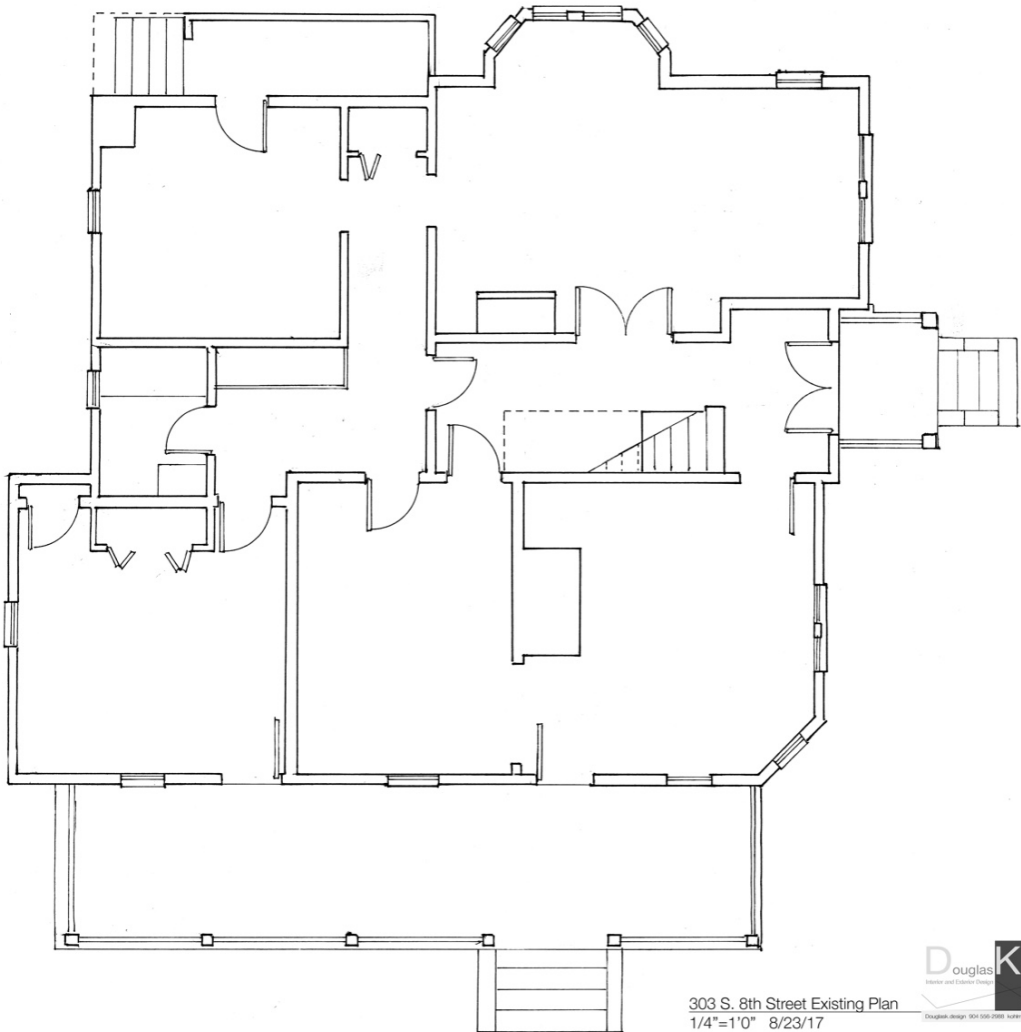
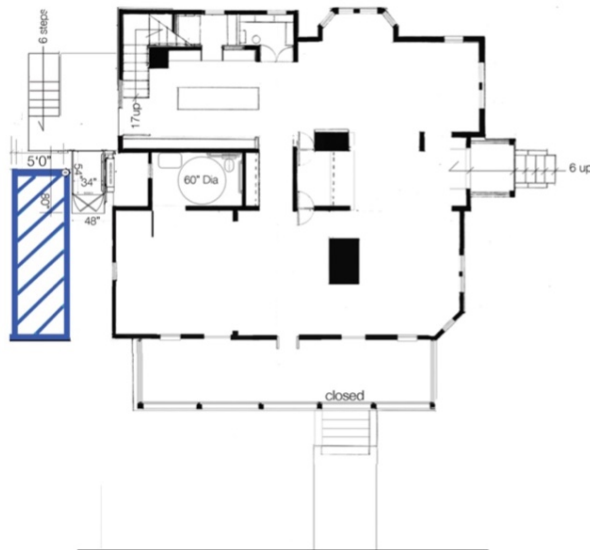

Existing Plans

1st Floor



303 S. 8th Street Existing Plan
1/4"=1'0" 8/23/17



303 S. 8th St. Proposed 1st Floor plan for Isola Home
 1/8" = 1'0" scale 12/10/17 Scheme 2



Proposed plan

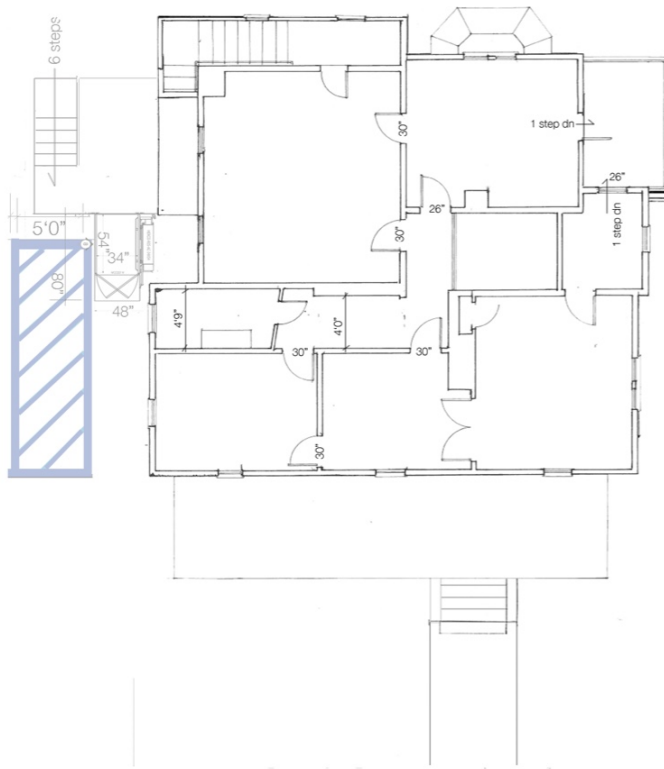
1st Floor

The 1st floor of the house is the only level to be opened to the public for retail. The new lift and entrance satisfies the ADA accessibility to this level of shopping. The proposed design makes alterations to the interior of the 1st Floor for not only ADA compliance but greater access and flexibility with Accessibility in mind. The major proposed change in this direction is the removal of the main stair case in the current foyer. The space is currently very tight and would be difficult to maneuver in a wheel chair. The proposed design carefully reconstructs to code the stair from its original parts in the new location by the south entrance (see plan above).
 Current Main Entrance Conditions



Proposed 2nd Floor

The proposed second floor changes very little except for the new stair access point. Otherwise all the rooms remain intact. (Noted on the plan are dimensions that show the narrow doorways and non ADA complying bathroom. Much of the second floor which is not open to the public would have to be reconfigured to accommodate wheel chair accessibility and greatly impact the character of the rooms which currently remain in their original state).



303 S. 8th St. Proposed 2nd Floor plan for Isola Home
 1/8" = 1'0" scale 10/17/17

Scheme 2



Summary

It is the hope that this presentation will clearly show that the proposed changes to this beautiful historic home will satisfy both the historic nature of the home and its new need for ADA compliance for the 1st floor only retail space. The new wheel chair platform lift, new south entrance and opened 1st floor interior plan are all designed to serve that purpose. It is also the hope that this sufficiently shows the detrimental impact an elevator tower would have not only on the exterior but the interior of both floors of this historic home.

Thank you for your consideration.

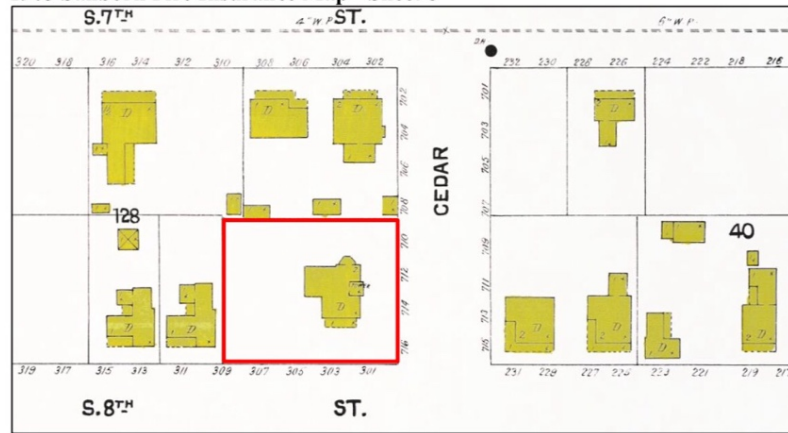


Florida Master Site File 8NA00508:

“Constructed c. 1903, 303 S. 8th St. is a one-and-one-half-story, frame vernacular residential building with influences of the Second Empire and Gothic Revival styles. It is noteworthy for its tower with mansard roof, ornamental bargeboards, dentils on architrave, and bracketed cornice. The builder of 303 S. 8th St. was James Bell.

Several builders made noteworthy contributions to the architectural heritage of Fernandina during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Bell Brothers, for example, designed and constructed many of the finest residence in the city. Hames and William Bell were harbor pilots. Like most other harbor pilots, they had sideline businesses, The Bells were master builders. They purchased real estate and constructed some of the city’s finest homes for themselves and others. James Bell constructed the Captain’s House at 212 Estrada Street in Old Town. He later sold it to Captain Robert Downes, another harbor pilot. At about the same time he built a residence for W. A. Mahoney at 303 South Eighth Street. In 1888 William Bell purchased a lot at the northeast corner of Beech and South Eighth and in 1889 completed his own home, now known as the C-House. In 1900 William purchased lots at the northwest corner of South Eighth and Beech Streets. By 1903 he had constructed 131 South Eighth and by the following year, 125 South Eighth. In 1902 James purchased the lot at 121 North Third Street and built a Queen Anne Cottage as his home. Two years later William Bell completed another fine residence at 130 South Seventh Street. Around 1907, William constructed the last of the Bell houses, a residence for his son, Howard, at 714 Beech Street. James bell died in 1903 and his brother William in 1915. The twin brothers are buried in the Episcopal Cemetery, their graves symbolically marked by identical tombstones.”

1903 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map - Sheet 8



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Re: 303 S. 8th Street Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

To Whom It May Concern;

This is to verify that the property located at **303 S. 8th Street** is a Contributing Structure to the Fernandina Beach Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

The home first appears on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps in 1903, which is the first time this area was included on Sanborn Maps. The home has undergone very few alterations in its history and maintains a high level of integrity.

As a Contributing Structure to the Downtown Historic District, our Land Development Code dictates that all exterior modifications are regulated by our Downtown Historic District Design Guidelines and are reviewed by either myself or the Historic District Council.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Salvatore J. Cumella".

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