

Lafayette Hotel
Beach Avenue and Decatur Streets
Cape May
Cape May County
New Jersey

HABS No. NJ-745

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey		COUNTY Cape May	TOWN OR VICINITY Cape May
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Lafayette Hotel			HABS NO. NJ-745
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Beach Avenue and Decatur Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1884		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Constructed by Victor Denizot on the site of the former Columbia House, this hotel is a fine example of a resort hotel with Italianate features.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate features			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame sheathed in clapboards			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Irregular, semi-H shape; 4 stories; flat roof; 1-story porch across front facade			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Segmentally-arched windows; 3rd story balconies; overhanging eaves supported by large brackets			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Altered ca. 1919-1920; demolished 1971.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Bassett, William B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey of New Jersey</u> . 1977.			
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