

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Located on a corner lot, the structure is situated near the street with little side or rear yard. The buildings to the east are modern motels/apartments. To the north is a house (#504 Atlantic) which was built at the same time.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure was built for Dr. Edward H. Williams, one of the partners of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, *This house was the second home built for Dr. Williams at Beach Haven, the first being Portia Cottage at 123 Coral St. Dr. Williams believed his new beach cottage was more appropriate for his use, and after one year sold Portia Cottage. The building at 506 S. Atlantic is one of the most impressive on the Island, containing a domed tower, various window types and elaborately turned elements. Its neighbor #504 Atlantic is similar, but its plan is opposite that of the Williams House. It is assumed that Dr. Williams employed the Wilson Brothers firm to design this structure as he had for his Coral Street residence.

*who was instrumental in the founding of Beach Haven. The Baldwin Locomotives were used by the Tuckerton Railroad which constructed a railroad spur to the Bay at Tuckerton in 1872.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS.

REFERENCES:

Files of the Long Beach Island Historical Association.

"Historic Structures of the Borough of Beach Haven," a pamphlet published by the Beach Haven Bicentennial Commission. 1976.

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