

# TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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## GUIDE TO LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS





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NOTES:



*The Local Historic Landmarks Commission was developed to identify, preserve and protect the heritage, history, architecture and culture of the Town of Kill Devil Hills. The Board of Commissioners appointed the first Local Historic Landmarks Commission members on August 18, 2004. The Commission was comprised of five Kill Devil Hills citizens, who held their first meeting on October 6, 2004.*

*In March of 2005, the Commission finalized an inventory of potential historic landmarks and established criteria for designating local historic structures. The original inventory consisted of 125 structures and has been used as a tool to designate local historic landmarks through the State Historic Preservation Office. Designation of local historic landmarks is a process that includes extensive research of the property, owner notification, public hearings and approval by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Board of Commissioners. From the beginning, the Commission decided to designate structures where the owners were willing participants.*

*As of December 2017, Thirty –two Local Historic Landmarks have been designated.*

*Current Commission Members:*

Sandie Markland, , Chairperson

Toni Dorn, Vice Chairperson

Mary K. Simpson

Christopher Stoessner

Andy Harrell

**Johnston/Witt Cottage - 2041 South Virginia Dare**

**Trail** - Located in the eastside of NC 12 approximately 10 mile post. The house is the last house in the Town, just north of the Eighth Street Beach Access.

**Boyette Cottage - 1303 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the east side of NC 12 approximately 9.25 mile post. The house is the first house south of Atlantic Street (approximately 50 feet south).

**Austin Cottage - 1307 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately 9.25 mile post. The house is one house south of the Boyette Cottage approximately 150 south of the Atlantic Street intersection. The house is the eastern most house of the complex.

**Owens House - 1407 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately the 9.5 mile post. The house is three houses south of East Holly Street.

**Perry/Owens Cottage - 2019 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the east side of NC 12 about the 10 mile post. The house is approximately 450 south of East Fresh Pond Drive and directly south of the John Yancey Hotel.

**Christensen/ Small Cottage - 2021 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the east side of NC 12 about the 10 mile post. The house is approximately 500 south of East Fresh Pond Drive and directly south of the Perry/Owens Cottage.



The oceanfront cottage in Virginia Dare Shores was completed in 1957 by men from Currituck County, NC for Walton and Birdye Meiggs, also of Currituck. The lot was purchased for \$400 and the house was built for \$8,000. The original house was 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, and a large living, dining, and kitchen area, with front and back porches. The interior of the house was finished with tongue and groove paneling and wood floors for all rooms except the kitchen and bathroom, which had asbestos tiles. The exterior of the house was finished with asbestos shingles and painted. The original foundation pilings came from Scotland Neck, NC. Around 1970, at a cost of \$20,000, a rear addition composed of 2 bedrooms and a half bath was constructed, giving the cottage an L shape. Around the same time, a half bath was added in the master bedroom. In the early 1980s the dining area was extended by enclosing part of the back porch. In the late 1980s an oceanfront deck was added. In 2005 the remainder of the back porch was enclosed, and in 2009 when the property passed to the daughter and current owner, Dana Meiggs Reisse, heating and air conditioning were added. The cottage has weathered many storms, but never have flood waters damaged the interior of the living areas. During storm events it was not rare that the driveway was damaged, garage was filled with sand, and oceanfront stairs were damaged. The cottage was and is used from the spring until the fall most weekends and vacations by the family. The architecture is typical Outer Banks style oceanfront cottage for its era similar to those built around it. The house was always referred to as “the cottage” and was used by the family which included 2 daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends. The property is well preserved and maintains its original historic character.

Hayman House  
418 West Hayman Boulevard  
*Designated December 12, 2016*



This house was originally located on the oceanfront in Kill Devil Hills. The oceanfront house was built in 1945 by RB Rowland, Jr. of Norfolk, Virginia. The house was located in Croatan Shores subdivision at the northern end a row of houses known as of Millionaire Row which were constructed by Frank Stick. The house was a 5 bedrooms, 2 ½ bath house. In 1955, the Rowland's sold the house to Andrew and Nora Watkins and Frank and Marie Legg. There is not a lot of history with these owners. The Watkins and Leggs sold the house to Irvin and Lois Blanchard from Elizabeth City, NC in 1967. Mr. Blanchard was a doctor in Elizabeth City. The Blanchard's used it as a summer home and stayed most of the summer months. The house remained in the Blanchard family until it was sold to Resort Condominiums in 1984. The new owners moved the house to its current location at 418 West Hayman Boulevard and built the Golden Stand Condominiums on the oceanfront lots. The house was moved and sold to E.R. Evans and Sons, a lumber company from Ahoskie NC, also believed to be part the building team for the Golden Stand. It is believed that many of the construction workers for the condominium lived in the house during construction. It is also believed through oral history that Mr. Evans was responsible for making the structure into three separate units: the garage area, the maid quarters and the main house. E.R. Evans and Sons sold the property to Virginia and Leon Whichard in 1989. The Whichard's were the first year round occupants of the house. The Whichard's made very few changes to the house. Mrs. Whichard worked as a real estate agent on the Outer banks. Upon Mrs. Whichard's death the family sold the house to the current owner, Hayman House LLC, who proprietor is Gail Kowalski (a local jeweler) in 2014. The house is still used as a triplex dwelling.

The architecture is of a typical Outer Banks style of the era similar to those built on Millionaire Row designed and constructed by Frank Stick. The exterior is covered with hardy board and asbestos shingles. When the house was located on the oceanfront it had a large wrap around deck on the east and south side of the house. The decks were removed when the house was moved in 1984. The current interior configuration includes two apartments (former maids quarter and two car garage) and the main house with 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths.

## DIRECTIONS:

**Coggins Lassiter Cottage—501 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC12. Approximately 500 feet south of East Oregon Ave directly south of the Shutters Hotel.

**Powell-Stokes Cottage - 1207 South Virginia Dare Trail**— Located in the eastside of NC12 Approximately the nine mile post. The house is approximately 200 feet or four houses south of the Martin Street intersection

**Brothers Cottage - 1211B South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately 9 mile post. The house is approximately 300 feet south of Martin Street between Martin Street and Atlantic Street. The house is the eastern most house of two on the lot.

**Mardre-Woolard Cottage- 1229 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside on NC 12 approximately 9.25 mile post. The house is approximately 300 feet (6 lots) north of Atlantic Street between Martin Street and Atlantic Street.

**Green Cottage - 1233 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside on NC 12 approximately 9.25 mile post. The house is approximately 225 feet (5 lots) north of Atlantic Street between Martin Street and Atlantic Street. The house is just south of Mardre-Woolard Cottage.

**Ruth-Miller Cottage - 1235 South Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately the 9.25 mile post. The house is just south of the Green Cottage approximately 200 feet north of Atlantic Street, between Martin Street and Atlantic Street.



**Stick-Small House - 1517/1519 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside on NC 12 approximately 7.5 mile post. The fourth house south of East First Street or 500 feet south of East First Street.

**Parker-Creech House - 1502 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the westside of NC 12 approximately 7.5 mile post. The house is the second house north of East Landing Drive.

**ZA Harris Cottage- 1413B North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately 7.5 mile post. The house is the first house south of East Landing Drive. The house is the eastern most house of two houses on the property.

**Beveridge/Weyl Cottage - 1311 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the east side of NC12. Approximately 8 mile post. The house is three houses south of Tanya Drive and/or approximately .10 a mile south of East Landing Drive.

**The Cherokee - 500 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the westside of NC 12 approximately 8.5 mile post. The house is located at the intersection of NC 12 and Sutton Avenue.

**The Pappendick-Heath Cottage - 302 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the westside of NC 12 approximately 8.5 mile post. The house is two lots north of Aviation Avenue between Sutton Avenue and Aviation Avenue.

The house located at 2701 North Virginia Dare Trail is a two-story single-family dwelling in Virginia Dare Shores, the first subdivision in the Town of Kill Devil Hills. The exterior is sheathed with weathered cedar shingles. Virginia Dare Shores Subdivision was developed by Frank Stick, an artist turned pioneer developer on the Outer Banks. Annie B. Spitzer of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, purchased the property in 1945 and she and her husband, Frank Spitzer Sr., constructed the home in 1946. The house was used as a summer home by the Spitzers. Mrs. Spitzer moved to the cottage in the late spring and stayed through the summer. The house was always full of guests and each year there were family reunions held at the house. The house was kept cool by the sea breeze and the covered porch around the house. The Spitzers owned the house for 53 years and after Mrs. Spitzer's death in 1998, the house was sold to the current owners, Samuel and Linda Weinberg. The Weinbergs named the cottage the "Kill Devil Thrill". The house is now used as a summer rental cottage, still without central heating and air.

The structure weathered several major storm events on the Outer Banks including the 1962 Ash Wednesday storm and the 1991 Halloween Storm. The house was moved west in the 1960's to evade the encroaching ocean. In the late 1960's the house was lifted to its current height. In the mid-1960's the northeast portion of the screened in porch was enclosed to enlarge the dining area and bathroom. The original interior workmanship remains with hardwood floors and tongue and groove juniper paneling on the walls and ceiling. The house is in excellent condition and preserves its historic character.



Hall House  
2401 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated September 11, 2006*



The structure located at 2401 North Virginia Dare Trail is a two and a half story single-family dwelling in Virginia Dare Shores, the first subdivision in the Town of Kill Devil Hills. T.W. Aydlett built the original structure in 1935. Mr. Aydlett bought the property from Frank Stick, along with several other owners. This was one of only five houses along the Kill Devil Hills oceanfront north of “Millionaire Row” built before 1940.

The structure has a distinctive Outer Banks style architecture with cedar shake siding and a covered porch with top hinge hurricane shutters. The original interior workmanship remains with hardwood floors and six bedrooms.

The house was built prior to World War II and a previous owner recalls the use of blackout shades from dusk to dawn to prevent U-boats from coming ashore. The structure survived the Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962.

In 1944 Mr. Aydlett sold the property to Mr. Hall Birdsong of Suffolk. The property remained in the Birdsong family until 1981 when it was then purchased by Ben and Mildred Babb of Courtland, Virginia. The current owner, Katherine Hall Bray, purchased the property in 1994. Mrs. Bray and her husband, Larry, currently reside at the house and are the first year-round occupants of the home. Since 2012 the house is being used for year round weekly rentals.

**Young/ Croarkin Cottage - 201 Random Street** - Located on Random Street just north of Palmetto Street. From NC 12 turn west only Random Street it is the last house on the right.

**Madrey House - 214 East Palmetto Street**—Located on East Palmetto Street approximately 6 mile post. From NC 12 turn left onto Palmetto Street; the house is the fifth house on the right.

**McCandless Cottage - 2007 New Bern Street** - Located on New Bern Street just north of the East Durham Street/ New Bern Street Intersection.

**Sawyer-Turk-Cheshire House - 2015 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately 6.5 mile post. The house is the fifth house, north of East Fifth Street.

**Birdsong/Phelan Cottage—1825 North Virginia Dare Trail**—located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately 7 mile post. Approximately a .1 a mile north of East Third Street or three house south of the Jolly Roger Restaurant.

**Perry/Jennette Cottage—1614 North Virginia Dare Trail**— Located on the westside of NC12 approximately the 7.25 mile post. The house is 400 feet north of West First Street and just north of Goombays

**Stick Roebuck House - 1521/1523 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside on NC 12 approximately 7.5 mile post. The house is the fifth house south of East First Street or 600 feet south of East First Street.

**Reisse Cottage—2807 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC 12 Approximately 70 feet south of East Sothel Street and north of Hayman Boulevard.

**Hayman House - 418 West Hayman Boulevard** - Located on West Hayman Boulevard approximately .3 of a mile from US158/Croatan Highway on the left side of the road.

**Spitzer-Weinberg House - 2701 North Virginia Dare Trail-** Located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately 5 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile post, approximately directly across from East Archdale Street.

**Hall House - 2401 North Virginia Dare Trail** - Located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately 6 mile post, approximately 200 feet south of East Aycock Street. Between Aycock Street and Palmetto Street. Across the street from the White Cottage

**White Cottage—2400 North Virginia Dare Trail—**Located on the westside of NC 12 approximately 6 mile post, approximately 200 feet south of East Aycock Street. Between Aycock Street and Palmetto Street. Across the street from the Hall House

**Poulas-Kiger House— 2309 North Virginia Dare Trail—** located on the eastside of NC 12 approximately 6 mile post. Directly south of the Hall House and approximately 300 feet south of Aycock Street between Aycock Street and Palmetto Street.

**Smith Cottage - 2306 North Virginia Dare Trail** - located on the westside of NC 12 approximately 6 mile post. Directly south of the Poulas Kiger House and four houses north of Palmetto Street.

**White Cottage**  
2400 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated November 13, 2013*

The White Cottage was constructed in 1955 by Author Chappell and a crew from Belvidere in Perquimans County, NC for Edwin S. White who owned a lumber mill in the town. The structure is located in Virginia Dare Shores Subdivision, which was developed by Frank Stick. Virginia Dare Shores was the first subdivision in the Town of Kill Devil Hills

White bought the property for \$1,500 and the house was constructed for \$12,000. The cottage was constructed from lumber milled at the White's mill in Belvidere and some materials from the local Kellogg Supply Store. The house was built on exposed aggregate piers about twenty four inches from the ground. The house is a three bedroom, one bath with a large wrap around, covered porch on the east and south sides. The exterior is covered with asbestos siding. There have been no additions to the house since its construction, only maintenance work including deck and roof repairs. The original interior workmanship remains with 3" wide pine tongue and groove flooring and knotty pine walls and ceiling an open floor plan for the kitchen and living room; and one bathroom. The original exterior windows are also intact and protected by a combination of side and top hinge hurricane shutters. According to the family, the porch was designed to catch the perfect breezes in the summer months.

The Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962 did no damage to the structure because it sits on a small dune on the west side of the beach road. The White's have never lifted the house because the small dune the house was constructed on has protected it over the years. The family began renting the house in 1979 but block the two weeks around the fourth of July for the family to use each year.





**Poulas-Kiger House**  
 2309 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated June 11, 2007*

Margaret Poulos and husband Nicholas Poulos of Elizabeth City, NC bought the land at 2309 North Virginia Dare Trail in 1945 for approximately \$275. Construction of the house began in the summer of 1946 and was completed in the spring of 1947. The house was built by Mr. Clarence Parker, a contractor from Belcross, NC under the supervision of Mr. Poulos. It was constructed as a summer home. Mrs. Poulos named the house "Sea Grit" due to all the sand her six children brought into the home.

The structure is located in the Virginia Dare Shores subdivision, developed by Frank Stick. The architecture is distinctive of an Outer Banks style house. In 1961 the house was raised and moved to the south because a portion of the house had been built in the East Eden Street right of way. Raising the structure ended up saving the home from the water of the Ash Wednesday Storm in 1962.

The interior workmanship is largely unchanged since it was built with board on board paneling, brick fireplace, and original dining room table built by Oliver Gilbert of Manteo, NC. There have been no additions to the original house since its construction in 1947; however, the garage was converted to a bedroom when the house was lifted in 1961.

Luther Kiger and wife Dorothy of Richmond, Virginia purchased the home in 1978 for \$57,000. The Kigers moved the structure approximately 30 feet westward in the early 1990s to protect it from the encroaching ocean. The original footprint remains unchanged since 1947 and there have been no ad-



**Wright Brothers Memorial October 20, 1932**  
 Outer Banks History Center—National Park Service Collection



**Kill Devil Hills Aerial circa 1965**  
 Millionaire Row and Avalon  
 Outer Banks History Center—Aycock Brown Collection



**Wright Brothers 25th Anniversary 1928—  
Outer Banks History Center—Aycock Brown Collection**



**Wright Brothers Memorial Construction Circa 1930  
Outer Banks History Center—David Stick Collection**

**Smith Cottage**  
2306 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated December 29, 2016*



The house was constructed by L.A. and Geneva Smith. The Smiths were from the Hertford, NC. The house is two bedrooms, one bath with a covered porch on the east side. Mr. Smith was a farmer in Hertford, NC. A Hertford local mason named Luther Terry constructed the block house while Mr. Smith and friends from Hertford did the woodwork and tarred the roof. The Smith's are the only owners of the house since its construction in 1954. Mr. Smith brought the property and built the house for \$2,500. Mr. Smith was also instrumental in some friends from eastern North Carolina buying the adjacent lots. The cottage was passed down and eventually Eula Smith purchased the house from the other relatives to be the sole owner in 2007.

The architecture is typical of an Outer Banks flat top originally started by Frank Stick in Sothern Shores. There have been no additions to the 624 square foot house since it was constructed in 1954. Because of the simple architectural designs, bright and vibrant colors were utilized for individuality and aesthetics. The color was changed from white block with green shutters to white block with yellow shutters and finally white block with tan shutters. The interior of the structure also remains largely unchanged with original interior doors and natural exposed wood ceilings. The windows are original to the structure. The windows are protected by a combination of side and top hinge hurricane shutters. The Smith's have never lifted the house because the small dune the house was constructed on has protected it over the years. Additionally, the vegetation that has grown up around the house including sea oats has offered a superior level of protection for the cottage. The house had no central heat or air condition and still relies on window units for air conditioning in the summer months.

Mr. Smith said when the house was constructed they could see the ocean to the east and the Wright Brothers Monument to the southeast. The Smith's used the cottage as a get away from the farm, but enjoyed September the most because of their love of fishing. Also L.A. Smith, his son, Albert, and grandson, Andy, are aviation buffs and came or come to every anniversary of the Wright Brothers flight in December. The house has never been rented; only used by family and friend of the family.



Young/Croarkin Cottage  
201 Random Street  
*Designated December 14, 2015*



This structure was built in 1954 in the Virginia Dare Shores Subdivision. Virginia Dare Shores was the first subdivision development in the Town of Kill Devil Hills developed by Frank Stick. The single-family dwelling is a one-story, 624 square foot concrete block building on a slab. Exterior walls are stucco over concrete block. The structure has a built-up tar and gravel flat roof. The house is painted bright peach with white trim. Under the same roof is an area with a concrete block knee wall.

The property exchanged hands in 1953 to Mr. Robert Young, one of the developers of Avalon Beach Subdivision. He sold the structure in 1955 to the Cassell Family from Newport News, Virginia. The house exchanged hands two additional times and the current owners brought the house in 2006. Mr. Luther Kiger owned the house for the longest period of time from 1970 until 2006.

This building is located in the largest area of development in the 1950's. The homes in this area were typically second homes and a majority of the home owners were from the Tidewater, Virginia area. The structure's unique design was created for affordability and function. The concrete block style was not only affordable and durable but kept the home cooler in the summer months. The modest structure was typically used as a seasonal vacation home. This type of development was the first to market to the middle class.

The developer Robert Young built many of these houses using family and close friends to both construct and sell them. This is one of approximately 12 original flat tops left of this era.



**Green Cottage (bottom right)**  
1233 South Virginia Dare Trail



**Birdsong/Phelan Cottage**  
1825 North Virginia Dare  
Trail



**Pappendick-Heath  
House**  
302 North Virginia  
Dare Trail



**Brothers Cottage**  
1211B South Virginia  
Dare Trail



This structure was built in 1954 in the Virginia Dare Shores Subdivision. Virginia Dare Shores was the first subdivision development in the Town of Kill Devil Hills. The single-family dwelling is a one-story 576 square foot concrete block building on a slab. Exterior walls are stucco over concrete block. The structure has a built-up tar and gravel flat roof. The house is painted turquoise with white trim. Under the same roof is an enclosed screened-in porch area with a concrete block half wall.

The property exchanged hands in 1953 to Mr. Robert Young, one of the developers of Avalon Beach Subdivision. In 1954 the property was sold to John Shepherd and wife Kathleen of Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Shepherd then sold the property to J. Albert Tatem and wife Phyllis in 1988. The current owners, Warren Madray and wife Amy of Suffolk, Virginia purchased the property from the Tatem family in 1997.

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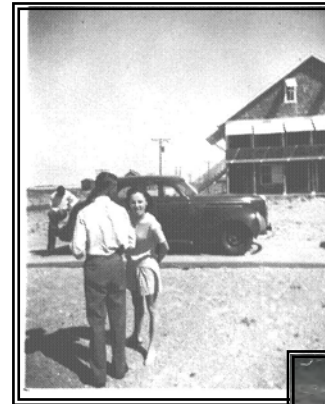


McCandless Cottage  
2007 Newbern Street  
*Designated July 12, 2010*

This house was built by Robert Young for Betty McCandless (Tinsdale) and Masie Holbrook in 1959. He used family and friends to build the houses. Wallace Shannon of Manteo did all the block work, Rosco Gallop was the roofer and Smitty Smith was the electrician. There have been no additions or exterior modifications to the house since its construction in 1959. The house is approximately 780 square feet constructed of concrete block on slab with a flat roof. Because of the simple architectural designs, bright and vibrant colors were utilized for individuality and aesthetics.

The structure is located in the Avalon Beach Subdivision, which was developed by Robert Young and C.A. "Sug" York in the 50's and 60's. Ms. McCandless purchased the property and had the house constructed on the site for \$5,200. The original owner has maintained the house for fifty-one years. This structure ushered in the era of affordable homes on inexpensive land. This was the first working class development on the Outer Banks. Its unique architecture, thought to be copied from the flat tops designed and built by Frank Stick in Southern Shores, was prominent at the time for its affordability. In the 1950's Avalon Beach was the largest residential development on the Outer Banks.

There are approximately a dozen of these structures in their original condition in Kill Devil Hills, of which only six remain east of the US 158 Bypass. It is one of the best examples of this type of architecture built in the time period. The colors are traditional for this type of dwelling as is the enclosed porch and flat roof. The house is currently used as a year-round rental



**Hall House**  
2401 North Virginia  
Dare Trail



**The Cherokee**  
500 North Virginia  
Dare Trail



**Sawyer-Turk-  
Cheshire House**  
2015 North Virginia  
Dare Trail







**Poulas-Kiger House -  
2309 North Virginia  
Dare Trail**



Hersey Sawyer, a lumberman from Elizabeth City, NC, built this structure in 1945. The structure was designed by his wife and two daughters and, along with a garage, built under Mr. Sawyer's supervision. The Cheshire house was constructed as a summer home on two lots. The Sawyer daughters named the house "Oasis" because there were no houses on either side for a good distance. This single-family dwelling is two-stories high and three bays wide. The building is on wooden pilings with room for parking below the first story. The property holds two outbuildings with cedar shake siding and green asphalt shingles to match the exterior of the primary structure.

In 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer were approached by Mr. Rudolph Turk of Raleigh, NC to purchase the property. Mr. Turk was a long time visitor to the Outer Banks. Mr. Turk was attracted to the house because the architecture resembled the homes in Nags Head in the 1950s. The house and the land were sold for \$3,960 according to the revenue stamps on the deed. In 1954 Mr. Turk built "the cabin" (the second separate building) for his cook. "The cabin" is one room with a half bath. "The cabin" was originally located on the north side of the house. The structure survived the Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962 with minimal damage.

In 1981, Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire inherited the house from Mr. Turk. Mr. Cheshire raised the house and moved it southwest approximately 75 feet because of the encroaching Atlantic Ocean. Upon moving the house, Mr. Cheshire also raised and moved "the cabin" and built an open deck connecting "the cabin" to the principal structure. There has been no significant work done to the structure since 1981. The house does not have air conditioning and continues to be used as a summer home by the Cheshire family.

Birdsong/Phelan Cottage  
1825 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated November 14, 2011*



This oceanfront house was built in 1948 for Thomas “Tom” and Virginia Birdsong from Suffolk, Virginia. Clarence Parker of Belcross, NC constructed the house that same year. Mr. Birdsong was an executive at Birdsong’s Peanuts Cooperation in Suffolk, Virginia. Mr. Birdsong bought the property in 1948 from Mr. Charles B. Godwin. Mr. Goodwin, an attorney in Suffolk, bought three lots all together and split the middle lot so each had 1 and a half or 75 foot wide ocean front lots. The Birdsong’s and the Godwin’s built identical house next door to each other at the same time. According to Tom Birdsong III, Tom Jr’s son, the lots cost \$400 each. The houses cost approximately \$14,000 to build. The house was constructed by Clarence Parker, a contractor from Belcross, North Carolina. The Birdsongs salvaged much of the materials for the house including, windows, doors and oak flooring from barracks being demolished in Portsmouth, Virginia after the war. The house was completed in 1948. The Birdsongs sold the cottage in 1989 to the Phelan family.

The cottage was lifted and moved westward twice by the Birdsongs to escape the approaching ocean. Mr. Birdsong and Mrs. Godwin recall the house mover was Worth Hare, who moved many houses in the area at that time. The house was first moved in late 1960’s and the second move was in 1981. The house was also raised to its current height in conjunction with the second move. The Birdsongs replaced the asbestos siding with wood lap siding and replaced the windows between the late 1970’s early 1980’s. The Phelans have made several improvements to the cottage including additions that enclosed portions of the covered deck on the northeast side and southeast side. The northeast side expanded the dining area and the southeast addition converted a small bedroom into a master bedroom and bath. The additions did not increase the size of the original footprint of the structure. The original wood floors are intact throughout the house as well as the juniper wall covering. The interior doors are original. Many of the bathroom fixtures are also original. The architecture is unique to the area particularly with the identical sister house to the north. The property maintains its original integrity of design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

Johnston-Witt Cottage  
2041 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated September 13, 2010*



This oceanfront house was built in 1954 for William W. Johnston of Littleton, North Carolina. He bought the lots totaling seventy-five feet of oceanfront for \$2,500. Local carpenters from Manteo constructed the house. The carpenters were so well regarded that Mr. Williams simply put money in the bank and allowed the men to pay themselves. The cottage has remained in the family for the past 56 years.

The structure is a great example of Outer Banks style architecture including its wrap around covered porch. The house has always had asbestos siding on the exterior, which was a typical material used in the 1950's. The original hardwood floors remain intact. The pine floors in the living room were salvaged from an old house in Warren County owned by Mr. Johnston. The bedrooms have maple floor harvested from Turner Lumber Company in Weldon, a friend of the family, along with the original cypress on the walls, ceilings and doors. The original fireplace and chimney are intact.

There have been no additions to the primary structure and the exterior remains largely unchanged since its construction in 1954. The cottage has never been lifted and suffered minimal damage in the 1963 Ash Wednesday Storm. Minor improvements have been made to the structure, most of which in the past decade. The windows and exterior doors were replaced around 2006. A handicap ramp was installed in 2000, along with a wooden dune crossover. The cottage is still used as a summer home by the family and has never been rented. It is one of only fourteen remaining oceanfront houses at the southern end of Town built prior to 1954. It is a good example of Outer Banks style of architecture.

Perry/ Jennette Cottage  
1614 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated November 14, 2011*



The single family dwelling located at 1614 North Virginia Dare Trail is a one and a half story structure elevated on short wooden piles. The house was constructed between 1930 and 1935 on Bob Perry Road in Kitty Hawk Village with salvaged materials from a old barn. The cottage was built by Edgar Perry and his father-in-law, Elvin Stetson of Colington, NC. The house was moved to the current location from Kitty Hawk in 1951 after the Perry's opened "Perry's Drive in" on the lot just south of the cottage. John Ferebee, a Wanchese house mover, moved the house from Kitty Hawk Village to the current location.

The house is a 3 bedrooms with 2 bathrooms. Mr. Perry was a Game Warden and ran a small dairy in Kitty Hawk Village before opening Perry's Drive-in. With any extra money he made the family bought property including the lots to which the house was moved. The four lots that included the drive-in and the house were purchased for approximately \$300 per lot. The Perry's only lived in the house at this location for three years when they built another home behind the drive-in in 1954. The Perry rented the house and eventually sold it to long-time renters, the Koonce's, in 1965. The Koonce's sold the house to the Bertrand Culpepper Jennette and Geraldine, his wife, in 1969. It has been in the Jennette family for the past fourth two years.

The Perry's changed the exterior siding from lap siding to asbestos siding soon after it house was moved to the beach because Mr. Perry's did not want to have to paint the house as much as he did with the lap siding. The interior flooring on the ground floor was upgraded to oak flooring by the Perry's but the upstairs remains single wood floor sanded and stained. The exterior deck was added by the Jennette's to see the ocean in late 1980's. The windows were also replaced in the 1980's and the decks were repaired in the same location. The house is largely unchanged and its history with the Perry Family and the Jennette Family provide abundant history and character in addition to the architecture.



Stick-Roebuck House  
1521/1523 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated August 11, 2008*



The house located at 1521/1523 North Virginia Dare Trail is an elevated two-story single-family dwelling. The structure consists of a main building with a sizable addition on the north side. The house is clad in weathered natural wooden shakes and the roof is covered with light-colored asphalt shingles. The windows on the entire house are punctuated with yellow decorative shutters. This structure is one of the original ones located in Croatan Shores Subdivision dubbed “Millionaire Row” in the 1930’s. This structure was designed by Frank Stick, a famous artist from New Jersey turned pioneer developer in Dare County the 1930’s. The cluster of cottages predates Frank Stick’s Southern Shores flat tops by more than a decade. The structure was built in 1939-40 at the pre-World War II price of \$4,000. This property is one of two of the houses left on the oceanfront with it’s original appearance on Millionaire Row.

The structure has preserved its original pine flooring, brick fireplace and mantle, juniper paneling, exposed ceiling beams, interior doors and hardware and wood front door with its black iron decorative handles and hinges. The L-shaped screen porch on the south and east sides of the structure is the original design of Frank Stick to make the most of the summer breezes.

The first owner, Dr. E. Ray Altizer of Norfolk, Virginia is believed to have been a financier to Mr. Stick for the construction of the final three homes on Millionaire Row. A two-story addition to the north side of the house was completed in the mid-1970’s by the Goldsborough Family. Finally, in 1980 the Goldsborough’s sold the structure to the current owners, the Roebuck family of Elizabeth City, NC. The structure has been used as a summer home by all four owners.

Christensen-Small Cottage  
2021 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated December 8, 2014*



The cottage is a typical Outer Banks beach box style architecture with lap siding and covered porches. The covered porches wrap around a portion of the west side, the entire south side and a portion of the east side, along with side hinged shutters on the windows. The original tongue and groove paneling on the walls and ceilings remains intact. Some interior doors, cabinets and hardware are also original. This oceanfront house was built for Lanette P. Darden of Hertford, North Carolina. The tax records indicate the house was built in 1955; however, Mrs. Darden’s daughter, Florence Christensen, says the house was constructed just after the Ash Wednesday Storm in 1962. According to the deed records, land was purchased in 1961 for Gladyce Perry who owned 90 feet of oceanfront and sold a portion (46 feet) to Mrs. Darden. Mrs. Perry had a house on the north half of the remaining 49 feet. Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Darden played cards regularly in Hertford and that is how the sale was decided. The house was contracted by Billy Gray, longtime resident and Kill Devil Hills Chief Building Inspector until 1998. There were no house plans for the house other than the owners told Mr. Gray to “bury the pilings to China” after seeing the aftermath of the Ash Wednesday Storm. After its construction, Mrs. Darden spent most of the summer months at the cottage which was never rented. The house was eventually passed down to Mrs. Darden’s daughter, Florence Christensen. She owned the house for 13 years before she sold it to William and JoAnn Small in April of 2013. The Darden’s did several changes to the structure including adding aluminum siding in 1972. They also added a dune crossover on the eastside and a storage room under the house in the early 1980’s. The Small’s have also done work to the house to restore its original appearance. The Small’s removed the aluminum siding to reveal the original lap siding. The windows were replaced with a similar style and the hurricane shutters were rebuilt and placed back on the house.

Perry-Owens Cottage  
2019 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated December 14, 2015*



The Perry/Owens cottage was first built by Lord Byron Perry, known as “L.B.”, as a shed where Mr. L. B. Perry stored lumber and tools. Mr. Perry purchased numerous lots over the years in his wife’s name and built cottages on them to sell. He was also contracted to build cottages and buildings for others. These include what is now the First Colony Inn built in 1932, the C. O. Robinson cottage built in 1935, and the Buchanan cottage built in 1936. The shed/cottage was originally located on the west side of what is now Virginia Dare Trail. Milton V. Perry, L.B.’s Son, had the shed moved across the road to its current location in 1945 and reconstructed into a cottage so he would have a place to bring his parents where they could stay and enjoy the beach they loved. At that time the cottage was built on the ground with white lap siding on the exterior and hinged shutters on the windows. A screened porch wrapped around the south and east side of the house.

The architecture is similar to many beach cottages that were built in the same time period. There have been two modifications to the house since it was converted to a cottage. The first modification was in 1973, when the house was lifted to its current height and location. At the time there was a ground floor enclosure added with two bedrooms and a bath. In 1993 the dining and living area were expanded into the covered screened in porch on the northeast side of the cottage. The first television was brought into the cottage to watch the moon landing in July of 1969. The family gathered on the porch around a small television set to see history being made. Reception was poor and Martha Owens, Willis’ mother, never believed the landing was real. The house does not have central heating or air conditioning, but the owners did start to use window air conditioning in the bedrooms.

The cottage has always been well protected by a dune separating the cottage from the ocean. The structure survived several major storms including the Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962 and Halloween Storm of 1991 with minimal damage. The house has never been rented and has remained in the family.

Stick-Small House  
1517/1519 North Virginia Dare  
*Designated December 11, 2006*



The structure located at 1517/1519 North Virginia Dare Trail is one of the original Cape Cod style structures located in Croatan Shores Subdivision dubbed “Millionaire Row” in the 1930s. This was the southern most structure of the five houses that made up “Millionaire Row.” The house was built in 1939 at the pre-World War II price of \$4,000. This structure was also designed by Frank Stick. Croatan Shores was one of the last subdivisions Frank Stick developed in Kill Devil Hills before beginning his construction of the flat top homes in Southern Shores.

The house is a two-story Cape Cod style single-family dwelling. The structure consists of the original house with one later addition. The most recent addition, a two-story addition on the north side with identical architectural features to the original, was completed in 2005.

The structure has preserved its original pine flooring, brick fireplace and mantle, juniper paneling, interior doors and hardware, stairs and wood-stained front door. The hurricane shutters, both top hinged and side hinged, were typical of the era, particularly on the oceanfront.

The house was sold to R.A. Honey Robertson around 1939. In 1946 Robertson sold the home to the Small Family. Frank Stick served as the real estate agent for the Robertson. The Small Family has been the caretaker of the property for 60 years through 6 generations.

The Stick-Small House is one of the only two remaining “Millionaire Row” houses and the only one to retain its original color scheme. In the 1960s Governor Luther Hodges and his family and James Webb, head of NASA, vacationed in the house. Because of the structure’s architecture and color scheme it has been the subject of two well-known artists, Susan Wells Vaughan and Dennis Lighthart.

Parker-Creech House  
1502 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated October 13, 2008*

The single-family dwelling located at 1502 North Virginia Dare Trail is a weathered shingle-clad one and one-half story elevated structure. The oceanfront house was built in 1936 by C.W. Parker and wife, Minnie W. Parker. C.W. Parker was the Sheriff of Hertford County for 35 years. He was directed by his doctor to go to the coast for his health. According to the family, Minnie Parker sketched the house on a napkin and gave it to a local builder to construct. The house was a three-bedroom house, which predates the “Millionaire Row” houses. It is located in the Croatan Shores Subdivision.

It is a pre-World War II house that sat alone on the oceanfront. After the “Millionaire Row” cottages were built, the Parkers called the house the little cottage on the end of the “Gold Coast”.

The Parkers sold the property in 1961 to their daughter Minnie Lou Parker Creech and husband V. Herman Creech, Jr. of Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Soon after, in the early 1960’s, the Creechs added a second floor dormitory room to accommodate their five children. The structure survived the Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962 with minimal damage. The house was raised in 1970 to protect it from the ocean and in 1979 the house was moved from the oceanfront to its current location across the street (west of NC 12).

The architecture is typical of an Outer Banks style house. The exterior is covered with cedar shakes, with a covered screened-in porch on the south side and a portion of the west side and an open deck on the east side and a portion of the north side. The original unfinished wood floors are intact and painted. The original pine wood paneling is also intact. The architecture is significant to the Outer Banks and this house is one of the best examples of Outer Banks style architecture.



Owens House  
1407 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated August 11, 2008*



The house, located at 1409 South Virginia Dare Trail is a one story, single-family dwelling, built in 1931. There were four other houses built in the same time period, which sat isolated on the oceanfront. The closest structure, to the north, was the US Lifesaving Station-Kill Devil Hills #173, and the south, was the Worthington House, in Nags Head.

Oscar Lindsey (O. L.) Owens, of Elizabeth City, NC, bought Lot 13, of the current site, in July 1931 from Bruce Etheridge and Theo Meekins. According to Mr. Owens’ grandson, Frank H. Owens, the current owner, local carpenters built the house that same year. The house was constructed as a summer home, with no heat or air conditioning. O. L. Owens then purchased the second lot, Lot 14, in 1945 from Effie J. Sawyer. Lot 14 remains part of the site, however no structure has been constructed on this lot to date. The Owens Family named the house “Riptide” and has been maintained by them for 77 years.

The house survived both the Storm of 1933 and the Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962, with minimal damage. The house was moved west in the early 1940’s for storm protection and maintains its “short pilings”. There have been several minor additions, to the north side, all done prior to 1969. The architecture is significant to the Outer Banks and is one of the best examples of the Outer Banks style architecture built in that time period.



Austin Cottage  
1307 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated November 11, 2010*

This oceanfront house was built in 1937 for Garland Gray from Sussex County, Virginia. Mr. Twyne, a local builder, built the house, maids quarters and garage for \$500. He also built several of the historic Nags Head homes including the Skinner Cottage located just north of the Famous Buchanan Cottage. The house is a four-bedroom house with one and a half-baths. The Grays sold the house to the Chamblees in 1941. Mr. Chamblee was the pharmacist in Waverly, Virginia. The structure was bought by the Austin Family in 1961 and has remained in the family for the past 49 years.

The house is similar in design to the historic Nags Head Cottages because the builder, Mr. Twyne had constructed several of the Nags Head home. The exterior is covered with cedar shakes, with covered porches on a portion of the westside, the entire south side and most of the east side. The roof was covered with cedar shakes, however when Mr. Austin replaced the roof in the mid 1980's, architectural shingles were used. The wood shutters over the windows have always been a part of the structure. The interior doors are original, as well as the tongue and groove paneling on the walls and ceiling throughout the house. The original fireplace and chimney are intact. The original oil lanterns remain on the walls.

The Chamblees did most of the changes to the original structure including enclosing a portion of the western deck to expand the kitchen and add a bathroom in the early 1950's. The Austins replaced the windows in the mid



-1970's at the same time central heat and air conditioning was installed. The cottage is one of eighteen remaining pre-1937 houses on the oceanfront in Kill Devil Hills, one of eight at the south end of Town.

Z.A. Harris Cottage  
1413B North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated September 14, 2009*

This oceanfront house was built in 1933 for Z.A. Harris and wife, Mary B. of Hertford, North Carolina. Mr. Harris was owner of "Harris Market" in Hertford, NC. He had the house built for his wife by craftsmen from Hertford, who were in debt to Mr. Harris after the Great Depression. The workmen stayed on a shipwreck just offshore to the north of the property and the house was completed in twelve days. The house was under construction at the same time as the Croatan Inn to the south, the first hotel in Kill Devil Hills. Mrs. Harris and their children would move down for the entire summer. The house was always full of visitors with cots set up on the covered porch that extends around a third of the structure. The cottage has remained in the family for the past 76 years. It has been passed to children and grandchildren over the years but is still maintained by the family.

The structure is a typical Outer Banks style architecture with cedar shake siding, a covered screened-in porch and top-hinge hurricane shutters. The lumber for the cottage was bought from Griggs Lumber in Point Harbor, NC for \$500 and was ferried across the sound. The green top-hinge hurricane shutters have been a signature of the house since it was built in 1933. The original wood floors, interior doors, as well as many of the windows on the first floor, under the covered porch, are unchanged. The original wood paneling and fireplace and chimney also remain intact. The house was moved east twenty-one feet when it was raised in 1973. At the same time the cottage was raised, the northeast portion of the covered porch was enclosed to create a game room. The property maintains its original integrity of design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.



Beveridge-Weyl Cottage  
1311 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated December 8, 2014*



There are three structures on this property, the earliest is a single family dwelling approximately 500 square feet in size referred to as the “George”, with an estimated construction date of 1936. The “George” was constructed for George and Nellie Beveridge of Pasquotank County. The cottage is a gable-roofed structure with a small hipped-roof bump out located on the northeast corner. There is an engaged porch on the west side. The foundation is low, approximately 18” from grade, and consists of wood pilings, and more recent CMU piers. The “George” has not been changed since its construction with original windows and outside materials. The house is a two bedroom one bath single family dwelling. The interior also maintains its original character with the original hardwood floors, wood wall and ceiling paneling. There is also still some of the original furniture that was sold with the house including a bedframe and braided rug. The original fireplace and chimney are intact. The current owner, Nancy Bradley, formally Weyl, has owned the structure since 1976 and is the second owner of the property. The Weyl’s bought the property (100 linear feet of oceanfront) with the “George” for \$90,000. Adding to its character, a fig tree planted by Mr. Beveridge in the early 1960’s covers the entire front of the cottage and has also survived all major storms and countless nor’easters.

Boyette Cottage

1303 South Virginia Dare Trail

*Designated November 11, 2010*

This oceanfront house was built in 1935 for Emma C. Byrum (married name Hobbs) from Edenton, North Carolina. She purchased the property for \$150. Mr. Twyne, a local builder, built the house with maid quarters and a garage. He also built several of the historic Nags Head homes including the Skinner Cottage located just north of the famous Buchanan Cottage. The house is a four-bedroom, two-bath house. The Hobbs’s sold the house to Stella Boyette, a widow with three grown children from Scotland Neck, NC in 1952. The Boyettes purchased the property for \$9,500. The house has been in the Boyette Family for the past fifty-eight years.

The house is similar in design to the historic Nags Head Cottages. The exterior is and always has been covered with cedar shakes, with covered porches on a portion of the west side, the entire south side and most of the east side. The wood shutters over the windows and doors have always been part of the structure. The interior doors and hardware are original. The original tongue and groove paneling on the walls and ceiling is intact throughout the house. When the house was constructed a separate maids quarters was constructed on the northwest corner of the house connected by a deck to the main house. A separate garage was also constructed west of the house on the ground level 40-50 feet from the roadway.

The house was raised, in its original location, to its current height in early 1964 to avoid future storm surge by Mr. Hare of Elizabeth City, NC. There have been some modifications to the house; most were completed in 1985 when the Boyettes expanded the south side of the house and under the house storage was constructed and an open deck was added on the westside. The majority of the work was by a local builder, Lucky Jordan. The windows were replaced in the 2005 after central heating and air conditioning was installed in 2000. It is one of only thirteen remaining oceanfront houses and one of only eight remaining at the south end of Town built prior to 1937.





Brown Cottage  
1235 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated September 13, 2010*



This oceanfront house was built in 1947 for Woodland Finley Ruth of Windsor, North Carolina. The house is a three-bedroom home with one and a half baths. The cottage has remained in the family for the past 63 years. It has been passed to children and grandchildren over the years. The cottage has never been rented. The house is used primarily in the summer months.

The house was constructed by workmen from Colington (a small island on the sound side in Kill Devil Hills). Mr. Ruth did not provide any house plans, but simply told the men to build a square with two bedrooms and a half bath.

The builders constructed the roof with the double hip because they said it would take the wind better. The exterior is covered with cedar shakes with covered porches on three quarters of the west side, the entire south side and an open deck on the east side. A portion of the windows has top hinge wooden shutters. The original wood floors are intact throughout the house. The interior doors are original. The only changes to the original structure has been to enclose a portion of the covered porches and an open exterior deck on the east side. It is largely unchanged inside and outside.

The house did not have an indoor bath or shower until 2000 when the southeast bedroom was expanded and a full bath was installed. There was not a water heater in the house until the early 1960's. The house did not have any air conditioning until 1999 when a central system was installed. The house has never been lifted or moved from its short pilings. It is one of fifteen houses remaining at the southern end of Town built prior to 1948.

The Cherokee  
500 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated December 10, 2007*



The Cherokee is the first commercial property designated as a local historic landmark. This structure is a two-story clapboard dwelling with a simple gabled roof. There is a garage addition on the north side of the building. A hip-roofed porch wraps around the east and south sides of the structure.

Walter Perry, the original owner, was a Kitty Hawk native who moved to Washington, DC where he served as a police officer. Mr. Perry originally purchased the land with the intention of building and running a rooming house upon his retirement. Mr. Perry returned to the Outer Banks and in 1946, "The Cherokee" was built. Breakfast and dinner were served to guests, with Walter and Rubie Perry as the innkeepers. Mr. Perry did most of the cooking, with Mrs. Perry doing all the baking.

In 1967, the Perrys sold the rooming house to Ben and Catherine Ward, who operated it as a "beach boarding house." In 1972, the property was sold to James and Linda Ward. They then sold it to W. O. Forrest, Jr. and wife, Judy K. Forrest, in 1977. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest sold the property to Robert and Phyllis Combs in 1978. Mrs. Combs painted the exterior of the house bright pink and renamed it "Ye Ol' Cherokee." In 1996, Mrs. Combs deeded the bed and breakfast to her son, Robert, II (Kill Devil Hills Commissioner from July 2000 until December 2005) and his wife, Ellen Combs. Mr. Combs immediately painted the house blue and named it "The Cherokee Inn."

In 2005, the current owners, William and Veda Peters purchased the bed and breakfast from Karen Faso and renamed it "The Cypress House Inn." The house has had many owners and management styles but has remained a lodge open to the public for 61 years. The original pine floors remain on the first and second floors. The cypress wall and ceiling covering remain in the majority of the first and the entire second floor.

Pappendick-Heath Houses  
302 North Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated October 12, 2009*

The parcel contains two houses, an eastern house and a western house. The former owners, George Pappendick, from Roanoke Rapids, had the eastern house built in 1948 by a local contractor, Rolland Balance. Mr. George Pappendick bought the property in 1945 after the previous owner, Marshall Brothers, moved a large home to the south about one quarter mile leaving the two car garage which included a second floor maids quarters (the western structure). The Pappendicks, with the help of Mr. Balance and his assistant Mr. Midgett, converted the garage to a two-bedroom house in 1946-47. They stayed in the new house after its construction in 1948. The Pappendick's rented the cottages throughout their ownership, always saving the first two weeks in June for their first trip of the season.

The architecture of both cottages are typical Outer Banks style houses. The western house is built on short pilings while the eastern house was built on a block foundation. Cedar shakes cover the exterior along with covered porches on the west sides of the structures. Hurricane shutters have been restored on both structures in the same architectural style and materials as the original shutters. Many interior features remain including tongue and groove wood paneling and wood floors as well as many of the original tongue and groove pine door with porcelain handles. The windows have been replaced in the house and the asbestos siding has been removed and replaced with cedar shakes in 1999, by the current owners. The houses have remained largely unchanged since 1948 with minor repairs and upgrades over time. The property maintains its original integrity of design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.



Green Cottage  
1233 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated November 9, 2009*

The Brown Family from Edenton had the structure built in 1936-37. Mr. Brown owned a lumber business in Edenton, "MG Brown Supply Company", and it is believed, but unconfirmed, that materials and workers came from that area. The house is a five bedroom house with three full baths. The Browns sold the property to the Cates from Edenton. In 1957, the Cates Family and their heirs sold the property to Sylvia U. Green and N.C. Green from Williamston, North Carolina. It has been in this family ever since. They named the house "Waterloo". The cottage has never been in a rental program, however the family does allow friends and family to stay there in the summer months. The house was used as a summer cottage until the early 1990's when Sylvia G. Smith (daughter of N.C. and Sylvia) began using the house in the off-season, particularly for holidays, because both of her daughters lived in the area (who are now the current owners).

The exterior is and always has been covered with cedar shakes, with covered porches on a portion of the westside, the entire south side and most of the east side. The original wood floors are intact throughout the house. The interior doors are original, as well as the tongue and groove paneling on the walls and ceiling throughout the house. The original fireplace and chimney are intact. When the Greens purchased the house in 1957, they added dormers, which tied into the existing roof creating two bedrooms on the second floor. The kitchen, on the northeast corner of the house, was expanded and a portion of the covered deck was enclosed to create a dining area. The house was lifted to its current height in the early 1970's to avoid ocean overwash. This house is one of the best remaining examples of Outer Banks style architecture built in the time period.



Mardre-Woolard Cottage  
1229 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated November 9, 2009*



This oceanfront house was built in 1935 for George L. Mardre of Windsor, North Carolina. Mr. Mardre bought Lot 5 in 1933 from Bruce and Lizzie Etheridge and Theo. S. and Rosa P. Meekins of Manteo. Later in June 1935, he purchased Lot 6 from the same owners and began to construct the house that year. The house is a four bedroom home with three full baths. After its construction, Helen Mardre, George's wife, and the four children would move to the beach for the entire summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The cottage has remained in the family for the past 74 years. In 1987 Harriet and John Woolard, George's daughter and son-in-law respectively, bought all shares of the property from the family and have remained the sole owners since. The cottage has never been rented. The house was a summer home until John and Harriet Woolard began to live in it year-round in 1987.

The exterior is covered with cedar shakes, with covered porches on the entire south side and most of the east side. The windows and doors have a mixture of side and top hinge wooden shutters, which are used to secure the house during storms and in the winter months. The original wood floors are intact throughout the house, however most have been covered with carpet. The interior doors are original and wood paneling, on the walls and ceiling, also remains throughout the house. The only changes to the original structures has been to the exterior decks and a bedroom addition on the north side. A small deck was added to both the northeast and the southeast corners of the house and a narrow breezeway deck was extended along the north side to connect the bedroom addition to the existing decks. The house was lifted in 1962 just before the Ash Wednesday storm. After the storm, the house had to be lifted again because of the sand pushed up by the storm.

Coggins/Lassiter Cottage  
501 South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated December 11, 2017*



B - Western House

A - Eastern House



The western house was moved to the property but Captain Daniels, retired Coast guard. The verbal history is that the house was a decommissioned boat shed that he converted into a dwelling around 1933. The property was sold to Wood Privott in 1948 and he built the house to the east. He sold the property to Ruth Coggins in 1950 and the house has been part of the Coggins family ever since. Ruth Coggins was from Ahoskie, NC. She owned a dress shop and purchased the property with her own money in 1950. Mrs. Coggins sister, Audrey Lassiter, bought the eastern house from her in 1956. Audrey Lassiter owned a grocery store in Kelford, North Carolina. The families both rented the houses in the summer but came together on Fourth of July and Labor day for family gatherings at the beach. The property is still under joint ownership by the families and the eastern house is owned by Mrs. Lassiter's son, Bob Lassiter and the western house is owned by the children and grandchildren of Audrey Coggins. When the western house was bought by Ruth Coggins she added the second floor in the mid 1950's. The second floor is a separate dwelling unit with two bedroom, kitchen and living area. Mrs. Coggins lived in the second floor unit and worked in the summer while renting the main house downstairs. The western house has 5 bedrooms, three downstairs and two upstairs. The interior also maintains its original character with the original hardwood floors, wood wall, ceiling paneling, interior doors. The original crawl foot tub is still part of the original bathroom. The eastern house was built in 1948 by Wood Privott and the house was constructed as a 3 bedroom cottage with servant quarters that included a bedroom and half bath. The chimney flue for the original wood stove used to heat the structure remains. The house had some upgrades in 1992 including converting the maid quarters into a utility room, a portion of the covered porch was enclosed and converted into a bathroom, the windows were replaced and central heating and air was installed. The property is well preserved and maintains its original historic character.



Powell-Stokes Cottage  
1207 South Virginia Dare Tr  
*Designated October 11, 2010*

This oceanfront house was built in 1940-41 by C.R. Hopkins of Pasquotank County, North Carolina. The house has five bedrooms with two full baths. The cottage has had three owners. Current owners, the Powell Family, bought the property in 1948. The two lots and house were paid for in trade by a farm in Windsor, NC and some money. The structure has remained in the Powell Family for the past 62 years.

The architecture is similar to many beach cottages that were built in the same time period. The exterior is covered with asbestos siding with covered porches on a portion of the west side, a deck partially roofed on the entire south side and most of the east side. The original pine wood floors are intact throughout the house. Several of the interior doors are original, as well as the windows. The original white cedar tongue and groove paneling on the walls and ceiling also remain throughout the house.

The structure survived several major storms including the Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962 with minimal damage. The house did not have a phone line until 1971 and did not have any air conditioning until 2006, when central heating and air was installed. Mr. John Ferebee, a Wanchese house mover, lifted the house off short pilings to its current height, in 1969. A fifth bedroom was added below the structure in 1971 and the kitchen was expanded on the northwest side in 1973. The original windows and the asbestos shingles remain intact.

It is one of only twelve remaining oceanfront houses at the south end of Town built on or before 1941.



Brothers Cottage  
1211B South Virginia Dare Trail  
*Designated November 9, 2009*



This oceanfront house was built by Mr. Lawrence, from Kitty Hawk, in 1950 for Lucy Kittrell Brothers and R.E. Brothers of Suffolk, Virginia.. The lot cost \$1,200 and the house cost \$15,000 to build, which included all materials and labor. After its construction, Mrs. Lucy Brothers and her two children would move to the beach for the entire summer. The house was always full of visitors with cots set up on the covered porch, that extends around the east, south and west sides of the house. The house is the location of the annual "Labor Day" party. This party has been a tradition with the Brothers' family and the Edenton Colony property owners for half a century. The cottage has remained in the family for the past 59 years. The cottage has never been rented and is still used as a summer cottage.

The exterior is covered with cedar shakes with covered porches on a portion of the westside, the entire south side and most of the east side. The original wood floors are intact throughout the house. The interior doors are original, as well as many of the windows on the first floor under the covered porch. The original white cedar tongue and groove paneling on the walls and ceiling, also remains throughout the house. The original fireplace remains intact. Mr. John Ferebee, a Wanchese house mover, lifted the house off short pilings to its current height, in 1969, after several storms including the Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962, threatened the structure. Minor changes have been made to the structure, yet there have been no changes to the original footprint. There are only fifteen remaining oceanfront houses on the southern side of Town with a Nags Head style of architecture built in the time period.