Local Designation Report

Mackey Cottage

218 Ocean Blvd

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Historic Name: Mackey Cottage Current Name: Mackey Cottage

2. LOCATION:

218 Ocean Blvd. Southern Shores, NC 27949

3. LEGAL OWNERS OF PROPERTY:

G. Wilmer Mackey

Mackey Properties Limited Partnership

700 Woodrow St. Apt. 610

Columbia, SC 29205

4. APPLICANT:

Dave Mackey

2526 Monroe St.

Columbia, SC 29205

5. GENERAL DATA/SITE INFORMATION:

Date of Construction: 1955

Date of Alteration: 1969

Approximate lot size or acreage: 26,000 sq. ft.

Original Architect: Unknown

Original Builder: Billy Gray

Original Use: Private Vacation Cottage

Present Use: Private Vacation Cottage

Appraised Building Value: \$76,500

Miscellaneous Appraised Value: \$1,100

Appraised land value: \$882,100

Total Tax Value: \$959,700

6. CLASSIFICATION:

Structure(s) X Object Site X

7. ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The Flat Top was adapted for its barrier island setting from the single-story, flat-roofed block houses of Florida. To those design elements, Frank 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.

8. HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:

The Mackey Cottage, constructed in 1955, is a prime example of the Flat Top inspiration that Frank Stick brought to Dare County in the late 1940s. 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 creates a new vernacular architectural form: the Flat Top.

9. SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Mackey Cottage was built in 1955 by Billy Gray and his son for Howard and Claire Grieves. The Grieves designed the house with plenty of thought given to life at the beach, and they spent their entire summers in residence. The juniper construction still offers a wonderful aroma when you open the door on arrival each visit. Every wall has plenty of windows to capture even the slightest breeze. The screened porch is on the south side so the land breeze still flows through, and the roof doesn't block the daylight from the primary living areas. Another screened porch on the west side served as a carport with a hinged wall that hung from the ceiling, but lowered to the floor to create a children's sleeping porch. The kitchen sink was placed perfectly to view the waves while cleaning up after meals. The two bathrooms each have outside entrances to allow guests to enter directly from the beach without tracking sand.

The original 3 bedroom / 2 bath structure remains intact. Two "annex" bedrooms with outside entrances and a shared bath were added in 1969 when the Mackey family purchase the home, and the west screen porch was enclosed as a garage at that time.

10. ABSTRACT:

Originally adjacent to numerous Flat Tops, the house still maintains its original character even while surrounded by large, modern rental homes common to the area. In the 1960's, almost no homes sat on the west side of the beach road above the fork in the Duck Road. The neighborhood is still relatively quiet given the limited traffic, while the Duck Road gains traffic congestion each year. The home was in the vacation rental market for a short two summers during the early 1980's, but has been reserved for family and friends other than that time period.



Mackey Cottage, North Facade



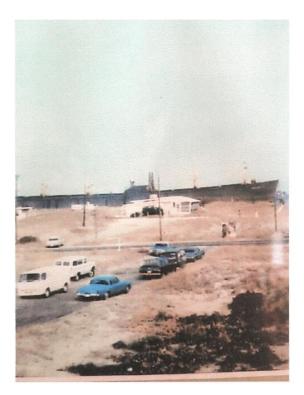
Mackey Cottage, South Facade

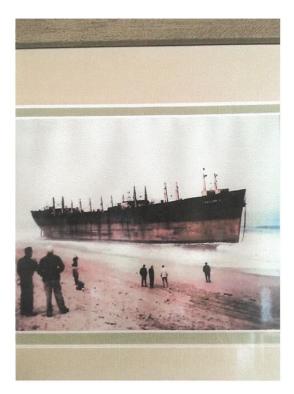


Mackey Cottage, East Facade

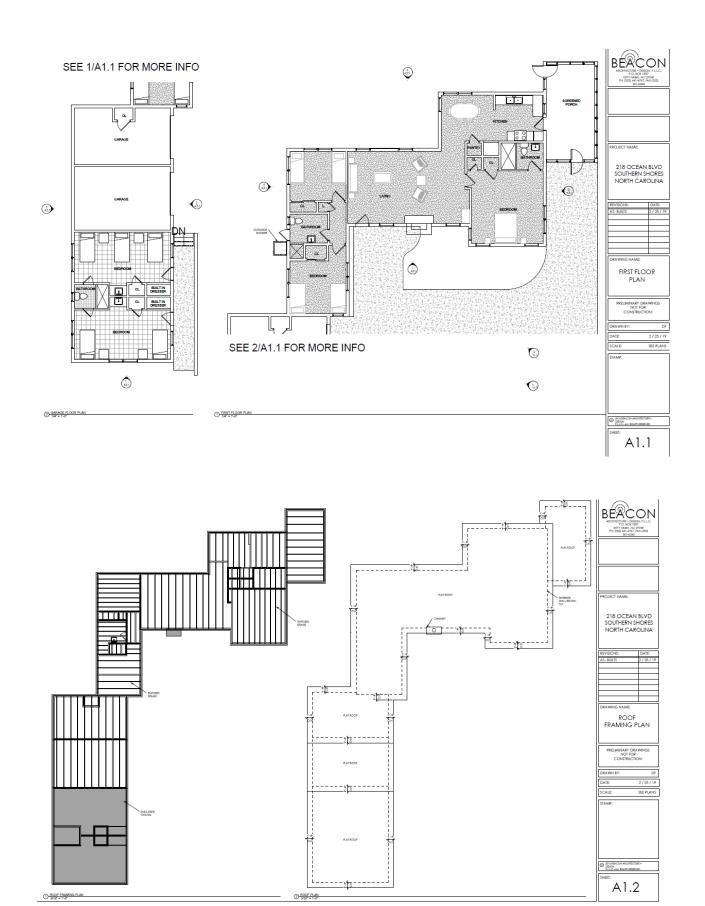


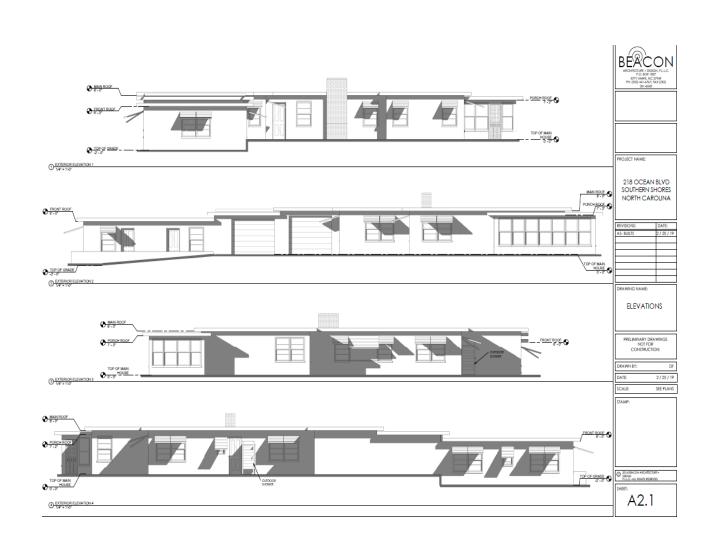
Mackey Cottage, West Facade





The intersection of E. Dogwood Trl. and Ocean Blvd. A Liberty ship being towed ran aground in 1969. 218 Ocean Blvd. is just outside of the photo at the stern of the ship





Dare County Tax Department P.O. Box 1000 Manteo NC 27954-1000



PROPERTY TAX BILL



00002082018000028931400006621932 MACKEY, G WILMER MACKEY PROPERTIES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP 700 WOODROW ST APT 610 COLUMBIA SC 29205

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Owner as of January 1: MACKEY, G WILMER

Customer Number 023015455 Parcel Number 022077000	District SOUTHERN SH Billing Date 07/17/2018	ORES Tax Year 2018			Date 01/2018	Bill Number 28931 Delinquent After 01/07/2019
Description of Property			% Rate		Tax Levied	I
PIN#: 986819-62-2325						
Description: LOT: 20 21 BLK: 28 PLAT B SEC 3 REV	S SO/SH AMEND	DED	.470000	Ι	DARE CO	\$4,510.59
Street Address: 218 OCEAN BLV	D		.220000		SS TOWN	\$2,111.34
Real Property Value	: 9	59,700	.000000			\$0.00
Personal Property Value	:	0	.000000			\$0.00
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					PAYMENT:	<u>\$0</u>
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Proposed Landmark Designation Boundary for the Mackey Cottage

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