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# Main Street Historic Walking Tour Toms River Township

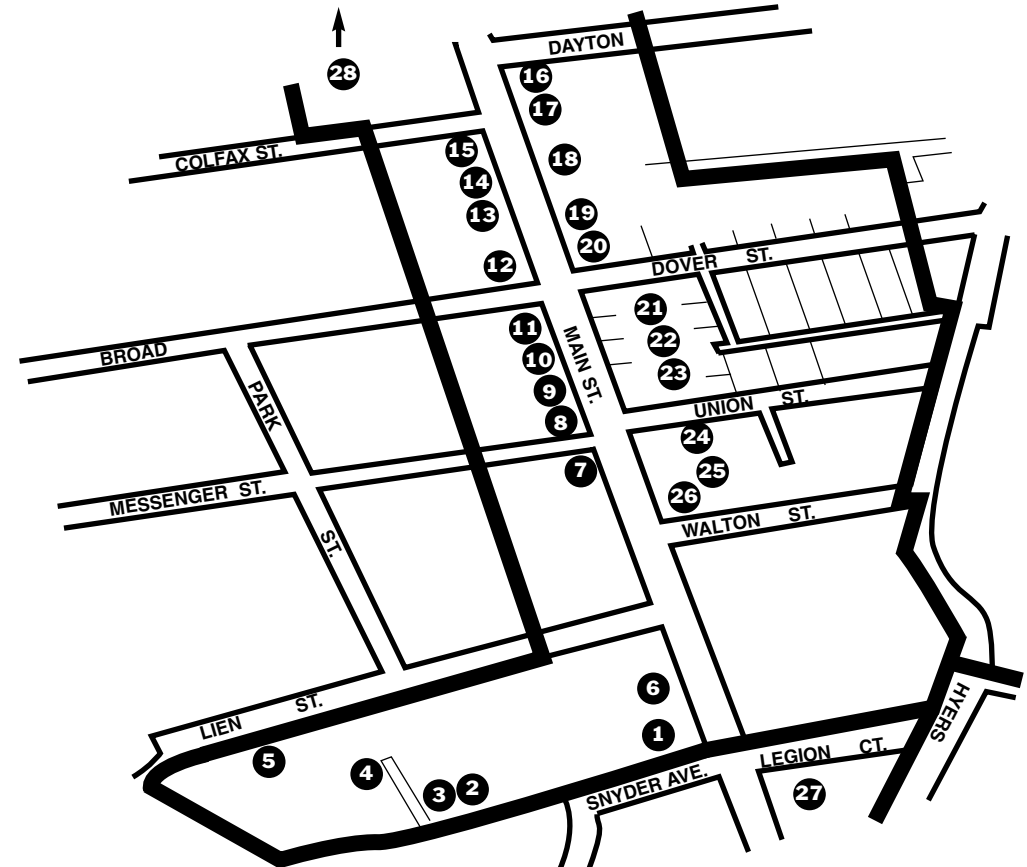
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c.1885

## The Rogers/Singleton House

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## MAIN STREET WALKING TOUR

Main Street, from Walton Street to Seward Avenue, was a forest of large trees where tents were pitched for revival meetings until the Civil War. George W. Cowperthwaite cut down the first trees to provide a road from his farm homestead (now Siperstein's) to his Cowperthwaite Exchange (today's Wachovia). The land was developed into building lots and streets after the Civil War.

- 1 Snyder House (c. 1840)**  
228 Main Street. Gothic Revival Style built by Edward Snyder, a local tailor. Vernacular Gothic Revival, gable roof is supported by heavy brackets and a Gothic arch window is located in the central projecting gable roof. Offices.
- 2 Edward W. Snyder House (c. 1869)**  
29 Snyder Avenue. Local Tailor. Private Residence.
- 3 Joseph Yates, Jr., House (c. 1867)**  
33 Snyder Avenue. Yates, in the salt hay business, built this house. Private Residence.
- 4 Amanda Grant House (c. 1867)**  
44 Snyder Avenue. Ulysses S. Grant was a local barber. Private Residence.
- 5 Gruler-Jeffrey House (Pre-1776)**  
122 Lien Street. Oldest section is Pre-Revolutionary. Only house in Toms River which survived when Toms River was burned by the British on March 24, 1782. Offices currently occupy this building. (Several interesting buildings are located along Lien Street, including molded concrete work at 116.)

- 6 Kirkwin Building (c. 1887 - 1925)**  
240 Main Street. Original section built in 1887 by John W. Webb. Converted to offices with present brick facade by Dr. Frank Brouwer in 1925. Used as dental offices of Dr. Allen (Toby) K. Brouwer (son) and Dr. Tilden Kirk (step-son) until 1975. Presently offices occupy this building.
- 7 Site of John M. Jones House (c. 1868)**  
408 Main Street. Original portion built by Samuel Hyers. (Included within Carmona-Bolan complex).
- 8 David Rogers/Singleton House (c. 1885)**  
504 Main Street. Built of used brick with mansard roof by David Rogers. Thomas Singleton lived in the house for many years so it is also known as the Singleton House. Note the matching brackets as well as the marble sills and headers.
- 9 Abram Bogarth House (c. 1868)**  
508 Main St. Private Residence and offices.
- 10 John Aumach Grocery Store (c. 1868)**  
512 Main Street. Built by John Aumach as a grocery store with a second story residence which is believed to have been rented and occupied by a Captain Samuel Mulsberry. Aumach was the first President of The First National Bank of Toms River. He also owned several sailing ships, a hardware and marine trading company. The property was sold to Dr. George T. Crook in 1891, then to Dr. Samuel A. Loveman (Dentist) in 1937. Dr. Paul Goebel (Dentist) bought it in 1937, then sold to Dr. Edward E. McComsey, Jr. (D.D.S.) in 1957. The building is thus the oldest continuous medical/dental office in Toms River.

- 11 Edward Irons House (c. 1891)**  
514 Main Street. Victorian with porte cochere. Local piano dealer and music store on first floor. Private residence.
- 12 J. Howard Williams House (Berry/Mathis House) (c. 1898)**  
600 Main Street. Two earlier houses were removed to make way for this handsome Colonial Revival house built by Child & de Gale Architects, of New York, under the supervision of local builder Joseph C. Eayre of Waretown. This property became the estate of Captain Thomas A. Mathis, Master Mariner, local political leader, and brother-in-law of Judge Maja Leon Berry. It was called the Mathis/Berry House until they passed away. It is now Victoria on Main, a Bed & Breakfast and the tea room is open to the public on most week days.
- 13 J. Logan Cowperthwaite House (c. 1869)**  
610 Main Street. Built by Samuel Hyers. Note brackets and frieze, board work along roof line. Local lawyer, Steven Applegate, who watched the Mormons leave for Salt Lake City from in front of this house, lived to be 92 years old. Presently Offices.
- 14 Site of George Walton House (c. 1868)**  
614 Main Street. Built by John H. Walton. Local Builder. Presently Offices.
- 15 Mary E. Walton House (c. 1868)**  
618 Main Street. Built by John H. Walton. Presently Offices.

*These two houses (14 & 15) were among the earliest houses built along this stretch of Main Street, after the Civil War.*

- 16 Captain George C. Rogers House (c. 1871)**  
623 Main Street. Built by Captain George E. Rogers of Ocean Gate. Presently Offices.
- 17 Isaac Carmichael House (c. 1870)**  
619 Main Street. Projecting bay with brackets as well as brackets under eaves on southside only. Toms River lawyer and private residence.
- 18 Site of Fred Bunnell House (c. 1885)**  
613 Main Street. Torn down for the present professional building which occupies this site.
- 19 Dr. Frank Brouwer House (c. 1904)**  
605 Main Street. Local physician whose son, Dr. Alan K. Brouwer occupied the house through the 1980s. Recently renovated into professional offices.
- 20 William T. Giberson House (c. 1904)**  
601 Main Street. Vernacular Queen Anne built by Nelson Bunnell with timber from Mr. Giberson's sawmill in South Toms River. Note wood shingle work on second story. Private Residence.
- 21 Jesse Evernham House (c. 1900)**  
513 Main Street. Home of Griff and Margerie Phillips (daughter of Jesse Evernham who operated the Newbury Lumber Company). Presently Offices.
- 22 Jesse Evernham House (c. 1900)**  
509 Main Street. Carpenter, builder, owner of A.B. Newbury Company. Presently Offices.
- 23 John A. Hyers House (c. 1912)**  
505 Main Street. Note the paned windows which are also in the garage. Sea captain from Ocean Gate.

- 24 Site of Charles H. Cambers House (c. 1863)**  
411 Main Street. Occupied by Captain Edward Lonan, County Superintendent of Schools, for many years. Most of the original house burned and was rebuilt.
- 25 Site of John C. Patterson House (c. 1862)**  
407 Main Street. Percy L. Grover, former County Clerk of Ocean County, occupied the house for many years.
- 26 Original Captain Stephen Bills House (c. 1851)**  
405 Main Street. Captain of the 26' "Waft." Presently Offices.
- 27 251 Main Street**  
Note the interesting brick work and roof lines sited to the north of the antique center.
- 28 Thomas P. Barkalow/George W. Cowperthwaite Homestead (c. 1850)**  
812 Main Street. The original roof line of a section of this building, now incorporated in the Siperstein Paint Store, can still be seen. The barn of the original Barkalow-Cowperthwaite House became attached to the original house.

Many of these buildings have been extensively renovated or replaced.

Information from [New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory, 1891](#) and [Toms River Waterfront Plan](#).

1875 Census listed Dover (now Toms River) Township population at 2,282. [Atlas of the New Jersey Coast, 1878](#).