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Farm Neck Book - Fullem + Harff

25th Anniversary. Bob Fullem + Charles Harff

Colgate 1947 Freshman - Harvard Law - Senior partners at Wall Street firms (lawyers). Mergers + acquisitions

Love + Luce families; Pulpit Rock; isolated farm community, RR and Beach Rd finally opened it

Island County Club - 18 holes not irrigated 1979

Messie + Alvin Struck bought Love + Luce Farms + Island County Club in 50s + 60s + many others > 2000 ac. on MV "To conserve land" Promote positive development "Island Properties"

1st - 60 ac. 53 houses Waterview Farm on Sango Pk - 1967 clustered around 2 meadows, pond views, similar materials - Mennonite character Fullem + Harff bought house 1969-70 formed Waterview Homeowners Assoc - transfer ownership from Struck to WHA. 1970 M Struck died

^{early} 1970s Struck Enterprises much greater development - 2 farms + 1 S. CC with new 18 hole proposed. Generated opposition includes BF/CH

Aug 1973 MVC legislation introduced. Oct 1973 Struck Enterprises preliminary sub-division plan 824 lots 507 acres OBPD
Waterview II, III, IV
Plan filed 4.12.1974 Approved 6.7.1974

Gov pushed MVC legislation - approved 7.27.1974 "to prevent irreparable damage to the Island and ultimately its economy"

1 year for MVC to set standards + criteria for regional impact + critical planning concerns. Then open for DCFE nominations

2.1976 one of first nominations - (BWI) Lorenz Hartbauer - for Struck's property on Sango

3.4.1976 MVC designated Strook property on Seagrass as DCP
need controlled development. World need $\approx 1\frac{1}{2}$ ac / house
Major's Cove + 15 Properties $\frac{1}{200th}$ growth rate - $\frac{1}{20}$ per year
George Mathiesen + Edo Polter

World reverse grandfathering Dev. rate in OB at time 40/yr

3.12.1976 HBH "Call to Action" - supporting MVC over Strook
claims Strook also to develop Dodgers Hole - total >1400 houses
"No provision of OS or plan could offset the sheer impact of even
200 new houses, now and in the next few years, on the island as a whole"

Terrance P McCarthy
OB resign + Duke Co legislator introduced amendments to MVC act
to "not preclude building on lots lawfully laid out by planner
duly recorded with the Duke Co Registry of Deeds prior to 7.27.1977"

Opposition wrote to Gov (include CH), OLF, Herthaven folks.
McCarthy failed. Supreme Judicial Court 3-1977 ultimately
upheld MVC

OB move to withdraw from MVC \rightarrow as held as 2002-3
rejected Spring 1978

OLF + MAS met with Strook Nov 1974 to see about acquisition
and develop 100 houses, complete golf course + donate CRs
(BF/CH overseers of OLF). OLF developed initial feasibility
study Robert Kendall + Thomas Conku (ED of OLF). No agreement

Bass River Savings Bank foreclosed on Strook \$4.5 m mtge
Strook Enterprises + Island Properties - declared bankrupt 1978
[taxes, legal, interest etc.] Property \rightarrow Bass River

BRSB immediately tried to sell. Opponents said even 250 houses
too much despite MVC signs. So buyers wary

Spring 1977 Bob Wheeler BRSB pres. called BF/CH to seek approval
for ²²⁵⁻250 houses to potential buyer. No ≈ 100 ok
Few months later asked if they would buy.

6 mo. option to develop plan. w/ idea to get 40 people
Thinking - \approx 49 houses, donated CRs, sale of motel + restaurant
+ 2 Strick farm houses. \$50k/stockholder in household,
golf course + tax benefits. No profit limited development
July 1997 circulated plan 550 ac.

expect \$1.5-2m cost; master plan 50 houses 2-3 ac.
possible low income. Complete 2nd 9 holes - 150-200 ac for
golf. Remains 200-250 ac donated. \$ 1/2-1m value

Body site improvement \$5k; golf course construction \$250k,
master plan \$500-750k. Cost to purchasers \$45-50k

After planning sites \$30-65k w/ purchasers bidding on site
Golf + mansion land to separate corp.

Boaz River will loan up to 60-70% ^{to} purchasers

HBH 7.22.1996 'Rescue Plan' for Waterview Agency is Moved
by Group of Island Investors' - minimal development
consistent with sound management, completion of GC, and the
setting aside of extensive acreage for conservation

Edy +
Douglas Mabee read article - helped found Strickton - volunteered to help
successful background so showed property. Attracted Marilou
Edes, Mary Wakeman, Forleigh Dickinson due to conservation
benefit. Conservation groups supported but didn't participate
Except YOLF - Bob Lawrey, (Pres) + Rubbedell. Paid w/
tax deductible contributions from purchaser

VCS applauds effort. HBH v. supporter. Mabee fed maps etc
to Hough + Rebn 9.27.1997 - HBH supports hopes
Felix Neck will get substantial land near Majorie Cove

1978 VOLF study - purchase for \$1.5-1.8m will work
Specific lot selections major issue

Marit Eddy bought 2 and was willing to switch

John McGrath Rocio Keller development projects including Mauna
Kea, Fountain Valley, St Croix; also Hiltun Heed

June ²⁷ 1978 agreement in principle 540-570ac. \$5.825M

HBIT 6.20.1978 + end July 1978

~~8-3-1978~~ P+S

8.11.1978 VG map of project

9.5.78 VG

10.20.1978 Purchase

HBIT 10.27.1978, 1.18.1980

Appraised at \$2.402m so tax deduction equal to investment

MYC approved + Planning Bd Feb 1979

Designed new back 9

2003 initiation fee \$100K

Felix Nede - gift of 85 ac abuts 250 ac sanctuary

on W of sanctuary + islands Brush Island + Great Island

CRs to MAS over 260 ac - golf course + surrounds OS

recreation or farming 265ac. - enclosed course, reach

to 1 1/2 mi beach front, separate 48 houses

5acs youth lots admin by VOLF

Halperin, M.R. 2013. The Smiths of Pohogonot.

Martha's Vineyard Museum, Edgartown, MA.

Dravies	Hannah Smith	at 24	April 1, 1813 - March 31, 1814
		at 18	January 1, 1823 - July 25, 1824
	Rebecca Smith		April 20, 1813 - March 21, 1814

Very little on daily life - literature, social life, current events

Children of Samuel and Love Pease Smith

Father - farmer, Register of Deeds for county - office in home

Grandfather John Smith; G-g-g-great grandfather John Pease

Uncle Wm Butler
journal

both proprietors. Related to Butlers + Thaxters

1752. 1st mention of house on Pohogonut property

Early 1800s - most residents farmers

War 1812 - Eng sold licenses to US to trade in Europe + imprisoned sailors. "Free Trade + Sailors' Rights"

Jefferson - embargoes closed ports; Madison - war June 1812

Map - Butler house near NE end of Lagoon. Wharf shown onto VH between Crystal Lake and opening of Lagoon.

Smith houses - Harrison + Samuel - W of Job's Neck Pd + N of Paqua Pd.

Hoarse roaring of the Ocean; America once happy, now involved in war; little black boy from HH with letter for daddy; I am now alone meditating on the nothingness of this transitory life;

David Allen - thinking of embarking for Ohio - thoughts of leaving

his friends + connections, perhaps forever; a tear in his eye.
Rebecca precipitate removal to Ohio "he is going to leave his
native land to traverse the more fertile banks of the Ohio"

We have had news from Chilmark, Tisbury, HH and Edgarton
Whippoorwill love lorn tale

HH- harbor town in T but also used for East Chop - E side
of HH WT- called T; War of 1812, embargoes
etc. led many to move W; Ohio partitioned from NW Territory
into 17th state 1803; USS Chesapeake taken into British service
Elihu Swasey - brother Jos. lost at sea but 6 mos uncertain - no
news; worried taken by Algerines (Barbary Coast)

Word of army defeat + great loss of life

Stately ships in sight w/ 74 guns

Richmond taken + plundered

Visitors tell of Rome, Pyramids
West to Presbyterian ^{congregational} meetings, Baptist meetings

Spanish ship + music in harbor; winged insects in the forest;

Hurricane at Charlestown; Spanish ship loaded w/ molasses;

Oct 1 1813 Jeremiah Pease married to Eliza Worth

Oct 20 - English Privateer in Old Town Harbour - set fire to a Smack
belongs to Mr Fisher + Coffin

Not various schooners, brigs, ships in sight

Jan 29 Eng bombarding Falmouth

Nathan Stewart and family will move to Ohio "A number of
families talk of moving from the Plain likewise..."

Capt Martin Pease bound to Ohio; Abner Butler also

Capt Trsberg Norton died with

Rebecca married Samuel Butler (cousin) Oct 1818, moved to Eastville. Son Cyrus 1819. Rebecca died Jan 31, 1821 in "child bed" acc to Jeremiah Pease. Child died

Hannah devastated

Teens - importance of whaling increased. Apollo - 1816 - 1st of 7 Vineyard owned ships to go whaling. Local citizens subscribed to own + outfit vessels:

Methodist + Baptists depleted Congo rolls.

Jeremiah Pease 1822 (11/28) forsook Rev. Jos Thaxter to become Methodist

Eng war w/ France until 1815

Earlier M+B shared Whif House; they parted + built own

War - Capital + White House burned Sept 12 1814; treaty signed Dec 24, 1814 US big victories on Great Lakes

Many states added 1816-21: IN, MD, IL, FL, ME, MO

Monroe Doctrine 1823 - No Eur. intervention in US

Missouri Compromise - 1820 - No slavery W of MO

US thw coop w/ GB - factories

Local Indians worked as house + field servants

Jan 18 - people exploring + digging Chilmark beach for gold buried

11 yrs ago by pirates ~1812

Big stir in T+E over religion

Samuel Butler moved to Industry - ME where may from MV moved after Rev. War.

Few people at Rev Thaxter's hearing (Presbyt = Congo) losing out to B+M

Oct 19 1824 Mr Goram of Tisbury had a child
drowned in his tan fat (17th). Tan rat - fat is localism
Samuel Butler married 14-yr-old Martha Norton from
Industry ME + brought her to MV

"news of the death of Wm Fellows has lately arrived to
his Parents, who departed his life some time since on board
the Ship Minerva round Cape Horn..." Mar 23, 1824

May 2 "All nature wears the aspect of Spring -"

Samuel Butler arrived + carried little Cyrus away

Corner of cemetery - Cooke Street + Peace Pt Way - Smith's farm
- neither married
Ann W + Hannah 1875 (84) 1878 (89)
Harrison Smith married Sophronia Norton + moved to Wisconsin
2nd wife

1812 - most NE folks - Federalists, supported Pres John Adams who lost
to TJ, succeeded by Madison. Republicans + imposed severe
embargoes, more ag than commers supportive. NE not for war

MV tried neutrality; Committees of Safety not military

Degradation on MV due to lack of wheat + corn (but Smith's entertained
British Nimrod stationed in Tarpevin Cove most of war + patrolling)

Circuit riding Baptists + Methodists; Smiths - Congo. Samuel Smith's
sister Ann - wife of Pastor Joseph Thaxter. Josiah Hurdson
husband of Love Smith's half sister Louisa, Minister in T (WT) Congo

"Going to meetings" meant Congo to Hannah + Rob

Did go to B+M in Edg occasionally

Butlers lived in Eastville - Methodist stronghold

1835 - Wm Butler woodland selected for Methodist Camp Ground. Leased for many years. Eventually sold by Stephen and Harriet Butler Bradley to Camp Meeting Association.

Increasing importance of religion. After 1813 ↑ numbers
After 1823 ↑

Jeremiah Pease diary Mar 29, 1823 "This day I became a member" Methodist

Congo Church lost members as Rev Thaxter moving more towards Unitarian.

Pohoganut - farm began with John Smith - their great-great grand father. MV in 1653, lived in Watertown + knew Mayhew Proprietor. House lot Edg, ^{Tower Hill} wood lot, thus land towards Legion, left to ACIC; Sons held land in MV; 1676 Philip received share on Plain. Samuel bought Pohoganut land 1689 Job's Neck (Job - Indian). "at the cleared land" Married Hannah Mayhew Daggett. kept brass land Nonnamesset - used as alternative for Pohoganut

Land references filled with "ditches" 1711

corn hills, indian hills

lengthy record of lands owned

stake + stone, creek of water, land + meadow lands,

neck called Pahagonut + neck called Nanamozt,

Payquay openings + Job's Neck openings

pair of bars,

Genealogy of the family

Wm Butler - married Ann Smith H + R's

father's sister

VG @ E + VH Libraries 1846 →

Norton, J. H. K. 2000. Walkers in VT, Massachusetts

MVHS book late 1800s

done
step

HBH Mostly on MV ✓

Always use capital I in VG for Island

1970s Benj Bolt, Gridiron lot development for Waldron's Bottom.

867 lot subdivision on 507 ac above Senge Pond
Bolt and HBH

VG "But we did want most of all to preserve the island's natural resources. That was our No. 1 item, and it was true from the outset"

Katherine Graham born in Edg

MV Summer Resort HBH

P 22 - 4 pictures of houses w/ woods + good landscapes

Chops - he considers the entire E+W land mass

Waves on S beach heard all across island

~1880
~1872

Gazette editorial "Welcome all! and may the tide continue to rise until the whole of MV shall be filled with life and activity" due to great developments

Eastwick + HBH wanted road - not EdJ as business to VH

Mathaniel
Jernes an Capt from EdJ - big promoter of Mattaketset
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Copeland plan for Ketem. ?

VG Editoric 4-17-¹⁸74 Masthead - "When we have a railroad, we shall see improvements made in our village never before thought of. The 'snort of the iron horse' will arouse men from their lethargy and infuse new life in their veins"

RR to get town out of doldrums

Opponents - same problem as Beach Rd. Town should not pay

Edger Marchant → "is no RR" the town will become a waste, a howling wilderness, Editor's P 106 rats and mud turtles will crawl over our streets, and owls and bats will sit in our high places

Carried by 1 2/3 votes

Concern that RR would run road so thought to go West
Savage contact.

Hine never developed Cedar Neck as no one wanted lots.
C.G. Hine - delighted for what it left

RR on beach portions needed rebuilding annually

RR did make Edg a summer resort - ~~HBH~~ - Not a failure
After 1873 no big lot sales

P 131 NSS on OB

Map of V Highlals - Nice

Edg declined 1865-70 from 1846 to 1516
Tisbury 11 1697 1536

1872 Edg street down to 3 - Civil War + Ice

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HBH 1985 Far Out the Coils

Died just before came out

Cottage City called Oak Bluffs 1907

Locust Grove School - HBH went there in 1908 when
brother convalescing, Beside Indian Hill Rd

Dr Walton Brooks McDaniel 1900, summering at Falmouth
Heights, looked at C City: "a forgettable town that
could do worse than change its name"

known variously as
EC Beach Club location - Baptist Landings, Institute
Landings, Highland Wharf

Wm M Butler - bought Old South Wharf Eds:

Successively owned Dr Daniel Fisher House, Windy
Gates, Mohu

State Senator; Chair Republican National Committee
1924-26.

Brook between Lake Anthony and Sunset Lake - goes "over
to Jordan" Became NY Avenue as led to NY wharf, Eastville

WC Land and Wharf Co. - owned > 159 mi woods + beach

Dark Woods - carefully worked out conservation complex
Worked out. Scuttled by South Shore Trust suit

Reed Dunn worked with DEQE seniors & shopping center on Beach Rd, VI

Robert Carroll transposed Eds water front

Wm Barry Owen - dog loss - RCP

moved ~~the~~ MV Nat'l Bank (founded by DD Fisher)
to VI stone building

Eastville - East Side. Long trip to OB from VI

HH wanted bridge as did Eastville, but loyal
to Edg, which didn't

Inter town rivalry

~~WBO~~ WBO - big poultry business at Tashmoo

Lived at Red Lodge near Uncle Seth's Pond

1901 1st yacht club, began as Branch to Home Club

1928 into Osborn Wharf in Eds

1928 VHYC

1926 Eds Golf Club

done
9/25

~~Wavy~~ Anne Simon. The Thin Edge
HBH Once More the Thunder ~~Plains too~~ I've done
it

HBH Soundings at Sea Level

MV Commission established 1974 under innovative land-use act sponsored by Republican governor Francis W. Sargent

1965 Bob Carroll and Allen M Jones bought Harbor View Hotel
BC ran for representative "An orderly, sensible growth will require strength of leadership not only on just the town level, but also on the county and state level."

1964 National Park Service - John M Kauffmann special assistant to director, inspection of MV after CCNS.

"the island is absolutely unprotected against exploitation. It is without zoning of any kind... MV is simply a classic example of a problem which is becoming a pollutant all over the nation and which can be particularly virulent in New England, where few of the beautiful old villages and traditional landscapes have any protection"

1969 Dukes County Planning and Economic Development Commission - federal grant for comprehensive plan. Metcalf and Eddy.

1971 "If a definitive and well-ordered program of preventative and prescriptive medicine is not undertaken immediately or within the next five years, by 1975 the Vineyard will undoubtedly have contracted environmental terminal cancer"

Partly suppressed

1971 Senator Kennedy introduced bill authorizing Interior Dept study of feasibility of including Nantucket Sound Islands within CCNS. No one enthusiastic.

April 1972 Islands Trust Bill introduced, Nawituckat Sound Islands

Commission - 21 members, 18 from Islands.

4 classes of trust land. Forever Wild, including beaches in public domain, with existing buildings removed in 21 yrs;

Scenic Preservation; County Control; Town Control.

Amendment allowed controlled building in Scenic Preservation and merged town + county categories

Built on other land use legislation but innovative

1972 Press conference, Tom Hak boobyard.

Elected officials outraged. Ignored. Passed by MV as ACK power structure

Bob Carroll had not been included yet old friend

Chairman of joint Islands Action Committee for Nawituckat and MV opposed.

Gov. Sargut - state bill. Argued for federal and state role.

Revised Islands Trust Bill designed to be compatible with Sargut Bill.

Opposition supported alternative Sargut Bill, Ed Brooke asked it to be considered before ITB.

Sargut Bill - Anne Simon opposed; also Edward Logue, an organizer of VOLF. BC supported

6 town referendum supported Sargut bill 1305 to 694

#974 - late spring enacted

Kennedy Bill - supported by Brooke and Studds passed senat, failed of action in House

MVC established. ~~Bob~~

BE and Harbor View proposed fills wetlands

MVC far in standards - historic views, values, cultural resources, recreational opportunities, destruction of natural resources.

SMF April 2 1959 charter issued. Non-profit status Sept 27 1961

1968 Reduction of Mass House size from 240 to 160. Eliminate Islands rep.

1977 Proposal to secede Chilmark 132 ayes 12 noys; Cully hunt 63 vs 2; ACK 1725 vs 409; Edg 213 vs 12; OB 573 vs 286

Dukes County - decades lowest-income county in MA.

Director of Mental Health Center "The Islander earns less, pays higher living costs, and gets less help than the citizens of thirteen other Mass. counties"

McDonalds - Beach Road, VIT HBIT editorial against
1978 Rejected by Bd of Health

HBIT "The defeat of the Kennedy Bill cannot be accounted as other than a major disaster, the rejection of the final opportunity for self-determination". So amended lost even staunch environmental support.

HBIT + brother George donated 60 ac and 1/4 resi beach to SMF and Cedar Tree Neck

From MH Society
Incomplete

Thomas Minns. 1877. Sketches of Edgartown, Tisbury and Chilmark;
Martha's Vineyard. Presented to The New England Historical and
Genealogical Society, Mass Historical
Early settlers inventories Society

Samuel Sarson, 1703. 300 sheep, 5 horses, 16 cattle,
negro man ± 20 ± 705

Simon Athearn 1715. ± 1639 4 pair oxen, 12 cows, 16
other cattle, 2 horses, 6 swine, 112 sheep, 190 sheep w/lambs

Benj Skiff 1718 ± 2748. 300 sheep, 5 oxen, 6 cows,
15 cattle, 5 horses

Benj Mayhew 1718. 8 ox, 13 cows, 44 cattle, 2 horses,
699 sheep, 399 lambs
others w/ goats

Ebenezer Allen 1734. Negroes ± 200, 600 sheep with
lambs, 716 dry sheep, 8 hogs, 9 horses, 36 cattle
10 cows, 4 oxen

Slavery - now thing of past. Existed for many years on MV
many slaves inventoried in Probate

Grey Raid Sept 10 Admiral Digby - ordered fleet to MV. One frigate - Scorpion under
Capt Philip Brown off Edg. sent soldiers to take 82
82 ships of war + transport

Col. Beriah Norton - highest rank on MV

All horned cattle demanded - milch cows excepted

Sept 10 BN issued orders to captains of military companies on
MV to muster militia + collect oxen + sheep + arms to Ht.
Colonel Sterling loaded with troops. Appraised stock as taken.
Taken on board + inventoried.

Starling assembled few hundred inhabitants - could apply
for payment in NY

Sept 16 - fleet left

BN, Wm Maglew, James Affears claim to British: in NY

10,574 sheep, 315 cattle, 35 tons hay

BN to England BX - received portion

£3000 of £7923 paid

Boston - Port closed; seal moved to Salem; food support
shipped in from Carolinas, NE, Quebec

1835 Jeremiah Pease surveyed out Campground.

done
1835

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Railton History of MV
Railton - Development

~1866 Oak Bluffs Land and Wharf Company. (Erastus Carpenter Built first wharf.
Hired Robert Morris Copeland. Among first planned residential communities in US. 1000 small lots in pasture staked.
Carpenter pulled many stakes to get more park. Ten parks in revised plan Ocean Park, Waban Park

July 4, 1867 - Revised plan released.

VG 7-5-1867 Ad - 1000 lots, Copeland, Cottage plans \$300-1000

"Oak Bluffs" - 1st time in print.

Ira Darrow, William Bradley, Shubael Norton, Erastus Carpenter, Grafton Collins, William Hills.

Choice visible lots to select men.

with Japanese Larkens

Carpenter started Illumination 1868. But not at Campground.

Soon - ten hotels, other developers.

1872 - Sea View House opened, E. Carpenter. Burned 1892.
by Campground association on 300 acres.

Vineyard Highlands - Vineyard Grove Company. Modeled after OBLWC.
large wharf, Highland Wharf and Highland House. Wharfs - few hundred yards apart. Methodist minister sold lots (vs secular OBLWC)

in Oak Bluffs

1873 18 subdivisions advertised. Vineyard Highlands, Bellevue Heights, Lagoon Heights, Oklahoma, Prospect Heights and smaller Forest Hill, Englewood, Oak Grove, Oakland.

Holmes' Hole side. Cedar Neck ^{peninsula} bought by CC Hines and divided into 98 lots

Lumber for all from Maine

Total > 2000 ac on East Chop subdivided

Towards

Edgartown. Ocean Heights laid out over Sengcocontactet
and other development on Trapp's Pond.

Daniel Fisher's whale oil manufactory shut down and "The Fort"
bought by Dukes County for jail.

Highlands sales slow. Land given to Baptists for campground.

1872 Road S along beach - to build up Edgartown, Bridget etc.

~ 1873

Katama Land Company. Erastus Carpenter + others. 600 acres
on Western shore of Katama Bay 3 mi. south of Edg.

Hired R.M. Copeland. Metheuseeth Lodge. Big wharf. Built
gatehouse for Lodge, which was never built. Gatehouse became
50-room Metheuseeth Lodge. Only 2 lots sold. Steamship too slow

1874

Railroad planning, Carpenter, Samuel Osborn (Edg), Capt Nathaniel
Jernegan, David Jernegan, Richard Holley, William Lewis,

John Norton, all whaling masters, plus William Wig - New
Bedford. Passed 2/3 of town by 2 votes. Town had funded
road. Built by August. Locomotive sunk in Woods Hole.

Ulysses Grant - 3 days at Methodist campground. But spent time
at ACK, Hyannis, Naushon. Gale at See View

1874

NS shrew wrote of decaying Edgartown in Atlantic Monthly
and OB as pasteboard summer town capable of giving bad
food and uneasy rest to 20,000

~~But OB more tax~~ But OS more than 50% tax revenue

RR track took winter hits with costly repairs.

1877 Town sold its shares; \$315 for \$15,000 investment
Extended track to South Beach

Cottage City - 15,000 in summer 500 - winter. Little political control, e.g. over road or RR. ~~Se~~ Secessionists started Cottage City Star to compete with VG. Outsold it

1879 Vineyard Skiing Rink in CC. ^{renamed at some points as "The Casino"} Burned in 1892; Tabernacle built

1880 Cottage City = OB, Vineyard Grove, Vineyard Highlands, Eastville, Lagoon Heights, etc.

v 1880 Carpenter begins selling Katama

1882 OBLWC voted to sell (had already sold See View)

Sanitation huge issue.

Many Portuguese arriving from New Bedford as mills declined. Worked in hotels.

1885 Carpenter sold parts to Boston men.

1883 VH fire from Crocker's harness company (biggest employer) Nice photo after. 60 buildings

1885 CC most prosperous town.

1887 O.G. Stanley - Colorado. ~~Formed~~ Formed water company 34

Bought 30 ac around 2 spring fed ponds at head of Chappaquanset/ _{-water for >15,000.} 1

Lake Tashmoo. Bought one sq mi West Chop - vision of Summer resort greater than E Chop

OGS = Island would soon be "one vast resort from Edgartown to Gay Head". West Chop Land Company.

Big celebration 12-5-1887

1905 Town took over water company

- 1892 CC ~~Fire~~ Fire - Sea View House, foot bridge to wharf, RR ticket office, RR tracks for turn-around, The Casino.
Suspicious fire as gas jets open in unoccupied Sea View
- 1893 Highland House burned - believed arson
- 1894 Wesley House caught on fire. Put out. Owner Augustus Wesley confessed.
But a fire bog had been burning cottages also.
- 1898 Prospect House burned down
- 1906 Innisfail Hotel " " All were empty when burned.
- 1891 Harborview Hotel - Edg. Dr Thomas Walker, Minister Townsend, and a Mayhew. Photo - open plain. MVM
- 1893 Makonibey Inn. First with own electrical generating plant. Operated into 1896 but never made money.
- 1748 Kelley House - Edg ~~only~~ oldest ~~inn~~ hotel, year-round
- 1894 Sea View lay as ruins
- 1891 Abbot sued, lost case of private ownership of parks
- 1896 RR shut + sold cars
- 1883 CC one of first towns in SE Mass with electricity.
- 1890 CC Water Company - pumping station on small freshwater pond at head of Lagoon, to be pumped into town.
- 1891 Investors in electric railway from CC to Gay Head through N Tisbury and Menemsha. Company heads - C.H. Emerson (Framingham), G.M. Clough (Somerville), Charles Strahan (CC), Henry L. White and M.F. Cummings - (Tisbury).
- Eldridge map of 1892 - RR = Proposed RR so seemed odd.
Never built.

- 1868-1880 West Tisbury name used
- 1884 Petition - old village of WT to be separated from offspring
- 1890 Public discussion. HLW in favor
- 1892 Attorney for WT "appeal on the part of a parent for protection... [from an] offspring... on behalf of a family people to be set off from a people whose traditions are "civilized"... and to be relieved from... the taxes which were perfectly proper for a seaport and summer resort but were a heavy burden on farmers and fishers."
- N. Shaler spoke out in favor of division [p 325 - copy quote - good description of abandoned farms he bought and desolation between T and WT
- 1892 Division passed and signed by governor
- 1882 OB "filling up with Portuguese" MV Herald
- Owen - Victrola, created trademark. Poultry and florist business Lambert's Cove. Red Farm
- 1888 Up-Island colonies started with Shaler.
- 1868 Philip Corbin bought land OB for EC.
- 1871 Wm Hart, president of Staly Tool Works started renting in OB. ~~1915~~
- 1915 Wm Hart bought worthless marshland south of Farm Pond, changed tidal flow and cut harbor. Sold mile beach to state Sylvia State Beach; leased Farm Neck County Club land for 99 yrs. Both - ^{restriction -} no buildings

Hart family to Abel's Hill

Inkwell - beach across from Weban

1905 Custom house closed in Eds. Moved to VH then closed

1920 Howard Andrews of Edg (Portuguese); Azoreans/Cape Verdeans down near Catholic Church; Laki Street in OB; Edg no coloreds; Indians at Choppy; No Jews routing in Eds.

1904 Samuel Krangle from Lithuania to NYC. 1905 summer job as Samuel Cronis on MV. Worked for cod fish and Cell grocers. Merged with Smith - SBS.

1917 - Four brothers started Cronis - Main St, VH

1914 - Bessie Hall bought South Summer Street house in Edg
First Jew to own house in town

OB - only town where blacks could buy property.

Enclaves - Windy Gates - Roger Baldwin + Evelyn Preston (never married)
RB founder of ACLU

1919 Barnhouse - Dorothy Kenyon - summer camp for her friends
South Rd - Mayhew farm

1936 HBH First Book - MV: Summer Resort

Promoted MV. "There was probably nobody who did more to make the Vineyard's nationally known summer resort than HBH. And he came to regret it."

Diminishing returns Editorial^{M²⁷} 1930: "a point... beyond which the Island will begin to lose instead of gain"
"We must treat conservation as of equal importance with development"

Service men stationed brought development.

Portuguese - most important minority. Began 1700s from Portugal. Few.
Most from W islands on whalers. Many islands, many differences.
Madeira, Azores, Cape Verde,

1928 Cape Cod Canal widened + bought by US Gov't after
earlier opening as toll canal. Re-opened 1940. Huge blow
to Vt

Big OB hotels torn down after war

After WWII "Beach + summer resort became a full-time
job"

done
5/28

Richard Reston + Tom Dunlop

Vineyard Gazette Books

VOLF Sweetened Water Farm - Property owners assoc
was Clement Norton Farm, W.W. Finney Farm.

Marketing through Vineyard Land Use Inc.

15 home sites (possibly 110), common wetlands -
11.8 ac, common pastures 12.5 ac, common woods
4 ac. Can be used for 15

WC - development 99 condos fought ~~by~~ by Susana and Peter
Grilli. Off Franklin St. 50 ac. to be left
wild

Formed Committee to Save Lela Tashmoo for MK
First proposed 200 lots

Nonamesset - Oyster Pond, Owned by Alan
Norton. Needed to sell for estate

Editorial 7-4-1987 "We shall defend our island,
whenever the cost may be, we shall fight on the
beaches... we shall fight in the hills; we shall
never surrender. Winston Churchill,

Vineyard Actes II - early 1980s - Fed's
approved but died

VG 5-12-1995 Julia Welts

James Hensgel "The... the die has been cast. The
Vineyard in 20 years is going to feel like any other suburb"

"The word I use to describe the land bank's impact on the Island is "frivol", because we are going to work hard and keep purchasing land, but in 20 years the Island will only look trivially different because of ~~the~~ the land bank"

1980-1991 4000 building permits; Berkshire Co 10x the size had 3000

MVC 1991 regional Island master plan

1955 2.5% developed; 1995 32% and 20% more is subdivided; 17% in conservation.

Brendan - need to conserve 10,000 ac

~~Point~~ "the lynch pin is really the private ~~land~~ property owner"

9-8-1995 Phyllis Mera Is Bigger Better?

10,000 Livestock '95 concert of Ag Society can accommodate 5000 cars

But more facilities, more airstrips, bigger SSA
Bigger Up-Island Cronig's - lost ^{stump of} Indian Hill trees

VG editorial "A Bird that Men Could Kill"

Vineyard Gazette Reader 1996

Type + add to Development Notes

Shenandoah

Robert S Douglas - VH 30 passengers; sketched in 1957

Argo Merchant aground + leaked 7.6 m gals. Christmas Eve 1976
50 mi SE from MV

February
Tempest 1976 90 knots; trees down; City of Chappaquiddick ^{ferry} sank

Opening into Mattaketts Bay, Lowest tide seen in Menemsha

Everett Poole @ Menemsha Fish Market

Pond (Bay) 4-5' higher

Low tide ice grabs pilings but loose + slides down as tide drops; so
Larsens - Fish Market, Net Result, Edgartown Seafood ever upward

Zoning - Edg 1970; WT, C, GH - not even Pl. Bds;

on
TD ^{unlo?}

"Speculation outraced reason for long periods... Yet MV did not go the way of Florida, or southern California, or even Cape Cod... Why not?"

First, the Vineyard discovered ^{that} an insular devotion to the land begets an insular determination to fight for its preservation. Though the separateness of the towns and the people prolongs and often muddies the argument, the separateness of the Vineyard from the mainland finally ^{clarifies} it. Second they have come to realize that each vessel affecting a piece of MV invariably affects the whole... Everyone has a stake in everyone."

Edward Logue 1970 - almost no planning, little zoning, "The rural character of the Vineyard has thus far been maintained by a web of informal conventions, entirely without the force of law".

"However, it is in the nature of things that as large scale development does take place it is likely to be financed, managed and owned by off-island interests.

Planned growth is more likely to be financed, managed and owned by island interests"

"A major change for the worse in the character of the island is clearly possible. If present trends were to continue it is in fact inevitable."

1986 Editorial "We are witnessing the buildout of the Vineyard, an era in which yesterday's junk acreage is today's prime buildable land, if only you can afford it. We are running out of land and landfills."

Dunkirk at South Beach.

"The island is for sale and nothing is safe or sacred. Not even South Beach..." It is time for the Vineyard to wake up and act. There is a war going on here. The barricades are up and they stand at South Beach, a barrier beach."

Vineyard Acres II - RI developers Louis Giuliano + Patricia Lott
148 lots on 245 ac. But SMF owns 39.1 ac in center

owned 5000

Julia Wells on Flynn Land - 830 ac. One part of grassy sandplain where sheep grazed + Heath Hw roamed.

George Daniel Flynn - Fall River, began to assemble land in 1903

Family - strong bent for conservation - Oyster-Watcha, Bold Water + Swan Neck all limited subdivisions w/ conservation theme.

Julia Wills 2020 1950 2.5% developed, 1995. 33% developed + 20% subdivided
17% conservation

Brewster - private property owner.

1982
Capt Donald Poole. "some of us don't feel exactly right ashore.
Sometimes I almost wonder why God Almighty made the land,
and the best reason I can think of is to separate the oceans.
It's very convenient for that purpose!"

Dorothy West - Black childhood. Among first - 12 cottage owners.
all Bostonians then NYers

HBX 1985 RIP County Editor 1940 - $\Sigma = 24$
Circulation 1920 - 600; 1970 - 6000 1985 - 13,000
Born New Bedford 1896 - youngest son, Pulitzer 1918 - history of US Fed
writing up to 6 editorials/week in 87th yr

HK - NY editorial A Bird that Man Could Kill

Burn WAP - burns used for 12000 yrs last 40 or only times
when areas not burned frequently.

Vineyard Open Land Foundation 1973. Looking at the Vineyard.
Updated 1983 with Concluding Section on VOLF accomplishments

Trust began 1970. Purpose: promote NV natural beauty, rural character,
minimize land development along highways, byways, shores + preserve
open spaces; acquire control of strategic tracts of land, expand \$
for research, work with other groups to educate

Mrs Seth Wakeman - Chair; Anne Hale (Mrs. Ten) on Exec Comm,
Pough a trustee as was Kingman Brewster, Ozier Fitch

NV - special visual character

Recommends a shift in where development occurs to interior land; also
clearing of overgrown fields; supports need for state/federal regulation
to control development that are beyond local financial/legal power

Resists to absorb development while maintaining quality
& distinct visual landscape types: salt lands, bluffs, moors, hilly thickets,
wooded moraine, open plains, flat thickets
Map Wooded plain

Local zoning - including clustering but not maintained standards

Open public lookouts, need special control on some ridge + shore lines

Special attention to roads; network of walk + bikeways

Open to people of moderate means

Principal visual characteristic = diversity; unmistakable individuality of areas
w/ historical use reinforces that; villages of great variety

Visual fragility

Interviewed: 84 people at OB ferry; Overseers of VOLF, a few long-term residents
from 9 regions

Map - places unable to visit Shore of 7 Gates, S Shore WT-C, Squib

Negative: too many people, too much private land w/o public access,
fear of development

Attractive - how MV settled; wild MV hardly attractive
wild, uninhabited - uninteresting + unpleasant save for hunters +
wilderness campers.

Certain land can profit from greater use - thickets land, flat plains ^{woods}

Salt Lands - modest use so far - signs of extensive settlement remain
No development nearby, but various, natural materials, types of roads

Bluffs - clumps tucked away; Moors - Chilmark, G13 - some land will naturally
remain in this state due to soil exposure

Moor - "This is the characteristic upland ground which once extended shore
to shore when sheep farming was the islanders' principal occupation.
Little of it ~~is~~ is left today, but it might be extended once again.
It is now very attractive to summer residents..."
Should not be forested or allowed to grow into thickets
"The old moor lands should be restored by clearance... most must
be mowed or grazed."

Hilly Thicket - "If widely cleared, the land becomes a moor again,
and should be so treated"

Wooded Moraine

Open Plains "Unfortunately, the Ketama plain is now sadly
dishfigured by a rash of widely visible new development"

"If the balance in the flat lands were to be swung towards agriculture
and open development, the resulting mix of wooded and clear would
make the island a more interesting place"

"A way must be found to encourage clustered settlements set in envelopes,
open fields. Otherwise the plains are in danger of being transformed
into a shapeless suburbia, as is now occurring in Ketama"

Flat Thickets - much of interior of Sth Forest "this is a featureless,
unpleasant, "useless" ground" "The shallow bottoms... are the strangest
feature of this relatively monotonous ground"

Can be used for small private homes or vs. large areas of development
which it is desirable to screen from main roads; large parking areas,
service industries, extensive camps, or disposal areas"

Wooded Plains - present character is "rather mild and monotonous" they can
accept considerable development and will be improved by it" Recent extensive
sub development

"The Island landscape would be enhanced by being more open... Open land ideally would be used for agriculture..."

Local zoning is severely limited; Commonwealth has means to
"The pending Islands Trust Bill is an example of the potential of the federal government's powers. The visual analysis further supports the enactment of some state or federal legislation which will control development in special ways. The Islands Trust Bill is one current example." Could be improved

Map of Proposed Islands Trust Boundary

Map of Illustrative Modifications

Maps - lookouts, critical skylines + show lines, roadside views.

Special places, (GH Cliffs, Squibnocket, S beach + great ponds, CT Neck, Brickyards, Menemoke + Neck, Lumber Co., Campgrounds, Chappy E Shore, Etowa).

Vineyard Road Experience

Types of Road Landscape

Politics for Roads

10 yrs ago - Authors of this report strongly described course of MV ↑ by 25%, Summer > 60,000. ~~But~~ Kennedy Bill opposition led to MVC; 4 conserv. groups now at Mary Wakeeman Centre at Cranberry Acres on land donated by VOLF

VOLF involved in ad hoc 1972 Kefauver Farm Comm. - saved 200 ac 56/103 ac protected CR on Great Meadow WI; Greenlands^{WI} 380 ac ac + 16 ac Scout Sailing Camp purchase; Cranberry Acres 7 single family homesites 45 ac.