



southwest elevation of the main block is lighted by a single window on the second floor of the northwest bay and on the first floor of the southeast bay. The northwest, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. A 1-story, gable-roofed, 2-bay, frame garage with a shed-roofed side volume on the southwest elevation is located to the northwest of the residence.

Historic maps indicate that South Main Street includes some of the earliest development in Cranbury. The settlement began in 1736 with the construction of a mill on the south banks of the Cranbury Brook and, by 1810, developed into a small village. The 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District indicates that the lot of 12 S. Main Street was previously occupied by a grist mill and saw mill and that this 2-story, Greek Revival side-hall residence was built on the lot circa 1829 for William Schank. The 1989 Heritage Studies inventory noted the 6/6 windows and the front entry with side lights and transom. This may be one of 2 buildings depicted between the Presbyterian Church and Cranbury Creek on the 1850 Otley and Keiley Map. The 1876 Everts and Stewart Map documents a residence belonging to "A. Applegate" on the lot. The residence is documented on the 1916 Sanborn map as a 2-story, L-plan plan dwelling with a full-width front porch and flanking side-porch. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the garage was built between 1933 and 1940. The rear, side porch was enclosed at an indeterminate time. Visual evidence suggests that the porch columns were replaced sometime in the first quarter of the 20th century.

The 1916 Sanborn map also documents a 2-story, rectangular-plan "Motion Pictures" building with a 1-story, full-width front porch, 1-story rear volume, 1-story rear el, and 1-story outbuilding southwest of the current dwelling as being part of this property at that date. This building appears as a dwelling on the 1933 Sanborn Map. Historic aerial photographs indicate that the building was demolished circa 1940 (See Brennan and Brennan 1998: 61).

The residence at 12 Main Street is a contributing property to the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and historic, character-defining features such as historic window sash, historic window frames, historic shutters, historic door surround, historic replacement columns, historic dentilled cornice, historic massing, and historic garage, which retains its historic massing and historic surface materials.

**Setting:**

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

**Registration and Status Dates:**

**National Historic Landmark?:**

**National Register:** 9/18/1980

**New Jersey Register:** 8/9/1979

**Determination of Eligibility:** 3/25/1977

**Certification of Eligibility:**

**SHPO Opinion:**

**Local Designation:** 9/26/1988

**Other Designation:**

**Other Designation Date:**

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

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**Survey Name:** Cranbury Local Historic District Survey 2018

**Principal Investigator:** Emily Cooperman

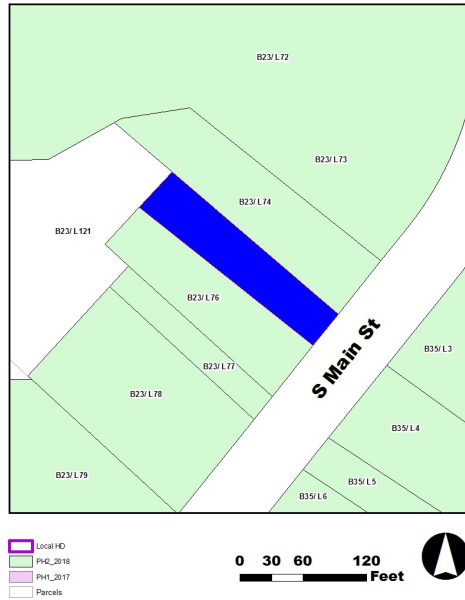
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**Location Map:**



**Site Map:**



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**Additional Information:**

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**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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