapping must be based on Global Positioning System (GPS) data, or NJHPO Approved alternate method such as existing digital parcel maps.
- GPS data must be collected and submitted in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Geographic Information System Mapping and Digital Data Standards (Data Standards) and as follows:
  1. The GPS point shall be taken at the point at the curb or street edge at the center of the street frontage on the street on the street to which the property is addressed. Digital submissions must include
    - a. GPS data or approved alternate data;
    - b. Separate ArcView shapefiles based on that GPS or alternate data in the data structure provided by the HPO:
      - Historic District boundaries (polygons)—Where the Historic District boundary coincides with a municipal boundary, the Historic District Boundary and 200' Historic Buffer Area must overlay the municipal boundary exactly.
      - Property locations (points).
  2. Geospatial metadata sufficient to satisfy the metadata reporting requirements of the Data Standards referenced above. Metadata may be produced by the use of NJMetaLite, a metadata entry system designed and distributed by the NJDEP ENDEX project (see [www.state.nj.us/dep/gis](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis)).
  3. All digital data shall be submitted on CD in the formats referenced above:
    - a. The GIS data shall serve as the basis for creating the 2" x 3" location map. The location map shall be saved as a digital image in .jpg format that will be included on the hard copy forms.

**Meetings**

A minimum of three (3) meetings are to be a requirement. *The Architectural Historian should expect and be agreeable to attend additional meetings at HPC's request during the time frame when the work commences until the final report is accepted. These meetings will be held during the regular schedule HPC meeting agenda, and they should not exceed 5(five).* The consultant will submit the first Intensive Level Survey to the Historic Preservation Commission's Administrative Officer for review and feedback prior to the continuation of the surveys. HPC will have the opportunity to review the contents within its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The consultant and the municipal staff shall also schedule regular virtual status meetings with the HPO every 4 – 6 weeks.

To prepare such a document, the consultant must be available to meet with members of the Township of Cranbury HPC, Township Committee HPC Liaison, and /or the Planning and Zoning Boards and Township staff for at least one (1) kick off meeting prior to the beginning, one (1) meeting during the contract time supplying a copy of a completed property survey(s), and one (1) prior to the final development of the survey with an update and delivery date reporting.

Before final printing is authorized, the HPC, the Township of Cranbury Township Committee HPC Liaison, the Planning and Zoning Boards, the HPC AO and the NJHPO must review the draft.

All work period ends **September 30, 2023.**

Proposal received by Township Clerk on: \_\_\_\_\_

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March 9, 2023

Cranbury Township Resident

Re: Richard Grubb & Associates, LLC Intensive Level Survey of Proposed Properties in the Historic District

**Sent via U.S. Mail**

Dear Homeowner,

The Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission has secured a grant that will update the Historic District Inventory within Cranbury Township.

The grant project is to execute an Intensive Level Survey Inventory of historic properties located within Cranbury's Historic District.

This notice is to inform you that Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. is the consultant who will be working on the grant project from March 2023 to September 2023 and your property will be viewed from the sidewalk and or public right of way to gather information to perform and include on the field survey.

Once completed, this information will be sent to the NJ State Historic Preservation Office, the Historic Preservation Commission and will be included with Geographic Information System data mapping.

The Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission appreciates your cooperation and will make the information gathered for this grant available online once finalized at [www.cranburytownship.org/historic-preservation-commission](http://www.cranburytownship.org/historic-preservation-commission) and/or to those requesting it.

You may contact Robin Tillou, HPC Administrative Officer, at 609-664-3122 to address questions or concerns.

Regards,

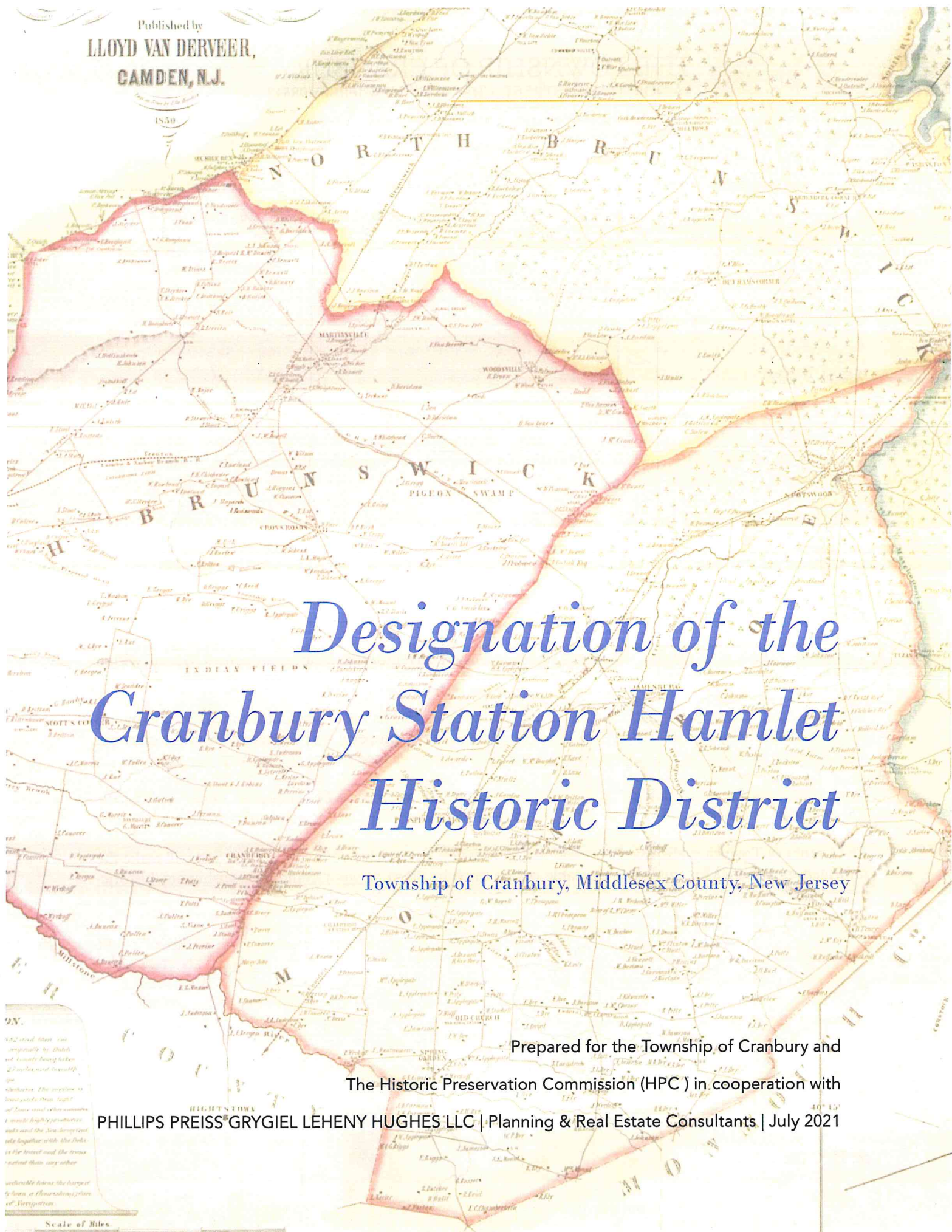
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# *Designation of the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District*

Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Prepared for the Township of Cranbury and

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) in cooperation with

PHILLIPS PREISS GRYGIEL LEHENY HUGHES LLC | Planning & Real Estate Consultants | July 2021





## Historic District Survey Form

### 1. NAME OF HISTORIC DISTRICT

Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District

### 2. LOCATION AND CURRENT OWNERSHIP

#### A. Block, Lot, Street Address, Current Ownership

BLOCK	LOT	STREET ADDRESS	CURRENT OWNERSHIP
13	2	96 and 96A Halsey Reed Road	Moody, Philip
13	3/4	92 Halsey Reed Road	Mondoker, Janice & Napurano, Deanne
13	5	90 Halsey Reed Road	Hamilton, Richard R & Susan C
13	7	88 Halsey Reed Road	Scarpulla, Brian A & Bossard, Emma M

#### B. Locational Description

The district consists of four homes located on the west side of Halsey Reed Road south of its junction with Station Road (Route 615). The homes date to the mid of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The district abuts the Camden and Amboy Railroad tracks to the west. The municipal border between Cranbury Township and Monroe Township runs down the center of Halsey Reed Road. To the west of the railroad tracks is the former Cranbury Station depot buildings. Land to the south is characterized by flat, open fields with few trees. To the west of the depot buildings is the New Jersey Turnpike (Interstate 95). To the northwest of the district are warehouse and laboratory buildings. To the east of the district in Monroe Township are single-family homes.

### 3. DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

#### A. CONDITION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed		

#### B. DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT

Cranbury township was formed in 1872 from parts of South Brunswick and Monroe Townships. About 1810, 15 houses, a tavern, store, church, hotel and mill comprised the hamlet of Cranbury. By 1834, rapid growth brought the number of dwellings to 60-80, and the town included two tanneries, two stores and an academy, besides the Presbyterian Church. The only other village in the township, on the border of Monroe and Cranbury, was Cranbury Station served by the Camden-Amboy Railroad.

The Camden-Amboy Railroad ran in a northeasterly-southwesterly direction through Cranbury Township. Service on the Camden-Amboy Railroad began in 1832 with horse-drawn cars until September 1833, when the wood-burning steam locomotive, John Bull, was put into service. The route from South Amboy to Camden was completed in 1834 with three round trips daily, two drawn by horse and one by locomotive. The locomotive trip took 7 hours whereas the horse-drawn car trip took 9 hours.

The railroad established the station in Cranbury in the 1830s. It took passengers and freight between Philadelphia and New York with a stop at Cranbury Station. There were two small buildings at the station, one for passengers and the other for freight awaiting transport. The freight building still stands along with some remnants of the rail lines. The freight building is a 6-bay, board and batten long frame structure elevated on masonry piers. The railroad helped fuel the agricultural economy in the southern part of Middlesex County in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The railroads made it easier for farmers to ship their produce, especially perishables like fruit, to market with greater speed than traditional modes of transportation allowed.

The Cranbury Station stop was connected by dirt road to Cranbury Village one mile to the west, and a stage wagon or coach shuttle was soon carrying passengers between the station and the village center. Heavier wagons carried farm produce to the depot at Cranbury Station. Under the impact of the transportation revolution, farmers were gradually changing from self-sufficient family farm to a larger proportion of cash crops for market. The changes in agriculture as well as transportation contributed to the economic growth and prosperity of Cranbury. In 1871, the Pennsylvania Railroad leased the property of the Camden & Amboy Railroad. The line continued to transport passengers and freight into the twentieth century. In 1938, passenger service from Camden to South Amboy was discontinued. In the 1980s, the track was removed along the line from Hightstown to a point just to the north of Brick Yard Road in Cranbury. Where it remains intact in the township, the line is used by diesel-powered freight operations.

Clusters of houses and storage buildings sprang up around the various railroad freight points such as at Cranbury Station. By 1880, a hamlet had grown around the Cranbury Station and included a general store and post office run by the families like the Applegates and Voorheeses. Several businesses were established in the hamlet including a blacksmith shop, a hay-pressing facility owned by William Perrine, and a hotel run first by the Applegates and then by the Pettys. There were also several residences built in the hamlet that are extant. Today, the hamlet area around Cranbury Station consists of mid to late nineteenth century frame vernacular residences. Historic maps indicate that construction of these homes took place between 1850 and 1861.

BLOCK	LOT	STREET ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE	ACREAGE	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
13	2	96 and 96A Halsey Reed Road		0.50	
13	3/4	92 Halsey Reed Road	The Brown House; Greek Revival; 2 stories; 5-bay rectangular house, synthetic siding	0.352	c. 1860s
13	5	90 Halsey Reed Road	5-bay rectangular house, synthetic siding	0.52	
13	7	88 Halsey Reed Road	5-bay rectangular house, synthetic siding	0.4321	c. 1854

See attached Designation forms for information on each contributing building in the historic district.



4. **SIGNIFICANCE**

A. **General**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE – CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology/ Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape/Architecture
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	

B. **National Register Criteria of Evaluation**

**National Register Criteria of Evaluation**

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C. That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**C. Criteria for Evaluation Per Section 93-3B of Township of Cranbury Code**

**93-3.B** Criteria for designation. The criteria for evaluating and designating historic districts and sites should be consistent with the National Register criteria. The Commission shall identify buildings, structures, objects and sites within the Township that merit designation and protection and that meet the criteria set forth in this chapter. The Commission or any interested party may recommend designation of historic sites or districts that have integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association and that meet one or more of the following criteria:

<b>X</b>	(1)	Character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the Township, state or nation.
<b>X</b>	(2)	Association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history.
	(3)	Association with the lives of persons significant in national, state or local history.
	(4)	Embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a type or period of construction, architecture, or engineering or of a method of construction.
	(5)	Identification with the work of a builder, designer, artist, architect or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the Township, state or nation.
	(6)	Embodiment of elements of design, detail, material or craftsmanship that render an improvement architecturally significant or structurally innovative.
<b>X</b>	(7)	Unique location or singular physical characteristics that make a district or site an established or familiar visual feature.
	(8)	Likelihood of yielding information important in prehistory or history.

**D. Statement of Significance**

Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District contains well preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century wood frame residential structures. Primarily vernacular in design the buildings nonetheless project an aesthetic appearance and many fine details. The homes are emblematic of hamlet centers which grew up around railroad freight stops in the 19<sup>th</sup> century representing the ascendancy of the railroad as a mode of transportation during this time which led to the expansion of agricultural markets and the development of rural communities such as Cranbury Township. It is this small assemblage of buildings—historically and architecturally—which sets the district apart from its surroundings which include modern single-family residential neighborhoods and warehouse buildings creating a historically significant hamlet.

**5. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Acreage of Nominated Properties:** 1.80 acres      **USGS QUAD:** Hightstown

**Verbal Boundary Description:**

Beginning at the western curb of Halsey Reed Road at the southeastern corner of Block 13, Lot 7 proceed northward to the northeastern corner of Block 13, Lot 2. Then proceed to the northeastern corner of Block 13, Lot 2. Then proceed to south along the back property lines of Block 13, Lots 6 and 2. Then proceed in an easterly direction along the southern lot line of Block 13, Lots 6 and 7 to the southeast corner of Block 13, Lot 7.



**Boundary Justification:**

The boundaries of the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District are justified. East of the district is Monroe Township. The district forms a triangular shape with the railroad tracks running in a northeasterly direction forming western and northern boundaries of the district. Beyond the western and northern boundaries are modern warehouses. Beyond the southern boundary the area becomes primarily agrarian and remains so until Brick Yard Road.

**6. FORM PREPARED BY**

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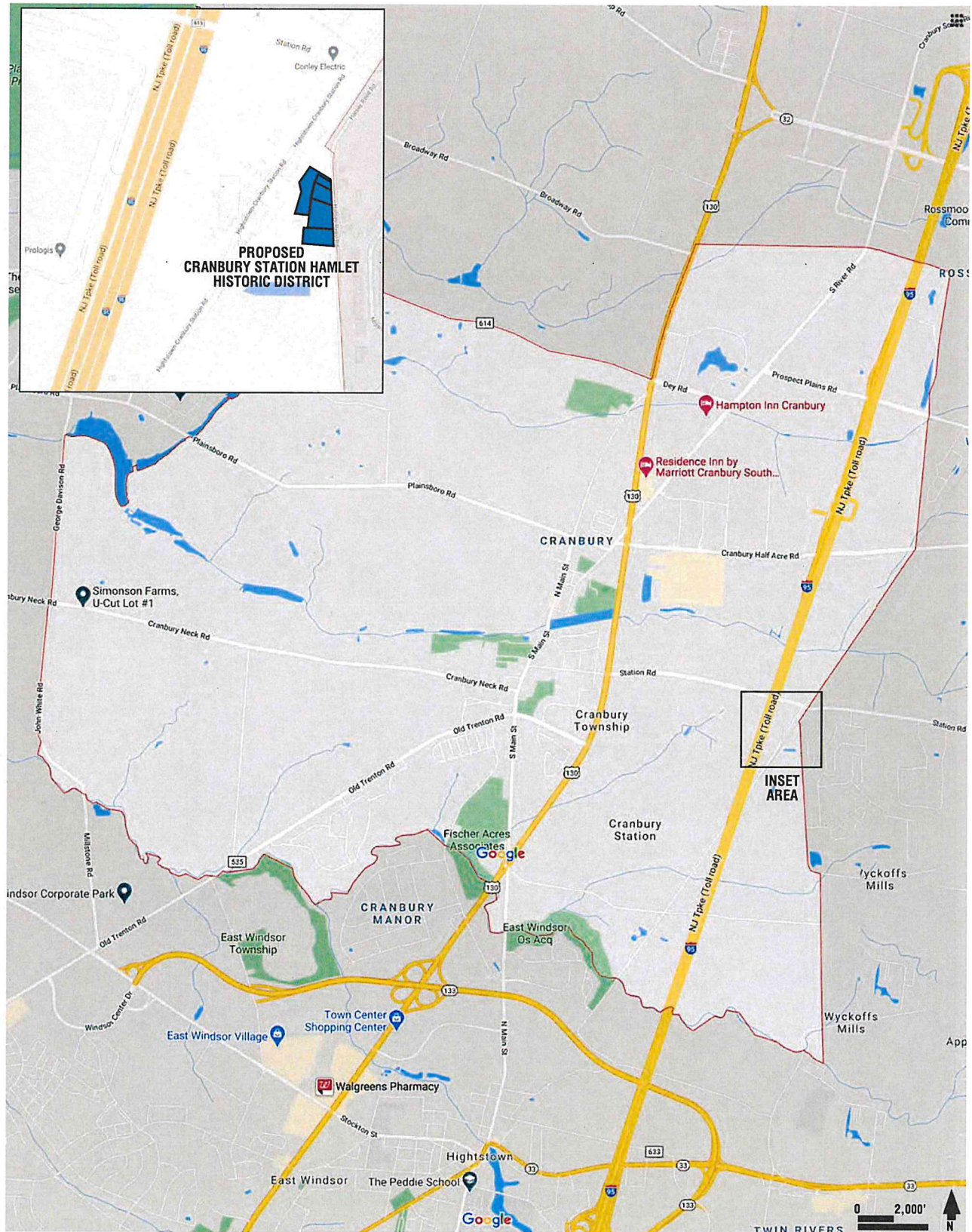
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**8. MAP OF HISTORIC DISTRICT**

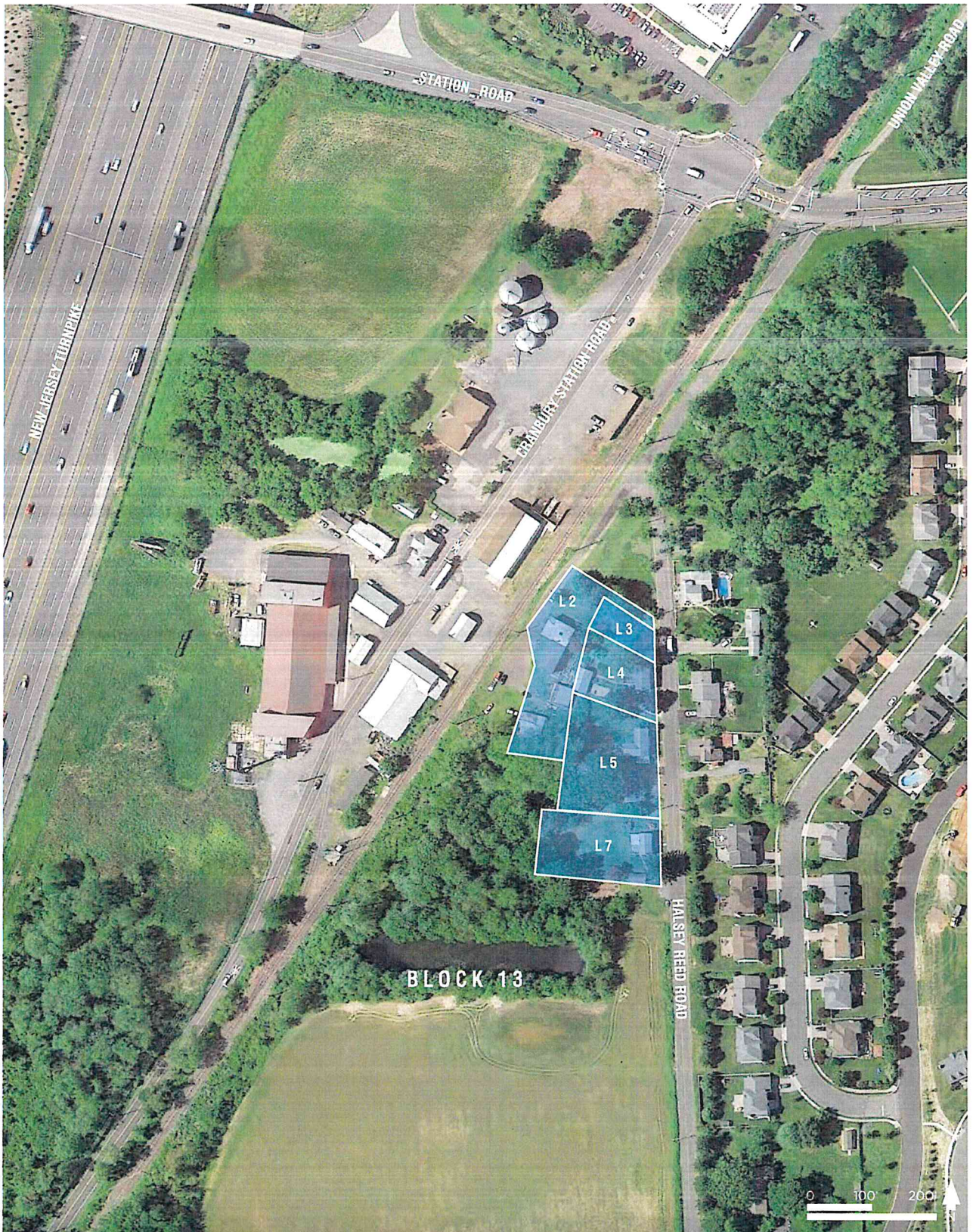
Please see attached maps of Historic District.

## Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District Location Map



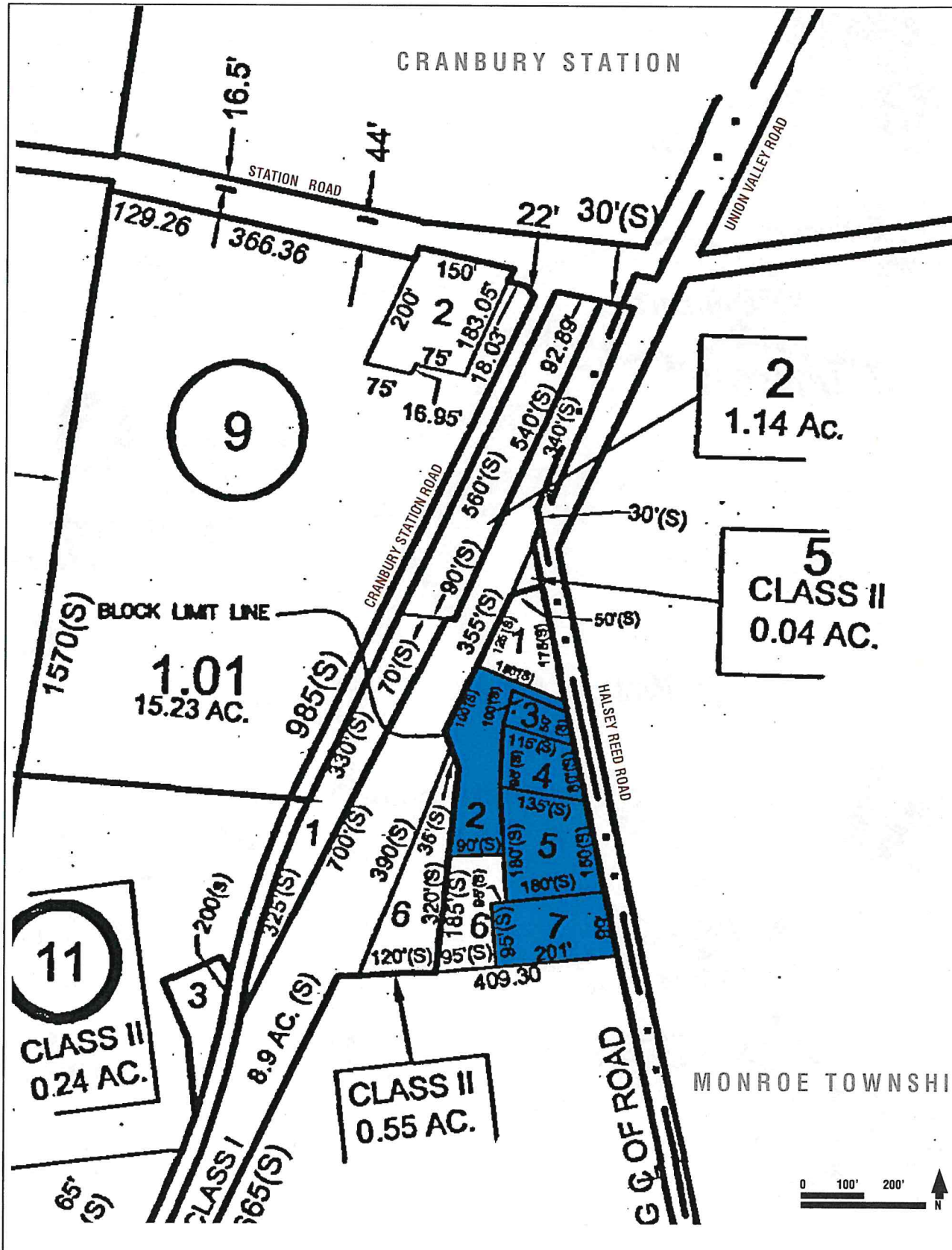


Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District Aerial Context



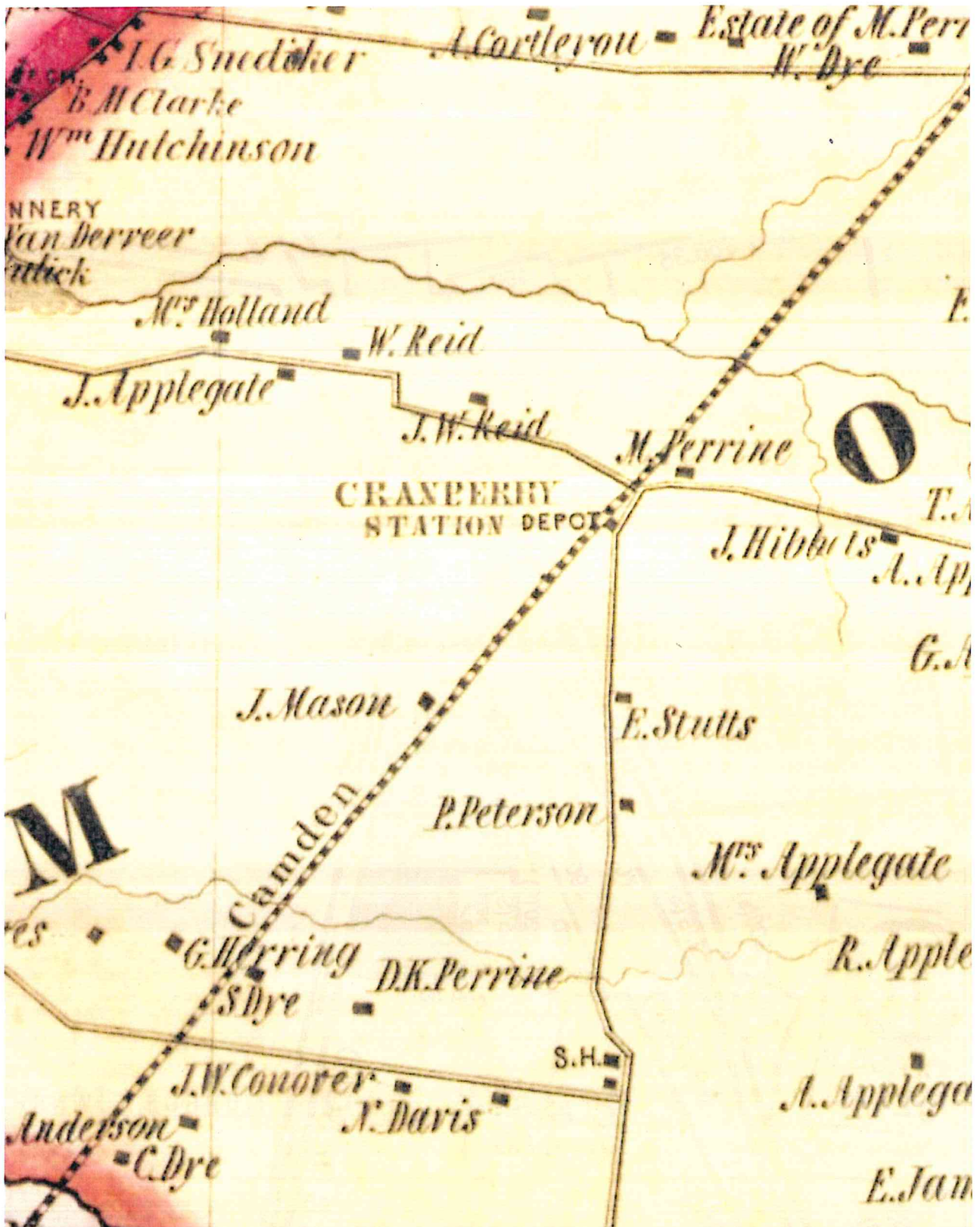


### Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District Tax Map



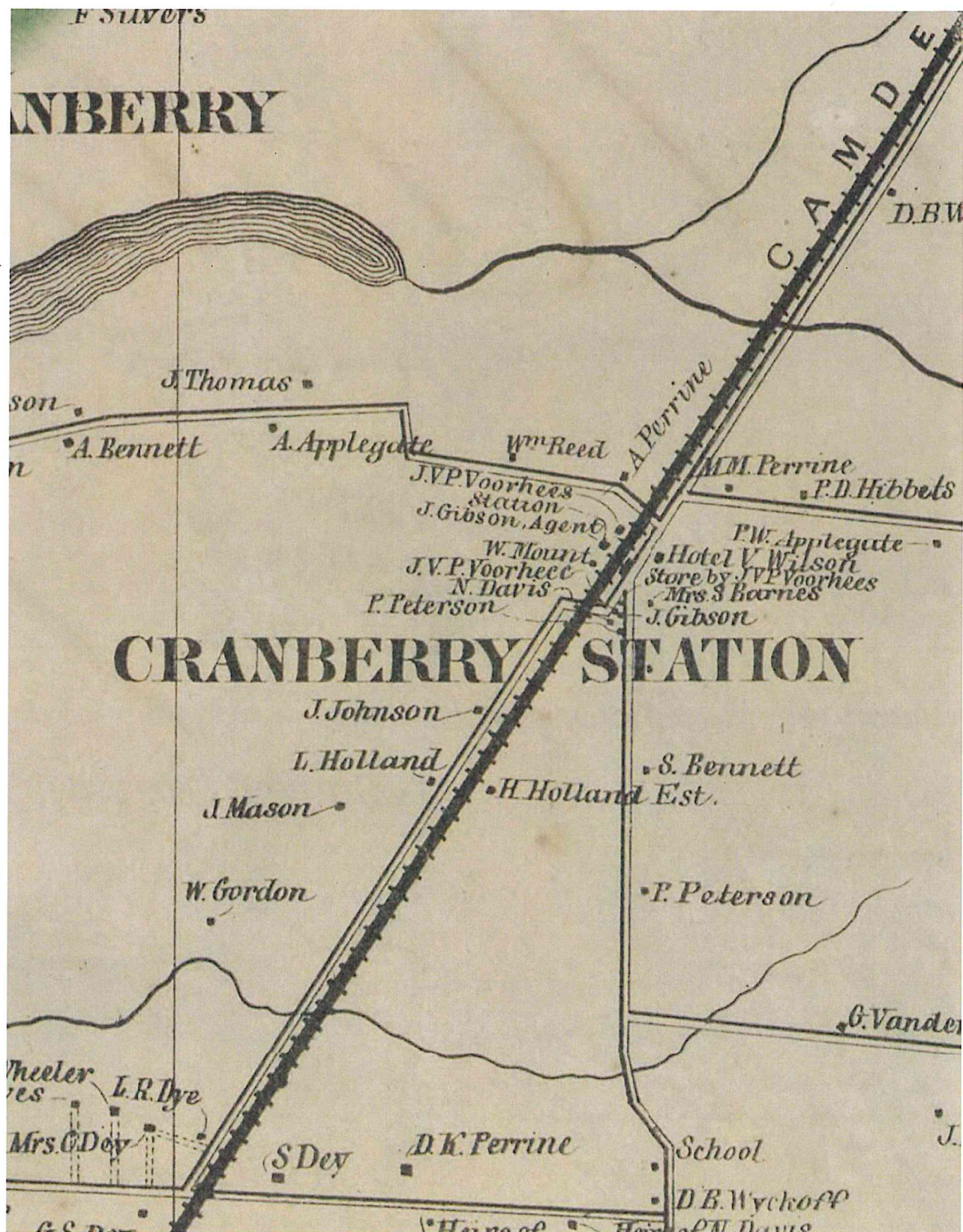


1850 Map of Cranbury Station



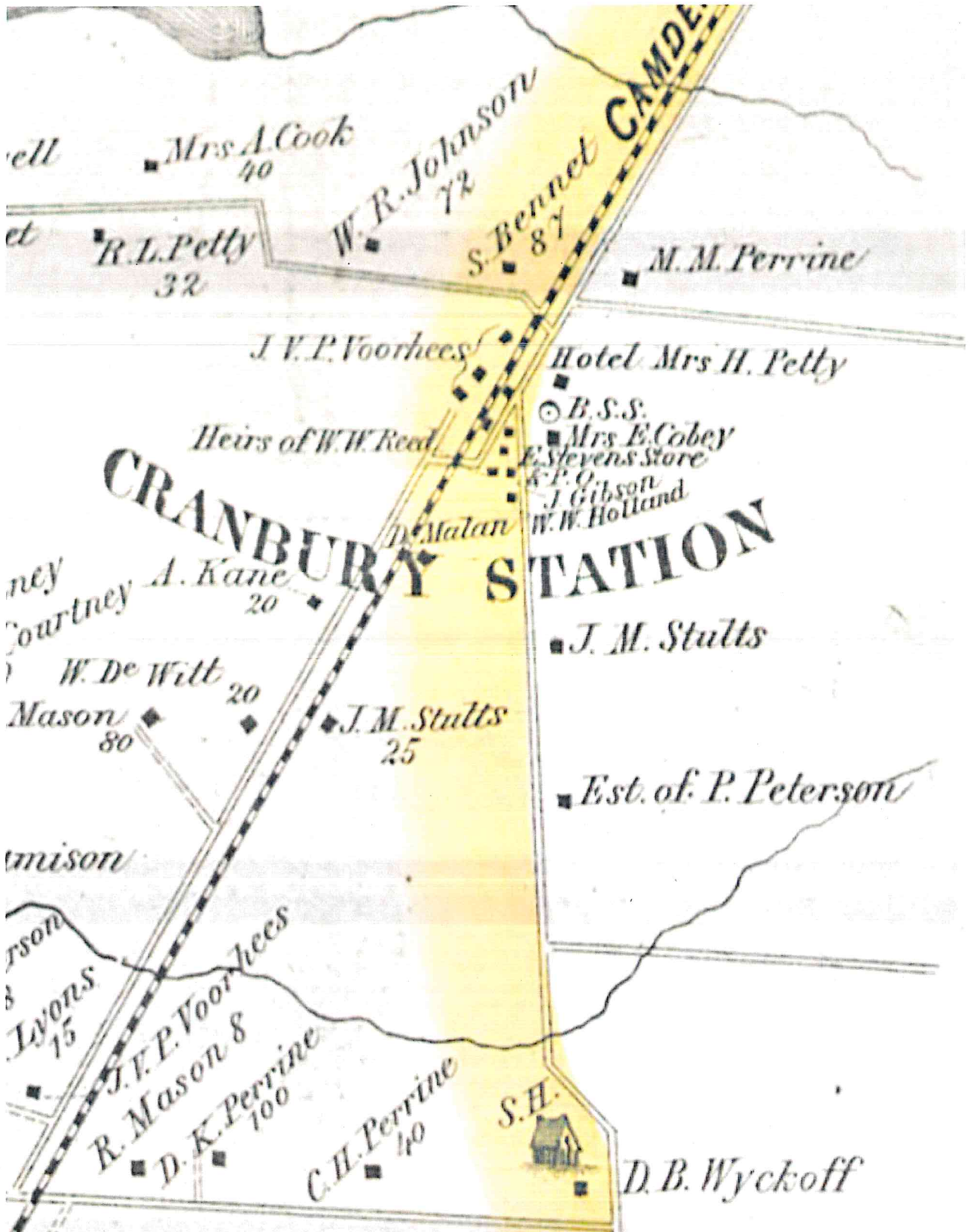
Source: [http://mapmaker.rutgers.edu/MIDDLESEX\\_COUNTY/Middlesex\\_1850\\_Wallmap/](http://mapmaker.rutgers.edu/MIDDLESEX_COUNTY/Middlesex_1850_Wallmap/)







1872 Map of Cranbury Station



Source: <https://library.princeton.edu/njmaps/counties/middlesex.html>

Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District Designation Forms For Each Contributing Building



- 1 Name of Property**  
Historic name: Ritter House (Frederick and Anna Ritter lived in this house 1959-2013, longer than any other inhabitant)
- 2 Location**  
Street & number: 88 Halsey Reed Road  
Block 13 Lot 7
- 3 Acreage of Property** 0.42
- 4 Use**  
Original Use: Residence Present Use: Residence
- 5 Description**  
Construction Date: c. 1854 Source of Construction Date: Original deed.  
Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  
Architectural Style: Greek Revival Form/Plan (handdrawn): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Stories: 2  
Foundation Materials: Fieldstone  
Exterior Wall Materials: Aluminum siding over asbestos siding over clapboard over ship lap pine.  
Fenestration  
Number of Bays: 4 Window Types: Double hung. Dual panes.  
Roof Shape: Side gable with slight eave Roof Materials: Shingles  
Chimney Materials: brick overhang.
- Additional Architectural Description: Center porch entry comprised of 4 square-shaped Doric columns and pedimented roof. Front door with transom light. Side chimney. Accessory, detached 1-story garage.



**6 List Any Additions/Alterations to Original Home:** Kitchen (downstairs) and bedroom (upstairs) added around 1890.

**7 Physical Condition:**  
☐ Excellent      ☒ Good      ☐ Fair      ☐ Poor

**8 Additional Comments:**

**9 Bibliography/References for Information Provided**

**10 Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria  
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for designation)

- ☐ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
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## **11** Integrity

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**1 Name of Property**

Historic name: 90 Halsey Reed Road

**2 Location**

Street & number: 90 Halsey Reed Road  
Block 13 Lot 5

**3 Acreage of Property** 0.52

**4 Use**

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

**5 Description**

Construction Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_

Architectural Style: Greek Revival

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation Materials: \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Wall Materials: Aluminum/vinyl

Fenestration

Number of Bays: 4

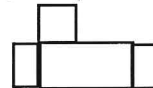
Roof Shape: Side gable with slight eave

Chimney Materials: \_\_\_\_\_ overhang.

Source of Construction Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

Form/Plan (handdrawn):



Window Types: Double hung. Dual panes

Roof Materials: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Architectural Description: Center entry. Broken pediment door surround with 4 side lights on each side of the door and 5 lights above the door and supporting pilasters. Ground floor windows on either side of entry are off-center from windows on second story and frame the doorway. There is a one-story, side porch, a side chimney and detached 2-story, 2-bay garage.

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## Designation of the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District

Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey



### 6 List Any Additions/Alterations to Original Home:

### 7 Physical Condition:

☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

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- 1 Name of Property**  
Historic name: The Brown House
- 2 Location**  
Street & number: 92 Halsey Reed Road  
Block 13 Lot 3&4
- 3 Acreage of Property** 0.35
- 4 Use**  
Original Use: Residence Present Use: Residence
- 5 Description**  
Construction Date: c. 1850s Source of Construction Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  
Architectural Style: Greek Revival Form/Plan (handdrawn): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Stories: 2  
Foundation Materials: Brick  
Exterior Wall Materials: Wood clapboard and other  
Fenestration  
Number of Bays: 5 Window Types: 1/1; 2/2; 6/6; Double-hung w. antique glass.  
Roof Shape: Side gable with slight eave Roof Materials: Asphalt shingle- main house;  
Chimney Materials: Brick overhang. Contoured tin- front porch  
Corrugated metal- converted barn  
Additional Architectural Description: Center porch entry comprised of 4 square-shaped columns supporting flat roof finished with a simple entablature. At the top of the columns are brackets supporting the portico roof entablature. White fencing connects the columns. Front door with transom light. Side chimneys at both ends of the home.  
Side chimney. Accessory, detached 1-story garage.  
Accessory buildings include: chicken coop/garden shed; 2.5 seat outhouse used for storage; 600 square foot converted barn.



**6 List Any Additions/Alterations to Original Home:**

**7 Physical Condition:**

☒ Excellent      ☐ Good      ☐ Fair      ☐ Poor

**8 Additional Comments:**

Built by the Brown family, who ran a general goods store in Cranbury Station hamlet area.

**9 Bibliography/References for Information Provided**

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**1 Name of Property**  
Historic name: 96 Halsey Reed Road (original owner: John V.P. Voorhees)

**2 Location**  
Street & number: 96 and 96A Halsey Reed Road  
Block 13 Lot 3

**3 Acreage of Property** 0.5

**4 Use**  
Original Use: Residence/Commercial Present Use: Residence

**5 Description**  
Construction Date: c. 1850 Source of Construction Date: 1861 map of Middlesex County  
Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  
Architectural Style: Greek Revival Form/Plan: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Stories: 2  
Foundation Materials: concrete  
Exterior Wall Materials: Vinyl over wood clapboard  
Fenestration  
Number of Bays: 3 Window Types: Double-hung  
Roof Shape: Hipped Roof Materials: Asphalt  
Chimney Materials: Brick

 Rectangular footprint with a modern rectangular addition

Additional Architectural Description: Center porch entry comprised of 4 spindle columns topped by double square blocks supporting pediment roof. The property includes a wagon house and additional concrete structure. The historic entrance included a foyer with a door to each separate room. The home was converted from 2-family to 1-family residence prior to 1960.

**6 List Any Additions/Alterations to Original Home:**

**7 Physical Condition:**

☐ Excellent      ☒ Good      ☐ Fair      ☐ Poor

**8 Additional Comments:**

The home first appears cartographically on the 1861 map of Middlesex County, owned by John V.P. Voorhees. The map also included the John V.P. Voorhees General Store on the side of the property, which has since been demolished. The dwelling faces the railroad tracks. The original driveway went alongside the home from Halsey Reed Road, but was re-routed to the initial bend Halsey Reed Road in the 1900's. The original mail stop remains.

**9 Bibliography/References for Information Provided**

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**TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-21-14**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY CODIFYING THE CRANBURY  
VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND THE CRANBURY STATION HAMLET  
HISTORIC DISTRICT IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AND  
CREATION NEW SECTION 150-117 IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
CRANBURY**

**WHEREAS**, on July 20, 2021, the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held a public hearing to approve the designation of the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District and to make modifications to the boundaries of the existing Cranbury Village Historic District; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal passed unanimously with no additional public comments; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed designation works directly toward the 2019 Cranbury Township Master Plan Reexamination Report objectives, specifically Objective 2 under Historic Preservation, which states:

Consider adding Cranbury Station Hamlet as an Historic District and subject to review by HPC. At the community meeting in April 2019, a contingent of residents of the hamlet and those in the surrounding area, indicated that the hamlet area was indeed historic. As a means to protect and preserve this historic resource, the Township should work with the HPC to determine whether the hamlet should be designated as an historic district similar to the downtown historic district in Cranbury.

**WHEREAS**, the HPC, and the Township Committee, recognize the historic value of the Camden Amboy rail line and station which are adjacent to the approximately 100-year-old homes on Halsey Reed Road, and have played in important role in Cranbury's vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the houses identified in the report, entitled "Amendment to the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan for Cranbury Township: Designation of Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District and Modifications to the Existing Cranbury Village Historic District" have been documented as associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the Township's history and embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranbury Station Historic District shall be comprised of four homes located on the west side of Halsey Reed Road South of its junction with Station Road (Route 615), and four homes are more specifically identified as:

Block 13, Lot 2 – 96 and 96A Halsey Reed Road  
Block 13, Lots 3 and 4 – 92 Halsey Reed Road

Block 13, Lot 5 – 90 Halsey Reed Road  
Block 13, Lot 7 – 88 Halsey Reed Road

**WHEREAS**, the following modifications shall be made to the Cranbury Village Historic District:

1. Designate the following entire tax lots of parcels currently partially in the historic district as contributing historic resources to the Cranbury Village Historic District:

- Block 23, Lot 36 – 1 Prospect Street
- Block 23, Lot 35 – 5 Prospect Street
- Block 23, Lot 63.011 – 23 North Main Street
- Block 33, Lot 68 – Brainerd Lake

2. Designate the following entire tax lots of parcels currently partially in the historic district as non-contributing historic resources:

- Block 18, Lot 13 – 12 A, B, and C Station Road
- Block 18, Lot 36.01 – 22 Station Road

3. Remove from the Cranbury Historic District portions of the following tax lots currently partially in the District:

- Block 33, Lot 64 – A portion of 38A Maplewood Avenue which is the driveway to Village Park
- Block 23, Lot 95 – A portion of 24 Wynnewood Drive which is a portion of the Cranbury Brook Preserve

4. Remove from the Cranbury Historic District portions of Bennett Place no part of Block 33, Lot 13.05.

**WHEREAS**, Section 93-3(C)(10) of the Code of the Township of Cranbury states: “After Planning Board review and adoption of a revised historic preservation element of the Cranbury Township Master Plan that includes the historic sites and districts, the Commission shall submit the list of proposed historic sites and districts and a map to the Township Committee for adoption to amend the Land Development Ordinance. In the event that the Planning Board does not recommend inclusion of the sites or districts in the historic preservation element, the Commission may nevertheless request that the Township Committee consider designation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-65.1”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury now seeks to codify the designations of both the Cranbury Village Historic District and the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District; and

**WHEREAS**, the location of the Cranbury Village Historic District is indicated on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A; and



**WHEREAS**, the location of the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District is indicated on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**NOW THEREFORE, BET IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in Middlesex County, New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Article XI, entitled “Historic Districts,” and Section 150-117, entitled “Historic Districts Designated” shall be added to the Township Code of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

Article XI Historic Districts

§ 150-117 Historic Districts Designated

A. The “Cranbury Village Historic District” shall be designated as an historic district within the Township of Cranbury. The Cranbury Village Historic District shall consist of those properties, or parts thereof, designated on the plan entitled “Proposed Amendment to the Cranbury Village Historic District and Buffer” and as is fully described in the “2021 Amendment to the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan for Cranbury Township.”

B. The “Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District” shall be designated as an historic district within the Township of Cranbury. The Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District shall consist of those properties, or parts thereof, designated on the plan entitled “Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District Location Map” and as is fully described in the 2021 Amendment to the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan for Cranbury Township.”

**Section 2. Repealer.** All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any part, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase, clause, term, or word of this ordinance is declared or held invalid or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such part, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase, clause, term, or word shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such declaration or holding shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other part, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase, clause, term, or word of this ordinance, and this ordinance is declared severable.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after its final passage and following filing with the Middlesex County Planning Board.

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on November 22, 2021. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a

meeting of the governing body to be held remotely via Zoom (access information on agenda) on December 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request the same, as well as, on the Township's website: [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org).

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DEBRA A. RUBIN, RMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK



EXHIBIT A

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CRANBURY VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND BUFFER

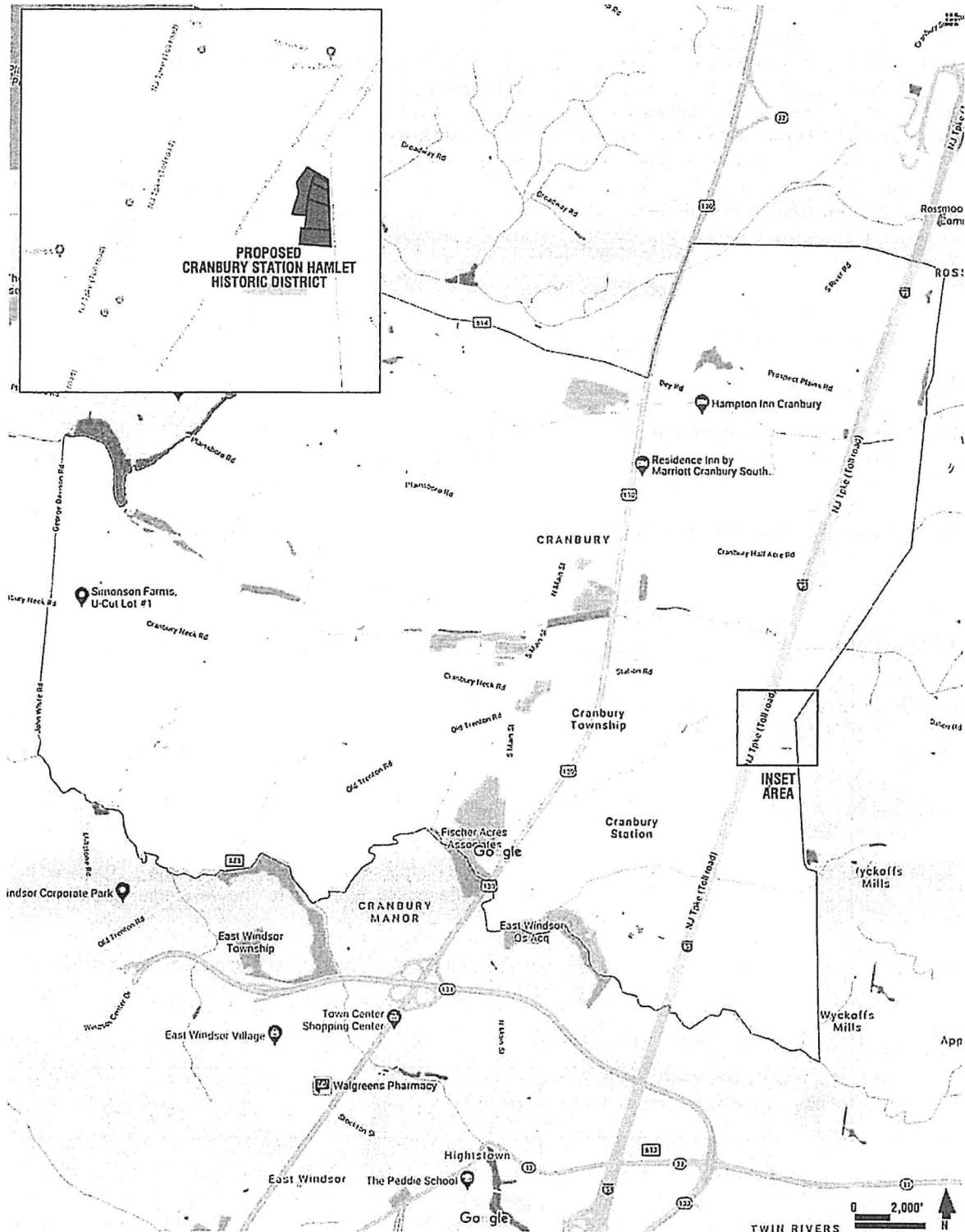
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EXHIBIT B

### Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District Location Map





## APPENDIX B: SUMMARY OF NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

1. State and National Registers of Historic Places Criteria
2. Criteria of Adverse Effect

### 1. State and National Registers of Historic Places Criteria

Significant historic properties include districts, structures, objects, or sites that are at least 50 years of age and meet at least one National Register criterion. Criteria used in the evaluation process are specified in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Part 60, National Register of Historic Places (36 CFR 60.4). To be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, a historic property(s) must possess:

the quality of significance in American History, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture [that] is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and:

- a) that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, or
- b) that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past, or
- c) that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction, or
- d) that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history (36 CFR 60.4).

There are several criteria considerations. Ordinarily, cemeteries, birthplaces, or graves of historical figures, properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. However, such properties will qualify if they are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:

- a) a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance, or
- b) a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event, or
- c) a birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no other appropriate site or building directly associated with his/her productive life, or
- d) a cemetery which derives its primary significance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events, or
- e) a reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived, or

- f) a property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own historic significance, or
- g) a property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance. (36 CFR 60.4)

When conducting National Register evaluations, the physical characteristics and historic significance of the overall property are examined. While a property in its entirety may be considered eligible based on Criteria A, B, C, and/or D, specific data is also required for individual components therein based on date, function, history, and physical characteristics, and other information. Resources that do not relate in a significant way to the overall property may contribute if they independently meet the National Register criteria.

A contributing building, site, structure, or object adds to the historic architectural qualities, historic associations, or archeological values for which a property is significant because a) it was present during the period of significance, and possesses historic integrity reflecting its character at that time or is capable of yielding important information about the period, or b) it independently meets the National Register criteria. A non-contributing building, site, structure, or object does not add to the historic architectural qualities, historic associations, or archeological values for which a property is significant because a) it was not present during the period of significance, b) due to alterations, disturbances, additions, or other changes, it no longer possesses historic integrity reflecting its character at that time or is incapable of yielding important information about the period, or c) it does not independently meet the National Register criteria.

Archaeological sites are frequently eligible for inclusion on the National Register under Criterion D. The application of Criterion D to archaeological sites is based on a researcher's assessment of a particular site's significance and whether a particular site is likely to yield important information for the reconstruction of past lifeways (Glassow 1977; Talmage and Chesler 1977; Raab and Klinger 1977; Moratto and Kelly 1978; Raab 1981; Tainter and Lucas 1983; Shott 1987).

Raab and Klinger (1977) have argued that significance should be measured in terms of a site's potential to provide information on specific research issues that are carefully formulated based on prior research studies. Glassow (1977) and Tainter and Lucas (1983) have argued that significance should be judged on the theory neutral dimensions of variety, quantity, clarity, integrity, and environmental context. An archaeological site is evaluated as significant when it possesses the potential to address important research issues and the integrity to convey this significance.

The empirical dimensions of a site, including the presence of sufficient data sets to address significant research issues, must be considered to determine integrity. Only sites possessing both the potential to address specific research questions coupled with integrity are considered significant (King 1998:77; Little 1997:179-180; Little et al. 2000; National Park Service 1995:44-46).

## 2. Criteria of Adverse Effect

Whenever a historic property may be affected by a proposed undertaking, Federal agency officials must assess whether the project constitutes an adverse effect on the historic property by applying the criteria of adverse effect. According to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the criteria of adverse effect (36 CFR 800.5), is as follows:

- (1) An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that would qualify it for inclusion in the National Register, in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association. Consideration shall be given to all qualifying characteristics of a historic property, including those



that may have been identified subsequent to the original evaluation for the property's eligibility for the National Register. Adverse effects may include reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance or cumulative.

(2) Adverse effects on historic properties include, but are not limited to (36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)):

- i) Physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property;
- ii) Alteration of a property, including restoration, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, stabilization, hazardous material remediation and provision of handicapped access, that is not consistent with the Secretary's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR part 68) and applicable guidelines;
- iii) Removal of the property from its historic location;
- iv) Change of the character of the property's use or of physical features within the property's setting that contribute to its historic significance;
- v) Introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features;
- vi) Neglect of a property which causes its deterioration, except where such neglect and deterioration are recognized qualities of a property of religious and cultural significance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization; and
- vii) Transfer, lease, or sale of property out of Federal ownership or control without adequate and legally enforceable restrictions or conditions to ensure long-term preservation of the property's historic significance.

A finding of adverse effect or no adverse effect could occur based on the extent of alteration to a historic property, and the proposed treatment measures to mitigate the effects of a proposed undertaking. According to 36 CFR 800.5(3)(b):

The agency official, in consultation with the SHPO/THPO, may propose a finding of no adverse effect when the undertaking's effects do not meet the criteria of § 800.5(a)(1) or the undertaking is modified or conditions are imposed, such as the subsequent review of plans for rehabilitation by the SHPO/THPO to ensure consistency with the Secretary's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR part 68) and applicable guidelines, to avoid adverse effects.

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## **APPENDIX C: QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**



**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

With this firm: 2019-Present

**EDUCATION**

MA 2019  
Savannah College of Art  
and Design  
Preservation Design

BS 2018  
Philadelphia University  
Architectural Studies

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

NJ TRANSIT Safety  
Training

**LAUREN DUNKLE  
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN (36 CFR 61)**

Lauren A. Dunkle's experience includes historical research and writing, architectural surveys and analysis, and National Register nominations. Ms. Dunkle has worked on cultural resources surveys completed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and other municipal and state cultural resource regulations. She has experience using the computer-aided mapping programs including ArcGIS and AutoCAD. Ms. Dunkle's educational and professional experience meet the qualifications set forth in the Secretary of Interior's Standards for an Architectural Historian [36 CFR 61].

**REPRESENTATIVE PROJECT EXPERIENCE:**

**Middlesex County River Road Improvements, Piscataway Township, Middlesex County, NJ (Sponsor: Middlesex County)** Architectural Historian for various mitigation measures performed in connection with the proposed improvements of River Road, a contributing resource to the Road Up Raritan Historic District. Project tasks included historical research, composition of a written history, design consultation, and preparation of an interpretive sign. Research included visiting local repositories to review archival documents such as historic maps and photographs.

**Burlington County Historic Smithville Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Enhancements and Traffic Calming Improvements Project, Dunham Lane to Powell Road, Southampton and Eastampton Townships, Burlington County, NJ (Sponsor: Burlington County)** As Assistant Architectural Historian, researched and composed a site development history and historic context for multiple subject parcels located within Smithville as part of a Phase II archaeological survey performed in connection with Burlington County's Historic Smithville Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Enhancements and Traffic Calming Improvements Project at Dunham Lane to Powell Road. Primary document research included the review of deeds, wills, and probate record to reconstruct the ownership history and land use of the subject parcels from the early eighteenth century through the twenty-first century.

**Clifton Broad North, LLC Arch Culvert, Former Hepburn Road over the Third River, City of Clifton, Passaic County, NJ (Sponsor: Clifton Broad North, LLC)** Architectural Historian for the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) recordation of the late-nineteenth century Hepburn Road Culvert (CBN LLL Arch Culvert) spanning Third River in the City of Clifton. The work was undertaken to comply with the



conditions of a New Jersey Freshwater Wetlands Permit and as a mitigation measure in advance of its proposed replacement.

**Wireless Collocation at 300 Broadway, City of Newark, Essex County, NJ (Sponsor: U.S. Cellular)** Architectural Historian for a visual effects assessment for a proposed wireless collocation project proposed to be located on a mid-1920s commercial building at 300 Broadway in the City of Newark. Delineated the Area of Potential Effects for Visual Effects and assessed the potential National Register eligibility for the condominium building. Determined that no historic properties would be adversely affected by the undertaking.

## APPENDIX D: NEW JERSEY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE SURVEY FORMS

Appendix D provides a listing of the resources located in the survey area (Tables D1 and D2). The resources are sorted by address. The "classification" column provides following information:

1. **Key-Contributing:** Resources that contribute to the Cranbury Historic District or Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District and appear to be individually eligible to be listed in the NRHP. They must contain a high degree of architectural integrity and be at least 50 years of age.
2. **Contributing:** Resources containing primary resources that are over 50 years of age and which contribute to the Cranbury Historic District or Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District.
3. **Non-Contributing:** Resources that are recommended non-contributing to the Cranbury Historic District or Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District. This category includes historic resources that fit into the following categories:
  - i. Properties on which the primary building is less than 50 years of age.
  - ii. Properties containing historic buildings that have been altered to a point they have lost their architectural integrity.
  - iii. Properties containing primary resources constructed after the end of the district's Period of Significance.



Table D.1: Surveyed Resources in the Cranbury Historic District.

Page #	Address #	Street	Resource Name	Construction Date	Block/Lot	Status	Property ID
D-1	2	Barclay Street	2 Barclay Street	Circa 1929	25/24	Non-Contributing	1226915908
D-6	17	Bunker Hill Drive	Micajah Voorhees House	1819	23/14.02	Contributing	967755152
D-14	5	Cranbury Neck Road	5 Cranbury Neck Road	Circa 1929	21/4.02	Non-Contributing	1825709576
D-18	8	Cranbury Neck Road	8 Cranbury Neck Road	Circa 1928	23/93	Contributing	-893430922
D-23	10	Cranbury Neck Road	10 Cranbury Neck Road	Circa 1932	23/94	Contributing	1105885033
D-28	12	Cranbury Neck Road	12 Cranbury Neck Road	Circa 1933	23/107	Contributing	-381209426
D-32	N/A	Main Street	Brainerd Lake	1736	33/68	Contributing	1509831717
D-38	N/A	Main Street	Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook	1896	N/A	Contributing	-1051934152
D-43	23	North Main Street	Old Cranbury School	1896	23/63.011	Key-Contributing	1744379024
D-52	109	North Main Street	109 North Main Street	1963	25/29.02	Non-Contributing	-1170876807
D-56	111	North Main Street	111 North Main Street	1963	25/29.01	Non-Contributing	-1094944525
D-60	112	North Main Street	112 North Main Street	Circa 1950	26.01/18	Non-Contributing	-1448494467
D-64	113	North Main Street	113 North Main Street	Circa 1910	25/28	Non-Contributing	160980960
D-69	114	North Main Street	114 North Main Street	Circa 1952	26.01/19	Non-Contributing	770447969
D-73	115	North Main Street	115 North Main Street	Circa 1910	25/27	Non-Contributing	-1719866505
D-77	116	North Main Street	116 North Main Street	Circa 1950	26.01/20	Non-Contributing	1050809850
D-81	118	North Main Street	118 North Main Street	Circa 1952	26.01/21	Non-Contributing	-2091715752
D-85	119	North Main Street	119 North Main Street	Circa 1948	25/26	Non-Contributing	-1519138546
D-90	120	North Main Street	120 North Main Street	Circa 1955	26.01/22	Non-Contributing	-287173101
D-94	121	North Main Street	121 North Main Street	Circa 1948	25/25	Non-Contributing	-1473882398
D-99	122	North Main Street	122 North Main Street	Circa 1950	26.01/23	Non-Contributing	-1718905672
D-103	124	North Main Street	Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House	1937	26.01/24	Key-Contributing	-817081925
D-111	126	North Main Street	126 North Main Street	Circa 1928	26.01/25	Contributing	-880121434
D-115	127	North Main Street	127 North Main Street	Circa 1951	25/23	Non-Contributing	-1536112412
D-119	128	North Main Street	128 North Main Street	Circa 1958	26.01/63	Non-Contributing	351760176

Table D.1: Surveyed Resources in the Cranbury Historic District.

Page #	Address #	Street	Resource Name	Construction Date	Block/Lot	Status	Property ID
D-123	130	North Main Street	130 North Main Street	Circa 1980	26.01/67	Non-Contributing	-1688606286
D-128	131	North Main Street	131 North Main Street	Circa 1926	25/22	Contributing	-843074001
D-133	135	North Main Street	135 North Main Street	Circa 1925	25/20	Contributing	459761990
D-137	138	North Main Street	138 North Main Street	Circa 1960	26.01/26	Non-Contributing	2006279157
D-141	139	North Main Street	139 North Main Street	1929	25/20	Contributing	759326031
D-146	140	North Main Street	140 North Main Street	Circa 1945	26.01/27	Non-Contributing	-1708055801
D-150	143	North Main Street	Ezekiel Silvers House	1840	25/19.02	Non-Contributing	-71750992
D-157	144	North Main Street	144 North Main Street	Circa 1936	26.01/28	Contributing	22030357
D-161	148	North Main Street	148 North Main Street	Circa 1989	26.01/29.28	Non-Contributing	701278430
D-165	152	North Main Street	152 North Main Street	Circa 1990	26.01/29.29	Non-Contributing	-647779471
D-170	156	North Main Street	156 North Main Street	Circa 1989	26/29.01	Non-Contributing	-1992032181
D-174	163	North Main Street	163 North Main Street	Circa 1981	25/87	Non-Contributing	517698108
D-177	167	North Main Street	167 North Main Street	1982	25/18.02	Non-Contributing	1000286939
D-182	175	North Main Street	175 North Main Street	Circa 1945	25/17.01	Non-Contributing	725305984
D-186	N/A	North Main Street	North Main Street Agricultural Field	N/A	25/19.01	Contributing	1690302342
D-189	103	Plainsboro Road	103 Plainsboro Road	2015	28/17	Non-Contributing	-1062717435
D-193	1	Prospect Street	William B. Reed House	Circa 1861	23/36	Key-Contributing	-187713658
D-201	5	Prospect Street	Bunting House	Circa 1855	23/35, 23/114	Contributing	987093661
D-209	14	Prospect Street	14 Prospect Street	Circa 1950	28/15	Non-Contributing	-81365927
D-213	16	Prospect Street	16 Prospect Street	Circa 1880	28/16	Non-Contributing	21122540
D-217	18	Prospect Street	18 Prospect Street	Circa 1964	28/20	Non-Contributing	-801080422
D-222	59	South Main Street	59 South Main Street	1826	18/36.02	Contributing	-27584383
D-227	12A	Station Road	12A Station Road	Circa 1875	18/13	Non-Contributing	-635474467
D-230	22	Station Road	22 Station Road	Circa 1960	18/36.01	Non-Contributing	1079547543
D-234	36	Station Road	36 Station Road	Circa 1985	18/20.22	Non-Contributing	-572686700
D-238	38	Station Road	38 Station Road	Circa 1985	18/20.21	Non-Contributing	-1742884929
D-242	40	Station Road	40 Station Road	Circa 1860	18/38	Key-Contributing	-1232087538



Table D.2: Surveyed Resources in the Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District.

Page #	Address #	Street	Resource Name	Construction Date	Block/Lot	Status	Property ID
D-253	88	Halsey Reed Road	88 Halsey Reed Road	Circa 1854	13/7	Contributing	1584861898
D-258	90	Halsey Reed Road	90 Halsey Reed Road	Circa 1880	13/5	Contributing	-130745203
D-263	92	Halsey Reed Road	92 Halsey Reed Road	Circa 1855	13/3, 4	Contributing	-699414141
D-269	96	Halsey Reed Road	96 Halsey Reed Road	Circa 1850	13/2	Non-Contributing	556597540

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1226915908

Property Name: 2 Barclay Street  
Address: 2 Barclay ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	24

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

2 Barclay Street is a two-story-tall, three-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1929 as a one-story Bungalow and raised to two stories in the 1980s. The dwelling consists of a front-gabled main block and a one-story-tall, three-bay-wide, gable-roof addition on the rear (northeast) elevation (built circa 2019). An exterior brick chimney extends above the northwest elevation and an interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridge of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding, with vinyl board and batten on the first floor of the primary (southwest) and northwest elevations. Windows generally consist of single and paired, vinyl-sash replacement units set within vinyl surrounds. The central, primary entrance contains a wood panel door with three lights (possibly original). A one-story, wraparound porch extends along the primary and northwest elevations (built circa 2019). The porch has a hipped roof covered with standing-seam metal panels and is supported by square vinyl posts. Vinyl railings flank the central stairway providing access to the porch. Centered on the southeast elevation is a one-and-one-half-story, front-gabled projecting bay. A secondary entrance is located on the southeast elevation of the rear addition. Sheltered by a front-gabled portico and accessed by a small wood deck, it contains a metal storm door and a modern wood door. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands atop a parged foundation.

A one-story-tall, one-bay-wide, frame garage, built circa 1935, is located approximately 25 feet northwest of the dwelling. Capped with an asphalt-shingle, front-gabled roof, the garage is clad in vinyl siding. A single, metal roll-top door is centered on the primary (southwest) elevation.

History: 2 Barclay Street was constructed circa 1929 and is an example of an early twentieth-century vernacular dwelling in Cranbury. In 1929, Ernest E. Campbell purchased the subject property as an empty lot from Ezekiel S. Barclay (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1929 Deed Book 963:201). The subject dwelling, originally a one-story Bungalow, was likely constructed shortly thereafter (Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission 2023). The 1930 federal census lists Ernest Campbell, his wife, Mary, and their two children as residents of the subject dwelling. Campbell was employed as a life insurance agent (United States Census Bureau 1930). The dwelling first appears on a 1930 aerial photograph in nearly its current footprint, with a one-story, hipped-roof porch on the primary elevation and the garage first appears clearly on a 1940 photograph (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 1930; Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1940). During the 1980s, the dwelling was raised to its current two-story height (Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission 2023). By 2019, the shed-roof porch was replaced by a larger wraparound porch and a one-story addition was constructed on the rear elevation of

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the dwelling (Google 2019). The current siding and windows were also likely installed around 2019.

#### Setting:

2 Barclay Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 24) located on the northwest of the side of Barclay Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southwest and is set back approximately 45 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends along the southeast border of the property and leads to the detached garage. A brick path leads from the roadway to the primary entrance. Shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

#### 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

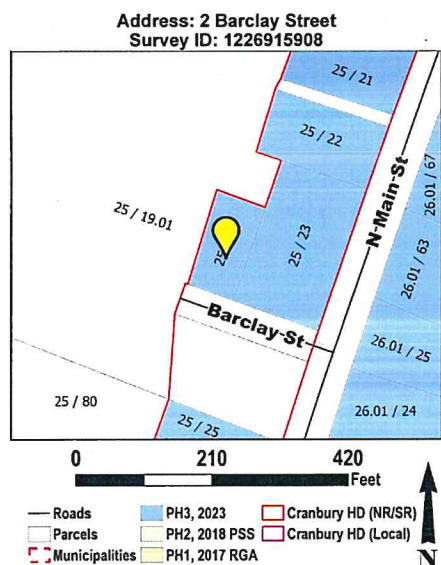
Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:



#### Site Map:



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**Additional Information:**

The dwelling at 2 Barclay Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination and evaluated as a potential contributing resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 2 Barclay Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its low integrity of materials, design, and workmanship.

**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
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**Historic District ?** ☒

**District Name:** Cranbury Historic District

**Status:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐  
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

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**Conversion Problem?** ☐ **ConversionNote:** 1202\_25\_24

**Date form completed:** 6/21/2023

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**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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Property ID: 1226915908

Property Name: 2 Barclay Street  
Address: 2 Barclay ST



Photo 2



Photo 3

**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: 1226915908

**Property Name:** 2 Barclay Street

**Address:** 2 Barclay ST



*Photo 4*



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **967755152**

**Property Name:** Micajah Voorhees House  
**Address:** 17 Bunker Hill DR

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	14.02

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive has undergone little to no alterations since it was surveyed by Richard Grubb & Associates in 2017. Similarly, the three outbuildings to the rear (north) of the dwelling do not appear to have changed since 2017.

### Setting:

No changes from the 2017 survey.

### 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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**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick

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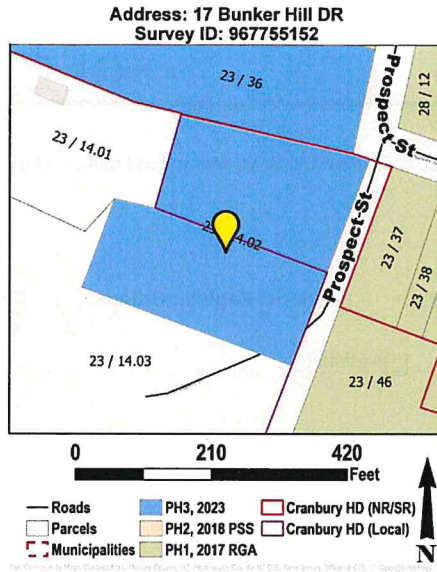
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**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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**Additional Information:**

The Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive was recommended as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District by Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. in 2017. Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. concurs with the previous recommendation.

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: Key Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

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

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202\_23\_14.02

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

Survey Name: Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

Surveyor: Kristen Herrick

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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## ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Properties

Property ID **967755152**

### History:

The extant barn that stands to the rear of the Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive was moved to its current location around 1990 (Cranbury Historic Preservation Commission 2023).

### Statement of Significance:

No change from the 2017 survey.

Eligibility for New Jersey and National Registers: ☒ Yes ☐ No

National Register Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Level of Significance: ☒ Local ☐ State ☐ National

### Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:

No change from the 2017 survey.

Total Number of Attachments: 0

List of Element Names:

### Narrative Boundary Description:

The recommended boundary consists of the entirety of Block 23, Lot 14.02.

Date Form Completed: 8/2/2023

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Property ID: 967755152

**Property Name:** Micajah Voorhees House  
**Address:** 17 Bunker Hill DR



Photo 2



Photo 3



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Property ID: **967755152**

**Property Name:** Micajah Voorhees House  
**Address:** 17 Bunker Hill DR

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Highstown	23	14.02

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive (formerly 15 Bunker Hill Drive) is a two-and-a-half-story tall, five-bay wide, two-bay deep, frame private residence constructed in 1819 with vernacular Italianate details. The dwelling consists of a rectangular, side-gabled main block and multiple rear additions: a two-story rear ell (built circa 1870); a one-story shed roof addition on the rear of the ell with a side-gabled wing to the southwest (built circa 1910, expanded circa 1970); a one-story enclosed porch on the southwest elevation (built circa 1910, expanded circa 2001); and two projecting additions on the second floor of the southwest elevation (constructed circa 2001). The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Interior brick chimneys pierce the roof at the gable ends of the main block and the rear elevation of the ell. The dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding on the main block with vinyl siding on the side elevations of the additions. The dwelling has a molded cornice with ogee brackets running along the frieze board. Symmetrical fenestration on the front (southeast) elevation consists of one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows with molded wood lintels, flanked by louvered shutters. The main entrance in the center bay is located in an early twentieth century windbreak featuring a door with twelve inset lights and multiple inset lights on the side walls. The front porch extends along the center three bays; it features a hipped roof, bracketed cornice, and four square columns connected by a railing with square balusters. A louvered window sits in the east bay in the southwest gable end of the main block, with one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement windows on the first and second floors. Windows in the east bays have louvered shutters. The enclosed porch features square screen windows on the first and second floors, with a two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash window on the second-floor projecting addition. The side-gabled wing of the shed roof addition has a bay window with six inset lights

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between two single panes and a louvered window in the gable end. The rear and northeast elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way. Character-defining elements of the dwelling include a bracketed cornice and interior gable-end brick chimneys. The property contains three outbuildings: a one-story, side-gabled detached garage (built circa 1969; a one-story frame shed (built circa 1930); and a one-story, front-gabled frame barn (built circa 1990).

**History:** In the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the Micajah Voorhees House was occupied by Norman and Kathryn Wright. The Wright family, who purchased the subject dwelling in 1928, operated a wholesale florist company, Wright's Roses, on Bunker Hill Drive. The then 40-acre property included several associated greenhouses. Historic aerials indicate that the greenhouses were demolished circa 2005 (Chambers 2012:154; Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society). The subject dwelling was constructed by Micajah Voorhees in 1819. It does not appear on the 1861 Walling map of Cranbury Township. The 1872 Beers atlas shows the subject dwelling's rear ell, the property then owned by "S.M. Stults." The 1876 Everts and Stewart map shows the subject dwelling owned by "D.P. Measerall." The subject dwelling does not appear on 1916 Sanborn map. The 1933 Sanborn map shows the subject dwelling's ell as well as one-story additions on the rear and northeast elevations and a one-story enclosed porch on the southwest elevation. Two one-story frame outbuildings are also shown at the rear of the dwelling. Historic aerial photographs show the late-twentieth century additions to the property. Only one of the frame outbuildings survive. The other was demolished and replaced by the current detached garage circa 1969. The shed roof addition was expanded to include the side-gabled wing circa 1970. The one-story frame barn does not appear in historic aerial photographs until 1990; however, it appears to be older and may have been moved from another location. The enclosed porch was expanded circa 2001, along with the additions of the second floor projections on the southwest and northeast elevations.

**Setting:**

The Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive is sited on a trapezoid-shaped parcel (Block 23, Lot 14.02) located approximately 70 feet southwest of the intersection of Prospect Street and Bunker Hill Drive. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast. A paved, unnamed road runs southwest from the intersection of Prospect Street and Bunker Hill Drive along the west and south sides of the parcel, leading to a baseball field and another residential property adjoining the parcel to the south and west. A paved driveway leads northwest from the unnamed road to an outbuilding, located west of the dwelling, and an attached garage on the dwelling's rear (northwest) elevation. A brick sidewalk leads northwest from the driveway to the porch on the dwelling's primary elevation. Perennial plantings about the dwelling on all elevations. Trees line all sides of the parcel, with a more dense concentration of trees on the south and west sides of the parcel. 17 Bunker Hill Drive is located in a primarily residential neighborhood surrounded by other residential properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth 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?

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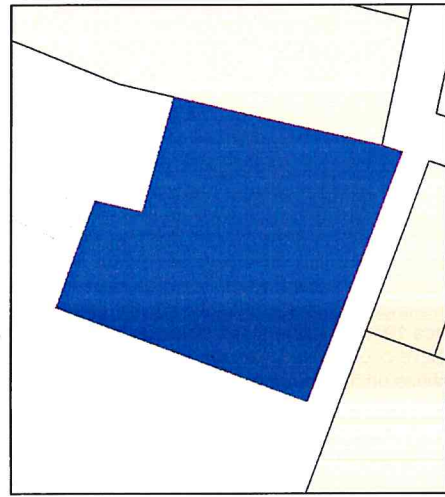
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Location Map:



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**Additional Information:**

The 1989 Heritage Studies survey identified the Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. RGA concurs with the previous evaluation and recommends the Micajah Voorhees House at 17 Bunker Hill Drive as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

Attachments Included: ☐ Building ☐ Bridge  
☐ Structure ☐ Landscape  
☐ Object ☐ 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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## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1825709576

**Property Name:** 5 Cranbury Neck Road  
**Address:** 5 Cranbury Neck RD

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	21	4.02

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

5 Cranbury Neck Road is a one-and-one-half-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame bungalow built circa 1929 in the Craftsman style. It consists of a side-gabled main block with an intersecting gable-roof enclosed porch on the primary (north) elevation, and a one-story, shed-roof wing on the rear (south) elevation. A large, gable-roof dormer interrupts both roof slopes of the main block (added circa 1973). An interior parged chimney pierces the roof of the dormer. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and is accented by overhanging eaves. The exterior is clad in machined shingles. Windows are primarily three-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement units, with vinyl hopper windows in the dormer. Windows on the main block are set into wood surrounds with slightly molded lintels (likely original). The primary elevation is dominated by the enclosed porch, which contains paired, three-over-one, vinyl-sash windows and is supported by square, wood columns set on rusticated cast-stone bases (likely original). The central, primary entrance to the porch contains a glazed vinyl door, accessed by a brick stoop with metal railings. On the upper floor of the enclosed porch, there are paired, three-over-one, vinyl-sash windows set into wood surrounds similar to those seen on the main block. The east and west elevations of the main block have regular fenestration with vinyl-sash windows in the gable ends. The rear (south) elevation is not visible from the public right of way. The dwelling stands atop a parged foundation.

A circa-1929, one-story-tall, one-bay-wide, frame garage stands approximately 25 feet south of the dwelling. The garage features a front-gabled main block with a circa-1960, shed-roof addition on the rear (south) elevation. Asphalt shingles cover the roof and the exterior is clad in vinyl siding. A metal, roll-top door is centered on the primary (east) elevation of the main block and a pair of wood doors is centered on the east elevation of the rear addition.

**History:** 5 Cranbury Neck Road was built circa 1929 and is an example of an early twentieth-century, Craftsman-style bungalow in Cranbury. In 1927, H. William Updike purchased several large tracts of farmland on the south side of Cranbury Neck Road from the estate of James Addison Henry (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] 1927 Deed Book 894:410). Two years later, Updike sold a small parcel, encompassing the subject property, to Charles V.D. Symmes (MCCO 1929 Deed Book 943:369). It is likely that the subject dwelling was constructed by Symmes shortly after his 1929 purchase, and it first appears on a 1930 aerial photograph (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 1930). Symmes is listed in the 1930 federal census as a farmer residing on Station Road, northeast of the subject dwelling, indicating that the subject dwelling was likely rented to tenants during Symmes' ownership (United States Bureau of the Census 1930). A 1933 Sanborn map of Cranbury depicts the subject dwelling in its current footprint with a one-story porch

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across its primary elevation, accompanied by a frame garage to the south (Sanborn Map Company 1933). Around 1960, a shed-roof addition was constructed on the rear elevation of the garage (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1957, 1963). A large dormer was constructed on the roof of the dwelling around 1973 (NETR 1979, 1987). At some point in the mid-to-late twentieth century, the porch on the primary elevation of the dwelling was enclosed and windows on the main block of the dwelling were replaced with the current vinyl-sash units. Around 2017 the porch-front windows were changed from one-over-one vinyl sash units to the extant three-over-one units (Google 2016, 2018).

**Setting:**

5 Cranbury Neck Road is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 21, Lot 41.02) located on the south side of Cranbury Neck Road in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing north and is set back approximately 20 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends along the east border of the property. Gravel paths lead from the driveway to the main entry and a rear entry. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

**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:**

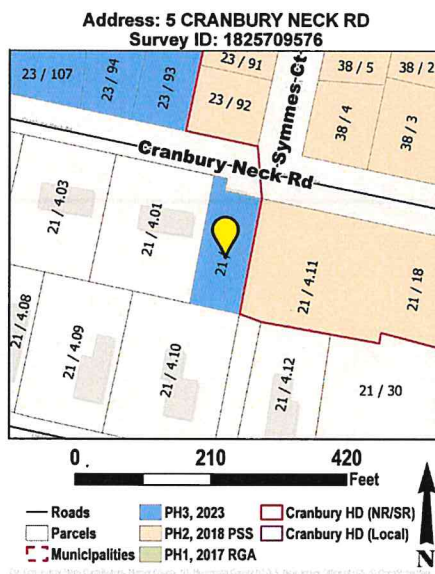
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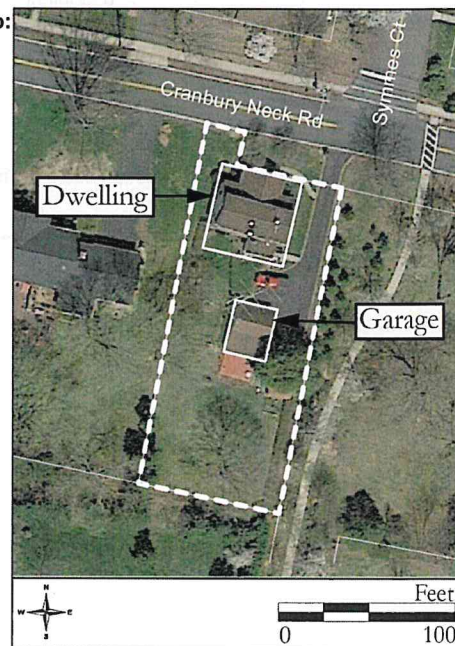
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**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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**Research (NETR)**

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**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 5 Cranbury Neck Road as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to a lack of integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. The addition of a larger dormer to the roof distorts the building's original massing.

**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:** 1202\_21\_4.02

**Date form completed:** 6/21/2023

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Property ID: 1825709576

Property Name: 5 Cranbury Neck Road

Address: 5 Cranbury Neck RD



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Photo 3



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-893430922**

**Property Name:** 8 Cranbury Neck Road  
**Address:** 8 Cranbury Neck RD

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	93

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

8 Cranbury Neck Road is a two-and-one-half-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1928 in the Dutch Colonial Revival style. The dwelling consists of a gambrel-roof main block with a one-story, hipped-roof wing on the southeast elevation and a one-story, shed-roof wing on the rear (north) elevation. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles and is accented by a molded wood cornice. Full-length, shed-roof dormers extend across the primary (south) and rear slopes of the main block's roof. An exterior brick chimney is located on the southeast elevation of the main block. The exterior of the dwelling is covered in stucco (historic, likely original). Windows are all single and grouped, six-over-one, wood-sash units, set within wood surrounds with slightly molded lintels (historic, likely original) with aluminum storm windows. Located in the westernmost bay on the primary elevation, the primary entrance contains a six-light, wood Dutch door with a metal storm door and segmented vinyl sidelights. Above the door, there is a semicircular, wood transom with a sunburst motif (historic, likely original). The entrance is sheltered by a gabled hood with a molded wood cornice (historic, likely original) and is accessed by a concrete and brick stoop with metal railings. The east and west elevations of the main block have a symmetrical fenestration, with wood-sash windows in the gambrel ends and a pent roof sheltering the first floor. The west elevation features a central, secondary entrance containing a wood door with a metal storm door. The east wing has symmetrical fenestration on its primary and east elevations. The rear elevation of the dwelling is not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands atop a parged foundation, with two-light hopper windows at the basement level visible on the primary and west elevations.

A one-story-tall, two-bay-wide, frame garage, constructed circa 1928, stands approximately 45 feet to the north of the dwelling. The exterior is clad in wood plank siding and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The primary (south) elevation features two double-leaf, paneled wood doors with twelve inset lights.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling include its massing, gambrel roof, full-length shed-roof dormers, wood-sash windows, molded wood cornice, and gabled hood with sunburst motif.

History: 8 Cranbury Neck Road was constructed circa 1928 and is an example of an early twentieth-century, Dutch Colonial Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury. During the nineteenth century, the subject property was part of a large farm known as the Parsonage Farm, owned by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. In 1928, the First Presbyterian Congregation of New Jersey sold the subject property as an undeveloped lot to Eva M. Applegate (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1928 Deed Book 967:271). The 1928 deed specified that a dwelling

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should be built on the lot within two years of the purchase date. The subject dwelling was likely constructed shortly after Eva's purchase and first appears on a 1930 aerial photograph, accompanied by a detached garage to the north New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 1930). The 1930 federal census lists Eva, her husband, Harold C. Applegate, and their three sons as residents of the subject dwelling (United States Bureau of the Census [US Census] 1930). Harold C. Applegate served in the U.S. Air Service in World War I and went on to serve as an electrician at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station before working as an auto mechanic US Census 1930; The Central New Jersey Home News, 26 December 1967:30). A 1933 Sanborn map of Cranbury depicts the subject dwelling and garage in their current footprints (Sanborn Map Company 1933). With the exception of replacement of roof cladding materials, the subject dwelling appears to have undergone little to no major alterations in the decades since its construction (Nationwide Environmental Title Research 1957, 1979, 1995, 2019).

#### Setting:

8 Cranbury Neck Road is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 93) located on the north side of Cranbury Neck Road in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing south and is set back approximately 30 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends along the west border of the property and leads to the garage. Shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. A concrete sidewalk bounds the south border of the property and a concrete path leads to the primary entrance. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

#### 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

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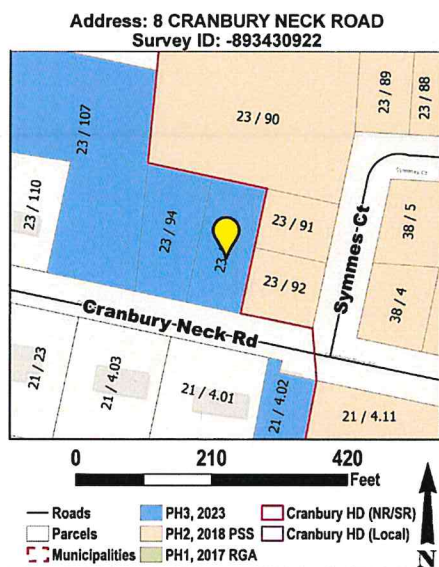
Certification of Eligibility:

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Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR)	Historic Aerial Photograph, Electronic document, www.historicaerials.com, accessed June 2023.	2019
Sanborn Map Company	Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Sanborn Map Company, New York, New York.	1933
United States Bureau of the Census (US Census)	Population Schedule, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1930

**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 8 Cranbury Neck Road as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. The dwelling retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

<b>Attachments Included:</b>	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: 1202\_23\_93

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: **-893430922**

**Property Name:** 8 Cranbury Neck Road  
**Address:** 8 Cranbury Neck RD



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*Photo 3*



**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: -893430922

**Property Name:** 8 Cranbury Neck Road

**Address:** 8 Cranbury Neck RD



*Photo 4*

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1105885033**

**Property Name:** 10 Cranbury Neck Road  
**Address:** 10 Cranbury Neck RD

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	94

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

10 Cranbury Neck Road is a two-and-one-half-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1932 in the Colonial Revival style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with a two-story-tall, side-gabled, east addition (added in 1939), a one-story-tall, shed-roof, west wing (formerly a porch, now enclosed), and a one-story-tall, hipped-roof, rear (north) wing. An off-center, exterior brick chimney pierces the west gable end of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles throughout and features a molded wood cornice with gable end returns on the main block and east addition. A wood frieze accents the roof line on the primary (south) elevation of the main block and the east addition. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding. Windows throughout are six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement units set within wood surrounds with slightly molded lintels (original). Louvered vinyl shutters flank the windows on the primary elevation of the main block and east addition. The primary elevation of the main block has symmetrical fenestration. The central, primary entrance contains a wood paneled door with a glazed vinyl storm door (added circa 2008), set within a wood surround with unfluted pilasters and a semicircular sunburst motif (original). The entrance is accessed by a concrete and brick stoop. The east and west elevations of the main block have symmetrical fenestration, with semicircular vinyl replacement windows in the gable ends. The east addition contains single and grouped, vinyl-sash replacement windows on its primary and east elevations. The west addition features square wood columns supporting a plain wood frieze, with a vinyl-sash window on the primary elevation. On its west elevation, there is a secondary entrance containing a wood paneled door and a glazed vinyl screen door. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands atop a parged foundation.

A one-story-tall, two-bay-wide, frame garage stands approximately 20 feet north of the dwelling. Its side-gabled roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and the exterior is clad in wood clapboard siding. The primary (south) elevation contains two metal roll-top doors.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling include its massing, fenestration pattern, wood window surrounds, molded wood cornice with gable-end returns, and wood door surround with sunburst motif.

**History:** 10 Cranbury Neck Road, constructed circa 1932, is an example of an early twentieth-century, Colonial Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury. During the nineteenth century, the subject property was part of a large farm known as the Parsonage Farm, owned by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. In 1932, the First Presbyterian Congregation of New Jersey sold the subject lot to Elizabeth A. Campbell (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1932 Deed Book 1154:13). Campbell likely constructed the dwelling shortly after purchasing the land.

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

☒ (Primary Contact)

**Property ID:**

**1105885033**

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The subject dwelling first appears on a 1930 aerial photograph as one of the earliest dwellings built along this section of Cranbury Neck Road (NJDEP 1930). A 1933 Sanborn map depicts the main block of the subject dwelling with a one-story porch on its northwest elevation and a one-story rear wing (Sanborn Map Company 1933). Information on file at the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society indicates that a permit for the construction of an addition on the east elevation of the dwelling was approved by Cranbury Township officials in 1939 (Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society n.d.). Photographs documenting the 1939 construction of the addition show that the dwelling had wood window surrounds with slightly molded lintels, wood shutters with a carved moon design, and a wood door surround with a sunburst motif. The dwelling first appears with its current footprint on a 1940 aerial photograph (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1940). Around 1970, a one-story tall, detached garage was constructed north of the dwelling (NETR 1963, 1979). By the early twenty-first century, the extant vinyl-sash windows and vinyl louvered shutters were installed, and the west porch was enclosed. Around 2008, the extant vinyl storm door was installed on the primary entrance (Google 2007, 2009).

#### Setting:

10 Cranbury Neck Road is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 23, Lot 94) located on the north side of Cranbury Neck Road in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing south and is set back approximately 45 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway extends along the northwest border of the property and leads to the garage. A concrete sidewalk lines the south border of the property. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

#### 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

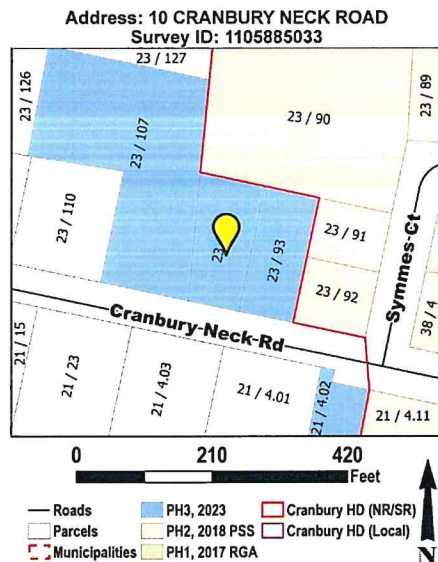
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Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:



#### Site Map:



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Google	Google Street View. Electronic document. <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a> , accessed April 2023.	2009	
Middlesex County Clerk's Office	On file, Middlesex County Clerk's Office, New Brunswick, New Jersey.		
Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR)	Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, <a href="http://www.historicaerials.com">http://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed April 2023.	1940	
Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR)	Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, <a href="http://www.historicaerials.com">http://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed April 2023.	1963	

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Surveyor: Matthew Goldberg

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR)	Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, <a href="http://www.historicaerials.com">http://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed April 2023.	1979
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	NJ-GeoWeb. Electronic Document, <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/geoweb splash.htm">https://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/geoweb splash.htm</a> , accessed April 2023.	1930
Sanborn Map Company	Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Sanborn Map Company, New York, New York.	1933

**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 10 Cranbury Neck Road as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. The dwelling retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

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: 1202\_23\_94

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Historic Preservation Office

**ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Properties**

Property ID **1105885033**

**History:**

**Statement of Significance:**

Eligibility for New Jersey and National Registers: ☐ Yes ☒ No

National Register Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Level of Significance: ☐ Local ☐ State ☐ National

**Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:**

Total Number of Attachments: 0

List of Element Names:

**Narrative Boundary Description:**

Date Form Completed: 7/24/2023

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Surveyor: Matthew Goldberg

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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Property ID:

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: 1105885033

**Property Name:** 10 Cranbury Neck Road

**Address:** 10 Cranbury Neck RD



Photo 2



Photo 3



**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: 1105885033

**Property Name:** 10 Cranbury Neck Road

**Address:** 10 Cranbury Neck RD



*Photo 4*



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -381209426

Property Name: 12 Cranbury Neck Road  
Address: 12 Cranbury Neck RD

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	107

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

12 Cranbury Neck Road is a one-and-one-half-story-tall, four-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1933 in the Tudor Revival style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block and an off-center, front-gabled wing with a flared eave that forms a covered porch. Extending from the west elevation is a one-story-tall side-gabled porch. An interior parged chimney rises above the roof junction of the main block and porch. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is covered in stucco (historic, likely original). Windows are primarily paired, six-over-six, wood-sash units, set within wood surrounds (historic, likely original) with aluminum storm windows. A tripartite vinyl window is featured in the west bay of the primary elevation of the main block and another is located on the front-gabled wing. The front-gabled wing also contains a wood louvered vent in the gable end. Situated in the second westernmost bay of the main block, beneath the porch formed by the flared eave of the front-gabled wing, the primary entrance features a wood French door (possibly historic) and is accessed by a concrete stoop. The east elevation of the main block contains a central, secondary entrance with a wood paneled door and a metal storm door, sheltered by a gabled portico with wood posts. The rear (north) elevation is not visible from the public right of way. The dwelling stands atop a parged foundation.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling include its massing, wood-sash windows, and front-gabled wing with a flared eave.

History: 12 Cranbury Neck Road, constructed circa 1933, is an example of an early twentieth-century, Tudor Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1927, H. William Updike purchased several large tracts of farmland on the south side of Cranbury Neck Road from the estate of James Addison Henry (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] 1927 Deed Book 894:410). In 1933, Ruth Updike purchased the property and likely constructed the subject dwelling shortly thereafter with her husband Alvin (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] 1933 Deed Book 1046:282). The dwelling first appears on a 1933 Sanborn map of Cranbury and is depicted with its current footprint, consisting of a side-gabled main block, a front-gabled wing, and a porch on the west elevation (Sanborn Map Company 1933). By 1940, the subject dwelling was one of six dwellings standing along the north side of Cranbury Neck Road (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1940). At this time, Ruth and Alvin Updike, a farmer, lived at the subject property with their three daughters (United States Bureau of the Census 1940). At some point during the mid-to-late twentieth century, the extant tripartite vinyl windows were installed. According to aerial imagery, the dwelling appears to have undergone little to no major alterations in the decades since its construction (NETR 1957, 1969, 1987).

### Setting:

Survey Name: Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

Surveyor: Matthew Goldberg

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

☒ (Primary Contact)

Property ID:

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12 Cranbury Neck Road is sited on an irregularly shaped parcel (Block 23, Lot 107) located on the north side of Cranbury Neck Road in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing south and is set back approximately 40 feet from the road. A gravel driveway encircles the dwelling. A concrete sidewalk lines the south border of the property. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.

**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:**

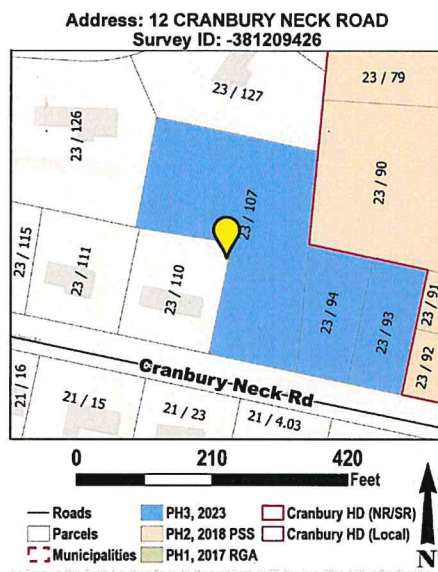
**Other Designation Date:**

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

**Location Map:**

**Site Map:**



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Sanborn Map Company	Insurance Maps of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Sanborn Map Company, New York, New York.	1933	
United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1940	

**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 12 Cranbury Neck Road as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. The dwelling retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**

0 Building  
0 Structure  
0 Object

0 Bridge  
0 Landscape  
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:** 1202\_23\_107

**Date form completed:** 6/21/2023

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**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

**Property ID:**

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: **-381209426**

**Property Name:** 12 Cranbury Neck Road

**Address:** 12 Cranbury Neck RD



*Photo 2*



*Photo 3*



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1509831717

**Property Name:** Brainerd Lake  
**Address:** Main ST

**Ownership:** Public  
**Apartment #:** ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	33	68

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

Brainerd Lake is an approximately 12-acre manmade lake, created through the damming of Cranbury Brook in 1736. A concrete dam and spillway (reconstructed 2014) are situated at the western end of the lake. Main Street travels on a north-south alignment over the dam, flanked by concrete sidewalks and a four-rail, metal pipe railing (added 2014, similar in appearance to historic railings). An arched metal sign reading "Brainerd Lake" (1997) and a fieldstone water fountain (installed 1979) are located along the east side of Main Street, accompanied by wood benches. The lake's natural banks are reinforced by fieldstone and concrete retaining walls along the north and south shorelines, adjacent to residential properties and Village Park. Mature hardwood trees line the lake to the north and south.

**History:** The first dam along Cranbury Brook was constructed in 1736, creating a mill pond that would later become Brainerd Lake. The mill pond powered a gristmill and later a sawmill. In 1810, a new dam was built, but it gave way shortly after its construction and was subsequently replaced (Nissen 1997:14). Brainerd Lake first appears on an 1850 map of Middlesex County, showing its current footprint (Otley and Kelly 1850). The mill powered by the mill pond operated through the late nineteenth century. In 1896, a new dam was built to replace the 1810 dam. The construction of the 1896 dam coincided with the construction of a stone arch bridge to carry Main Street over Cranbury Brook, adjacent to the west of the dam. In 1905, the body of water was officially named Brainerd Lake after David Brainerd (1718-1747), a prominent Presbyterian missionary who preached in Cranbury. A local civic organization known as the Village Improvement Society made several additions to the area surrounding Brainerd Lake in the early twentieth century, including sidewalks, a metal sign reading "Brainerd Lake", and the construction of a bandstand suspended over the dam. The Women's Christian Temperance Union also installed a fieldstone water fountain along Main Street just west of the dam, in 1907. Throughout the twentieth century, the lake was used for recreational activities, including ice skating, swimming, boating, fishing, and camping (Nissen 1997:14-15). In 1964, in response to increased development in Cranbury, the township purchased 13 acres along the lake's north shore and converted it into what is now known as Village Park. In the late 1960s, material dredged from the lake was deposited in the east corner of Village Park, creating a 50-foot-tall dirt mountain that has been used for sledding and biking (Chambers II 2012:155-156). In 1979, the 1907 Women's Christian Temperance Union fountain along the dam was replaced with a replica fountain. The metal sign installed by the Village Improvement Society in the early twentieth century was replaced with a replica sign in 1997. In 2014, the 1896 dam was replaced with the extant concrete dam and spillway (Cranbury Township 2023). The extant four-rail, metal pipe railings were also installed in 2014. The extant railings are similar in appearance to railings that historically flanked Main Street in the vicinity of the lake. Brainerd Lake continues to function as a scenic and recreational space for Cranbury residents.

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**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

☒ (Primary Contact)

**Property ID:**

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Character-defining elements of Brainerd Lake include fieldstone retaining walls, four-rail metal pipe railings, and scenic vistas of the lake as viewed from Main Street, Village Park, and surrounding residential properties.

**Setting:**

Brainerd Lake is sited on two irregularly shaped parcels (Block 33, Lot 68 and Block 7, Lot 24) in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The body of water is bounded by Main Street to the west and US Route 130 to the east. Village Park and residential properties are located adjacent to the north bank, along with residential properties to the south. Cranbury Brook flows to the east and west of the lake. The subject property is located adjacent to the south of the commercial and residential core of downtown Cranbury.

**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:

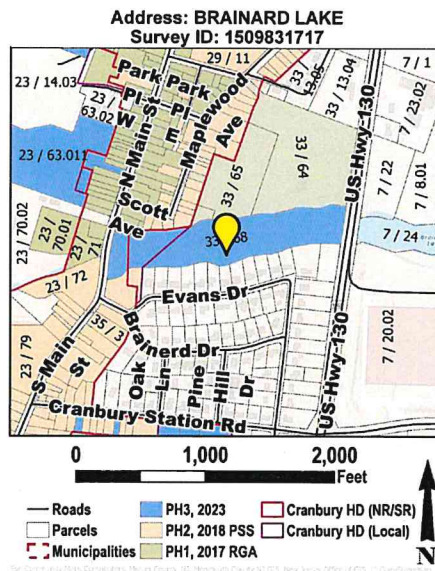
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Location Map:

Site Map:



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Otley, J.W. and J. Keily	Map of Middlesex County, New Jersey. Lloyd Vanderveer, Camden, New Jersey. New Jersey.	1850	

**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends Brainerd Lake as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. This landscape feature and its associated elements retain sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

Attachments Included: 0 Building 0 Bridge  
0 Structure 0 Landscape

Survey Name: Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

Surveyor: Matthew Goldberg

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

Property ID:

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Historic District ? ☒

0 Object

0 Industry

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: 1202\_33\_68

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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Survey Name: Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

Surveyor: Matthew Goldberg

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

Property ID:

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: 1509831717

Property Name: Brainerd Lake  
Address: Main ST



Photo 2



Photo 3



PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET

Property ID: 1509831717

Property Name: Brainerd Lake

Address: Main ST



Photo 4



Photo 5

PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET

Property ID: 1509831717

Property Name: Brainerd Lake

Address: Main ST



Photo 6



Photo 7



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1051934152**

**Property Name:** Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook  
**Address:** Main ST

**Ownership:** Public  
**Apartment #:**  
**ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

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

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook is a single-span, brick barrel arch bridge constructed in 1896. The bridge measures 23 feet in length, 34 feet, 6 inches in width, and carries two lanes of Main Street over Cranbury Brook. Main Street travels on a north-south alignment over the bridge, flanked by concrete sidewalks and four-rail, metal pipe railings (added 2014, similar in appearance to historic railings). The bridge is supported by coursed rubble stone spandrels and wingwalls, capped in concrete with utility pipe cuts. The east and west faces of the arch are lined with stone voussoirs. The intrados of the arch are coated with gunite (added in 1987). Adjacent to the upstream (east) face of the bridge, Cranbury Brook is dammed with a concrete spillway to form Brainerd Lake. The upstream approaches are reinforced with concrete buttresses. A coursed rubble stone retaining wall extends from the northwest bank to the roadway.

**History:** The Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook was constructed in 1896, replacing an earlier wood bridge of an unknown type (A.G. Lichtenstein & Associates, Inc. 1994). Its construction coincided with the construction of a new dam for Brainerd Lake, located immediately adjacent to the east of the subject bridge. Brainerd Lake was first dammed in 1736 and initially functioned as a mill pond (Nissen 1997:14). Main Street is first mapped as traveling over Brainerd Lake in 1850 (Otley and Keily 1850). When completed, the Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook was a brick barrel arch bridge with coursed rubble stone spandrels and wingwalls. The bridge's masonry arch construction was selected by the Middlesex County Freeholders due to the type's efficiency and durability (A.G. Lichtenstein & Associates, Inc. 1994). The subject bridge first appears cartographically on a 1916 Sanborn map of Cranbury (Sanborn Map Company 1916). Early twentieth-century photographs of the bridge show that four-rail, metal pipe railings flanked the roadway over the bridge during that period (Brennan and Brennan, Jr. 1995). No major alterations to the bridge are discernible on twentieth-century maps and aerial photographs (Sanborn Map Company 1916, 1933; Nationwide Environmental Title Research 1940, 1970, 2012). In 1987, the intrados were coated with gunite (A.G. Lichtenstein & Associates, Inc. 1994). The Brainerd Lake dam and spillway were replaced in 2014; however, it does not appear that the subject bridge was altered during their construction. The extant four-rail, metal pipe railings were also added in 2014 and are similar in appearance to railings that historically flanked Main Street over the bridge. According to the New Jersey Bridge Survey, the subject bridge is the last remaining brick barrel arch bridge in Middlesex County (A.G. Lichtenstein & Associates, Inc. 1994).

Character-defining elements of the Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook include its brick barrel arch, coursed rubble stone spandrels and wingwalls, and four-rail, metal pipe railings

### Setting:

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

☒ (Primary Contact)

**Property ID:**

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The Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook is sited between two irregularly shaped parcels (Block 33, Lot 68 and Block 7, Lot 24) in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The bridge carries Main Street over Cranbury Brook and is adjacent to the west of Brainerd Lake. The subject property is located adjacent to the south of the commercial and residential core of downtown Cranbury.

**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

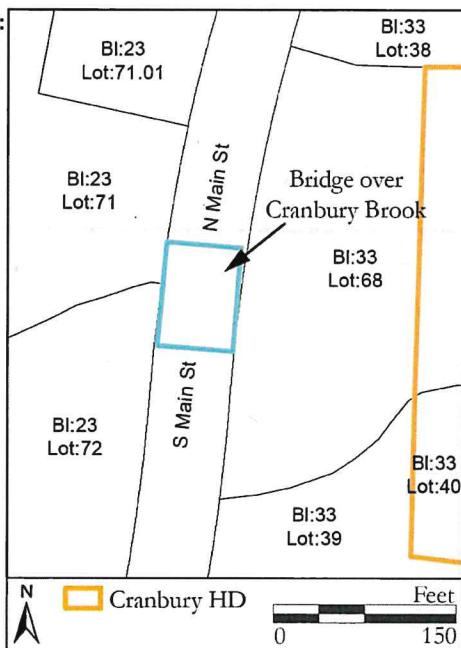
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**Other Designation Date:**

☐ **Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

☐ **Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends the Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. The bridge retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

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: Null

Date form completed: 7/14/2023

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Survey Name: Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

Surveyor: Matthew Goldberg

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: -1051934152

**Property Name:** Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook

**Address:** Main ST



Photo 2



Photo 3



**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: -1051934152

**Property Name:** Main Street Bridge over Cranbury Brook

**Address:** Main ST



Photo 4



Photo 5



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1744379024

**Property Name:** Old Cranbury School  
**Address:** 23 N Main ST

**Ownership:** Public  
**Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	63.011

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

Old Cranbury School at 23 North Main Street has undergone little to no alterations since Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. surveyed it in 2017.

### Setting:

No changes from the 2017 survey.

### 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:** Individual NRHP Listing

**Other Designation Date:** 6/21/1971

☒ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

**Survey Name:** Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

☐ (Primary Contact)

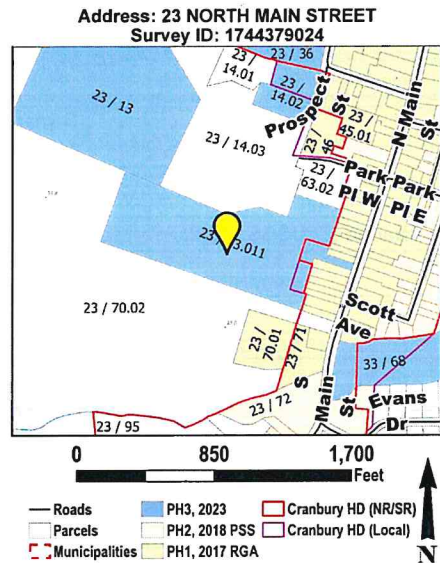
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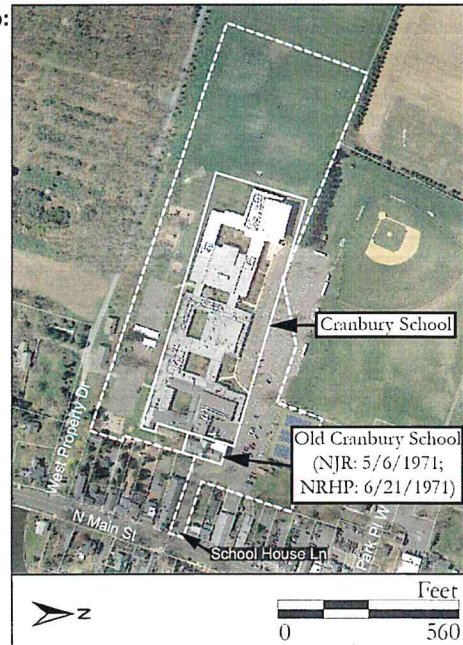
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**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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**Additional Information:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommended Old Cranbury School at 23 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District in 2017. However, because the subject property is individually listed in the NRHP, Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends Old Cranbury School at 23 North Main Street as a key-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District. The school is an excellent, well-preserved example of its type, and retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

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: Key Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐  
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202\_23\_63.011

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

Survey Name: Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

Surveyor: Kristen Herrick

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

Property ID:

☐ (Primary Contact)

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## ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Properties

Property ID **1744379024**

**History:**

No changes from the 2017 survey.

**Statement of Significance:**

No changes from the 2017 survey.

Eligibility for New Jersey and National Registers: ☒ Yes ☐ No

National Register Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Level of Significance: ☒ Local ☐ State ☐ National

**Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:**

No changes from the 2017 survey.

Total Number of Attachments: 0

List of Element Names:

**Narrative Boundary Description:**

The recommended boundary consists of the entirety of Block 62, Lot 63.011.

Date Form Completed: 8/14/2023

Survey Name: Cranbury Historic Sites Survey Phase III

Surveyor: Kristen Herrick

Organization: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: 1744379024

**Property Name:** Old Cranbury School  
**Address:** 23 N Main ST



Photo 2



Photo 3



Property Name: Old Cranbury School  
Address: 23 N Main ST



Photo 4



Photo 5



Property Name: Old Cranbury School  
Address: 23 N Main ST



Photo 6



Photo 7



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1155271112

Property Name: Old Cranbury School  
Address: 23 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	23	63.011

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

Old Cranbury School at 23 North Main Street is a two-story, nine-bay, three-pile brick school building constructed in 1896. The main block of the building has multiple rear additions where the public library and the current school administration and classrooms are located. It is the largest building in the Cranbury Historic District. Only the main block of the building is described here; it currently serves as offices for Cranbury Township.

The main block is comprised of the core, which has the shape of a Greek cross, plus two-story wings that were added in the early twentieth century. The cross-gabled roof is clad with asphalt shingles and features a course of decorative brackets attached onto a frieze and returns on the front gable. The centered cupola features a metal weathervane over a bell-shaped roof, paired ogee brackets, and a large clock over multi-light windows. The walls are brick, with brick belt courses running horizontally between the basement and first floor and the first and second floors. Decorative elements of the brick walls include a sealed ocular window on the attic level, sporadic use of glazed headers, and rowlock arches over the windows. The projecting center bay features three replacement windows with segmental arched heads below rowlock jackarches on the second floor. A portico attached onto the projecting bay consists of a second floor balcony with turned balusters and an entablature supported by Doric columns that announce the entrance. Paired doors with plate glass windows provide access to the interior; they open below a semi-circular transom with spiderweb tracery and a keystone. Replacement four-over-four windows below rowlock arches flank the entrance and are aligned over arched headed basement windows.

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Surveyor: Kristen Herrick

Organization: RGA, Inc.

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The wings flanking the projecting center bay are nearly identical in appearance. Each has a gabled roof with a molded cornice supported by decorative brackets with a wood frieze, brick walls, and large tripartite multi-light windows on the first and second floors. On both wings, the bay abutting the projecting center bay contains a round second floor window over a replacement window with a segmental arched head on the first floor (originally doors).

The north end of the schoolhouse has been modified. At the top of the wall surface is the molded cornice. The eastern half of the cornice includes shaped brackets that are paired and attached onto a wood frieze; the west half of the cornice does not have the brackets or frieze. The brick wall surface includes the horizontal bands identifying the floor levels. Arched headed windows on the two upper floors have been bricked in, leaving limestone sills in place. The basement level features six arched headed four-light basement windows (possibly original to the section).

The south end of the schoolhouse has fewer modifications than the north end. At the top of the wall surface, the molded cornice extends along the entire elevation and features shaped brackets with a wood frieze. The brick walls include the horizontal bands announcing the floor levels. Fenestration on the end wall is strictly symmetrical, with four bays of windows on the first floor, second floor, and basement. Windows on the upper floors are replacement, arched headed four-over-four units. The basement level features arched headed two-over-two windows that also appear to be replacement units.

On the rear of the schoolhouse are multiple additions that range in date from circa 1950 to circa 2006. Character-defining elements of the building include a bracketed cornice, brick corbelling, a central projecting bay, and a central cupola.

History: The 1916 Sanborn Atlas shows the eastern portion of the building only, but at that time the wing off the north end had not been constructed. The 1933 Sanborn Atlas shows the main block of the schoolhouse as it currently appears. Historic aerials document the ongoing additions onto the building, beginning in the 1950s and continuing into the early twenty-first century.

**Setting:**

Old Cranbury School is sited on an irregularly-shaped parcel (Block 23, Lot 63.011) located on the east side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The building is oriented with its primary elevation facing east. The property is accessed via School House Lane, which runs approximately 230 feet west from North Main Street to an expansive paved parking lot. Old Cranbury School is located in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth 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?

**Survey Name:** Cranbury CLG Survey 2017

**Surveyor:** Kristen Herrick

**Organization:** RGA, Inc.

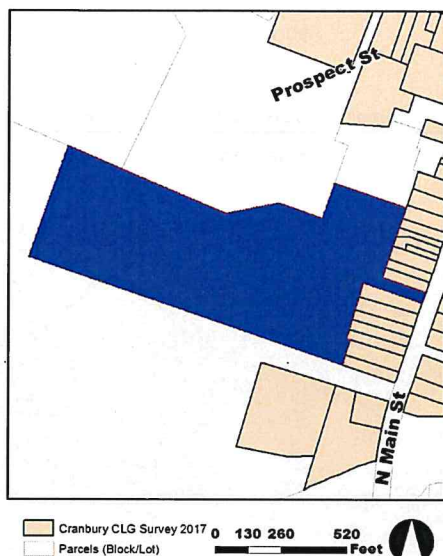
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Location Map:



Site Map:

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## Additional Information:

Old Cranbury School was listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on June 21, 1971. RGA recommends Old Cranbury School as a contributing resource due to its date of construction and design.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

## INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:

Attachments Included:

<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
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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: 89

Date form completed: 6/29/2017

Survey Name: Cranbury CLG Survey 2017

Surveyor: Kristen Herrick

Organization: RGA, Inc.

☒ (Primary Contact)

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## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1170876807**

**Property Name:** 109 North Main Street  
**Address:** 109 N Main ST

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	29.02

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

109 North Main Street is a two-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-wide, frame dwelling built in 1963. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with an attached garage on the northeast elevation; a two-story, gable-roof, rear (northwest) addition (added circa 2005), and a one-story-tall, gable-roof, rear addition (added circa 2014). A small, one-story, shed-roof wing projects from the southwest elevation of the main block. An exterior brick chimney rises above the southwest gable end of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows are primarily one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement units, flanked by inoperable, vinyl louvered shutters on the primary (southeast) elevation. The first floor of the primary elevation features a hipped-roof bay window with two support brackets in the southwest bay and a picture window located in the northeast bay. The central, primary entrance contains a modern wood door with an oval light, flanked by sidelights. A shed-roof, brick and concrete porch extends along the two northeast bays of the main block's primary elevation and is supported by square wood posts. A metal roll-top door with lights in the upper panel is centered on the attached garage's northeast elevation. The rear (northwest) elevation is not visible from the public right of way. The dwelling stands atop a parged foundation.

A modern frame shed stands in the northern corner of the property.

**History:** 109 North Main Street was constructed in 1963 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century dwelling in Cranbury. In 1963, Herman and Rae Aronson sold the subject lot to Barry Builders Inc., who then constructed the subject dwelling and the neighboring dwelling at 111 North Main Street later that year (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1963 Deed Book 2401:206). Barry Builders Inc. was a local construction company, headquartered at 9 Evans Drive in Cranbury, that built other dwellings throughout Cranbury during the mid-twentieth century (The Central New Jersey Home News, 4 December 1960:46). A 1963 aerial photograph depicts the main block and northeast wing of the dwelling shortly after construction (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1963). The 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination form notes that the exterior of the dwelling was clad in wood shakes at that time (Walsh 1980). A two-story addition was constructed on the rear elevation of the dwelling around 2005, followed by a one-story rear addition circa 2014. Sometime between 1980 and 2013, the wood shakes were replaced with the extant vinyl siding (Google 2013). The current vinyl-sash windows were also likely installed during that period.

### Setting:

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**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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109 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 29.02) located on the northwest side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 50 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends along the northeast border of the property. A paved stone path extends from the driveway to the main entry. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

**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

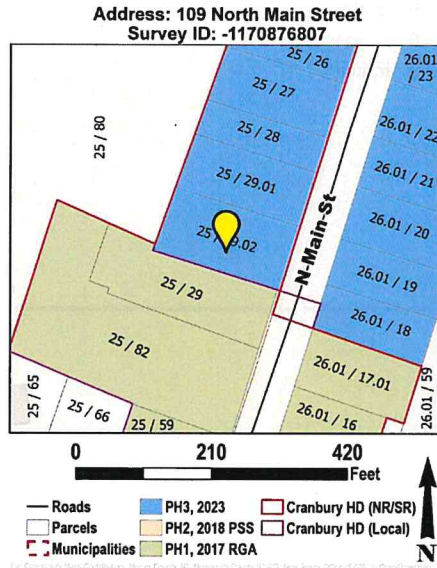
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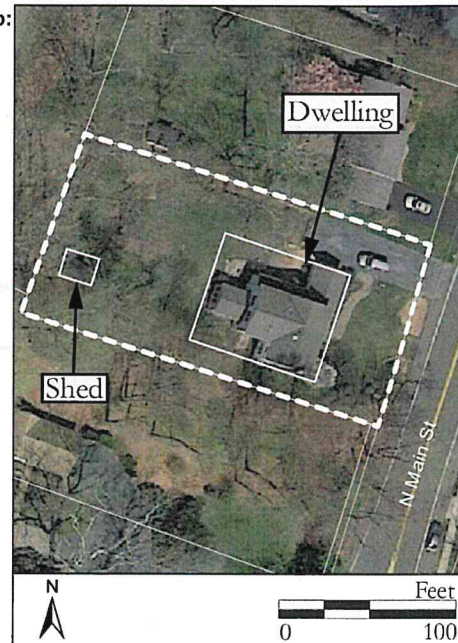
☐ **Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

☐ **Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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Heritage Studies	Preserving Historic Cranbury Village. Prepared for the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	1989	
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Research (NETR)

Walsh, Ruth

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the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury,  
Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey  
Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.

1980

**Additional Information:**

The dwelling at 109 North Main Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination form and evaluated as a non-contributing (harmonious) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 109 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

**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:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐

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

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**Conversion Problem?** ☐ **ConversionNote:** 1202\_25\_29.02

**Date form completed:** 6/21/2023

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**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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**PROPERTY REPORT: PHOTO CONTINUATION SHEET**

Property ID: **-1170876807**

**Property Name:** 109 North Main Street

**Address:** 109 N Main ST



*Photo 2*



*Photo 3*



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -1094944525

**Property Name:** 111 North Main Street  
**Address:** 111 N Main ST

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	29.01

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

111 North Main Street is a two-story-tall, four-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame, Tri-Level Split dwelling built in 1963. The dwelling consists of a two-story, side-gabled main block with a one-story, side-gabled wing to the northeast and a one-story, side-gabled, attached garage to the southwest. An exterior brick chimney rises above the northeast gable end of the northeast wing. Metal louvered vents are located in the gable ends of the main block, northeast wing, and garage. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows are primarily single and paired, six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement units, flanked by inoperable, louvered vinyl shutters on the primary (southeast) elevation, with the second floor slightly overhanging the first floor. A one-story, shed-roof porch with square wood posts extends along the main block's primary elevation. Located in the northeast bay of the main block, the primary entrance features a glazed metal storm door and a vinyl panel door with two vertical lights. A central hipped-roof vinyl bay window, supported by two brackets, is centered on the northeast wing's primary elevation. A single, metal roll-top door is located on the garage's primary elevation. The rear (northwest) elevation is not visible from the public right of way. The dwelling stands on a parged foundation.

**History:** 111 North Main Street was constructed in 1963 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Tri-Level Split dwelling in Cranbury. In 1963, Herman and Rae Aronson sold the subject lot to Barry Builders Inc., who then constructed the subject dwelling and the neighboring dwelling at 109 North Main Street later that year (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1963 Deed Book 2401:206). Barry Builders Inc. was a local construction company, headquartered at 9 Evans Drive in Cranbury, that built other dwellings throughout Cranbury during the mid-twentieth century (The Central New Jersey Home News, 4 December 1960:46). An aerial photograph from 1963 shows the dwelling under construction (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1963). The completed dwelling first appears on aerial photographs from 1969 onward, showing its current footprint (NETR 1969). The 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination form notes that the exterior of the dwelling was clad in wood shakes at that time (Walsh 1980). Sometime between 1980 and 2013, the wood shakes were replaced by the extant vinyl siding (Google 2013). The current vinyl-sash windows were also likely installed during that period.

### Setting:

111 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 29.01) located on the northwest side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 45 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends along the southwest border of the property leading to the attached

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**Surveyor:** Matthew Goldberg

**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

☒ (Primary Contact)

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garage. A paved stone path extends from the driveway to the primary entrance. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

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:

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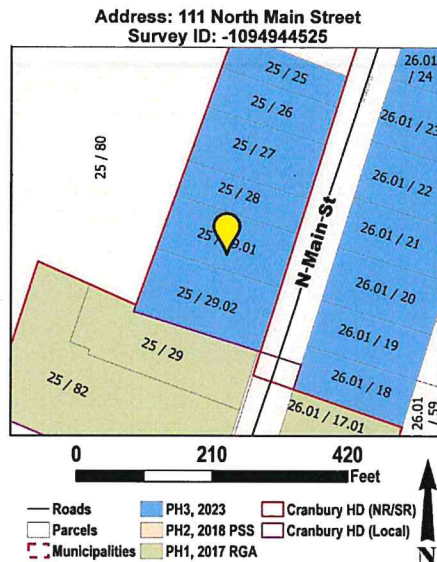
Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:

Site Map:



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Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	1980	

#### Additional Information:

The dwelling at 111 North Main Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination form and evaluated as a non-contributing (harmonious) resource in the 1980 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 111 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

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☐ (checked=Yes)**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

<b>Attachments Included:</b>	0 Building	0 Bridge
	0 Structure	0 Landscape
	0 Object	0 Industry

**Historic District ?** ☒

**District Name:** Cranbury Historic District

**Status:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐

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

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202\_25\_29.01

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**Address:** 111 N Main ST



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Photo 3



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -1448494467

**Property Name:** 112 North Main Street  
**Address:** 112 N Main ST

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	18

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

112 North Main Street is a one-and-one-half-story-tall, four-bay-wide, frame dwelling constructed circa 1950 in the Minimal Traditional style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with a one-story, side-gable southwest wing. The roof of the main block is interrupted by symmetrically placed, gable-roof dormers on the primary (northwest) slope (added circa 2004) and a full length, shed-roof dormer (added circa 2004) on the southeast slope. The roof, accented by overhanging eaves, is covered by asphalt shingles throughout. An off-center, exterior, concrete block chimney pierces the northeast gable end. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding. Windows are all single and paired, six-over-six or eight-over-eight, vinyl-sash replacement units. The primary elevation has asymmetrical fenestration with six-over-six, vinyl-sash windows in the two northernmost bays and a square bay window in the southernmost bay. Windows on this elevation are all set within wood surrounds (likely original). The central, primary entrance contains a paneled wood door (likely original) with a metal storm door, set within a wood surround with a slightly molded lintel (likely original). The entrance is sheltered by a front-gabled portico with wood Doric columns. Both the northeast and southwest elevations of the dwelling have asymmetrical fenestration. The southwest wing contains a six-over-six, vinyl-sash window on its northwest elevation and a paired vinyl-sash windows centered in its southwest elevation. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands on a concrete foundation.

A one-story-tall, two-bay-wide, concrete block garage, built circa 1950, stands approximately 13 feet southeast of the dwelling. It has an asphalt-shingle, front-gabled roof with wood clapboard siding in the gable end. The primary (northwest) elevation contains two wood panel roll-top doors (likely original). Both the southwest and northeast elevations have symmetrical fenestration with (likely original). The rear (southeast) elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

History: 112 North Main Street, constructed circa 1950, is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1947, the subject parcel was sold to William and Katherine Ziegler as an empty lot (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1947 Deed Book 1384:203; Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1947). William Ziegler worked as a dairy truck driver, and Katherine was an assistant cook at a school cafeteria. They lived at 112 North Main Street with their two sons (U.S. Census 1950). The subject dwelling and the extant detached garage are both visible on a 1953 aerial photograph in nearly their current forms (NETR 1953). Around 1970, a small, gable-roof dormer was added on the rear slope of the dwelling (NETR 1969, 1970). Between 2002 and 2006, two gable-roof dormers were built on the dwelling's primary slope, and the circa-1970 dormer on the rear slope was replaced with the extant

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shed-roof dormer (NETR 2002, 2006). The extant vinyl-sash windows were likely installed sometime during the late twentieth or early twenty-first centuries. Sometime between 2019 and the present day, the extant vinyl siding was installed on the dwelling (Google 2019).

#### Setting:

112 North Main Street is sited on a roughly rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 18) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 35 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway extends southeast from North Main Street and leads to the garage. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties generally dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

#### Registration

National Historic Landmark?: ☐

#### and Status

National Register: 9/18/1980

#### Dates:

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977

Certification of Eligibility:

SHPO Opinion:

Local Designation: 9/26/1988

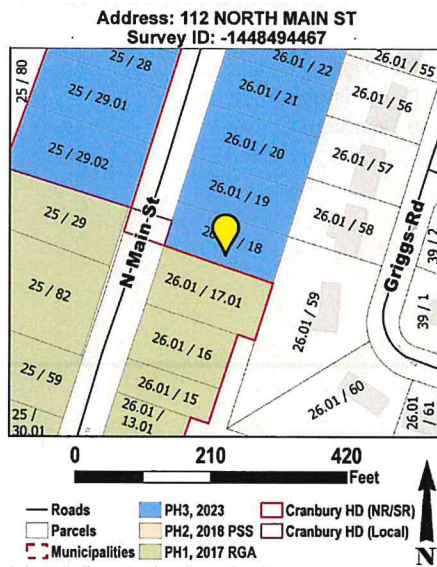
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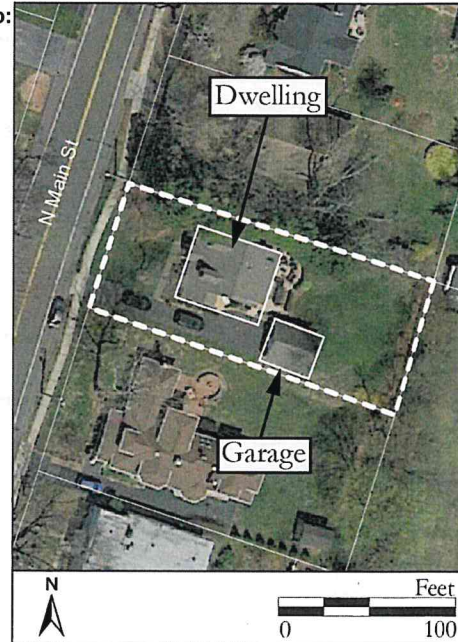
☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:



#### Site Map:



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United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1950
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	1980

**Additional Information:**

Although the dwelling at 112 North Main Street was not identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination form, it was evaluated as a non-contributing (intrusion) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 112 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

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

Conversion Problem? ☐      ConversionNote: 1202\_26.01\_18

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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Property ID: **-1448494467**

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**Address:** 112 N Main ST



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*Photo 3*



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 160980960

Property Name: 113 North Main Street  
Address: 113 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	28

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

113 North Main Street is a two-and-one-half-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1910. The dwelling consists of a pyramidal-roof main block with a two-story-tall, two-bay-deep, gable-roof, rear (northwest) addition (added circa 1995). An interior brick chimney rises from the northeast roof slope of the main block. A small, front-gabled dormer is located above the northeast bay of the primary (southeast) elevation and contains a louvered vent. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows throughout are one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement units, set into vinyl surrounds and flanked by inoperable, vinyl louvered shutters on the primary and southwest elevations of the main block. The primary elevation has asymmetrical fenestration with a full-width, hipped-roof porch with wood Doric columns and a wood balustrade (possibly original) that shelters the first floor (possibly original). The primary entrance is situated in the southwest bay and contains a glazed metal storm door and a wood door with a large rectangular light. Beside the primary entrance, there is a semi-hexagonal projecting bay with three windows. The side (northeast and southwest) elevations feature typical windows, flanked by shutters on the southwest elevation. A secondary entrance, containing a glazed metal storm door, is situated in the northeast bay of the rear addition, and is accessed by wood steps. The rear (northwest) elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The main block stands on a rusticated cast-stone foundation, while the rear addition stands on a concrete foundation.

A one-story-tall, one-bay-wide, frame, circa-1910 garage stands approximately 40 feet northwest of the dwelling. The front-gabled roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and the exterior is clad in vinyl siding. The primary (southeast) elevation features a single metal roll-top door.

History: 113 North Main Street is an example of an early twentieth-century, vernacular dwelling in Cranbury. The main block of the subject dwelling stylistically dates to circa 1910 and appears to have been originally constructed in a foursquare plan. The subject dwelling, along with the neighboring dwelling at 115 North Main Street, were built on a roughly one-acre parcel of land purchased by Elizabeth Dye in 1909 (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] Deed Book 443:203). In 1917, Elizabeth's son, David Dye, purchased the roughly one-acre parcel that included the subject dwelling and the dwelling at 115 North Main Street from his mother's estate (MCCO 1917 Deed Book 605:279). It is unclear whether Elizabeth or David Dye ever lived in the subject dwelling, and it is possible that the subject dwelling was rented by tenants during the period between about 1910 and 1920. In 1921, Minnie Peterson purchased the one-acre parcel that included the subject dwelling and the dwelling at 115 North Main Street from David Dye and his wife, Nellie (MCCO 1921 Deed Book 712:9). The 1930 federal census lists Minnie Peterson and her husband, Jeremiah, a house painter, as residents of North Main Street in Cranbury;

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however, it is unclear whether they were residing in the subject dwelling or in the dwelling at 115 North Main Street (United States Bureau of the Census 1930). The main block of the subject dwelling, along with the extant detached garage, first appear on a 1930 aerial photograph (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 1930). In 1948, the Petersons subdivided the one-acre parcel and sold the subject dwelling to John S. and Agnes M. Eno (MCCO 1948 Deed Book 3198:89). The subject dwelling underwent no major alterations through the mid-twentieth century (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1957, 1963, 1979). Around 1995, a large, two-story addition was constructed on the rear of the subject dwelling, roughly doubling its size to its current footprint (NETR 1987, 1995, 2002). It is also likely that the extant vinyl siding and vinyl-sash windows were installed during this expansion effort.

#### Setting:

113 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 28) located on the northwest side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 30 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway extends along the northeast border of the property to the detached garage. A concrete path extends from the driveway to the primary entrance. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

#### 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

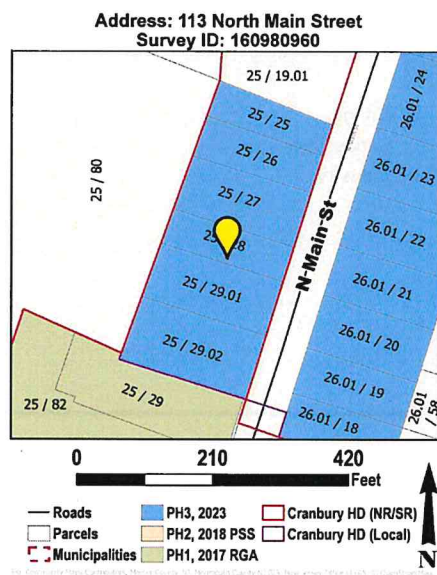
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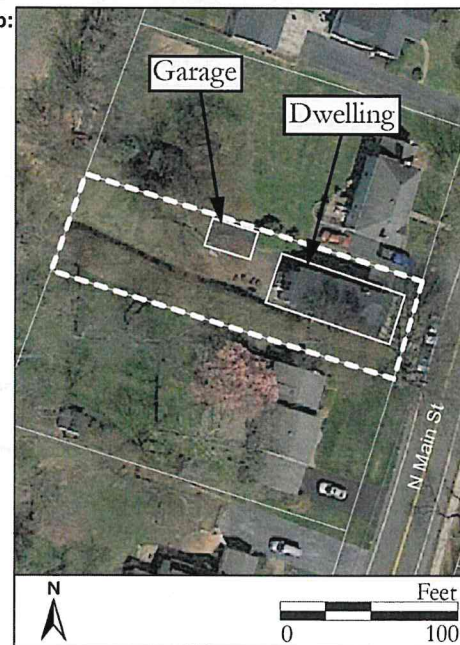
☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:



#### Site Map:



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Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	1980
United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1930

**Additional Information:**

The dwelling at 113 North Main Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination and evaluated as a contributing resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 113 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its low integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. The circa-1995 addition on the rear of the dwelling distorts the building's original massing.

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐  
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐      ConversionNote: 1202\_25\_28

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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Address: 113 N Main ST



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Photo 3



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**Property Name:** 113 North Main Street

**Address:** 113 N Main ST



*Photo 4*

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 770447969

Property Name: 114 North Main Street  
Address: 114 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	19

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

114 North Main Street is a one-story-tall, four-bay-wide, five-bay-deep, masonry dwelling constructed circa 1952 in the Minimal Traditional style. The dwelling consists of a front-gabled main block with a one-story, hipped-roof wing that adjoins the rear (southeast) elevation; a one-story, side-gabled, enclosed porch to the southwest (added circa 1960); and a small, one-story addition at the northwest corner of the main block that contains a garage (added circa 1960). The roof is covered with asphalt shingles throughout. The primary (northwest) and southwest gable ends are clad in wood shingles (likely original), with vinyl siding on the southwest enclosed porch. Windows throughout are generally six-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash windows, set into wood surrounds with brick lintels (likely original). The primary (northwest) elevation has asymmetrical fenestration, with a wood, roll-top door in the northwest garage wing, a wood-sash window on the main block, and a full-height, fixed-pane window on the southwest enclosed porch. The primary entrance is located on the southwest enclosed porch and contains a glazed vinyl storm door. The northeast elevation of the main block and the southeast wing have symmetrical fenestration with wood-sash windows. A secondary entrance, containing a glazed vinyl storm door, is located in the northeasternmost bay of the main block. The southwest elevation is largely obscured by vegetation, with full-height, fixed-pane windows visible on the southwest enclosed porch. The rear (southeast) elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

History: 114 North Main Street was constructed circa 1952 and is an example of a mid-twentieth century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1951, the subject property was purchased by Russell and Margaret Davison as an empty lot, and the subject dwelling was likely built for them shortly thereafter (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1951 Deed Book 1583:307). The subject dwelling first appears on a 1953 aerial photograph and is depicted in nearly its current footprint (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1947, 1953). Around 1960, a one-story, enclosed porch was built on the southwest elevation of the main block, and a one-story wing was added to the northwest corner of the main block (NETR 1957, 1963). Little to no alterations occurred to the subject dwelling between the mid-1960s and the late 1980s (NETR 1969, 1979, 1987). Minimal changes have occurred to the dwelling in recent years (NETR 2002, 2019).

### Setting:

114 North Main Street is sited on a roughly rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 19) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 44 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway extends from North Main Street and connects to the attached garage. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential

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neighborhood surrounded by properties generally dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

**Registration  
and Status  
Dates:**

National Historic Landmark?: ☐

National Register: 9/18/1980

New Jersey Register: 8/9/1979

Determination of Eligibility: 3/25/1977

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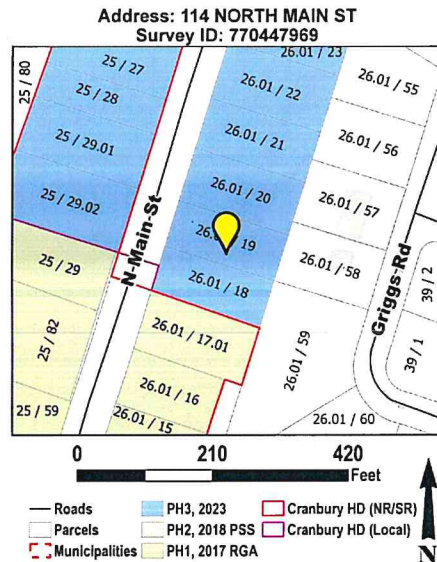
Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

**Location Map:**

**Site Map:**



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Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.

**Additional Information:**

Although the dwelling at 114 North Main Street was not identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination, it was evaluated as a non-contributing (intrusion) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 114 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐  
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202\_26.01\_19

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**Property Name:** 114 North Main Street

**Address:** 114 N Main ST



*Photo 2*



*Photo 3*



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -1719866505

Property Name: 115 North Main Street  
Address: 115 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	27

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

115 North Main Street is a two-and-one-half-story-tall, four-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1910 and expanded circa 1965. The original block of the dwelling consists of the southwest two bays, with the northeastern two bays representing the circa-1965 addition. The dwelling is capped by an asphalt-shingle, hipped roof. An interior brick chimney rises from the southwest roof slope and an exterior brick chimney is centered on the northeast elevation. A gabled dormer is located above the southwesternmost bay of the primary (southeast) elevation and features a three-light wood window in a wood surround (likely original). The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows throughout are one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement units, set within wood surrounds, some of which have molded wood lintels (likely original). The primary elevation has asymmetrical fenestration with inoperable, vinyl louvered shutters flanking the windows. In the southwesternmost bay, there is a semi-hexagonal projecting bay with a hipped roof. The central, primary entrance contains a wood paneled door with a metal storm door, set into a wood surround with fluted pilasters and a broken pediment. The entrance is accessed by a brick stoop with stone coping and wood railings. The southwest elevation has symmetrical fenestration with two windows on the first and second floors. The northeast elevation contains a secondary entrance with a metal storm door and is devoid of other openings. The first floor of the northeast elevation is sheltered by a gabled porch supported by vinyl Doric columns. The rear (northwest) elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The original block of the dwelling stands on a rusticated cast-stone foundation, while the circa-1965 addition stands on a concrete foundation.

A circa-1995 vinyl shed stands approximately 100 feet northwest of the dwelling.

History: 115 North Main Street is an example of an early twentieth-century, vernacular dwelling in Cranbury. The main block of the subject dwelling stylistically dates to circa 1910 and appears to have been originally constructed in a foursquare plan. The subject dwelling, along with the neighboring dwelling at 113 North Main Street, was built on a roughly one-acre parcel of land purchased by Elizabeth Dye in 1909 (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] Deed Book 443:203). In 1917, Elizabeth's son, David Dye, purchased the roughly one-acre parcel that included the subject dwelling and the dwelling at 113 North Main Street from his mother's estate (MCCO 1917 Deed Book 605:279). It is unclear whether Elizabeth or David Dye ever lived in the subject dwelling, and it is possible that the subject dwelling was rented by tenants during the period between about 1910 and 1920. In 1921, Minnie Peterson purchased the one-acre parcel that included the subject dwelling and the dwelling at 113 North Main Street from David Dye and his wife, Nellie (MCCO 1921 Deed Book 712:9). The 1930 federal census lists Minnie Peterson and her husband, Jeremiah, a house painter, as residents of North Main Street in Cranbury;

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however, it is unclear whether they were residing in the subject dwelling or in the dwelling at 113 North Main Street (United States Bureau of the Census 1930). In 1946, the Petersons subdivided the one-acre parcel and sold the subject dwelling to Charles and Evelyn Livingston (MCCO 1946 Deed Book 1297:394). Around 1965, the subject dwelling was expanded to the northeast, roughly doubling its size, and a side-gabled porch was added to the northeast elevation (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1963, 1969). Around 1995, a vinyl shed was built northwest of the dwelling (NETR 1987, 1995, 2002). Sometime during the late twentieth or early twenty-first centuries, the current vinyl siding and vinyl-sash windows were installed.

#### Setting:

115 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 27) located on the northwest side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 30 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway extends along the southwest border of the property. A concrete path extends from the roadway to the primary entrance. A brick path leads from the driveway to the primary entrance. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

#### 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:

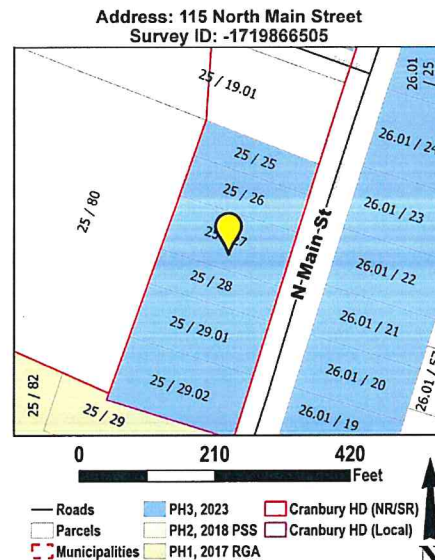
Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:

#### Site Map:



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United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1930

**Additional Information:**

The dwelling at 115 North Main Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination and evaluated as a contributing resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 115 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its low integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. The circa-1965 expansion of the subject dwelling distorts the original massing of the building.

**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

<b>Attachments Included:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
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**Historic District ?** ☒

**District Name:** Cranbury Historic District

**Status:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐  
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

**Conversion Problem?** ☐ **ConversionNote:** 1202\_25\_27

**Date form completed:** 6/21/2023

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## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: 1050809850

Property Name: 116 North Main Street  
Address: 116 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	20

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

116 North Main Street is a one-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling constructed circa 1950 in the Minimal Traditional style. The dwelling consists of an L-shaped, cross-gabled main block with a one-story, side-gabled, northeast wing (originally an attached garage), and a one-story, hipped-roof wing to the rear (southeast). Asphalt shingles cover the roof throughout. The roof is accented by overhanging eaves, and a small vinyl cupola with louvered vents sits atop the roof ridge of the northeast addition. An interior, concrete block chimney pierces the rear (southeast) roof slope of the northeast wing. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows are all single and paired, six-over-six or eight-over-eight, vinyl-sash replacement units. Inoperable, vinyl louvered shutters flank the windows on the primary (northwest) and southwest elevations. The primary elevation has asymmetrical fenestration. The dwelling features two entrances, with one located in the southernmost bay of the northeast wing and the other on the northeast elevation of the main block's front-gabled projection. Both entrances contain modern wood panel doors with a central light. A shed-roof extension shelters the entrance on the northeast wing. The northeast and southwest elevation have asymmetrical fenestration. The northeast elevation of the wing is devoid of openings. The rear elevation and rear wing are not visible from the public right-of-way.

A one-story-tall, front-gabled, frame garage, built circa 1950, stands approximately 60 feet east of the dwelling. It is clad in aluminum siding and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The primary (northwest) elevation contains an off-center, vinyl panel, roll-top door. The southwest, northeast, and rear (southeast) elevations are not visible from the public right-of-way.

History: 116 North Main Street was constructed circa 1950 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1948, the subject property was sold to Frank and Amy Breese, who likely built the dwelling and detached garage shortly thereafter (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1948 Deed Book 1388:341). Frank was a maintenance carpenter at this time, and Amy was not employed (US Census 1950). The dwelling and garage both appear on a 1953 aerial photograph with their current footprints (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1953). Sometime during the late twentieth or early twenty-first centuries, the extant vinyl siding and vinyl-sash windows were installed. No major alterations occurred to the dwelling during this period (NETR 1979, 1987, 2002). Around 2016, an attached garage adjacent to the northeast elevation of the dwelling was converted into a living space (Google 2013, 2019).

### Setting:

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116 North Main Street is sited on a roughly rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 20) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 44 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway extends southeast from North Main Street and leads to the northeast wing and detached garage. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties generally dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

**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

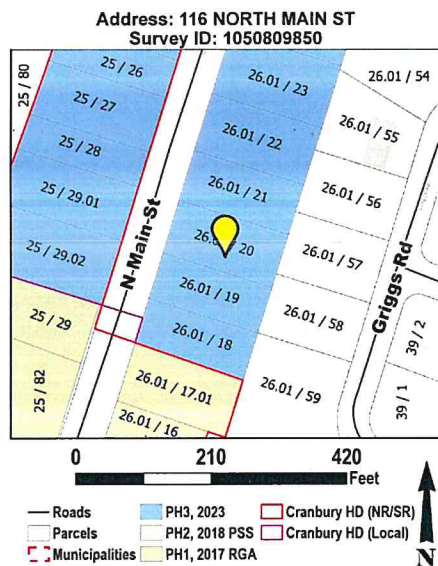
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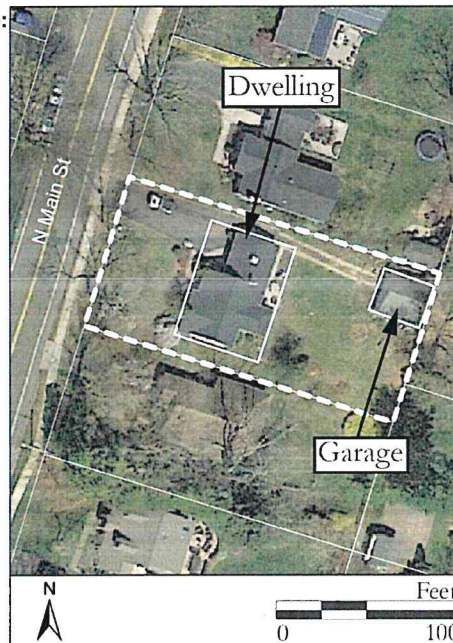
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**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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Walsh, Ruth

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the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury,  
Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey  
Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.

**Additional Information:**

Although the dwelling at 116 North Main Street was not identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination form, it was evaluated as a non-contributing (intrusion) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 116 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**

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**Historic District ?** ☒

**District Name:** Cranbury Historic District

**Status:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐

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

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**Conversion Problem?** ☐ **ConversionNote:** 1202\_26.01\_20

**Date form completed:** 6/21/2023

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Address: 116 N Main ST



Photo 2



Photo 3



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -2091715752

Property Name: 118 North Main Street  
Address: 118 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	21

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

118 North Main Street is a one-story-tall, three-bay-wide, one-bay-deep, brick dwelling constructed circa 1952 in the Minimal Traditional style. The dwelling consists of a cross-gabled main block with a one-story, gable-roof addition on the rear (southeast) elevation (added circa 1960) and a one-story, cross-gabled addition on the northeast elevation (added circa 1960) that connects to a circa-1952, front-gabled garage. Asphalt shingles cover the roof throughout. An exterior, concrete block chimney is located at the southwest gable end of the main block. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in brick laid in running bond, with vinyl siding in the gable ends, on the northeast addition, and on the northeast and southwest elevations. Windows throughout are generally six-over-six or ten-over-ten, vinyl-sash replacement units with inoperable, vinyl louvered shutters flanking the windows on the primary (northwest) elevation. The recessed, primary entrance, centered on the main block, contains a paneled vinyl door with a central light and a glazed metal storm door. The northeast and southwest elevations of the main block have asymmetrical fenestration. The northeast addition contains a secondary entrance with a paneled vinyl door with a single light beside a vinyl-sash window. The garage contains a vinyl panel and roll-top door. The southwest elevation of the rear addition has symmetrical fenestration. The rear elevation of the dwelling is not visible from the public right-of-way.

A modern frame shed stands in the southeast corner of the property.

History: 118 North Main Street, constructed circa 1952, is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury, and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century. In 1951, the subject property was purchased by Philip L. and Sally B. Strong as an empty lot (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1951 Deed Book 1588:515). Philip Strong was employed as a lawyer and married Sally in the same year they purchased the subject property (United States Bureau of the Census 1950). The subject dwelling was likely built for the Strong's shortly after their 1951 purchase. It first appears on a 1953 aerial photograph, which depicts the main block and a garage to the northeast (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1947, 1953). Around 1960, a gable-roof addition was built on the dwelling's rear elevation, and a connecting addition was built between the northeast elevation of the dwelling's main block and the garage (NETR 1957, 1963). The dwelling underwent little to no alterations through the late twentieth century (NETR 1979, 1987, 2002). Sometime during the late twentieth or early twenty-first centuries, the extant vinyl siding and vinyl-sash windows were installed, and a frame shed was built in the southeast corner of the property.

### Setting:

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118 North Main Street is sited on a roughly rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 21) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 47 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway extends southeast from North Main Street and leads to the attached garage. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties generally dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

**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

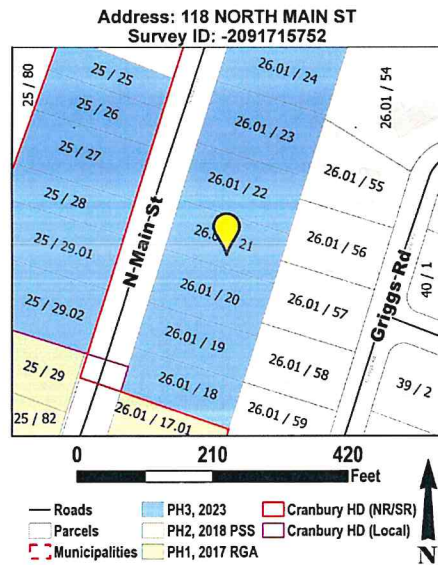
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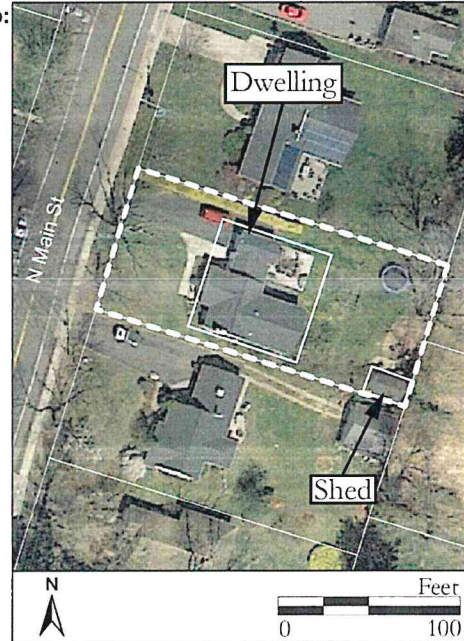
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☐ **Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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**Additional Information:**

Although the dwelling at 118 North Main Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination, it was evaluated as a non-contributing (intrusion) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 118 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

**More Research Needed?** ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

<b>Attachments Included:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
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**Historic District ?** ☒

**District Name:** Cranbury Historic District

**Status:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐  
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

**Conversion Problem?** ☐ **ConversionNote:** 1202\_26.01\_21

**Date form completed:** 6/21/2023

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Address: 118 N Main ST



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## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1519138546**

**Property Name:** 119 North Main Street  
**Address:** 119 N Main ST

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	26

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

119 North Main Street is a one-story-tall, four-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1948 in the Minimal Traditional style. The dwelling consists of a gable-and-wing main block with a two-bay-wide, front-gabled wing extending from the primary (southeast) elevation. Another one-bay-wide, gabled wing extends from the southern bay of the rear (northwest) elevation with a shed-roof enclosed porch located in the northern bays. An exterior brick chimney extends above the southwest gable end of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows are primarily six-over-six, vinyl-sash, replacement units flanked by inoperable, vinyl paneled shutters on the primary, northeast, and southwest elevations. The central, primary entrance is sheltered by a porch with wood posts that extends from the front-gable wing. It contains a metal screen door with a multi-light, wood door and is accessed by a concrete and brick stoop. The northeast elevation of the enclosed porch contains grouped vinyl casement windows. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right of way. The dwelling stands on a parged foundation.

A one-story, circa-1948, frame garage stands approximately 25 feet west of the dwelling. The side-gabled roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and the exterior is clad in vinyl siding. Two metal roll-top garage doors are located on the primary (southeast) elevation.

**History:** 119 North Main Street was constructed circa 1948 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1948, Minnie and Jeremiah Peterson sold the subject lot to Thomas J. and Alberta B. Hagerty, who likely constructed the dwelling shortly thereafter (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1948 Deed Book 1388:338). Thomas worked as a fitter in the steel industry (United States Bureau of the Census 1950). The dwelling, along with a detached garage, first appear on a 1953 aerial photograph showing their current footprints (Nationwide Environmental Title 1947, 1953). Sometime during the mid-to-late twentieth century, the dwelling's siding was replaced with vinyl and the windows replaced with the current vinyl-sash units. The rear porch was likely enclosed during the same period.

### Setting:

119 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 26) located on the northwest side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 40 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends along the southwest border of the property. A concrete path extends from the driveway to the primary entry. A concrete patio extends from the rear of the dwelling to the detached garage. Mature trees and

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shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

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:

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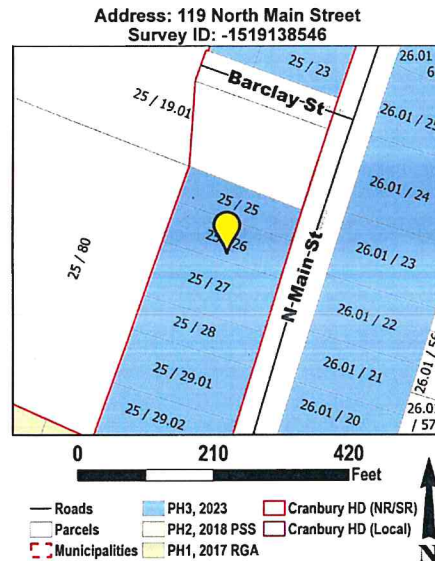
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Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR)	Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, <a href="http://www.historicaerials.com">http://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed May 2023.	1947		
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United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1950		

#### Additional Information:

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 119 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

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

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**Address:** 119 N Main ST



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Property ID: **-1519138546**

**Property Name:** 119 North Main Street

**Address:** 119 N Main ST



*Photo 4*



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-287173101**

**Property Name:** 120 North Main Street  
**Address:** 120 N Main ST

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	22

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

120 North Main Street is a two-story-tall, seven bay-wide, two-bay-deep, brick, Tri-Level Split dwelling constructed circa 1955. The dwelling consists of a partially embanked, side-gabled main block and a rear (southeast) gabled addition (built circa 2012). Asphalt shingles cover the roof throughout. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in brick laid in running bond, with vinyl siding in the gable ends. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridge of the main block. Windows generally consist of single and grouped, vinyl-sash replacement units with inoperable, louvered vinyl shutters flanking the windows on the primary (northwest) elevation. The two central bays on the primary elevation are recessed, forming an integrated porch supported by square wood posts on square wood pedestals wood posts and a simple wood balustrade. A picture window flanked by one-over-one windows is located in the northern bay beneath the porch and the primary entrance is located in the southern bay. The entrance contains a modern wood panel door with a rectangular light. Situated at the ground level in the northernmost bay of the main block is a single garage bay with a vinyl panel roll-top door. The northeast and southwest elevations have symmetrical fenestration. The rear elevation and the circa-2012 rear addition are not visible from the public right-of-way.

A modern frame shed stands southeast of the dwelling.

**History:** 120 North Main Street, constructed circa 1955, is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Tri-Level Split dwelling in Cranbury. In 1949, Marion and Walter Greczyn purchased the subject parcel from Raymond and Jennie Griggs as an empty lot (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1949 Deed Book 1539:204). The subject property is not visible on a 1953 aerial photograph, indicating that the building was not constructed for the Greczyn family until several years after they purchased the land (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1953). A 1957 aerial photograph depicts the subject dwelling in nearly its current form (NETR 1957). The extant vinyl-sash windows and vinyl garage door were likely installed sometime during the late twentieth century. Between 2012 and 2013, 2012, the gabled addition was constructed on the rear of the dwelling (NETR 2012, 2013).

### Setting:

120 North Main Street is sited on a roughly rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 22) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 50 feet from the road. A concrete driveway extends southeast from North Main Street and leads to the garage. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential neighborhood

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surrounded by properties generally dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

**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:

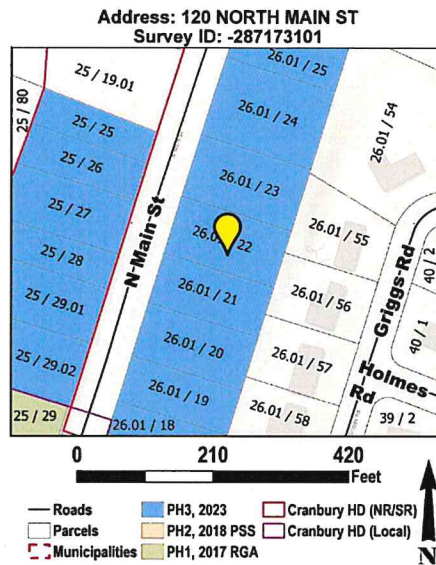
Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:

Site Map:



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Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	1980	

**Additional Information:**

Although the dwelling at 120 North Main Street was not identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination form, it was evaluated as a non-contributing (intrusion) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 120 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

Attachments Included: 0 Building 0 Bridge

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0 Structure  
0 Object

0 Landscape  
0 Industry

Historic District ? ☒

District Name: Cranbury Historic District

Status: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

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

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Conversion Problem? ☐

ConversionNote: 1202\_26.01\_22

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**Property Name:** 120 North Main Street

**Address:** 120 N Main ST



*Photo 2*



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## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1473882398**

**Property Name:** 121 North Main Street  
**Address:** 121 N Main ST

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	25

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

121 North Main Street is a one-story-tall, three-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1948 in the Minimal Traditional style. The dwelling consists of a gable-and-wing main block with a one-bay-wide, front-gabled wing in the northern bay of the primary (southeast) elevation and another one-bay-wide, front-gabled wing extending from the southern bay of the rear (northwest) elevation. A shed-roof wing is located in the northern bays of the rear elevation and connects to a circa 1975, gable-roof rear addition. An exterior brick chimney extends above the southwest gable end of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows are primarily grouped vinyl casement replacement units flanked by inoperable, vinyl louvered shutters. A shed-roof porch with a wood balustrade and square posts extends along the two southwestern bays of the primary elevation. The central, primary entrance features a paneled wood door with four lights and a metal storm door. A vinyl bay window is centered on the northeast elevation of the shed-roof wing. The rear elevation is not visible from the public right of way. The dwelling stands on a parged foundation.

A one-story, circa-1948, frame shed stands approximately 60 feet northwest of the dwelling. The side-gabled roof is sheathed in wood shingles and a hipped-roof porch extends from the primary (southeast) elevation, supported by wood posts with lattice brackets. The exterior of the shed appears to be clad in wood plank siding.

**History:** 121 North Main Street was constructed circa 1948 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1948, the subject property was purchased by Carl E. Liedtkie, an auto mechanic, and his wife Mary Jane F., from Minnie and Jeremiah Peterson (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1948 Deed Book 1388:345; United States Bureau of the Census 1950). The subject dwelling was likely built for the Liedtkie family shortly thereafter. It first appears on a 1953 aerial photograph, depicted in nearly its current form (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1947, 1953). A one-story, gable-roof addition was constructed on the rear of the dwelling around 1975 (NETR 1972, 1979). Sometime during the mid-to-late twentieth century, the dwelling's windows were replaced with the current vinyl units (Google2013). Sometime after 2019, the siding was replaced with the current vinyl siding (Google 2019).

### Setting:

121 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 25) located on the northwest side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 40 feet from the road. An asphalt driveway extends along the southwest border of the property, bordered by a wood fence to

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the northeast and northwest. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. A cement path extends from the driveway to the primary entrance. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

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

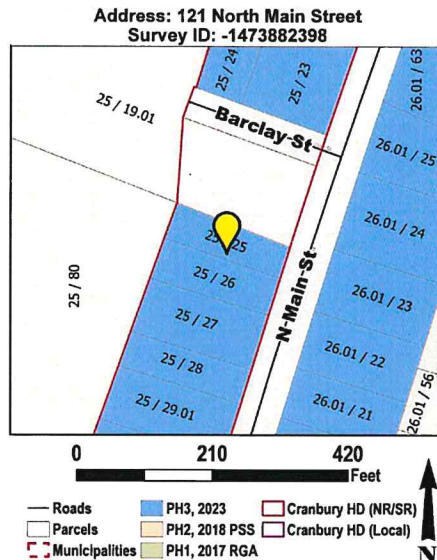
Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:



Site Map:



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Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR)	Historic Aerial Photograph. Electronic Document, <a href="http://www.historicaerials.com">http://www.historicaerials.com</a> , accessed May 2023.	1979	
United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1950	

#### Additional Information:

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 121 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**

0 Building  
0 Structure  
0 Object

0 Bridge  
0 Landscape  
0 Industry

**Historic District ?** ☒

**District Name:** Cranbury Historic District

**Status:** Non Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?** ☐

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

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**Conversion Problem?** ☐

**ConversionNote:** 1202\_25\_25

**Date form completed:** 6/21/2023

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**Property Name:** 121 North Main Street

**Address:** 121 N Main ST



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*Photo 3*



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Property ID: -1473882398

**Property Name:** 121 North Main Street

**Address:** 121 N Main ST



*Photo 4*

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -1718905672

Property Name: 122 North Main Street  
Address: 122 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	23

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

122 North Main Street is a two-story-tall, three bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling constructed circa 1950 in the Colonial Revival style. The dwelling consists of a side-gabled main block with a one-story, side-gabled southwest wing and a two-story, cross-gable northeast addition (constructed circa 2017). Asphalt shingles covers the roof throughout. An exterior, brick chimney is centered on the southwest elevation of the main block. The dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. Windows are generally six-over-six or one-over-one, vinyl-sash replacement units flanked by operable, paneled wood shutters. The primary (northwest) elevation of the main block has symmetrical fenestration with a central primary entrance, containing a six-light, paneled wood door with segmented sidelights. Sheltering the entrance is a one-bay-wide, flat-roof portico with square wood posts and a brick stoop with stone coping. The northeast and southwest elevations of the main block both have asymmetrical fenestration. The southwest wing contains grouped vinyl-sash windows centered on its southwest elevation, while its northwest elevation is devoid of openings. The northeast addition has asymmetrical fenestration on its northeast elevation, with a shed-roof bay window pierces the east bay on the first floor. The rear (southeast) elevation was not visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling stands on a brick foundation.

A circa-1950 one-story-tall, one-bay-wide, frame garage stands southeast of the dwelling. The garage is capped by a side-gabled, asphalt-shingle roof with a small wood cupola with a weathervane. The exterior of the garage is clad in vinyl siding. The primary (northwest) elevation contains a paneled wood, roll-top door with faux strap hinges.

History: 122 North Main Street was constructed circa 1950 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Colonial Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1946, William and Edna Zimmer purchased the subject parcel from Manuel and Lillian Enus (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1946 Deed Book 1304:443). The dwelling does not appear on a 1947 aerial photograph of North Main Street, indicating that the Zimmers did not immediately build the subject dwelling upon purchasing the land (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 1947). The 1950 federal census lists William, Edna, and their two sons as residents of Cranbury, with William employed as a machinist in the radio industry (United States Bureau of the Census 1950). The subject dwelling first appears on a 1953 aerial photograph in nearly its current footprint, accompanied by the extant garage (NETR 1953). No alterations were made to the dwelling's footprint between its construction and the late 1980s (NETR 1970, 1979, 1987). Between 1995 and 2002, a one-story, northeast addition was built, and later expanded to two stories around 2017 (NETR 2002; NJ Geoweb 2015; Google 2019). A two-story, side-gabled addition was also constructed on the southeast elevation of the northeast addition circa 2017 (NJ Geoweb 2015; Google 2019). Between 2013 and 2019, the house and garage

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were both reclad in vinyl siding, all shutters were replaced with the extant paneled wood shutters, and a portico was added to the primary entrance (Google 2013, 2019).

#### Setting:

122 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 23) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 50 feet from the road. A concrete driveway extends from North Main Street and leads to the detached garage. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties generally dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

#### 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

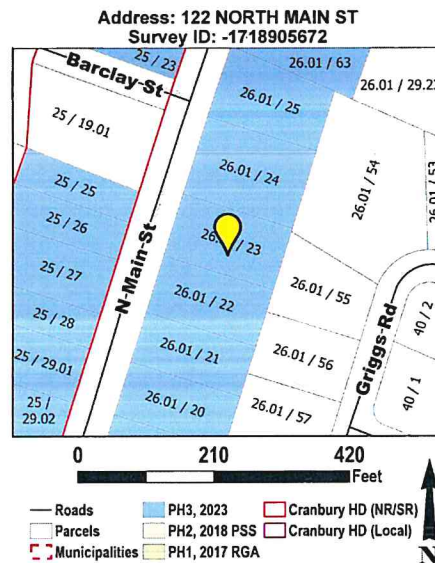
Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

☐ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

#### Location Map:



#### Site Map:



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NJ Geoweb	Aerial Image. Electronic document, <a href="https://njdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/">https://njdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/</a> , accessed June 2023.	2015
United States Bureau of the Census	Population Schedule, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey.	1950
Walsh, Ruth	National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the Cranbury Historic District, Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey. On file, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Trenton, New Jersey.	1980

**Additional Information:**

Although the dwelling at 120 North Main Street was not identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination form, it was evaluated as a non-contributing (intrusion) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 120 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐  
(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Conversion Problem? ☐      ConversionNote: 1202\_26.01\_23

Date form completed: 6/21/2023

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**Property Name:** 122 North Main Street

**Address:** 122 N Main ST



*Photo 2*



*Photo 3*



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-817081925**

**Property Name:** Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House  
**Address:** 124 N Main ST

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

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	24

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:**

**NRIS Number:**

**HABS/HAER Number:**

### Description:

The Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House at 124 North Main Street is a frame, Cape Cod-style dwelling constructed in 1937. The dwelling consists of a one-and-one-half-story tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, side-gabled main block, with a one-story, side-gabled, attached garage to the northeast and a one-story, side-gabled porch to the southwest. The garage and porch are one-bay deep, with the garage offset from the main block to the southeast, and the porch centrally placed. A slightly off-center, interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridge (historic, likely original). A central, shed-roof dormer interrupts the rear (southeast) roof slope. The roofs are all steeply pitched and sheathed in slate shingles (historic, likely original). Metal louvered vents are located in the northeast and southwest gable ends of the main block. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood shingles (historic, likely original). Windows on the main block (northwest, northeast, and southwest elevations) consist of eight-over-twelve, double-hung, wood-sash units with wood lintels (historic, likely original), flanked by operable wood louvered shutters with metal shutter dogs (historic, likely original). The central, primary (northwest) entrance contains an eight-light, wood storm door set into a wood surround with fluted pilasters and a frieze with triglyphs and dentils (historic, likely original). A concrete stoop bounded by rowlock brick courses leads to the primary entrance. The northeast garage features six-over-six, wood-sash windows, flanked by typical shutters, placed symmetrically on the primary and northeast elevations (historic, likely original). The southwest porch features elliptically arched spandrels supported by square wood posts. A glazed wood door provides a secondary entrance in the northwest bay. The rear (southeast) elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way.

A modern shed stands in the southeast corner of the property, approximately 85 feet from the dwelling.

Character-defining elements of the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House include its massing, particularly its one-and-one-half-story height; wood and slate shingles; and other hallmarks of the Cape Cod style including its steeply pitched, side-gabled roof; central brick chimney; primary entrance with wood storm door, pilasters, and frieze; and wood-sash windows with wood lintels and paneled wood shutters.

### Setting:

The Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House at 124 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 24) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 70 feet from the road. A concrete sidewalk extends along the northwest border of

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**Organization:** Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

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the parcel. A gravel driveway extends along the northeast border of the property and leads to the garage's rear (southeast) opening. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

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

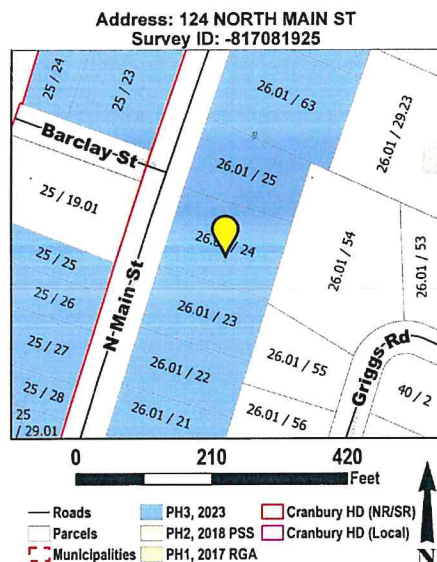
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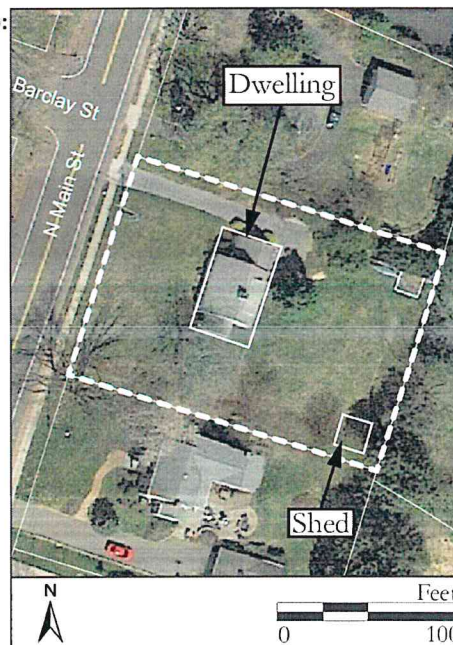
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**Additional Information:**

Although the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House at 124 North Main Street was not identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination, it was evaluated in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district as a non-contributing (harmonious) resource (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House at 124 North Main Street as a key-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. The dwelling is an excellent, well-preserved example of an early twentieth-century, Cape Cod-style dwelling and retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

Attachments Included:	1 Building	0 Bridge
	0 Structure	0 Landscape
	0 Object	0 Industry

Historic District ? ☒

District Name: Cranbury Historic District

Status: Key Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☐

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

Conversion Problem? ☐ ConversionNote: 1202\_26.01\_24

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## BUILDING ATTACHMENT

**Common Name:** Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House, 124 North Main Street

**Historic Name:** Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House

**Present Use:** Residential, permanent

**Historic Use:** Residential, permanent

**ConstructionDate:**                      **Source:**

**Construction** 1937                      **Construction** 1937  
**Start Date:**                              **End Date:**

**Style:** Colonial Revival                      ☐ Vernacular Style?

**Form:** Cape Cod

**Physical Condition:** Excellent

**Type:** Other

**Remaining Historic Fabric:** High

**Roof Finish Materials:** Slate

**Stories:** 1.5

**Exterior Finish Materials:** Wood, Shingles

**Bays:** 3

**Exterior Description:**

See property form.

**Interior Description:**

Not accessible.

**Alteration Dates:**

**Architect/Designer::**

Type:	Name:	Person/Firm Description:
Architect	Edward Hickey	
Architect	William Seidel	

**Date form completed:** 8/10/2023

## ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Properties

Property ID **-817081925**

### History:

The dwelling at 124 North Main Street was constructed in 1937 for Dr. Benjamin S. Van Dyke and his wife, Mary. Dr. Van Dyke, born in Thailand in 1877, was the son of a Presbyterian missionary and immigrated to the U.S. at the age of three (The Central New Jersey Home News [CNJHN], 6 May 1937:6). He graduated with a medical degree from Columbia University in 1903 (United States Bureau of the Census [US Census] 1910; CNJHN, 6 May 1937:6). After four years of residency and private practice in the City of East Orange, Essex County, Dr. Van Dyke assumed the position of Cranbury Township physician. In 1914, his role expanded to include Plainsboro and Monroe townships (CNJHN, 6 May 1937:6). He married Mary Hake in 1916, a Highland, Pennsylvania native, and daughter of William and Mary Biesecker Hake (CNJHN 23 April 1963:4). An automobile accident affected Dr. Van Dyke's hearing, leading to an early retirement in 1937 (CNJHN, 6 May 1937:6). In preparation for his retirement, Benjamin and Mary made plans to construct the subject dwelling. In May 1937, the Van Dykes purchased the lot from Raymond S. and Jennie H. Griggs, on land formerly part of the Ezekiel S. Barclay Farmstead (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] 1937 Deed Book 1114:172).

A newspaper article written during the construction of the subject dwelling refers to the dwelling's location as the "Barclay Estates Section" and describes its form in detail. Noted as costing \$10,000, the plans for the Cape Cod-style dwelling were drawn by architects Edward Hickey of Plainfield and William Seidel of Cranbury. Hickey, an architect of both public buildings and residences, also designed an identical dwelling at 64 Chestnut Street in Milltown, New Jersey (CNJHN 20 April 1941:18). As of 1960, Seidel, Hickey, and Alexander Merchant had formed a partnership, known for their school designs (CNJHN 31 August 1960:22). Construction was managed by Albert E. Appleget, also of Cranbury. Appleget was a prominent builder throughout the county, who had partnered with Edward Hickey in 1940 on the Pioneer Grange Hall in Dayton, New Jersey (CNJHN 15 September 1940:25). The exterior of the subject dwelling was described as featuring a "green slate tile" roof, white shingle cladding, a shorter attached garage and porch for irregularity, rear Dutch dormers, and two small dormers on the primary elevation. While the rear dormer is extant today, the dormers on the primary elevation appear to never have been constructed. The interior of the six-room dwelling was described as featuring a central arched hallway leading from the primary entry to a living room to the right, dining room to the left, and a rear staircase. A sun parlor was to be located behind the living room. Connected to a rear hall was to be the lavatory, kitchen, pantry, and staircase to the basement. The basement was to feature steel girders to support a double flooring system, and create space for a recreation room, an air conditioning system, and laundry drying tubs. The design of the second floor included two bedrooms separated by a central bathroom (CNJHN, 1 August 1937:30). The dwelling first appears in a 1940 aerial photograph, showing its current footprint (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1940).

Dr. Van Dyke passed away in 1950, followed by Mary in 1963. In accordance with Mary's will, ownership of the subject dwelling was transferred to a trust of which the First National Bank of Hightstown and Samuel Bard, Esq. were trustees. Edith M. Appleget, wife of Albert E. Appleget, dwelling's builder, received a life estate within the subject dwelling, where she resided until moving to an assisted living facility circa 2005. In 2005, current owners Brien W. and Kathryn A. Wiseman purchased the subject dwelling (MCCO Deeds 5563:52; US Census 1940). Aerial imagery throughout the second half of the twentieth century to the present indicates no alterations to the subject dwelling but show the planting and removal of trees and other vegetation on the property (NETR 1940, 1957, 1979, 2012).

### Statement of Significance:

The Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House at 124 North Main Street is significant as a well-preserved Cape Cod-style dwelling. While the Colonial Revival style is well-represented throughout Cranbury, the Cape Cod subtype is a rare example. Such dwellings, based on an eastern Massachusetts vernacular form, were popular between circa 1910-1950 and were particularly common in the 1940s. Built for the locally prominent Dr. Benjamin S. Van Dyke and his wife, Mary, the dwelling remained in the Van Dyke family until 1963. The property was then occupied by Edith M. Appleget, wife of the dwelling's builder, into the twenty-first century.

Eligibility for New Jersey and National Registers: ☒ Yes ☐ No

National Register Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Level of Significance: ☒ Local ☐ State ☐ National

### Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:

The Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House at 124 North Main Street is recommended individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as a well-preserved example of an early twentieth-century, Cape Cod-style dwelling. The building retains a high degree of integrity of materials, design, location, setting, feeling, and association. The recommended period of significance for the Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House is limited to 1937, the year of its construction.

Total Number of Attachments: 1

List of Element Names: Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House, 124 North Main Street

### Narrative Boundary Description:

The recommended boundary is limited to the tax parcel on which it stands: Block 26.01, Lot 24.

Date Form Completed: 7/25/2023

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**Property Name:** Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House

**Address:** 124 N Main ST



*Photo 2*



*Photo 3*



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Property ID: -817081925

**Property Name:** Dr. Benjamin S. and Mary H. Van Dyke House  
**Address:** 124 N Main ST



Photo 4

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -880121434

Property Name: 126 North Main Street  
Address: 126 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	26.01	25

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

126 North Main Street is a two-story-tall, three-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame dwelling constructed circa 1928 in the Dutch Colonial Revival style. The dwelling consists of a gambrel-roof main block with a one-story, hipped-roof, southwest wing; a one-story, hipped-roof, northeast porch; and a one-story, shed-roof addition on the rear (southeast) elevation (added circa 1965). Full-length, shed-roof dormers interrupt both roof slopes of the main block. Asphalt shingles cover the roof throughout. The roof of the main block is accented by overhanging eaves. An exterior brick chimney is centered on the southwest elevation. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in wood clapboard siding. The primary (northwest) elevation has symmetrical fenestration with paired, three-over-one, wood-sash windows (historic, likely original) on the first floor and second floor, flanked by wood batten shutters that feature crescent moon cutouts and metal shutter dogs (historic, likely original). Windows on this elevation are all set within wood surrounds with slightly molded lintels (historic, likely original) with metal storm windows. The central, primary entrance contains a 12-light, wood door (historic, likely original), set within a wood surround with a dentilled lintel, wood transom with a sunburst motif, segmented sidelights and fluted wood pilasters (historic, likely original). The entrance is sheltered by a front-gable portico with wood Doric columns (possibly historic). Both the northeast and southwest elevations of the dwelling have asymmetrical fenestration and are mostly obscured by heavy vegetation. A central, secondary entrance is visible on the northeast porch, but materials are unclear. The rear addition and rear elevation was not visible from the public right-of-way.

A one-story-tall, two-bay-wide, two-bay-deep, frame garage, built circa 1928, sits approximately 22 feet east the dwelling. The front-gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and accented by overhanging eaves. Wood clapboard siding covers the exterior. The primary (northwest) elevation contains a two-bay-wide, vertical-wood-board, sliding door (historic, likely original). Both the southwest and northeast elevations have symmetrical fenestration with six-over-six, wood-sash windows (historic, likely original). The rear (southeast) elevation was not visible from the public right-of-way.

Character-defining elements of the dwelling consist of its massing, gambrel roof with shed-roof dormers, wood-sash windows with wood surrounds, and 12-light wood door with a wood surround.

History: 126 North Main Street was constructed circa 1928 and is an example of an early twentieth-century, Dutch Colonial Revival-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1924, the large tract of land on which the subject dwelling was later constructed was purchased by Ezekiel S. Barclay at a sheriff's sale (Middlesex County Clerk's Office [MCCO] 1924 Deed Book 771:49). Later that year, Barclay sold an 18-acre

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parcel on the east side of North Main Street to Raymond S. Griggs, who owned a farm on Cranbury Station Road (MCCO 1924 Deed Book 771:187; United States Bureau of the Census [US Census] 1920, 1930). Griggs then sold a small lot of land, encompassing the subject property, to William M. Cox in 1931 (MCCO 1931 Deed Book 1019:295). William Cox was a well-respected former Mayor of Cranbury and part of the town committee. In 1928, Cox sold his 25-acre farm and, with his second wife, Lillie, started construction on the subject dwelling. The house, built by William and Frank Breese of Plainsboro, cost \$12,000 to construct and included a two-car garage and driveway (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society n.d.). The subject dwelling appears on a 1930 aerial photograph, indicating it was extant at the time of Cox's 1931 land purchase (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 1930). A 1940 aerial photograph provides a clear view of the subject dwelling in nearly its current form (NETR 1940). Around 1965, a one-story addition was constructed on the rear elevation of the subject dwelling (NETR 1963, 1969). The subject dwelling underwent little to no alterations during the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, with the exception of the replacement of several windows.

#### Setting:

126 North Main Street is sited on a roughly rectangular-shaped parcel (Block 26.01, Lot 25) located on the southeast side of North Main Street in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented with its primary elevation facing northwest and is set back approximately 75 feet from the road. An asphalt-paved driveway extends east from North Main Street and continues to the rear of the dwelling. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject dwelling is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties generally dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

#### 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

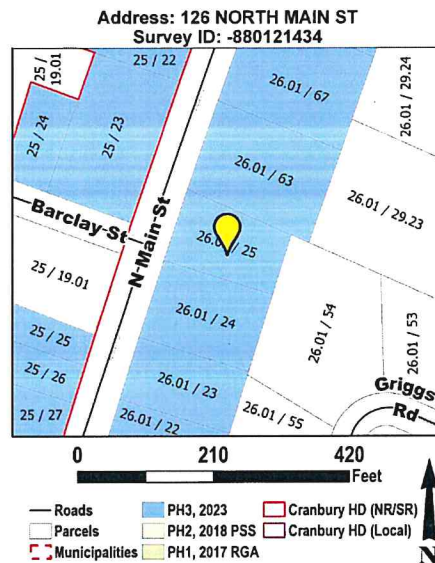
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#### Location Map:



#### Site Map:



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**Additional Information:**

Although the dwelling at 126 North Main Street was not identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination, it was evaluated in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district as a non-contributing (harmonious) resource (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 126 North Main Street as a contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction and design. The dwelling retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association to convey the significance of the historic district.

More Research Needed? ☐ (checked=Yes)

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

Attachments Included:	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
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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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Property Name: 126 North Main Street  
Address: 126 N Main ST



Photo 2



Photo 3



## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: -1536112412

Property Name: 127 North Main Street  
Address: 127 N Main ST

Ownership: Private  
Apartment #: ZIP: 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township	Cranbury	Hightstown	25	23

### Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

### Description:

127 North Main Street is a one-and-one-half-story-tall, three-bay-wide, three-bay-deep, frame dwelling built circa 1951 in the Minimal Traditional style. The dwelling consists of a three-bay-wide, side-gable-and-wing main block with a one-story-tall, two-bay-wide, attached garage connected to the northeast of the main block by a central, one-story-tall, one-bay-wide wing. A shed-roof dormer projects from the rear (northwest) roof slope of the main block and an exterior brick chimney extends above the northeast gable end of the main block. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in machined shingles. Metal louvered vents are located in the northeast and southwest gable ends of the main block. Windows consist of six-over-six, vinyl-sash replacement units flanked by inoperable, louvered vinyl shutters throughout. Located in the center bay of the main block and below the front-gabled wing, the primary entrance contains a six-light vinyl sash door set within a wood surround with fluted pilasters (historic, likely original). A small brick stoop with metal handrails provides access to the entrance. A secondary entrance with wood steps is located on the rear elevation of the central wing but was not readily visible from the public right-of-way. The dwelling sits atop a concrete foundation.

A one-story, side-gabled, frame shed, constructed circa 1960, stands approximately 35 feet northwest of the dwelling but is not readily visible from the public right-of-way. A circa-2015, vinyl shed stands north of the dwelling.

History: 127 North Main Street was constructed circa 1951 and is an example of a mid-twentieth-century, Minimal Traditional-style dwelling in Cranbury. In 1951, the subject property was sold as an empty lot by brothers Isaiah, Albert, and Stanley Barclay along with their wives Gladys, Marion, and Elinor, to William and Irene C. Chermak (Middlesex County Clerk's Office 1951 Deed Book 1557:259). The Chermaks owned Adrian's Diner in Cranbury (The Central New Jersey Home News, 18 February 1946:2). Likely built for the Chermaks shortly after they purchased the land, the subject dwelling first appears on a 1957 aerial photograph showing its current footprint (Nationwide Environmental Title [NETR] 1957). A pool was constructed approximately 25 feet northwest of the dwelling around 1960, along with a side-gabled shed (NETR 1957, 1963). The pool was removed around 2000 (NETR 1957, 1963, 1995, 2002). By 2013, the extant vinyl-sash windows were installed (Google 2013). A small, vinyl shed was added to the north of the property around 2015 (NETR 2012, 2019).

### Setting:

127 North Main Street is sited on a rectangular parcel (Block 25, Lot 23) located on the northwest side of North Main Street, at the northwest corner of its intersection with Barclay Street, in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The dwelling is oriented

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with its primary elevation facing southeast and is set back approximately 60 feet from North Main Street. An asphalt-paved driveway extends along the northwest border of the property. A stone path leads from North Main Street to the primary entrance. Mature trees and shrubs are planted within close proximity to the dwelling. The subject property is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by properties dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

**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:

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Local Designation: 9/26/1988

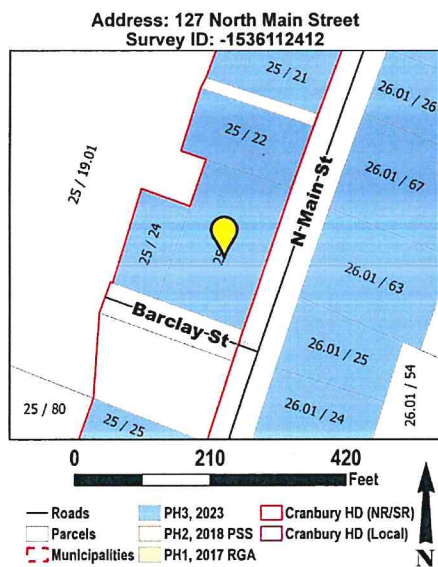
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**Location Map:**



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**Additional Information:**

The dwelling at 127 North Main Street was identified in the 1980 Cranbury Historic District National Register of Historic Places nomination and evaluated as a non-contributing (harmonious) resource in the 1989 Heritage Studies inventory of the district (Walsh 1980; Heritage Studies 1989). Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. recommends 127 North Main Street as a non-contributing resource to the Cranbury Historic District due to its date of construction.

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: Non Contributing

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?      ☐  
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