

Local Designation Report  
Atlantica  
142 Ocean Blvd  
Southern Shores, North Carolina



June 2017

Local Landmark Designation Report

142 Ocean Blvd

Southern Shores, Dare County

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: Atlantica

Current Name: Atlantica

2. LOCATION

142 Ocean Blvd

Southern Shores, North Carolina

27949

3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CURRENT PROPERTY OWNERS

Robert E. Perkinson, Jr., Joan L. Perkinson, Clarence K. Perkinson

13 Oxenford Road

Bluefield, West Virginia

24701

4. APPRAISED VALUE

According to Dare County tax records, the appraised value of the property is \$1,143,600, which includes the house and the 34,000 sq ft parcel. The tax appraisal for the house alone is 146,900, and the land is appraised at \$ 989,800.

5. DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

142 Ocean Blvd was constructed in 1952. In 1980 a major, complete renovation added the second floor, carefully preserving the character of the original house. During this major renovation, the garage was extended toward the street and a second story rear deck was added to provide an ocean view. The sun-room on the back of the house was enclosed, and heating and cooling added for year-round use. The basic floor plan of the first floor was updated but generally unchanged from the original layout. In 2000, the exterior of the house was replaced with vinyl siding and all of the windows were

renovated with new hardware. The second-floor deck was covered with solid surfacing to provide a dry space underneath

## 6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Areas of Significance	Architecturally Distinctive
Period(s) of Significance	1952

## 7. PROPERTY INCLUDED IN THE DESIGNATION

The home, concrete drive, sidewalks and rear patio.

## 8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The ‘Atlantica’ house, constructed in 1952 in Southern Shores, is an example of Flat Top residential architecture inspired by Frank Stick. After World War II, Frank Stick acquired an option on a twenty-eight-hundred-acre tract north of Kitty Hawk for thirty thousand dollars. In the process of Mr. Stick building his own home, he created a new vernacular architectural form: The Flat Top. To help with the construction of his house he set up a factory in Kitty Hawk Village for the manufacture of cement blocks that weighed a total of forty-two pounds each, made from local beach sand. The ‘Atlantica’ house was made from cinder blocks manufactured in eastern North Carolina after the use of beach gravel for manufacturing concrete was banned by the North Carolina Legislature in the mid-1950s. Today, 142 Ocean Blvd stands taller than the original built in 1952. A major renovation was conducted in 1980 which included a second story addition. This project consisted of a garage extension, an enclosed back room, and a second story rear deck. Even with such major renovations, the Perkinsons were able to keep the architectural distinctiveness that was inspired by Frank Stick many years ago. As seen in the photos below, the second story of 142 Ocean Blvd follows the integrity of Mr. Stick’s original design elements including the flat roof and extended overhang.

## 9. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

Frank Stick, an artist from Wilmington, Delaware created the first “Flat Top Cottages” on the Outer Banks. The Flat Top was adapted for its barrier island setting from the single-story, flat-roofed block houses of Florida. To those design elements, Stick added an extended overhang and a bright, whitewashed exterior. These features alone deflect the sun and intense heat, which makes these homes a cool relief during the hot and humid summer months. The exposed soffits and storm shutters were painted in brilliant shades of crimson, jade, emerald, and sapphire, introducing color to an otherwise

monochromatic outer Banks landscape. The Flat Top homes have plumbing and drain lines that are buried in the sand that have been covered by concrete and sealed.

Frank Stick's Flat Top homes were second homes, which were designed so that middle-income families could enjoy the same amenities as wealthier clients. As the real-estate market fluctuated, site plans for Southern Shores were made, discharged, adopted, and abandoned during the early years of the community. The Flat Top houses become the idiom around 1965 when they become the predominant local form.

In 1952, 142 Ocean Blvd was developed in the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Cowell. The Flat Top roof design was inspired by preexisting properties by Mr. Stick. The property represents Mr. Stick's original design, including the flat roof and adopted over-hang that Mr. Stick added to his previous Florida inspiration. In 1980, the current owner of the home added a major addition that included a complete second floor, a garage extension, an enclosed back room, a second story rear deck that was added to provide an ocean view, and the sun room on the back of the house was enclosed and heating and cooling were added for year-round use. Even with major renovations, the house has stayed true to its architectural design. In May 2014, a photo of the home was featured in an article in *Our State* magazine. The article was entitled, "In Love With Flat Tops," written by Jeff Hampton and photographed by Emily Chaplin.



**Figure 1: Front entry way of 142 Ocean Blvd.  
Southern Shores, North Carolina**





**Figure 2: North side of 142 Ocean Blvd**



**Figure 3: South side of 142 Ocean Blvd**



**Figure 4: Front entry way of 142 Ocean Blvd. Southern Shores, North Carolina**



**Figure 5: The east side of 142 Ocean Blvd that displays the second story addition and back deck that was added in 1980.**



Historical Photos

NORTH



Figure 6 & 7: Original photos of 142 Ocean Blvd before any additions or major changes were made to the house.





**Figure 8 & 9: 142 Ocean Blvd (Source: Dare County GIS)**



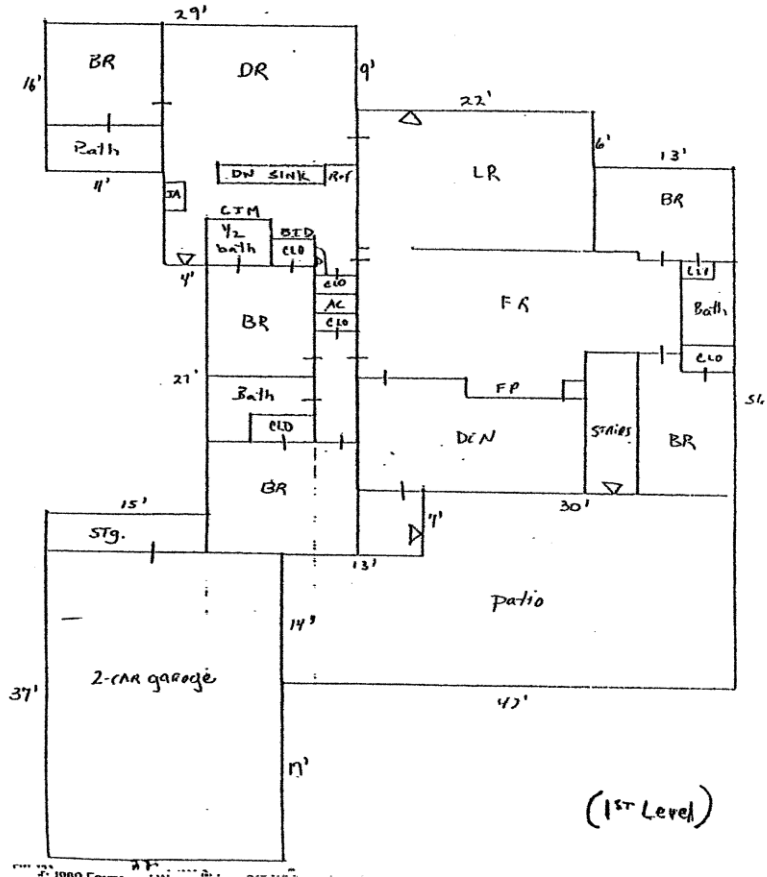
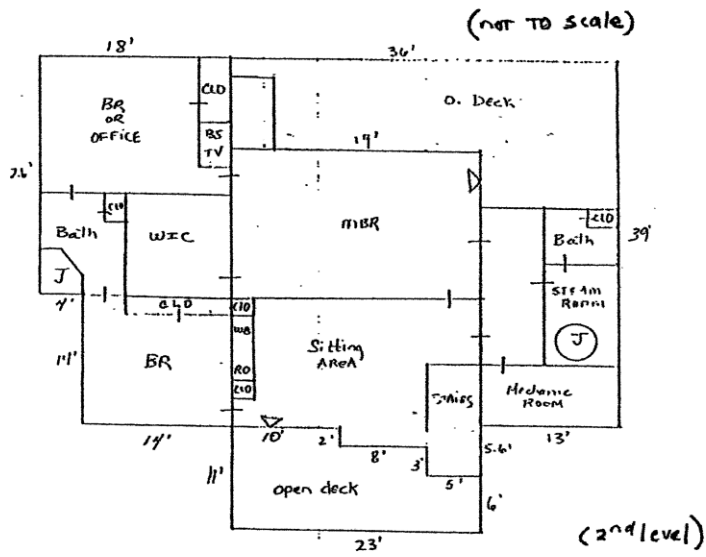
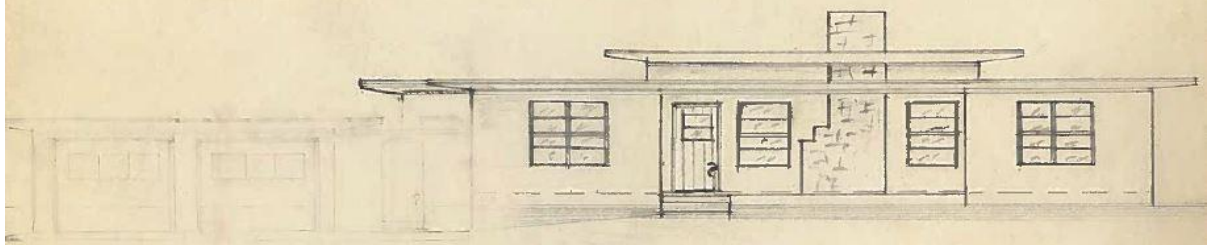


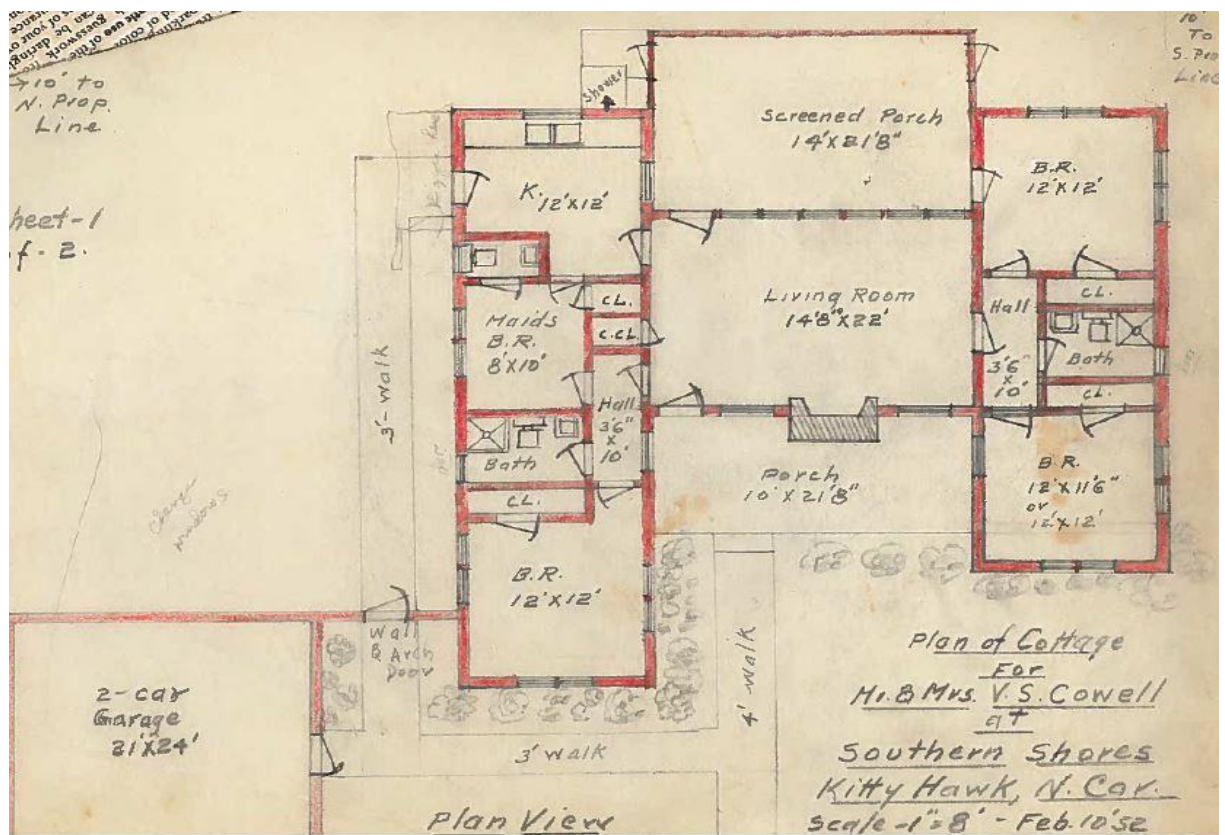
Figure 10: Sketch of 142 Ocean Blvd after the owner added the second story addition on the house. Additions included a second story, extended garage, and second story rear deck.

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Westerly Elevation

Plan of Cottage  
For  
Mr. & Mrs. V.S. Cowell  
at  
Southern Shores  
Kitty Hawk, N. Carolina.  
Scale-1"=8' Feb. 20'52.  
By - H.C. Lawrence



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at  
Southern Shores  
Kitty Hawk, N. Car.  
Scale-1"=8' - Feb. 10'52

Plan View

Original sketch drawings by H.C. Lawrence made for Mr. and Mrs. Cowell in February 1952.



Parcel: 021855000

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>>>>IMPORTANT>>>>

PERKINSON, ROBERT E JR  
PERKINSON, CLARENCE K  
P O BOX 421  
BLUEFIELD WV 24701

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION](#)

Please Mail or Bring this stub when making payment to insure payment is credited to the correct account.  
MAIL TO: The Tax Office Designated below.



PENALTIES ARE DETERMINED BY U.S. POSTAL POSTMARK.

Owner as of January 1: PERKINSON, ROBERT E JR  
PERKINSON, CLARENCE K

Customer Number	District	Bill Number		
020089885	SOUTHERN SHORES	28534		
Parcel Number	Billing Date	Tax Year	Due Date	Delinquent After
021855000	07/21/2016	2016	09/01/2016	01/05/2017
Description of Property	% Rate	Tax Levied		
PIN#: 986708-78-8808				
Description: LOT: 9,10 BLK: 20 SE SO/SH AMENDED PLAT B SEC 2	.430000	DARE CO \$4,917.48		
Street Address: 142 OCEAN BLVD	.220000	SS TOWN 2,515.92		
Real Property Value: \$1,143,600	.000000	0.00		
Personal Property Value: 0	.000000	0.00		
Exempt Value: 0	.000000	0.00		
Total Taxable Value: \$1,143,600		0.00		
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		LATE LIST: 0		
		<b>AMOUNT DUE: \$7,433.40</b>		

This bill does not reflect any payments made to the tax bill. Click the link below for the current balance.

[\\*View Tax Certification \(10 Year History\) for account balance as of the Certification Report Date\\*](#)

Make Check Payable & Remit To: (include Parcel Number 021855000 on your check.)

DARE COUNTY TAX COLLECTION  
PO BOX 538310  
ATLANTA, GA 30353-8310

Questions: Direct all inquiries to (252)475-5952

Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday

Credit Card Payments: Please note that all credit card payments made at the tax office will now be charged a 2% administration fee.

When calling please have your 9 DIGIT PARCEL NUMBER available.

Figure 11: Tax bill for 142 Ocean Blvd



## References

Small, Clayton. Submitted documentation.

Dare County. (n.d). <http://gis.darecountync.gov/>