

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.125
Historic Name:	Bluffs, The
Common Name:	
Address:	Bluff Ave
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	Ocean Grove; Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1910
Architectural Style(s):	No style;
Use(s):	Community Center; Other Park Structure;
Significance:	Architecture; Recreation;
Area(s):	SWN.G
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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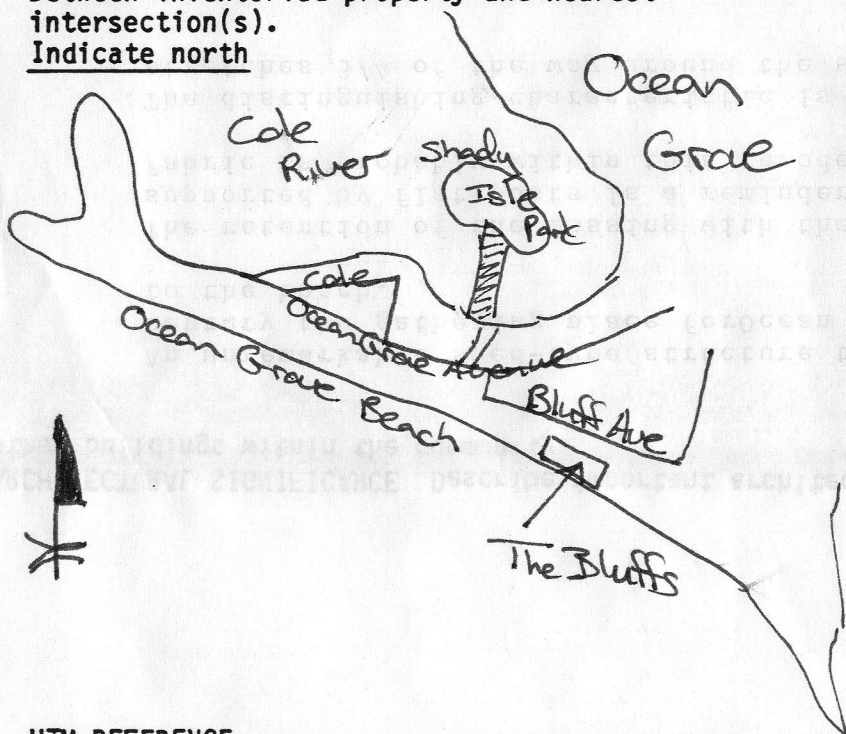
FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA SWANSEA FORM NO. 125



Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA, R.I. 1967/79

SCALE _____

SWANSEA

Address Bluff Avenue

Historic Name _____

The Bluffs

Present Senior Citizen Center

Original Pavillion

DESCRIPTION

ca. 1910

Assessors Office

Vernacular Shed

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric Shingle

Outbuildings _____

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Unknown - from pavillion and dining/dance hall to center
Condition Stabilized

Moved No Date _____

Acreeage Less than one

Setting Located directly on Ocean Grove Beach facing south over the Cole River.

Recorded by Kay Flynn

Organization Swansea Historical Comm.

Date May, 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

An unremarkable shed-type structure that was in the early 20th century the gathering place for Ocean Grove and those that flocked to the beach.

The retention of the massing with the large overhang for a porch supported by flat posts is a reminder of the pavillion whose original fabric is probably within this remodelled structure.

The distinguishing characteristic is the tremendous porch which stretches $3/4$ of the way around the structure.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The Bluffs illustrates the type of pavillion (in size and shape) that was on the beach in Ocean Grove. This area was developed in the early 20th century when the street railroad brought the people to the beach - a fashionable thing to do.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Friends of the Bluffs Calendar

Swansea Tercentenary, Swansea, 1967, pg. 17.