

The landmarks

1. Loop Canal, Pennsylvania Avenue and First Street.

Completed in 1910, this allowed travelers to come by boat from the Rehoboth train station to Bethany.

2. Addy Sea, Ocean View Parkway and the beach.

Built in 1902 by John Addy as a family summer home, it became a guest house in 1935. It was sold in 1970 to the Gravatte family and is now operated as a bed and breakfast.

3. Addy Cottage, 104 Second St.

The first home of John Addy, this cottage was built around 1901. It became William's Inn, renting rooms from the 1930s to 1975.

4. Lattimer/Palmer Cottage, 48 Atlantic Ave.

Built in 1904 by Robert Lattimer, one of the original 6 developers of Bethany Beach. The home is no longer in the Lattimer family. It remains in the Ethel Palmer family who inherited the cottage.

5. Dinker House, 99 1st St.

This home was built around 1904 by William A. Dinker, first president of the group that bought out the Bethany Beach Improvement Co. It was known as "The Oriole" for a number of years due to its black and yellow colors.

6. Errett Cottage, 109 1st St.

This was the 1903 home of William E. Errett of the original Pittsburgh Six. It is still owned by the Errett family.

7. Drexler Cottage, 22 Atlantic Ave. at Campbell Place.

Built in 1905 and owned by State Senator Louis Drexler, this home was moved back from the ocean three times.

8. Scott House, 99 Parkwood St.

Built around 1928, it was named "Sco-Hi-Tay" by the Scott sisters: Ann Scott, Belle Scott Hieber and Maize Scott Taylor.

9. Townsend Home, 98 Parkwood St.

This was built in the mid-1920s by Priney Townsend of Ocean View. In 1950 the house was turned 180 degrees and

a deck facing the ocean was added.

10. Journey's End, 101 Parkwood St.

Built in 1927 by Bess Christian, it was enlarged in the 1930s and became a boarding house. It served as quarters for U.S. Army Signal Corpsman in World War II. The soldiers called it "Fort Maggie" after proprietor Margaret Hughes, sister of Bess Christian. The house remains in the family.

11. Dinker Cottage, 310 Garfield Ext.

Built by one of the Pittsburgh Six in the early 1900s, this home served as a post office from 1923-24. Site of Town Museum.

Gone, but not forgotten

Historical markers identify the locations of these former landmarks:

12. Seaside Inn, Second Street and the beach.

Built in the early 1900s, it was originally called the Bellevue-Atlantic Hotel. It was purchased in the 1920s by Cal and Alice Jagger and renamed the Seaside Inn. It rented rooms and served three meals a day. It was destroyed by the Storm of '62. Present site of Seaside Village.

13. Bowling Alley, between 1st and 2nd streets on the Boardwalk.

Built in 1930 by Thomas Granville and his wife, Minnie Ann. It was later owned and operated by their daughter and son-in-law, Zada and Bill Wilgus, until its destruction in the Storm of 1962. It was the social center for the town's young people.

14. Warren's Restaurant, north corner of Garfield Parkway on the Boardwalk.

It was built in 1933 and destroyed by fire in 1953. New owners James Popham and Karl Klais rebuilt and renamed the restaurant The Holiday House, which was destroyed in the Storm of '62 and rebuilt. This is the present site of Mango's Restaurant.

15. Ringler's Theater, south corner of Garfield Parkway on the Boardwalk.

Built in 1923 by Raymond Ringler at this location. Movies were shown, accompanied by refreshments, followed by dancing to the music of a local band. It was destroyed during the Storm of 1944 and replaced by The Blue Surf.

Bethany Beach Heritage Trail

A walking tour of the Town's historic landmarks



Addy Cottage



Drexler Cottage



Dinker House - Site of Town Museum