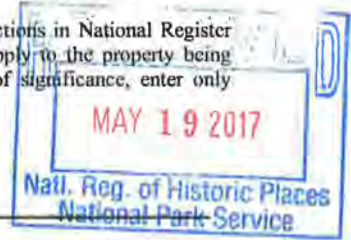


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1. Name of Property

Historic name: Dinker-Irvin Cottage
Other names/site number: DE CRS# SC02182
Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 310 Garfield Parkway Extended
City or town: Bethany Beach State: DE County: Sussex
Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets
the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic
Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.
I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following
level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local
Applicable National Register Criteria:
 A B X C D

May 15, 2017

Signature of certifying official/Title: _____ Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official: _____ Date

Title : _____ State or Federal agency/bureau
or Tribal Government

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1. Name of Property

Historic name: Dinker-Irvin Cottage – Geographic Amendments

Other names/site number: DE CRS # SC02182

Name of related multiple property listing:

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 318 Garfield Parkway Extended

City or town: Bethany Beach State: DE County: Sussex

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 A B X C D

 <hr/> Signature of certifying official/Title:	June 23, 2017 <hr/> Date
<hr/> State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
<hr/> Signature of commenting official:	<hr/> Date
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain:)

Patrick Andrews

Signature of the Keeper

7/3/2017

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic: single dwelling (beach cottage)

Government: U.S. Post Office

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic: single dwelling (beach cottage)

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late Victorian– vernacular

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: **foundation:** concrete block, **walls:** weatherboard covered with cut wood shingles, **roof:** asphalt shingles, **other:** porches and window surrounds: wood; porch steps: concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Narrative Description

Built in 1904 and moved in 1911 to its current location at 310 Garfield Parkway Extended in Bethany Beach, Delaware, this white painted cut shingled beach cottage is one of six remaining cottages constructed in the resort community between 1902 and 1905. Utilized as a cottage for more than one hundred years, it possesses a significant level of architectural integrity. Though some exterior changes occurred during the twentieth century, the interior's spatial arrangement and retention of historic fabric is exceptionally high. This vernacular Victorian one-and-a-half story beach cottage also has a distinctive history as being the town's oldest-known surviving public building since a section of the first floor functioned as a U.S. Post Office between the years 1922 and 1925.

The cottage is located on a town lot originally laid out by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware southwest of the Assembly Grounds established by the Disciples of Christ. The 35 X 43 foot cottage is situated on a lot measuring 80 X 125 feet and fronts the street known as Garfield Extended. The northern and western boundary is differentiated by a boxwood hedge. A grass lawn surrounds the house and two sycamore trees frame the front of the house. A cement sidewalk extends from the street to the front porch.

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North Elevation

Designed as a gable end house, the main façade features a three-bay wide projected one-and-a-half story cross gable section enclosed by a one-story wrap-around screened-in porch with hipped roof. The tapered shaft porch columns feature recessed panels with molded plinth block bases and capitals. The original square baluster porch railings running between the eight porch columns were removed and replaced by a narrow knee wall measuring 2'4" inches high around 1940. The interior of the porch knee walls feature white painted wainscoting; the exterior features white painted cut shingles. Porch flooring consists of narrow painted pine boards. The roof of the house is covered with asphalt shingles. Though gable peaks once featured decorative trim at the apex of the gables, family documents indicate that those embellishments were removed between 1927 and 1930.

The cottage, though originally built with clapboard and re-sheathed with cut shingles between 1927 and 1930, is positioned upon a rock-faced concrete block foundation. The center entrance is accentuated by a set of four concrete steps with side piers topped by a green painted capstone in alignment with the porch floor line. The original low-rise five wooden steps flanked by closed stringer baluster railings were also removed by 1930 and replaced with cement porch steps. The recessed east porch entrance and the center door are characterized by a five-paneled base with a large single-paneled window glass. Each door is placed within ogee molded door surrounds. Similar in design and appearance is the western porch entrance which features the original single-textured glass pane. Original electroplated door hinges and door knobs are associated with all entrances.

Original one-over-one double hung sash windows are positioned on either side of the main entrance as well as sides of the projected façade gable. Protected by the wrap-around porch, each white painted window sash is flanked by green painted paneled shutters with cast iron shutter dogs and hinges. A double one-over-one window sash, flanked by paneled shutters, is centrally positioned in the façade's cross gable. Family documents indicate that the paneled shutters and hardware embellishments were added to the cottage windows between 1927 and 1930.

West Elevation

The west gable end of the two-story double-pile section features a variety of window fenestration flanked by paneled shutters including paired one-over-one window sashes near the northwest corner of the house, a single one-over-one sash window near the southwest corner of the house, and a paired one-over-one double hung sash window in the center of the gable at the second floor level. A single bay shed roof addition is located at the southwest corner of the house and features a one-over-one double hung sash window.

South Elevation

Above the single-bay addition at the southwest corner of the house is a two-bay shed roof dormer window at the second floor level. It was added between 1931 and 1935 in order to enhance the interior space identified as the "middle dormitory room." Additional enhancements made before 1935 also included the enclosure of the back porch and an addition of a powder room on the first

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floor. The three-bay wide wall along the southern elevation is surmounted by a gable roof. The exterior retains its painted cut shingle sheathing and rock faced cement block foundation. The original one-over-one double hung sash windows were recently replaced with energy efficient sashes emulating the original design. A single double-hung sash window is centrally positioned in the gable peak.

East Elevation

The east gable end of the double-pile house features paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows in the center of the gable at the second floor level and one-over-one double-hung sash windows at the first floor level.

The Interior

Living Room

The interior of the house features an extraordinary amount of original historic fabric on both the first and second floor levels. The spatial arrangement of the house remains unchanged thereby preserving its historic integrity. Entering through the main entrance, one enters into the living room which is dominated by a tongue-and-groove paneled fireplace wall and ceiling. The brickwork features two distinctive patterns: Basket weave at the top and Running bond brick at each side. Left of the fireplace is the original closed string staircase which features turned balusters and a molded handrail. Tongue-and-groove wainscoting and a plastered wall line the staircase along the east wall of the living room. Original door fenestration remains intact in this section of the house. This historic fabric includes molded door and window surrounds with bulls-eye corner block trim, original one-over one double hung sash windows, and baseboards.

Dining Room and Kitchen

The western side of the house contains two small areas: a dining room and kitchen. Though window sashes were replaced in the dining room on the western side of the room, their original window surrounds remain intact along with the baseboard trim. The original built-in corner cupboard with glass and paneled double doors dominate the southwest corner of the dining room. The cabinet's surrounds replicate the molded and bulls-eye corner blocks embellishments found on interior doorways and window surrounds throughout the house. Suspended from the center of the ceiling is a Tiffany-style light fixture which was installed in the house in 1926.

The four paneled door with porcelain knob and original hardware provides access to the kitchen which is located in the southwest corner of the house. The kitchen consists of two rooms. The first is a small one-bay wide enclosed porch area finished with wainscoted walls and furnished with an early Kelvinator icebox, water pump, and cast iron sink. The second is a larger, airy room leading to the pantry and the interior bathroom.

The Pantry

Located in the southeast corner of the cottage is the pantry. This is an amazing area of the cottage which is basically untouched other than being electrified. The area contains the original built-in floor to ceiling cupboards with bread box and their original electroplated hardware. This

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small room also retains its original baseboard trim, wainscoting, as well as molded window and door surrounds with bulls-eye corner black trim.

“Little Room” and Bathroom

The eastern side of the house features a small area identified by family descendants as the “Little Room” which had been used as the post office during the early 1920s. Though windows were replaced, the original molded window sashes with bulls-eye corner blocks, baseboard trim, flooring, and four paneled doors with electroplated hardware survive. A small bathroom, added in 1926 features original flooring, baseboards, molded door and window surrounds with bulls-eye corner block trim. Early plumbing features included a ceramic pedestal sink with porcelain knobs and a built-in medicine cabinet above the sink.

Second Floor Bedrooms

The second floor, accessed by the main staircase in the parlor remains unaltered. The spatial arrangement consists of two large and one small bedroom within the gable roof sections of the house and a narrow stair hall which features turned balusters and a boldly-turned newel post. Like the first floor, decorative embellishments included original baseboards and molded door and window surrounds with bulls-eye-corner block trim. Four paneled doors with their electroplate hardware and porcelain door knobs survive throughout the second floor.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location (1911)
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1904 - 1940

Significant Dates

1904 (construction)

1911 (relocation)

1922 – 1925 (simultaneous use as a cottage and U.S. Post Office)

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Henry M. Evans/Gilford S. Evans (attribution: documented local house carpenters)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Dinker-Irvin Cottage, built as a summer residence in the seaside resort community of Bethany Beach, Delaware, is locally significant under Criterion C as a relatively rare example of an intact c. 1900 beach cottage. Constructed in 1904 and relocated to its current location in 1911, it also has the distinction of being the community's only-known surviving public building from the 1920s because a section of the first floor was utilized as a U.S. Post Office between 1922 and 1925. Continuously utilized as a summer beach cottage for more than one hundred years, it possesses a high level of architectural integrity reflective of a vernacular cottage style summer residence constructed of locally available materials and designed to suit the needs of its original builder and its subsequent owners.

Although the name of the building contractor and suppliers are undocumented it is plausible to assume that the two house carpenters identified in the 1910 U.S. Census for Bethany Beach, Henry M. Evans and Gilford S. Evans, may have been involved with the construction of the Dinker-Irvin Cottage. This summer residence retains a high level of architectural integrity externally as well as internally. The materials and workmanship of the cottage continues to represent its appearance within the period of significance (1904 - date of construction through 1940 - completion dates of re-sheathing and front porch renovations). Though a few windows on the rear and sides of the cottage were replaced recently with energy efficient one-over-one double hung sash windows, these comparable style windows similar to the original fenestration do not detract from the overall vernacular appearance of the cottage. The spatial arrangement of its interior has not been altered and most of the original flooring remains intact. Decorative embellishments found throughout the cottage include original baseboard trim, bulls-eye corner block trim on all window and door surrounds, tongue-and-groove wainscoting, built-in pantry cabinets with bread box, a built-in dining room corner cupboard, and original electroplated hardware on all doors and built-in cabinetry.

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Historical Background Information

Though discussions to develop a seaside resort began in 1897 the acquisition of land, plotting of lots, and actual construction of cottages was not undertaken until the early 1900s. The area which became Bethany Beach was part of the land whose ownership was disputed between the Calvert family of Maryland and the Penn family of Pennsylvania. With the territorial dispute settled in 1767 in favor of Pennsylvania, Governor John Penn ordered a resurvey of the newly acquired areas in 1775. Baltimore Hundred, the political subdivision in which Bethany Beach would be established was one of the five new political subdivisions created in 1775 (Baltimore Hundred, Broad Creek Hundred, Little Creek Hundred, Northwest Fork Hundred, and Nanticoke Hundred). These newly created hundreds defined the southern and western boundaries of Sussex County, Delaware. Historic maps such as the 1868 Pomeroy and Beers Atlas of the State of Delaware indicate that the future site of Bethany Beach remained sparsely occupied for more than one hundred years.

Synopsis of Resort Development and the Creation of a Town Council

As leisure time became more readily available to the wealthy and upper middle classes during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, several seaside resorts evolved as a popular phenomenon along the Atlantic Ocean coastline such as Cape May, New Jersey, and Long Island, New York. In Sussex County, Delaware two major seaside resorts were established: Rehoboth Beach in 1873 (established for religious camp meeting purposes by the Rehoboth Camp Meeting Association which was connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church) and Bethany Beach in 1897 when the Church of the Disciples of Christ decided to establish a "seaside resort" one mile east of the rural community identified Ocean View, Delaware.¹ Bethany Beach is located approximately thirteen miles south of Rehoboth Beach.

In an area which was sparsely populated by 1868, the Bethany Beach Improvement Company marketed its ocean front resort as "130 miles South of Philadelphia, 30 miles Southwest from Cape May [New Jersey] ... [and as a] seaside resort which already promises to equal the longer established resort cities of the sea board."² Natural attractions highlighted in the company's broadside included "...no finer beach on the coast. Its natural advantages are unsurpassed. The pleasure seekers will revel in nature's products, melons, peaches, grapes, pears, apples, persimmons and walnuts are raised in large quantities. The gradual slope of the Beach makes bathing a delightful pleasure. Fish, such as drums, fatbacks, ocean trout, tints, and crocus are caught in abundance."³

¹ Promotional Broadside: The Bethany Beach Improvement Company, November 29, 1900.

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The Bethany Beach Improvement Company, headquartered in Scranton, Pennsylvania was incorporated in Delaware in order to establish “a first class family resort.”⁴ Members of the Christian Missionary Society of Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia visited this coastal area and selected this site as the location of a summer seaside resort for the Church of the Disciples of Christ. Conducting a contest to name this new Delaware resort, Scranton businessmen M. H. Holgate (Real Estate & Loans) D.B. Atherton (Secretary Board of Trade) and George Howell (Superintendent Scranton Public Schools) advertised a contest and received entries from twenty-seven states and territories. They selected the name “Bethany” from an entry submitted by H.L. Atkinson of the University of Chicago. Excerpts from a letter written by the Rev. Dr. F. D. Power and published in 1900 referenced that “new enterprises of this kind, ...must have time to grow, but for ocean breezes and baths it is all that can be desired so far as natural advantages are concerned.”⁵ Excerpts from a letter written and published by Rev. W. J. Wright of Washington in the same year referenced that he “was impressed with the superiority of the beach at this point ... [and had] bathed many times in its surf and considered the surf bathing as fine as that at any point on our coast.” Rev. Wright also referenced his “familiarity with the coast for a number of miles above and below this point, and doubt that a more desirable selection of a point for Summer resort could be made.”⁶

Once the Church of the Disciples of Christ decided to establish a seaside resort in 1897, they formed a special committee to investigate possibilities and select a location. Members of their special committee, the Missionary Society of Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia included Rev. Dr. F. D. Power (Washington D.C.), Rev J.A. Hopkins (Rockville, Maryland), and a Mr. J. Bitner. Exploring areas along the Delaware coast, they determined that the area which became Bethany Beach was the most suitable location for their resort. Scranton businessmen associated with these initial developments included J.K. Johler, J. Deatrick, R.R. Bulgin (Travelling Representative) J. O. Dimmick, and J.W. Browning.⁷ During the October 1900 convention of the Disciples, held in Baltimore, men were appointed to oversee the development of a successful enterprise. These individuals included Rev. Dr. F.D. Power, Rev. J. A. Hopkins, Captain Covington, J.W. West, Andrew Wilson (attorney), C.C. Wagaman (attorney), and H.D. Mentzel.⁸ Therefore, in 1900 they purchased 344 acres of land from Ezekial Evans for \$8,000. The acreage which included an area identified as “Muddy Neck” contained one mile of oceanfront property. During the summer of 1900 plans to open a resort for settlement resulted in a survey of the newly acquired property and the establishment of individual lots for sale. Lots were marked out and marketed aggressively to church members. After the initial sale of 150 lots, a deed for sixteen acres of land was presented to the church satisfying one of the promises made by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company in the 1901 collaboration.

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However, in 1902, the Bethany Beach Improvement Company was not meeting its obligations to the lot holders and the church, and after considerable negotiations, the company was bought out by a new set of owners called “the Pittsburgh Six,” who replaced management. This process created many disputes as to which lots were owned and by whom. Also, not all of the owners had deeds properly recorded in the Sussex County Recorder of Deeds Office in Georgetown, Delaware. One such dispute involved the Dinker-Irvin Cottage which was subsequently relocated to Block 109, Lots 14/16 in 1911. That property was also owned by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company.⁹

The lot holders determined that they needed a governing body that would represent their interests in discussions with the church officials and the officers of the Bethany Beach Improvement Company. This group could also make “requests” that could help keep peace among the neighbors. A mayor and six commissioners were elected by the lot owners in July 12, 1901; two of the commissioners were women. This group eventually became the Town Council of Bethany Beach with seven council members elected by the citizens. In 1909, the town was incorporated by the State of Delaware. Over time, the original initiative undertaken by the Church of the Disciples of Christ proved to be a successful venture.

For more than one hundred years, U.S. Census statistics indicate that Bethany Beach remained the second largest beach community in Sussex County with a count of 56 people in 1910 and 1,060 people in 2010; second only to Rehoboth Beach. Unlike Rehoboth Beach which developed into a commercial and recreational beach resort, Bethany Beach retained its “family resort” environment with few commercial and recreational accommodations constructed during the early twentieth century. By the year 1910, U.S. Census records indicate that residents were primarily born in Delaware and adults ranged in age from 20 to 66. In addition to the two individuals previously identified as house carpenters, steam vessel boatsmen, surfmen working at the nearby lifesaving station, farmers, an electric engineer, laborers, a salesman, a restaurant waiter, and one German-born Christian minister (George W. Remagen) were among the occupations listed for the adult males. The four African Americans listed in the census records were identified as domestic servants who worked for private families and were identified as a butler and housekeepers. Though most women did not have a specified occupation noted in this census record, one was noted as a stenographer (Myrtle Daisey).

Travelling to Bethany Beach: A Family Seaside Resort

Unlike other seaside communities along the Atlantic Ocean which benefitted from highways and direct rail service, travelers to Bethany Beach had a very arduous journey. By 1901, the closest railroad was located in either Dagsboro or Frankford, rural communities located approximately twelve miles west of Bethany Beach. According to oral histories, most of those first families who journeyed to the resort from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area began their travel in a horse drawn buggy from their home to the local railroad station. Once they departed from Pittsburgh, they took a train to Baltimore and spent the night at a hotel close to the docks. From there they boarded a boat for a three to four-hour trip down the Chesapeake Bay to Love Point on the

⁹ Pamphlet: “A Walk through History, 1901-1976.” Bethany Beach Landowners Association, 1976.

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eastern shore of Maryland (northern part of Kent Island) where they took another train to the Delaware communities of Lewes and Rehoboth Station for another carriage ride to the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal. There they boarded a wood burning steamer called "The Atlantic" which was provided by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company and took the travelers to Pennewell's Landing in Ocean View, two miles west of Bethany Beach. The final leg of the journey was another wagon ride which took them and their luggage to Bethany Beach. The entire journey took up to two days. In 1910 the New Bethany Beach Improvement Company cut a canal leading from the old canal in Ocean View to Bethany Beach so that small boats could travel directly from Rehoboth to Bethany Beach Landing. At that time, "*The Atlantic*" was replaced by the "*Allie Mae*" a shallow draft motorboat which easily navigated the canal waters. Passengers from the "*Allie Mae*" disembarked at a wharf constructed at the foot of First Street and walked a short walk to their cottages.¹⁰

Disciples of Christ, their Establishment of a Religious Retreat, and Deed Restrictions

The American church, "Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)" is descendant from Scottish Presbyterians and rooted in the protestant reformation of the sixteenth century. They differ from Presbyterians in their practice of believer's baptism by immersion and in having their congregations entirely self-governing including ownership of church property. This system created differing beliefs and interpretations in local churches and led to schisms throughout the history of the church.

In the later part of the nineteenth century, some American churches became enamored with the "Chautauqua" movement which expanded mostly in rural areas and small towns. Assembly halls were created and a variety of programs devised for the weekly or even daily gatherings mostly in the summer months. The programs included religious services, motivational and educational speakers, entertainment, talent shows and the like. Churches that participated saw this as a way to promote proper values among the faithful members, to teach and entertain the church youth, and to train teachers and musicians.

In 1894, the annual convention of the Maryland and Delaware Disciples of Christ churches approved a plan to hold a summer assembly (Chautauqua format) somewhere in Delmarva. This concept eventually became the plan which led to the collaboration between the church and the Bethany Beach Improvement Company.

Church values were evident in two rules that were written into all deeds issued by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company: houses should be kept "neatly painted" and there will be no "sale of intoxicating liquors." Also, the "requests" issued by the early town commissioners included "no bathing during hours of services in the Tabernacle (auditorium)" and "no sales of tobacco, candy or soft drinks on Sunday."¹¹

Programs in the Tabernacle were organized by the church every summer from 1901 through 1917 when they were discontinued. At this time, the Chautauqua movement in rural areas and

¹⁰ Arthur A. Azlein, "Bethany Beach; Some Notes On Its History," page 6.

¹¹ Sussex County Deed Book 255, page 587.

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small towns had declined due to the advent of radio and improved transportation which made it easier to travel to the cities. After this period and through 1962, the church used the property for summer Sunday services, vacation bible school, young adult and teacher training, while periodically renting space to the military during wartime. In 1962, the Tabernacle was destroyed by a storm – the '62 Nor'easter. In its place, the church members dedicated a small modern Chapel in the very next year which today serves a year round congregation.¹² In November 2000, the church sold the unimproved six acre portion of their property west of the coastal highway (Route 1) to the Town of Bethany Beach for \$1.4 million. In modern times, other buildings have been added and a year round conference center operates on the remaining ten acre plot. The church rents a one-acre area to the town for use as a playground for one dollar a year.

Other churches in Bethany Beach now include St. Martha's Episcopal Church founded in 1940 and St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church founded in 1955.

Today, town ordinances typical of that which would be found at a small resort anywhere in the country have replaced the "requests" of the early commissioners. Also, the original deed restrictions, including those previously mentioned, were eventually abandoned in modern deeds for Bethany Beach properties.

William A. Dinker: Original Cottage Owner and an Original Financial Investor

William A. Dinker, the original owner of the Dinker-Irvin Cottage, was a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for forty-five years and a coal industry veteran. He organized and was secretary and manager of the Eureka Coal Company, which was bought by the Pittsburgh Coal Company of Pittsburgh. He was also a secretary and general manager of the Great Lakes Coal Company which operated in the lower Allegheny Valley and West Virginia. Mr. Dinker was also affiliated with a number of other companies in the coal and steel industries in various capacities including management and as a director. He was one of the organizers of the East End Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Pittsburgh and also served as Elder and Bible class teacher.¹³ Along with five other prominent businessmen from Pittsburgh, Dinker bought out the shares of the old Bethany Beach Improvement Company for \$50,000 and mounted a renewed effort to reorganize and continue to develop a summer community in Bethany Beach for the church. He became the new Bethany Beach Improvement Company's first president in 1902.¹⁴

In 1904, Mr. Dinker built the Dinker-Irvin Cottage on the south side of First Street (Block 2, lot 10). In the year 1911, due to a "cloud on the title,"¹⁵ he relocated his cottage to undeveloped lots (Block 109, lots 14/16) owned by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company. All Bethany Beach deeds issued by the Company conveyed the land including "Improvements such as buildings, etc...", so that the move of the cottage essentially caused the ownership to switch from Dinker to the Bethany Beach Improvement Company.

¹² Guest Log, Vol. 1, 1925-1964, Mary Jane Hayes Hicks

¹³ Obituary: William A. Dinker, February 22, 1916, *Pittsburg Daily Post*, page 7.

¹⁴ Obituary: William A. Dinker, February 22, 1916, *Pittsburg Post Gazette*, page 2.

¹⁵ Guest Log Vol.II, Mary Jane Hayes Hicks, 1965-1977.

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In 1922, a local developer named William P. Short acquired the cottage and property.¹⁶ By November of that year, the Bethany Beach Post Office was established in the Dinker-Irvin Cottage under Postmaster Clarence E. Bunting and later, Postmaster Emma J. Calhoun.¹⁷ It was the terminus of the contract mail service route (Star Route 12110) which serviced several rural Delaware communities including Frankford, Omar, Clarksville, Millville, Ocean View, and Bethany Beach. It apparently took 3 ½ hours to make the eleven mile trip by horse-drawn wagon.¹⁸

Ninety-One Years of Ownership and Preservation by Female Descendants

In October of 1925, a wealthy maiden woman from Pennsylvania named Ida May Irvin purchased the Dinker-Irvin Cottage from a local developer, William P. Short.¹⁹ Irvin, a resident of Big Run, Pennsylvania graduated from Bethany College where she may have become acquainted with William A. Dinker. This liberal arts college, established in 1840, is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is located in Bethany, West Virginia. Miss Irvin's father, William Irvin, was one of the founders of the family-owned tannery in Big Run, Pennsylvania and both were members of the local First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

She, like several members of her family, enjoyed coming to Bethany Beach during the summer months starting in 1924 and staying at the Seaside Hotel on the boardwalk. As a civic minded woman, she permitted a tennis court to be built for the community on her adjoining property east of the cottage. When the Bethany Beach Woman's Civic Association (BBWCA), first called the Women's Civic Club of Bethany Beach, was established in 1925, she became a member. Upon her death, she donated \$85,000 (\$1.1million today) to charity constituting one quarter of her estate after taxes.

Jenny Lind Irvin Hayes, purchased the Dinker-Irvin Cottage from her sister's estate in 1946 for \$4100 (average price of a home in 1946 was \$5000).²⁰ Mrs. Hayes was also from Big Run, Pennsylvania and lived in close proximity to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the family's home church. In 1901, she inherited shares of the large Big Run tannery founded by her father, William Irvin; the tannery was sold in 1916. She was a devout Christian, a prohibitionist, and a wealthy woman, who shared her good fortune. Examples of her generosity included paying off her home church mortgage, supporting a medical missionary (Dr. Mary Longdon), and providing scholarships for students interested in mission work. When visiting Bethany Beach she attended services at the Tabernacle established by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and also served as a member of the BBWCA. Mrs. Hayes was witness to an event that the cottage reflects – a small hole in the dining room chandelier and in the wall. The next door neighbor, Sidney Bennett (Postmaster 1944-1961), was squirrel hunting and an errant bullet went

¹⁶ Sussex County Deed Book 232, p. 170 and Sussex County Deed Book 234, page 346.

¹⁷ Interview with U.S.P.S. Researcher Stephen Kochersperger, December 8, 2016. Washington, D.C..

¹⁸ The Postal Bulletin, U.S.P.S. Vol. 42, #12684 . October 12, 1921, page 2.

¹⁹ Sussex County Deed Book 255, page 587.

²⁰ Sussex County Deed Book 362, page 530 and letter dated August 5, 1946 written by Malcolm Muir (attorney) to Jenny L. Hayes.

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through the dining room window, the chandelier and lodged in the door frame while the ladies were shelling peas!

The only child of Jenny L. Irvin Hayes was Mary Jane Hayes Hicks, who inherited the property from her mother in 1980.²¹ Mary Jane was raised in Big Run, Pennsylvania, but relocated with her mother to Williamsport, Pennsylvania at age 12. Keeping a journal, Mary Jane, age 14, recorded information about the town's 1926 cyclone that struck the garage in back of the cottage causing the roof to collapse onto two automobiles. Her notation also mentions that the cottage only lost a couple of windows and some electric lights.²² In keeping with family traditions, she shared the use of this beach cottage with many family members and friends. While in Bethany Beach, she attended St. Martha's, the Bethany Episcopal Church. Like her mother and Aunt Ida, Mary Jane was a member of the BBWCA and for a time served as Board Member and Secretary (1953-55). She was also a member of the Bethany Beach Landowners Association (BBLA), newly organized in 1969 to fight the construction of high rise buildings south of the town.

Mary Christina (Tina) Hicks Edgar inherited Dinker-Irvin Cottage from her mother Mary Jane H. Hicks in 1983.²³ Interested in local activities, Mrs. Edgar continues the family tradition of attending St. Martha's Episcopal Church, is an active member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood which promotes and supports higher education for women. She served as President of Focus Interfaith Food Pantry in Albany, New York. She is an artisan and has sold arts and crafts locally. She was a member of the BBWCA and is a member of the BBLA. She is also a member of the Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee (CHAC) of Bethany Beach, a standing committee of the Town Council. Interested in preservation of this historic building, Mrs. Edgar and her husband donated the cottage to the town of Bethany Beach in 2017.

Future Plans for the Dinker-Irvin Cottage

In order to continue its preservation, the town has plans to move Dinker-Irvin Cottage approximately 200 feet west of its current location. This proposed location which was discussed and deemed suitable by the National Park Service in 2016. The new site, owned by the Town of Bethany Beach, is part of the tract originally held by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company. The house will have the same orientation with its fronting on Garfield Extended, maintaining its current streetscape. It will be utilized as a museum chronicling local history and will be repositioned onto a rock-face concrete block foundation replicating its 1911 foundation.

In January of 2016 the Town Council of Bethany Beach gratefully accepted this generous donation. The Council realized that it was one of the few surviving folk-Victorian cottages that were built when the town was newly established and therefore holds true historical value for the community. Located close to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, many of the town's first homes

²¹ Sussex County Register of Wills Book 99, page 81.

²² Summer Journal, Mary Jane Hayes, 1926.

²³ Sussex County Register of Wills Book 129, page 307.

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were destroyed by storms over the years. Others have been demolished to make way for larger and more modern structures as the town grew in population. In addition to its historical architectural value, this was the original home built by William A. Dinker, one of the founding fathers of the town and the first President of the Bethany Beach Improvement Company. The cottage has, for some time, been listed on the town's "Heritage Trail" along with a dozen or so other Bethany homes built previous to 1930. All of these homes display a bronze plaque with specific historical information. A "Heritage Trail" brochure is available to visitors for a self-conducted walking tour.

Desiring to sell the property where the cottage is located, the owners also wanted to be assured that the cottage would continue to be preserved. Accepting the donation of the cottage, but not the lot on which it stands, required the town to begin to make plans to move it to a town owned property less than 200 feet west on the same street front.

However, moving the cottage has involved several steps on the part of the town. The new location was originally designated as a street, but never developed as such. Therefore, the town first addressed having the property re-designated as open space. Next, obtaining permits and a qualified contractor for moving an existing sewer line were accomplished. Finally, arrangements have been made for the actual moving of the cottage in the near future. All of which confirm the strong commitment on the part of the town to preserve this piece of town history.

Recognizing the importance of preserving the integrity of the house, the town also began a search for duplicating the sand colored split-block stones that formed the foundation of the cottage since 1922. Successful in this endeavor, the new foundation will contribute to assuring the original exterior appearance.

The future vision on the part of the town is for the cottage, which will be relocated to 318 Garfield Parkway Extended, is to become a museum which will highlight the history of the cottage and Bethany Beach. As a part of the very founding of the town, this cottage provides an excellent venue for this endeavor.

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- Sussex County Deed Book 234, page 346
- Sussex County Deed Book 255, page 587
- Sussex County Deed Book 362, page 530

Primary Resource Documents (Sussex County Register of Wills Office – Georgetown, Delaware):

- Sussex County Register of Wills Book 99, page 81
- Sussex County Register of Wills Book 129, page 307

Primary Resource Documents (Delaware Public Archives – Dover, Delaware):

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Primary Resource Documents (Research Center, Delaware State Historic Preservation Office – Dover, Delaware):

- 1868 Pomeroy and Beers Atlas of the State of Delaware, Philadelphia
- 1918 U.S.G.S. Topographic Map – Bethany Beach, Delaware
- 1991 U.S.G.S. Topographic Map – Bethany Beach, Delaware

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- Sussex County Tax Parcel Maps

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Montanari, Val (editor) Pamphlet – "A Walk through History 1901 – 1976." Bethany Beach Landowners Association, Bethany Beach, Delaware. 1976.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
 recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): DE CRS# SC02182

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

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Acreeage of Property less than 1 acre (approximately .35 acres)

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 38.537867 Longitude: -75.061023

2. Latitude: Longitude:

3. Latitude: Longitude:

4. Latitude: Longitude:

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

1. Zone: Easting: Northing:

2. Zone: Easting: Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

By June 13, 2017, the Dinker-Irvin Cottage was relocated onto Tax Parcel # PB53-257, property owned by the Town of Bethany Beach. Stretching the width of the block, this parcel, with grass front and rear lawns, faces Garfield Parkway Extended on the north and Hollywood Street on the south. This narrow, underdeveloped parcel (originally reserved for a roadway) is bordered by a wooden, two-rail fence on the west which separates the cottage lot from several recently constructed two-story, frame beach condos clad with cut brown shingles. The southeast corner of this elongated parcel features a relatively new two-story frame beach cottage fronting Hollywood Street. An un-developed grass covered lot with a cluster of trees, including pine trees near the cottage, is situated on the tax parcel east of the repositioned cottage.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Tax Parcel #PB53-257 is the property owned by the Town of Bethany Beach, onto which the donated Dinker-Irvin Cottage was moved by the town to ensure its preservation.

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Christina and Clement Edgar
organization: private property owners
street & number: Garfield Parkway Extended
city or town: Bethany Beach state: DE zip code:19930
e-mail: cedgar@mchsi.com
date: 2016 – 2017

name/title: Carol Olmstead, Chair – Cultural & Historic Affairs Committee
organization: Town of Bethany Beach
street & number: 214 Garfield parkway
city/town: Bethany Beach, state: DE zip code: 19930
e-mail: carolatbethany@aol.com
date: 2016 - 2017
telephone: 302-539-8011

name/title: Staff
organization: State Historic Preservation Office
street & number: 21 The Green
city/town: Dover state: DE zip code: 19901
e-mail: madeline.dunn@state.de.us
date: 2016 - 2017

Additional Documentation

Geographic Zone:	Coastal Bay
Time period(s):	Urbanization and Early Suburbanization, 1880-1940+
Historic Theme(s)	Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS **map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Dinker-Irvin Cottage

City or Vicinity: Bethany Beach

County: Sussex County

State: DE

Photographer: John Apple, Code Enforcement Constable & Assistant Building Inspector
Town of Bethany Beach, Delaware

Staff of DE SHPO

Date Photographed: 2016 - 2017

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 01 of 16 North Elevation of main facade looking south
- 02 of 16 Three-quarter view of Dinker-Irvin Cottage looking southeast
- 03 of 16 South Elevation of Dinker-Irvin Cottage looking northeast
- 04 of 16 Three-quarter view of Dinker-Irvin Cottage looking southwest
- 05 of 16 Three-quarter view of front porch columns and rock-faced concrete block foundation looking southeast
- 06 of 16 Living room paneled wall and ceiling, fireplace with Basket weave and Running bond brick patterns
- 07 of 16 Living room closed-string staircase with tongue-and-groove wainscoted paneled wainscoting
- 08 of 16 Front porch dining room door with molded panel base and original textured glass window
- 09 of 16 Built-in dining room double door corner cupboard, original baseboard and flooring, molded door surrounds with corner block trim
- 10 of 16 Detail of original interior window surrounds with replacement one-over-one double-hung sash windows, original flooring, baseboard trim, and second floor four-paneled closet door (dormitory room)
- 11 of 16 Built-in pantry cabinetry with breadbox and original electroplated hardware
- 12 of 16 1926 plumbing fixtures – pedestal sink and built-in medicine cabinet (first floor)
- 13 of 16 Front yard view looking northwest across Garfield Parkway Extended and Route 26

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera (cont.):

- 14 of 16 Front yard view looking east on Garfield Parkway Extended toward the intersection of U.S. I and the main road into Bethany Beach
- 15 of 16 Undeveloped road (Maryland Avenue) approximately 200 feet west of the current location and town-owned site selected for the relocation of the cottage in 2017
- 16 of 16 Three-quarter view of Dinker-Irvin Cottage (left) and the grass lot (right) where the cottage will be relocated sometime in 2017

Figures:

- 01 Photo collage: Historic Beach Cottages of Bethany Beach, Delaware
- 02 Map: Section of Baltimore Hundred: Pomeroy and Beers Atlas, State of Delaware 1868
- 03 Promotional Broadside (1900): Bethany Beach, Delaware and photographs of Dinker-Irvin Cottage, c. 1927 and c. 1927-1930
- 04 First and Second floorplans of Dinker-Irvin Cottage, Bethany Beach, Delaware
- 05 Map showing U.S.P.S. Star Route 12110 in Sussex County, Delaware
- 06 Survey of Bethany Beach, Delaware (1900)
- 07 U.S.G.S. Topo Map (1918): Bethany Beach, Delaware
- 08 Aerial View: Bethany Beach, Delaware (1956)
- 09 Sussex County Tax Parcel Map – Dinker-Irvin Cottage, Bethany Beach, Delaware

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Photo Log

Name of Property: Dinker-Irvin Cottage

City or Vicinity: Bethany Beach

County: Sussex State: DE

Photographer: DE State Historic Preservation Office

Date Photographed: 6/21/2017

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 4 North elevation, main façade of Dinker-Irvin Cottage on its new location – 318 Garfield Parkway Extended
- 2 of 4 South elevation, rear facade of Dinker-Irvin Cottage looking north
- 3 of 4 ¾ view of Dinker-Irvin Cottage looking southwest from Garfield Parkway Extended
- 4 of 4 ¾ view from the new Dinker-Irvin Cottage location looking 200 feet east toward its previous location, 310 Garfield Parkway Extended

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Historic
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Delaware



Drexler House (c. 1905)



Dinker-Irvin Cottage (1904)



Lattimer Cottage (c. 1904)



Scott House (c. 1926)



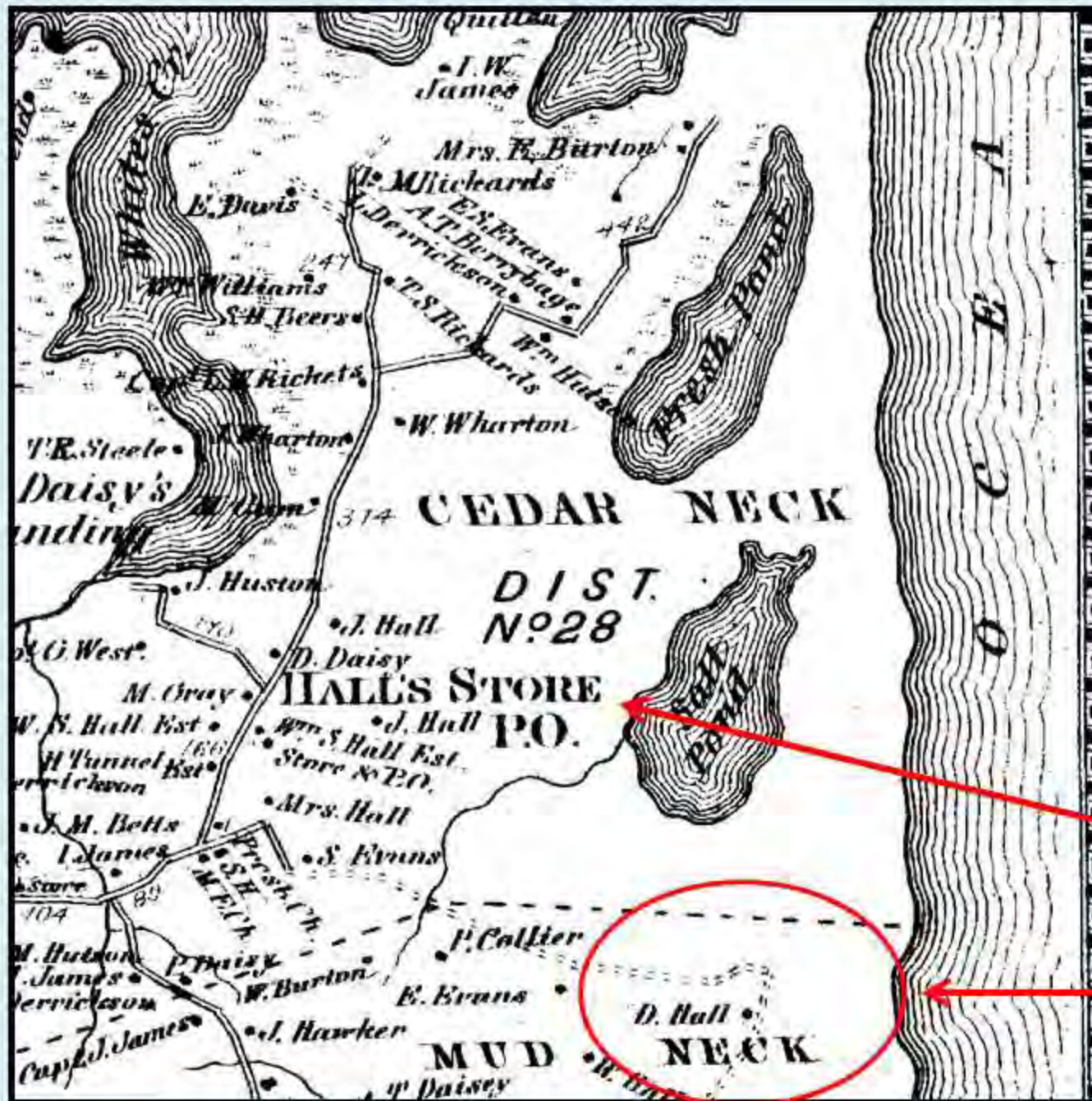
Addy I (1901) one of the early cottages which functioned as an inn during the 1930s into the 1970s



Errett Cottage (1903) - original designed maintained and is the only one of the original cottages still in the same family



Dinker House (c. 1904)



Excerpt - Baltimore Hundred
 Pomeroy and Beers Atlas
 State of Delaware - 1868



Hall's Store (Ocean View)

Area which
 became Bethany Beach

Figure 2 Dinker-Irvin Cottage_SussexCounty_Delaware

BETHANY BEACH.

HISTORY.

In 1845, the Church of the Daughters of Christ began looking for a place for a summer colony where they might establish a seaside resort. With this end in view, the Missionary Society of Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia, appointed a commission to locate. This commission, consisting of Rev. Dr. F. D. Power, of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. S. Hopkins, of Rockville, Md., J. Baker and others, thoroughly examined the Delaware Coast, and concluded that the beach near the pretty village of Ocean View would be the best spot for such a resort.

Arrangements were soon after made with Messrs. J. A. Jubb, J. Unthank and H. W. Rigley, of Delaware, Pa., to give the tract for settlement. Their gift was to the trustees of a corporation (now known as the Trustees), H. Denmark and J. W. Stoenning, also of Delaware, and the land was platted.

These matters were reported in October, 1845, to a committee of the Trustees, held in Delaware, and Rev. Dr. F. D. Power, Rev. J. S. Hopkins, Charles Langston, J. W. West, Andrew Wilson, James C. D. Hagwood, Attorney, and H. D. Mearns were appointed as well as a corporation to be organized for the purpose of the enterprise.

HOW BETHANY BEACH WAS NAMED.

In October, 1845, the Company's preliminary plan was completed upon 400-1/2 acres and confirmed. A committee of representatives from Delaware was consisting of M. H. Whelpley, Rev. John and James D. B. Adams, Executive Board of Trade and College, Newark, N. J., Rev. James Patten Schmitt, returned from the large lot, the name "Bethany Beach" as the best. The plan offered was accepted by H. S. Adams, of the University of Chicago, he being the first person who had in the same scheme.

LOCATION.

"Bethany Beach," the chosen name for this new pleasure resort, is an entire mile of Atlantic, or "The Crow Flies," and 1/2 mile from Philadelphia, for either Southern from Cape May. By looking on the map of Delaware, you will find Ocean View. Bethany Beach is one mile from the pretty village. The government has secured four miles of ocean front, and opened a beach resort which already promises to equal the larger established ocean cities of the sea board.

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS.

Nothing in Bethany Beach, but Sussex County, is more "fit to be the beach of the world," in natural advantages are more perfect. The pleasure seekers will find in nature's products, nature's garden, game, sport, sight, amusement, and nothing are found in large quantities. Trees and white pine, pines, cedars, oaks and all varieties of vegetation, that are growing. Rowing and sailing are encouraged. The gradual slope of the beach makes bathing a delightful pleasure. Fish, such as shrimps, lobsters, crabs, oysters, clams and clams are caught in abundance.

A letter from Rev. Dr. F. D. Power, Washington, D. C., reads as follows: "I was given the attention of the Christian Missionary Society of Delaware, Md. and District of Columbia was called to the importance of opening a seaside summer resort for the Daughters of Christ. A committee was appointed to visit the coast and select a site. In company with other brethren I made two trips to the coast for this purpose and we unanimously decided that the beach near Ocean View, Delaware, was the best.

Bethany Beach, as it has been named, is well located with a beautiful view of ocean view, and backed by a charming agricultural region. It must prove an ideal spot for you. Like all our resorts of this kind it must first be good as a place, but for some reason and hence it is all that can be desired as far as natural advantages are concerned.

It is the purpose of the management to make it worthy of the patronage of the "gentleman and all good people."
Washington, D. C., Dec. 3, 1845.

Rev. W. J. Wright, of Washington, D. C., writes as follows: "This is a lovely spot. I have visited the site of the Bethany Beach Improvement Co., near Ocean View, Delaware. Before the company's interests in development I was impressed with the opportunity of the beach in this point. I have looked over the map and studied the map looking on this as one of my points on my coast. I am sure that with the coast for a number of miles above and below this point, and that it is a more desirable location of a place for summer resort could be made."
Sincerely and faithfully, W. J. WRIGHT.

Washington, D. C., 11/26/1845.

FURTHER COMMENTS ABOUT BETHANY BEACH.

For the purpose of developing this resort, the Bethany Beach Improvement Company has been organized and chartered under the laws of Delaware, and will proceed at once to make Bethany Beach a beautiful seaside resort.

Subscribers are invited to call at the office which will be located in Ocean View, Delaware, or to write for a copy of the prospectus.

The Bethany Beach Improvement Company,

GENERAL OFFICE, 314 1/2 BEANS BUILDING,

SCRANTON, PA.

DELAWARE OFFICE, MILLYERS, DEL.

Rev. H. W. BULLGIN, Corresponding Representative.

1922- 1925 façade view of U.S. Post Office/Beach Cottage



c. 1927 – 1930 view of cottage re-sheathed with cut shingles



c. 1900 Broadside Advertisement for Bethany Beach

Figure 3 Dinker-Irvin Cottage_Sussex County_Delaware

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These interests were acquired in October, 1892, by a committee of the Disciples, led by Robinson, and Rev. Dr. F. D. Power, Rev. J. A. Hopkins, Charles Langston, J. W. West, Andrew Wilson, James C. D. Wagoner, Attorney, and H. D. Mearns were appointed as well as a temporary board for the place for the season of the enterprise.

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Springing on Bethany Beach, the famous Kiptankin river, "The River in the heart of the beach," is a natural advantage we cannot pass. The pleasure seekers will meet at various points, nature, gardens, grapes, peach, apples, peaches, and berries are raised in large quantities. Trees and white pine, pines, cedars, oaks and all varieties of vegetation, that are grown. Rowing and sailing are encouraged. The gradual slope of the beach makes bathing a delightful pleasure. Fish, such as shrimps, lobsters, crabs, oysters, clams and clams are caught in abundance.

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SCRANTON, PA.

DELAWARE OFFICE, MILLYEAR, DEL.

162 1/2 N. W. BULLFIN, Traveling Representatives.

1922- 1925 façade view of U.S. Post Office/Beach Cottage

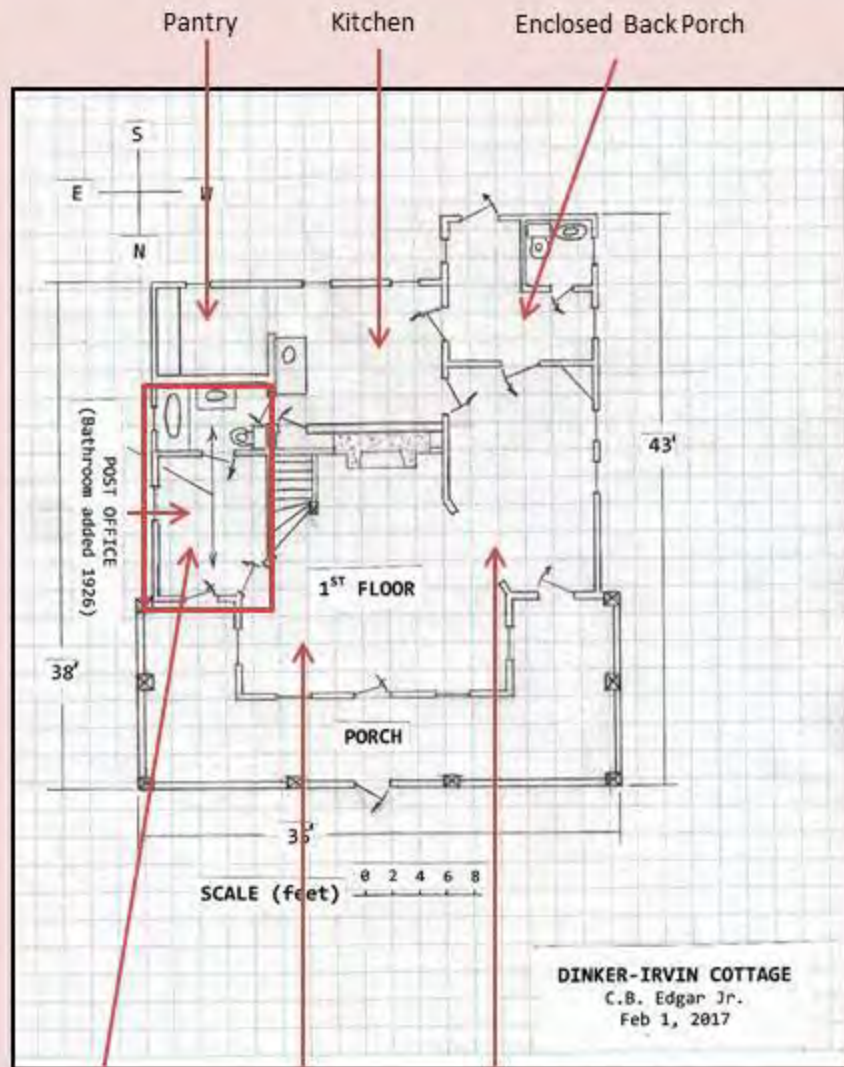


c. 1927 – 1930 view of cottage re-sheathed with cut shingles



c. 1900 Broadside Advertisement for Bethany Beach

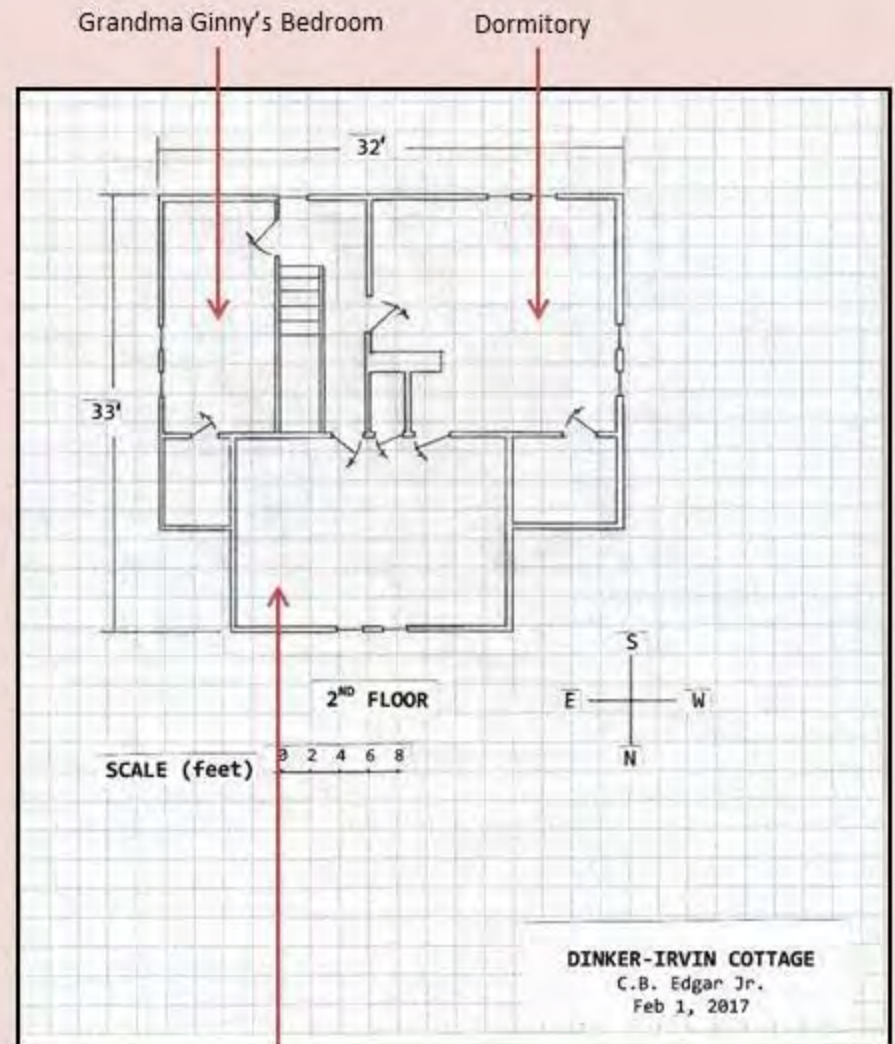
Figure 3 Dinker-Irvin Cottage_Sussex County_Delaware



after 1925 known as
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Grandma Mary's Bedroom

Floorplans for Dinker-Irvin Cottage (post 1925)

Figure 4 Dinker-Irvin Cottage_Sussex County_Delaware

Map of Sussex County Showing the Location of Rural Communities Served by the Star Route 12110 Contractual Mail Service 1922 to 1925



Between 1922 and 1925, Bethany Beach was the terminus of the contract mail service route (Star Route 12110). The Dinker-Irvin Cottage functioned as the U.S. Post Office which served the rural communities of Frankford, Omar, Clarksville, Millville, and Ocean View. Records indicate that it took 3.5 hours to make an eleven mile trip by horse-drawn wagon between these Sussex County communities.

c. 1900 Survey of Bethany Beach, Delaware

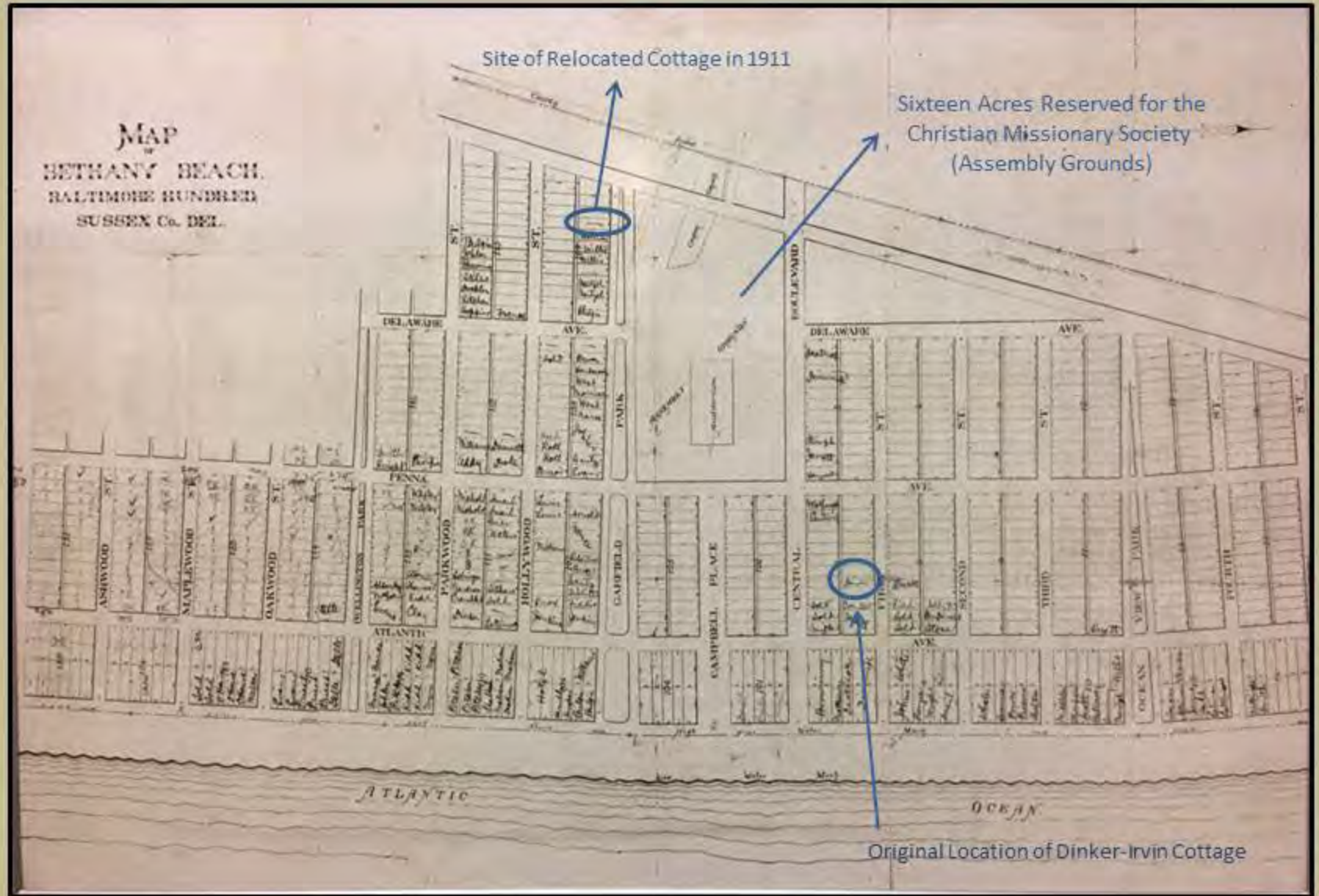
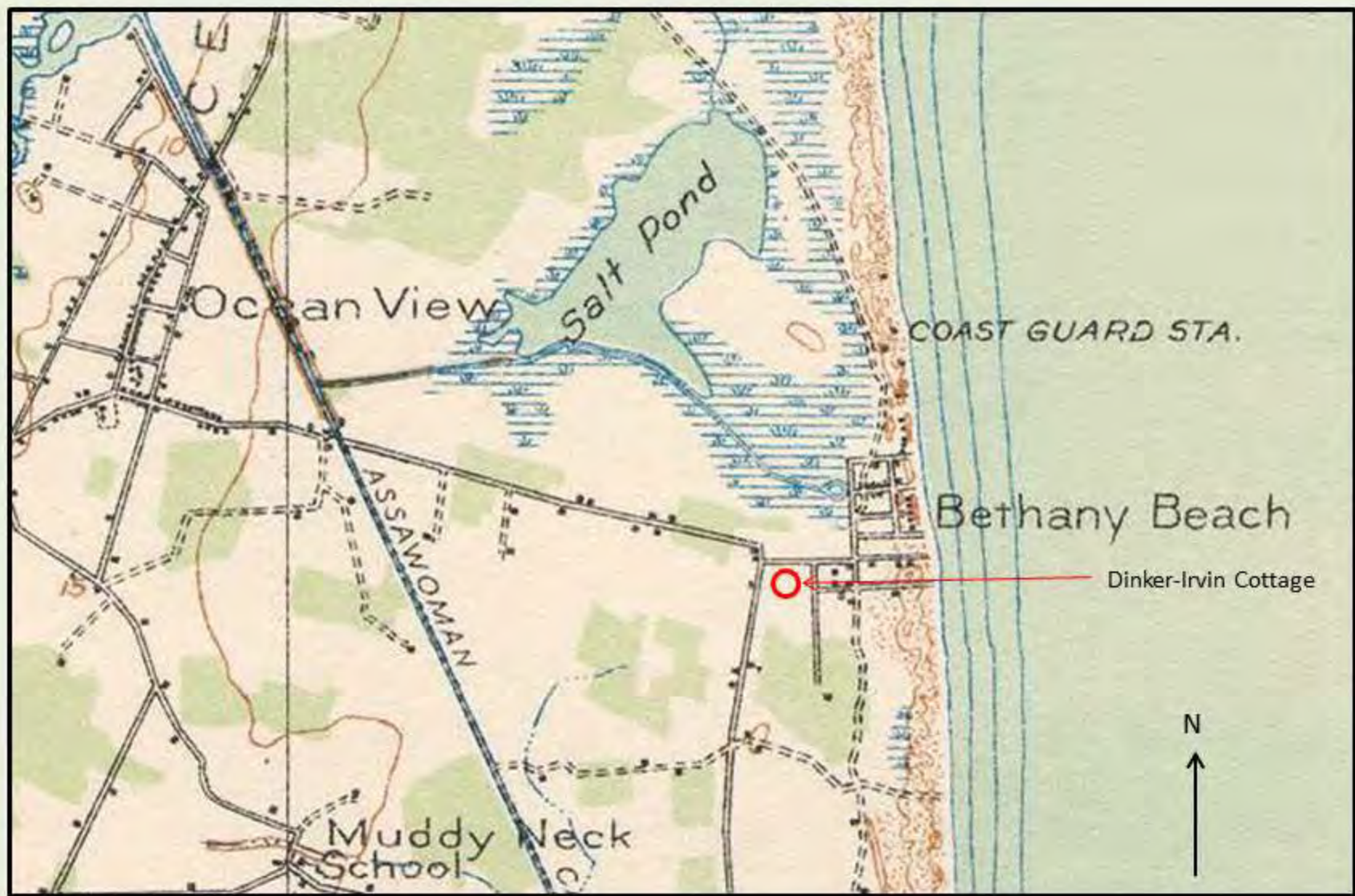


Figure 6 Dinker-Irvin Cottage_Sussex County_Delaware



1918 U.S. G.S. Topo Map – Bethany Beach

Figure 7 Dinker-Irvin Cottage_Sussex County_Delaware



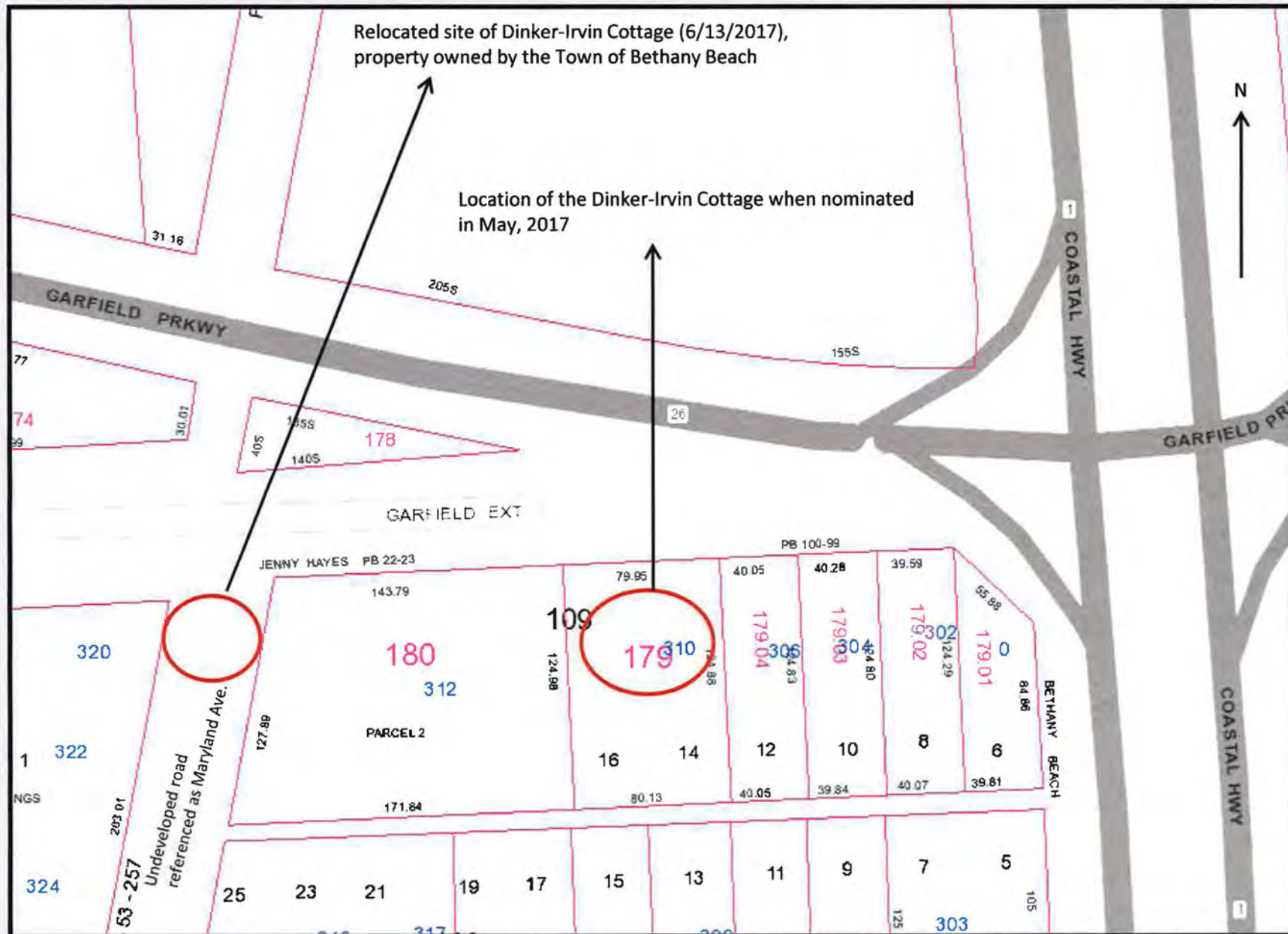
Dinker-Irvin Cottage
1911 Location

Bethany Beach Aerial View (1956)



Tax Parcel Map Sussex County, Delaware

310 Garfield Parkway Extended – Bethany Beach

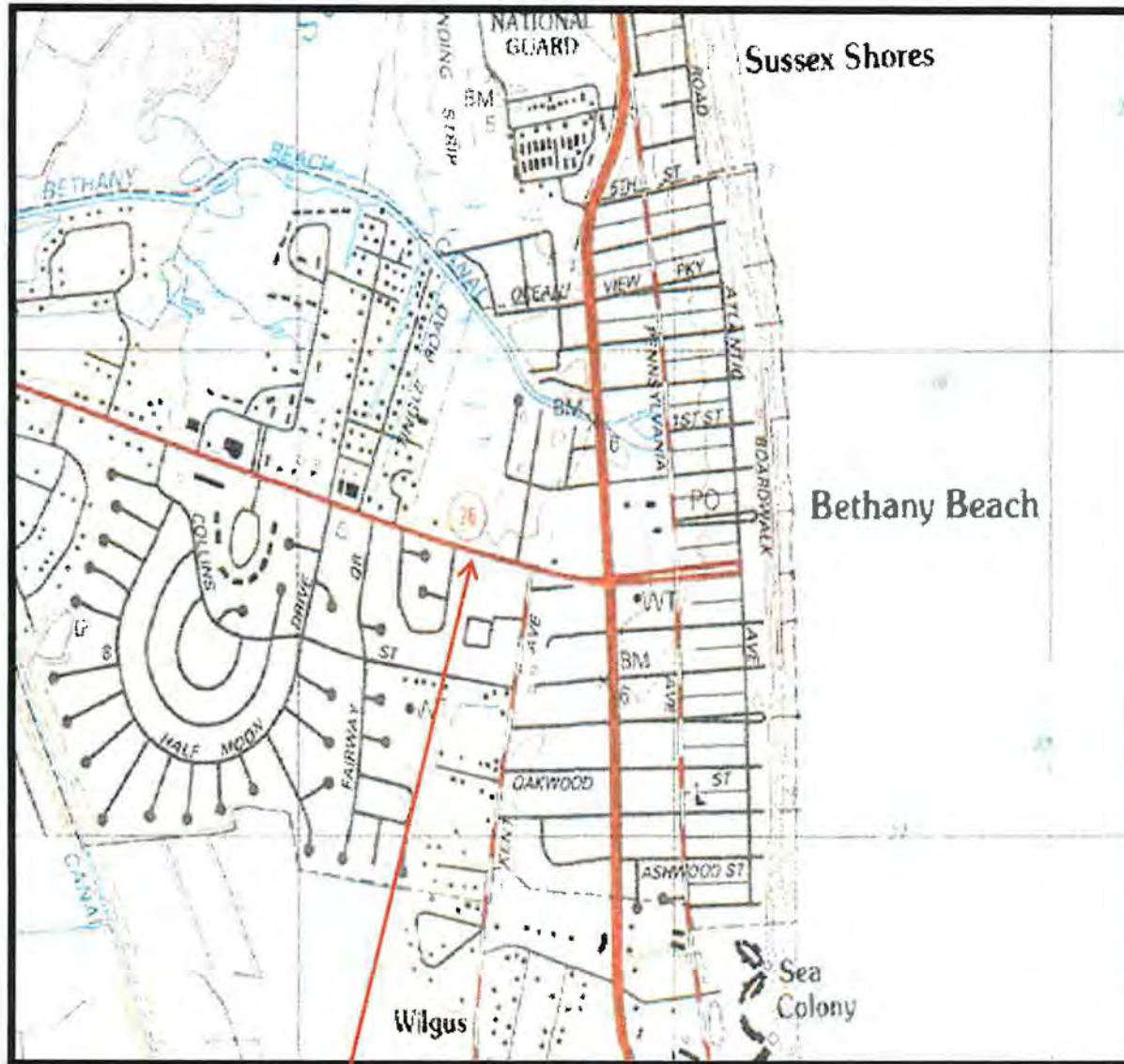


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State of Delaware
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Bethany Beach Quadrangle
Delaware-Sussex County
7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



Dinker-Irvin Cottage (Lot # PB53-257)
318 Garfield Parkway Extended - Bethany Beach, DE
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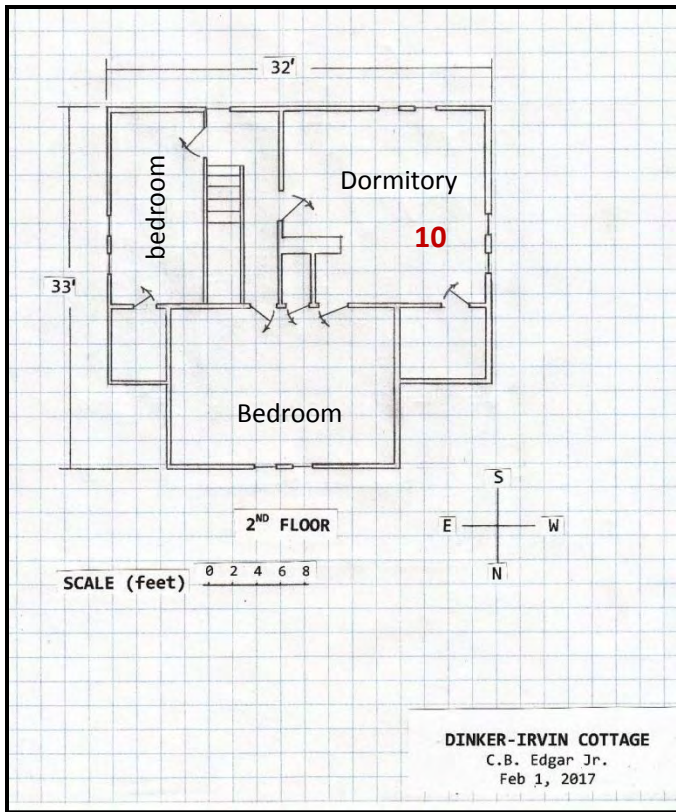
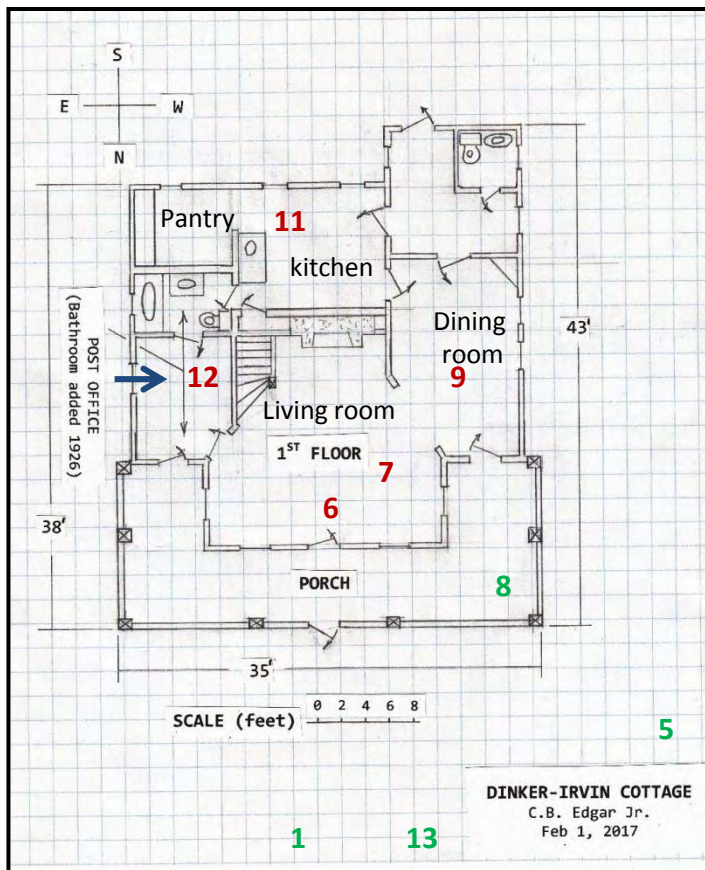
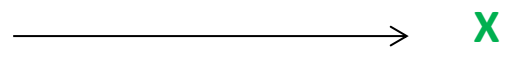


Photo Key
Dinker-Irvin Cottage
Bethany Beach, Delaware

- █ Exterior Views
- █ Interior Photographs



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The undeveloped road (Maryland Avenue), selected for the cottage's relocation by the Town of Bethany Beach, is approximately 200 feet west of the current location of Dinker-Irvin Cottage

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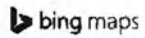
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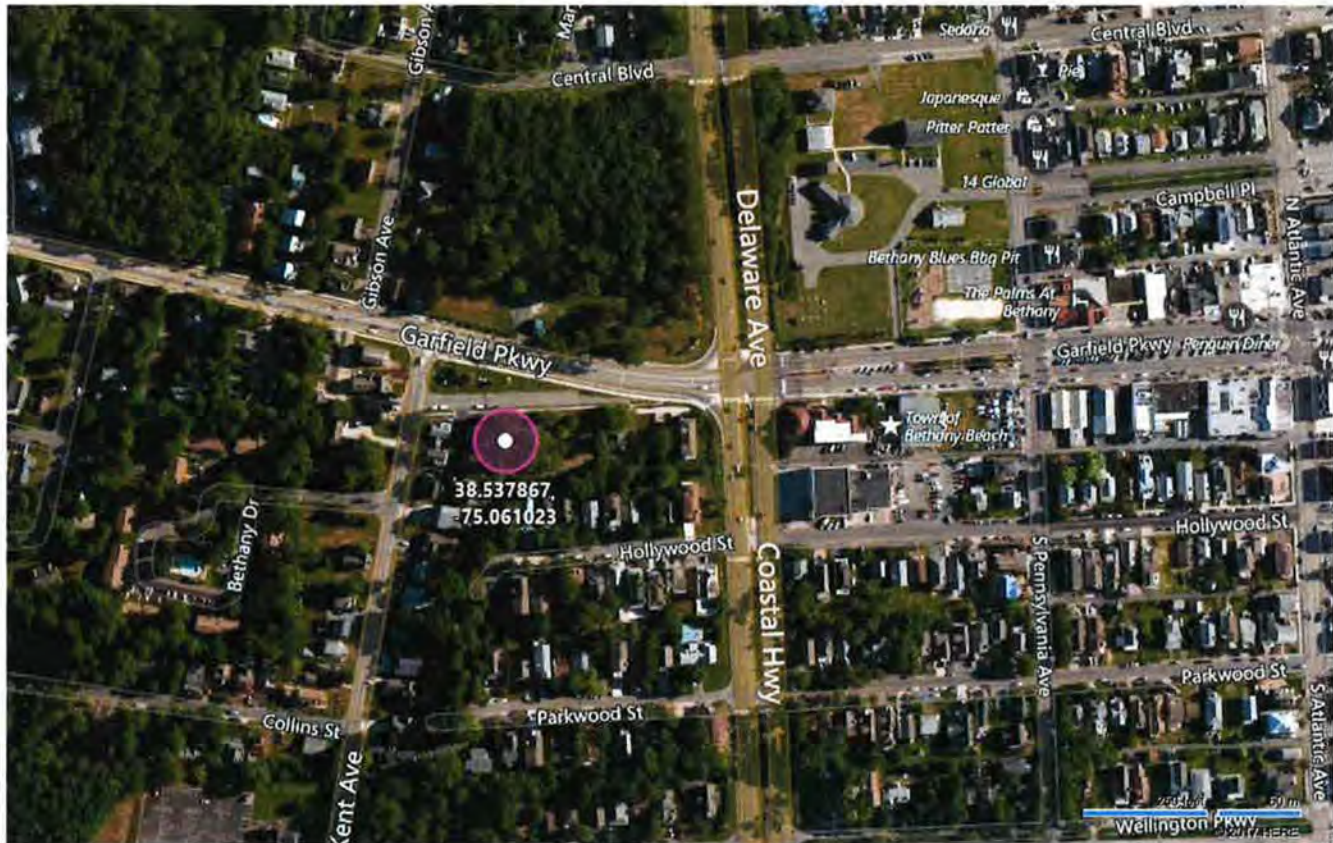
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DE_Sussex County_Dinker-Irvin Cottage
This Bethany Beach cottage was relocated from 310 Garfield Parkway Extended to 318 Garfield Extended on June 13,2017. This aerial map shows its new location which is approximately 200 feet west of its previous address.





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National Register of Historic Places
Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Dinker--Irvin House

Multiple Name:

State & County: DELAWARE, Sussex

Date Received: 5/19/2017 Date of Pending List: 6/28/2017 Date of 16th Day: 7/13/2017 Date of 45th Day: 7/3/2017 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: SG100001259

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

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Accept Return Reject 7/3/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary
Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria Accept, National Register Criterion C

Reviewer Patrick Andrus *Patrick Andrus* Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2218 Date 7/3/2017

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

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May 15, 2017

Ms. Stephanie Toothman, Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye Street NW (2280)
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Toothman:

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Dinker-Irvin Cottage – Bethany Beach, Sussex County, Delaware to the National Register of Historic Places.

If there are any questions regarding this document, please contact Madeline E. Dunn, National Register Coordinator-Historian for the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office at 302-736-7417 or madeline.dunn@state.de.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Slavin".

Timothy A. Slavin, State Historic Preservation Officer
and Director Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs





Andrus, Patrick <patrick_andrus@nps.gov>

FW: FW: Guidance RE: Potential NRHP Project: Dinker-Irvin cottage

1 message

Dunn, Madeline (DOS) <madeline.dunn@state.de.us>
To: "Andrus, Patrick" <patrick_andrus@nps.gov>

Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 12:07 PM

Patrick:

Thanks for contacting me about the Dinker-Irvin Cottage. I am resending the original request for guidance dated 5/12/2016. We utilized this information as the basis for the preparation of this nomination. Perhaps we can discuss this after lunch. Is there a convenient time for me to get back in touch with you this afternoon?

Madeline

From: Andrus, Patrick [mailto:patrick_andrus@nps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:40 AM
To: Dunn, Madeline (DOS) <madeline.dunn@state.de.us>
Subject: Re: FW: Guidance RE: Potential NRHP Project

Hi Madeline: I apologize for the delay in responding. Criteria Consideration B (Moved Properties) states that a moved building would be eligible if it is significant primarily for its architectural value or is the surviving property most importantly associated with a historic person or event. So, if the Dinker Cottage is moved, it would be eligible only under Criterion C for architectural value (and not eligible under Criterion A since there is another cottage - the Errett Cottage - still on its original site which would be eligible for A and C). The new location of the Dinker Cottage appears to be acceptable from what you have shown me.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Patrick

On Fri, May 6, 2016 at 9:35 AM, Dunn, Madeline (DOS) <madeline.dunn@state.de.us> wrote:

Patrick:

Good morning. I know that you are very busy but I was wondering if my proposal has merit for preparing a NRHP nomination.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Madeline

From: Dunn, Madeline (DOS)
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 12:58 PM
To: 'Andrus, Patrick'
Subject: Guidance RE: Potential NRHP Project
Importance: High

Patrick:

I am working with citizens in the town of Bethany Beach, one of Delaware's rapidly growing beach communities, who are interested in preparing a NRHP nomination for two historic buildings. I believe both historic properties meet eligibility requirements, are significant at the local area, and represent significant historical associations which help to chronicle the development of Bethany Beach in the early 20th century as a religious community resort with beach cottages. However, one has a challenging situation which I do not know how to address. Though it is architectural significant, it needs to be relocated in order to be preserved.

I attached photo collages for each property – The 1920 Post Office (Dinker Cottage) and 109 First Street (Errett Cottage) as well as a pdf Bing map for Dinker Cottage.

My preference is to prepare a nomination referencing both historic properties since each property shares the same historic context information. Within this document, the property owners will be able to make contrasts and comparisons between the cottages and share their extensively documented information about the houses, the people who built the cottages, roles the original builders and subsequent family members played within the community, as well as the history of the founding of Bethany Beach. I believe that these two buildings are the best examples of the four remaining original cottages constructed in the early 1900s because they have not been significantly altered.

Basic Facts:

Bethany Beach was established by Christ Church of Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania as a religious camp and seasonal retreat about 1900. Pittsburg businessmen, William Dinker and William Errett, constructed their cottages between 1903 and 1904. Both were involved with the development of the community. Mr. Errett also served as one of the original officers of the Bethany Beach Improvement Company which was established in 1901.

The William Errett House:

- constructed in 1903 on First Street approximately one block west of the beach
- has continuously remained in the family hands for more than 110 years
- survives at its original location
- has experienced minimal alterations – upgrades to kitchen, plumbing and heating systems

Idea: nominate the Errett House under Criterion A for its association with the development of Bethany Beach as an example of religious camp and seasonal retreat community and Criterion C for its architecture.

The 1920s Post Office (Dinker Cottage) and My Dilemma:

- constructed in 1904
- was originally constructed near the Errett House on First Street but was relocated in 1922 to its current location (east of Route 1 – Coastal Highway) where it continued to be utilized as a family cottage and became the community's post office (only-known surviving original commercial/public building remaining in Bethany)
- descendants of the original builders, who owned the cottage for more than 90 years, recently donated it to the town of Bethany.
- Bethany's Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee raises money to promote historic preservation, designs exhibits chronicling the town's history, and wants to utilize Dinker Cottage as a museum.

Problem: With the town's acquisition of the cottage, the building must be moved in order to be preserved. Possible locations are within approximately 150 feet west of its current location onto property owned by Bethany Beach or across from its current location somewhere on the north side of Garfield Parkway (see Bing Map visual) possibly within the wooded park area.

Question: Because of its status as one of two architecturally-intact examples of Bethany's c.1900 cottages and its use as the town's post office during the 1920s, would I be able to recommend that it be listed under Criterion A? May

I assume that if determined potentially eligible for listing under Criterion A it would not qualify for Criterion C because it is not on its historic acreage?

I understand that nominating "moved buildings" requires special documentation, but because of the architectural value of these two properties and their association with the history of the establishment of Bethany Beach is there any way to proceed with a nomination? Your assistance in helping me resolve this dilemma would be greatly appreciated.

Madeline

Madeline E. Dunn

National Register Coordinator – Historian

State Historic Preservation Office

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Patrick Andrus, Historian

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- Madeline -

Nomination sent of May 17

Dinker-Irvin cottage

- Still on the site

nomination

arrived 5/19

45th is 7/3



Andrus, Patrick <patrick_andrus@nps.gov>

Info RE: DE Dinker-Irvin Cottage NRHP Nomination

1 message

Dunn, Madeline (DOS) <madeline.dunn@state.de.us>

Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 4:55 PM

To: "Andrus, Patrick" <patrick_andrus@nps.gov>

Patrick:

Thanks for all your help today regarding the Dinker-Irvin Cottage nomination. I prepared excerpts from the nomination so you had background information about the historic property. I also provided you with a copy of the Figures sent to NPS. Figure 9 shows the location of the cottage as of May 17th and the site designated for its relocation. The attached photograph shows the cottage on the left and the area to the right of the drainage pipes which will be its new location. The same distance of frontage will be retained.

As soon as I have information about the status of its move, I will let you know. As of May 17, the cottage had not been relocated.

Madeline

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 **Figures and USGS Topo Map Dinker-Irvin Cottage.pdf**
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Delaware - Dinker-Irvin Cottage Excerpts – May 2017 NRHP Nomination

Summary Paragraph – Section 7

Narrative Description

Built in 1904 and moved in 1911 to its current location at 310 Garfield Parkway Extended in Bethany Beach, Delaware, this white painted cut shingled beach cottage is one of six remaining cottages constructed in the resort community between 1902 and 1905. Utilized as a cottage for more than one hundred years, it possesses a significant level of architectural integrity. Though some exterior changes occurred during the twentieth century, the interior's spatial arrangement and retention of historic fabric is exceptionally high. This vernacular Victorian one-and-a-half story beach cottage also has a distinctive history as being the town's oldest-known surviving public building since a section of the first floor functioned as a U.S. Post Office between the years 1922 and 1925.

The cottage is located on a town lot originally laid out by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware southwest of the Assembly Grounds established by the Disciples of Christ. The 35 X 43 foot cottage is situated on a lot measuring 80 X 125 feet and fronts the street known as Garfield Extended. The northern and western boundary is differentiated by a boxwood hedge. A grass lawn surrounds the house and two sycamore trees frame the front of the house. A cement sidewalk extends from the street to the front porch.

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph- Section 8 (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Dinker-Irvin Cottage, built as a summer residence in the seaside resort community of Bethany Beach, Delaware, is locally significant under Criterion C as a relatively rare example of an intact c. 1900 beach cottage. Constructed in 1904 and relocated to its current location in 1911, it also has the distinction of being the community's only-known surviving public building from the 1920s because a section of the first floor was utilized as a U.S. Post Office between 1922 and 1925. Continuously utilized as a summer beach cottage for more than one hundred years, it possesses a high level of architectural integrity reflective of a vernacular cottage style summer residence constructed of locally available materials and designed to suit the needs of its original builder and its subsequent owners.

Although the name of the building contractor and suppliers are undocumented it is plausible to assume that the two house carpenters identified in the 1910 U.S. Census for Bethany Beach, Henry M. Evans and Gilford S. Evans, may have been involved with the construction of the Dinker-Irvin Cottage. This summer residence retains a high level of architectural integrity externally as well as internally. The materials and workmanship of the cottage continues to represent its appearance within the period of significance (1904 - date of construction through 1940 – completion dates of re-sheathing and front porch renovations). Though a few windows on the rear and sides of the cottage were replaced recently with energy efficient one-over-one double hung sash windows, these comparable style windows similar to the original fenestration do not detract from the overall vernacular appearance of the cottage. The spatial arrangement of its interior has not been altered and

most of the original flooring remains intact. Decorative embellishments found throughout the cottage include original baseboard trim, bulls-eye corner block trim on all window and door surrounds, tongue-and-groove wainscoting, built-in pantry cabinets with bread box, a built-in dining room corner cupboard, and original electroplated hardware on all doors and built-in cabinetry.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The lot on which the Dinker-Irvin Cottage is centrally situated measures 80' X 125'. Fronted by Garfield Parkway Extended, its northern and western boundary is differentiated by a boxwood hedge. A grass lawn surrounds the house and two sycamore trees frame the front of the cottage. A cement sidewalk extends from Garfield parkway Extended to the front porch.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The current Sussex County Tax parcel # 134-13.19-179.00 represents the lot onto which the beach cottage was repositioned in 1911 and continued to function as a beach cottage for more than one hundred years and between 1922 and 1925, it also functioned as a U.S. Post Office.

Future Plans for the Dinker-Irvin Cottage

In order to continue its preservation, the town has plans to move Dinker-Irvin Cottage approximately 200 feet west of its current location. This proposed location which was discussed and deemed suitable by the National Park Service in 2016. The new site, owned by the Town of Bethany Beach, is part of the tract originally held by the Bethany Beach Improvement Company. The house will have the same orientation with its fronting on Garfield Extended, maintaining its current streetscape. It will be utilized as a museum chronicling local history and will be repositioned onto a rock-face concrete block foundation replicating its 1911 foundation.

In January of 2016 the Town Council of Bethany Beach gratefully accepted this generous donation. The Council realized that it was one of the few surviving folk-Victorian cottages that were built when the town was newly established and therefore holds true historical value for the community. Located close to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, many of the town's first homes were destroyed by storms over the years. Others have been demolished to make way for larger and more modern structures as the town grew in population. In addition to its historical architectural value, this was the original home built by William A. Dinker, one of the founding fathers of the town and the first President of the Bethany Beach Improvement Company. The cottage has, for some time, been listed on the town's "Heritage Trail" along with a dozen or so other Bethany homes built previous to 1930. All of these homes display a bronze plaque with specific historical information. A "Heritage Trail" brochure is available to visitors for a self- conducted walking tour.

DE_Dinker-Irvin Cottage

Desiring to sell the property where the cottage is located, the owners also wanted to be assured that the cottage would continue to be preserved. Accepting the donation of the cottage, but not the lot on which it stands, required the town to begin to make plans to move it to a town owned property less than 200 feet west on the same street front.

However, moving the cottage has involved several steps on the part of the town. The new location was originally designated as a street, but never developed as such. Therefore, the town first addressed having the property re-designated as open space. Next, obtaining permits and a qualified contractor for moving an existing sewer line were accomplished. Finally, arrangements have been made for the actual moving of the cottage in the near future. All of which confirm the strong commitment on the part of the town to preserve this piece of town history.

Recognizing the importance of preserving the integrity of the house, the town also began a search for duplicating the sand colored split-block stones that formed the foundation of the cottage since 1922. Successful in this endeavor, the new foundation will contribute to assuring the original exterior appearance.

The future vision on the part of the town is for the cottage, which will be relocated to 318 Garfield Parkway Extended, is to become a museum which will highlight the history of the cottage and Bethany Beach. As a part of the very founding of the town, this cottage provides an excellent venue for this endeavor.



Andrus, Patrick <patrick_andrus@nps.gov>

Question RE: Dinker-Irvin Cottage Amendment

1 message

Dunn, Madeline (DOS) <madeline.dunn@state.de.us>
To: "Andrus, Patrick" <patrick_andrus@nps.gov>

Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 11:18 AM

Patrick:

I hope the outlined information I provided you with the other day helped to explain adequately the significance of this 20th century beach cottage. The integrity of its interior and spatial arrangements as well as its use as a U.S. Post Office support its local level of significance. Unlike other historic cottages in the area, the Dinker-Irvin Cottage retains its original kitchen, pantry, and bathroom fixtures. I attached a draft letter for your review as well as a photograph of the cottage moved to its new location.

Based on our brief conversation, I understood that I will need to forward up-dated information. Therefore, I attached a draft letter pertaining to geographic amendments which notes inclusion of a revised Section 9 sheet (Latitude/Longitude Coordinates, Verbal Boundary Description, and Boundary Justification) and a revised U.S.G.S. Topographic Map. I requested updated information to amend these documents and as soon as information is verified, I will submit the changes.

I have a few questions:

1. Should I e-mail the signed cover letter and revised page and map to you so that it can become part of the nomination currently under review? Or, should I send it digitally along with two or three photographs showing its new location through the regular process?
2. Since this is a new situation for me, would you please review the attached draft copy of the letter and let me know if it adequately addresses the amended information needed by NPS?

I welcome your comments, suggestions, and guidance.

Madeline

June 14, 2017

Mr. Paul Loether, Chief and Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7228
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Loether:

Delaware submitted a National Register nomination for the Dinker-Irvin Cottage, located in Bethany Beach, to the National Park Service on May 17, 2017. The nomination indicated that the cottage would be moved sometime during the summer of 2017. On June 13, 2017, the property owners notified the State Historic Preservation Office that the move had been successfully completed and relocated 200 yards west of its location at the time of nomination.

Since the nomination is currently under review, the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office is forwarding an **amended section regarding geographical changes** to supplement the nomination under consideration. The attached documents include Section 9, page 21 (revised Latitude/Longitude Coordinates, Verbal Boundary Description, and Boundary Justification) and a revised U.S.G.S. Topographic Map are included.

The high level of architectural integrity represented by the Dinker-Irvin Cottage, its documented use as a U.S. Post Office between 1922 and 1925, and its status as the oldest remaining public building in Bethany Beach are significant factors which were not compromised by its physical relocation. Its relocation, within 200 feet of its location when nominated, guarantees its preservation.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Slavin, State Historic Preservation Officer



Madeline E. Dunn
National Register Coordinator – Historian
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Building on new site – Still on track

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Andrus, Patrick <patrick_andrus@nps.gov>

Geographic Amendment Documents RE: DE_Sussex County_Dinker-Irvin Cottage

1 message

Dunn, Madeline (DOS) <madeline.dunn@state.de.us>

Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 3:50 PM

To: "Andrus, Patrick" <patrick_andrus@nps.gov>

Patrick:

I attached a variety of documents regarding this nomination including the following items:

- Letter to Paul Loether, Chief and Keeper NRHP
- Revised nomination cover page – Geographic Amendments
- Revised Section 10: Geographic Data Section (geographic coordinates, verbal boundary description and boundary justification)
- Revised Photographic Log with relocated cottage images
- Revised Sussex County tax parcel map
- Revised USGS topo map
- Updated aerial view
- Tiff photos (4) being sent in separate e-mails due to size

Thank you for assisting DE SHPO with this nomination. Your guidance has been greatly appreciated.

Madeline

Madeline E. Dunn

National Register Coordinator – Historian

State Historic Preservation Office








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7 attachments

-  **Geographic Amendment Dinker-Irvin Cottage Sussex County tax parcel map.pdf**
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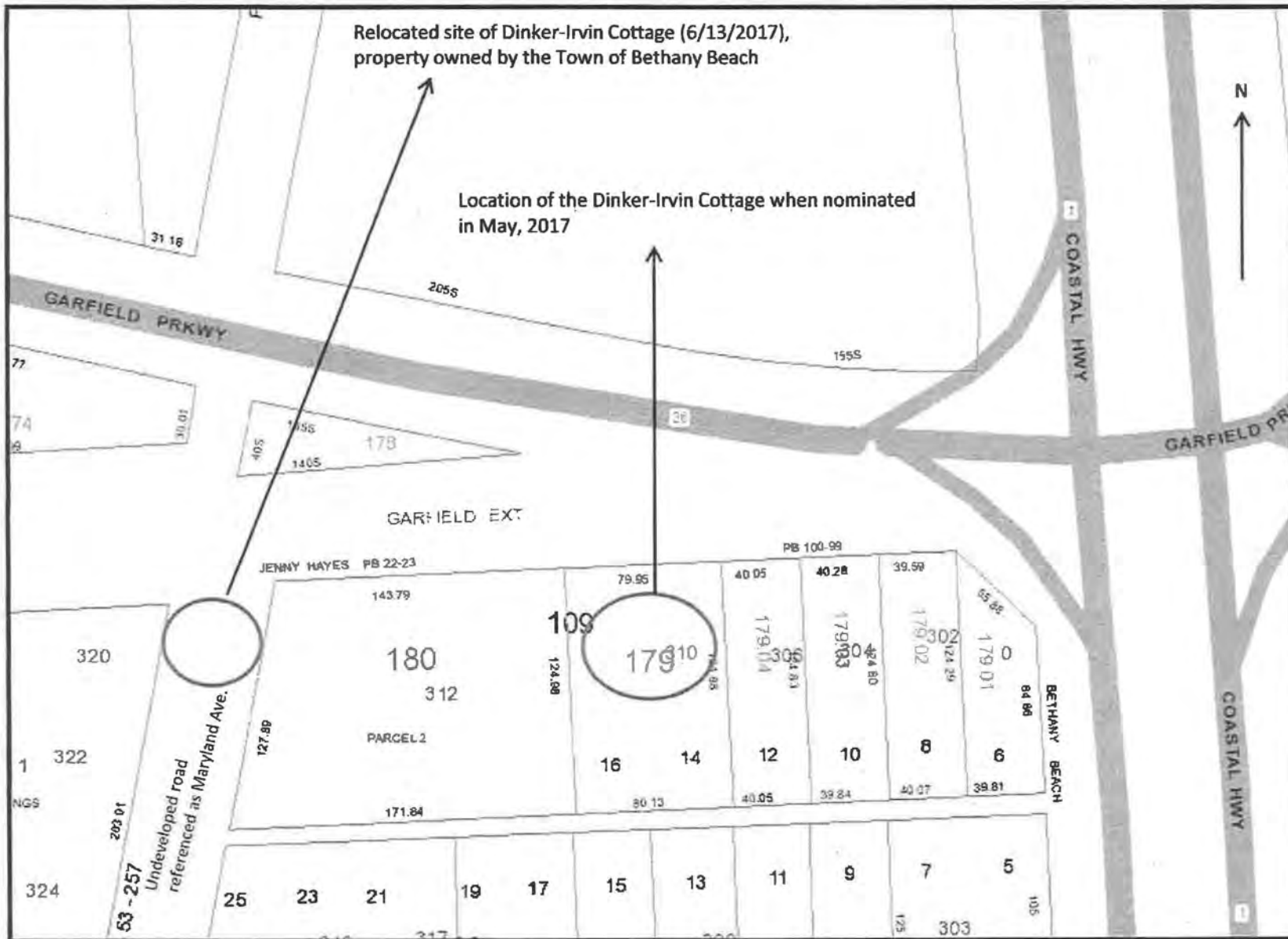
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Sincerely,


Timothy A. Slavin, State Historic Preservation Officer



**Tax Parcel Map Sussex County, Delaware
310 Garfield Parkway Extended – Bethany Beach**

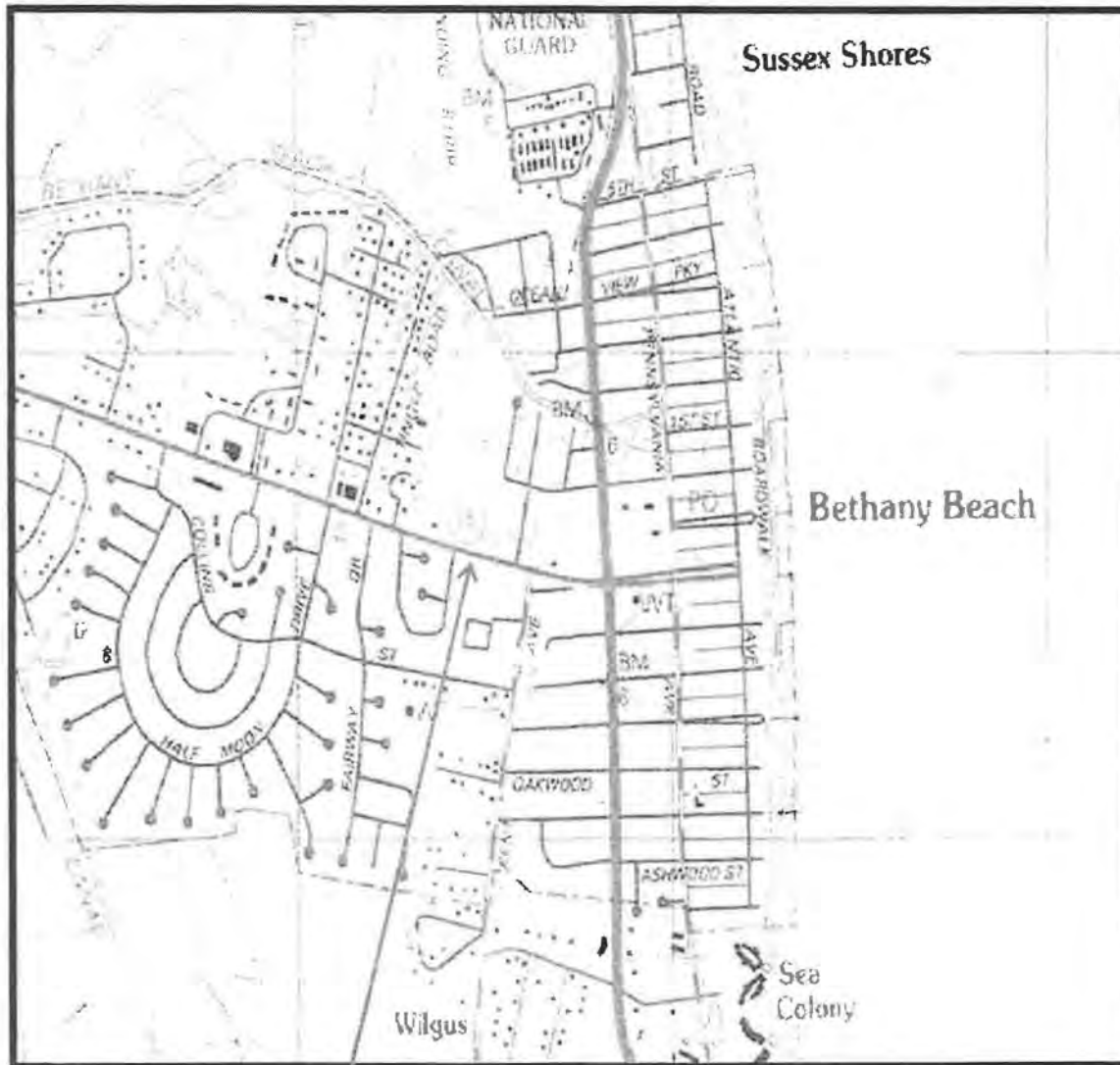


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Dinker-Irvin Cottage – Geographic Amendment
Name of Property

Sussex County, DE
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property less than 1 acre (approximately .35 acres)

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 1. Latitude: 38.537867 | Longitude: -75.061023 |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 1. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

By June 13, 2017, the Dinker-Irvin Cottage was relocated onto Tax Parcel # PB53-257, property owned by the Town of Bethany Beach. Stretching the width of the block, this parcel, with grass front and rear lawns, faces Garfield Parkway Extended on the north and Hollywood Street on the south. This narrow, underdeveloped parcel (originally reserved for a roadway) is bordered by a wooden, two-rail fence on the west which separates the cottage lot from several recently constructed two-story, frame beach condos clad with cut brown shingles. The southeast corner of this elongated parcel features a relatively new two-story frame beach cottage fronting Hollywood Street. An un-developed grass covered lot with a cluster of trees, including pine trees near the cottage, is situated on the tax parcel east of the repositioned cottage.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Tax Parcel #PB53-257 is the property owned by the Town of Bethany Beach, onto which the donated Dinker-Irvin Cottage was moved by the town to ensure its preservation.

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38.537867, -75.061023

DE_Sussex County_Dinker-Irvin Cottage

This Bethany Beach cottage was relocated from 310 Garfield Parkway Extended to 318 Garfield Extended on June 13, 2017. This aerial map shows its new location which is approximately 200 feet west of its previous address.



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Dinker-Irvin Cottage – Geographic Amendments

Other names/site number: DE CRS # SC02182

Name of related multiple property listing: _____

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 318 Garfield Parkway Extended

City or town: Bethany Beach State: DE County: Sussex

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,


I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 A B X C D

 <hr/> Signature of certifying official/Title:	June 23, 2017 <hr/> Date
<hr/> State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
<hr/> Signature of commenting official:	<hr/> Date
<hr/> Title :	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

Dinker-Irvin Cottage – Geographic Amendment
Name of Property

Sussex County, DE
County and State

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Dinker-Irvin Cottage

City or Vicinity: Bethany Beach

County: Sussex State: DE

Photographer: DE State Historic Preservation Office

Date Photographed: 6/21/2017

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 4 North elevation, main façade of Dinker-Irvin Cottage on its new location – 318 Garfield Parkway Extended
- 2 of 4 South elevation, rear facade of Dinker-Irvin Cottage looking north
- 3 of 4 ¾ view of Dinker-Irvin Cottage looking southwest from Garfield Parkway Extended
- 4 of 4 ¾ view from the new Dinker-Irvin Cottage location looking 200 feet east toward its previous location, 310 Garfield Parkway Extended

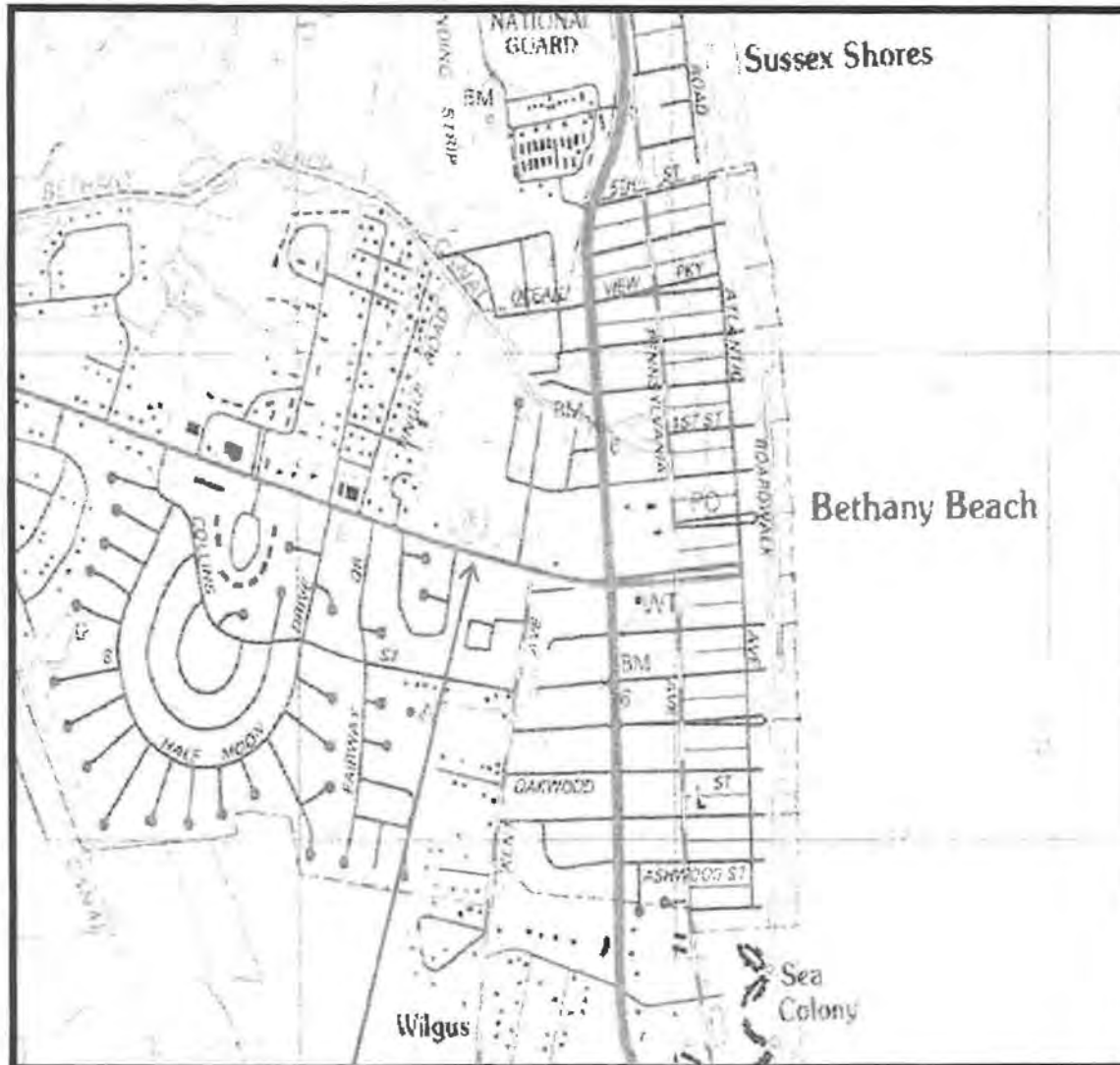
Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 480 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Geological Survey

State of Delaware
Delaware Geographical Survey

Bethany Beach Quadrangle
Delaware-Sussex County
7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



Dinker-Irvin Cottage (Lot # PB53-257)
318 Garfield Parkway Extended - Bethany Beach, DE
Latitude: 38.537867 Longitude: -75.061023

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1 of 4 separate e-mails with Tiff photographs DE_Sussex County_Dinker-Irvin Cottage

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Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 4:18 PM

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