



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on a corner lot and is surrounded by modern buildings to the east and north. To the west is a structure similar in size and date. The structure to its south (#506 Atlantic) is a converse plan of this building.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban  Suburban  Scattered Buildings   
Open Space  Woodland  Residential  Agricultural  Village   
Industrial  Downtown Commerical  Highway Commercial  Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure, known as Converse Cottage because it is a mirror image of 506 Atlantic (and was owned by John H. Converse), is one of the most elaborate homes on Long Beach Island. Although somewhat altered, the building still contains a richly decorated tower, various window types and turned window surrounds. This house, a long with 506 Atlantic, was probably designed by Wilson Brothers and Company of Philadelphia since records of the company show that the firm also designed Philadelphia homes for the original owners of these two houses.

ORIGINAL USE:

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent  Good   
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes  Possible   
THREATS TO SITE: Roads  Development   
No Threat  Other

PRESENT USE:

Fair  Poor   
No  Part of District   
Zoning  Deterioration

COMMENTS.

REFERENCES:

- "Historic Structures of the Borough of Beach Haven", a pamphlet published by the Beach Haven Bicentennial Commission. 1976.
- "Wilson Brothers and Company Catalogue of Work Executed", pringed by Lippincott Co., Phila, PA 1885
- "Walking tour of Victorian Houses South of Centre St., Beach Haven", presented by the Long Beach Island Historical Association.

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