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With its picturesque setting overlooking the Atlantic Ocean complemented with views of a historic lighthouse, Selkirk Ledge was in dire condition and little had changed in the house since 1900. It was primarily unheated and showed the effects of a century facing the open Atlantic Ocean. Carpenter & MacNeille, highly regarded for its restoration expertise, was chosen for the renovation because it offers comprehensive architecture, interior design, and construction services. The homeowners were away for most of the design-build process and they appreciated the convenience of a one-source design firm.

Under the direction of Robert S. MacNeille AIA, the project began by taking the structure back to its original studs. "While there was a need to modify and add to the original structure, it was important that the finished house maintain its singular turn-of-the-century shingle-style detailing and that the transitions from old to new be seamless and undetectable," notes MacNeille. Thoughtfully placed additions include a new garage, a bay window facing south off of the living room, new shed dormers with ocean views, and a magnificent bay in the dining room facing the ocean. James Fitzgerald, Director of Construction at Carpenter & MacNeille, supervised the entire construction process while maintaining a close watch on schedules and budgets. All of the home's custom paneling, millwork and cabinetry was fabricated by Carpenter & MacNeille's sister company, Stephen Terhune Woodworking.

Carpenter & MacNeille Interiors, under the direction of Elizabeth Brosnan Hourihan, worked closely with the architectural staff on all aspects of the home's interior detailing, customization and finishes. Ongoing throughout the process was the specification and procurement of fine furnishings, window treatments, rugs, lighting, artwork and accessories - many requiring knowledge of historical accuracy. Most of the furnishings are new and several pieces were handmade in England and Italy. Antiques, some dating as far back as the 17th century, complete and complement the interiors.

The finished project combines restored 19th century architecture with innovative systems and amenities. The surrounding ledge outcroppings and hearty native plants were invited into a new landscape plan which re-grounds the house onto its perch overlooking the Atlantic. The home was featured in February 2010 issue of Architectural Digest.

About Carpenter & MacNeille
Carpenter & MacNeille was founded in 1996 by Robert S. MacNeille, AIA and Terry Carpenter. Unique in their comprehensive and collaborative approach to fine homebuilding, Carpenter & MacNeille offers a wide range of home design and building services including architectural design, residential construction, interior design, home maintenance and, through sister company Stephen Terhune Woodworking, cabinetmaking, millwork, and custom furniture. The firm is located in the historic Essex Falls Trolley Car Barn in Essex, Massachusetts.

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