Farm Neck Book – Fullem + Harff

25th Anniversary. Bill Fullem + Charles Harff


Love + Luke families: Put on tracks isolated farm community. RR and Beach Rd finally opened it.

Island Country Club – Is was not completed 1939

Newman Farm Street bought. Love + Luke Farms + Island Country Club in 
50 ac. + 65a. + more. 72000 ac. on MV. "To conserve land, promote positive development. "Island Properties"

1st. – 60 ac. 85 houses. Waterview Farm on Sago Pd – 1967


1976 Strock Enterprise much greater development – 2 forms + 32.00

with new 18 hole proposed. General opposition included EFLCH


preliminary subdivision plan 874 lots 507 acres CBBB


Gov pushed NVC legislation approved 7/27/1974. “To prevent irreversible damage to the Island and ultimately the economy.”

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

2.1974 one of final nominations – Fullem + Harff. Hosts for Strock proposal on Sago.
3.4.1976 MVC designated Stroke prop to Senj as DCPC need controlled development. Would need $1.5ac / hour.

Major's Cove & IS Properties: '120th growth rate $20 per year.

George Mathieson & Edo Potter

Would reverse grandfathuring. Dev. rate in OB at time 40 / yr. By 1980 would be 20%


Claims Stroke also to develop Dodger's Hole - total 1,400 house lots. No provision of DS or plan could offset the sheer impact of even 800 new houses, now and in the next few years, on the Island as a whole.

Terrence P. McCarthy

OB resident & Duke to legislature introduced amendment to MVC act to "not prejudice building on lots lawfully laid out by plan or duly recorded with the Duke to Registry of Deeds prior to 7.27.1974."

Opposition went to Gov (include CH), OLF, Hartshaven folks.

McCarthur failed, Supreme Judicial Court 3-1977 ultimately upheld MVC, as held as 2002-3.

OB move to withdraw from MVC - rejected Spring 1978.

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

Bass River Savings Bank foreclosed on Stroke $4.5m mortgage.

Stroke Enterprises & Invest Properties - defaulted bankrupt 1978 (taxes, legal, interest etc.) Property - Bass Rim

BRS B immediately tried to sell. Opponents said even 250 houses too much despite MVC signatures. No buyers.

Spring 1977 Bob Wheeler BRS B pers. called BF/CH to seek approval for 250 houses to potential buyer. No v. int. ok.

Few months later asked if they would buy.
6 mo. option to develop plan. will idea to get 40 people
Thomson - $44000 house, donated CFs, sale of motel + restarant
+ 2 street farm house. $30k/stockholder im house, 2 yr
profit + tax benefits. No profit limited developed.
June 1985 circled plan $50 as.
expected $1.5-2m cost, master plan $50 house 2-300.
potential low income. Complete 2nd 3 homes - 150-200 as for
Golf, Remain $250-2500 elinched. $12.1$m value.
Bid on improvements $20k, Golf course construction $250k.
master plan $500k. Co to purchased $45-50.
After panning site $200-250 $5 purchasers bonding on site.
Golf + recreation land in separate corp.

Besso River will loan up to 60-70% for purchasers.

HBH 7.22.1986, "Rescue Plan" for Weaverville Hovvry in Mind
by Group of Island Invadors" - minimal development
controlled, with sound management, compliance to GC, and
selling rental, exclusion owner for construction.

Eds -

Douglas Maber read exhibit - helped found Sisterson - volunteered help.
Sukumar backbone so showed property. Abraham Maitland
Eden, Mary Wakeam, Parker, Dickson due to conservation
benefit. Conservation groups supported but didn't participate.

YCS applauds effort. HBH vs. supportive. Maber fed reports to
Hay and Resto. 9.27.1977 - HBH supports hopes
Felix West will get substantial land near Mojave Can.
1978 Volf study - purchase for $1.5-1.8m will work

Specific lot selected major road

Hari Edly bought 2 and was willing to switch

John McGirtt Rockefeller development projects include Mauna Kea, Fountain Valley, St Croix, also Killarney

June 1978 agreement in principle 540-570 ac $1,825m

HBIH G.20. 1978 + end Jul. 1978

6-3-1978 Plan 2 8-11.1978 VG map of project

9.5.78 VG

10.20.1978 Purchase HBIH 10.27.1978 1.18.1979

Appraised at $2,402m so tax deduction equal to invested

MVC approved + Plans Roi Feb 1979

Designed new back 9

2003 initiative for $100k

Felix Neale - gift of 85 ac abuts 250 ac sanctuary

On W of section + islands Brush Island + Great Island

CRs to MAS over 260 ac - golf course + surround 150

recreation or farms 265 ac - enclosed course, reach

to 11/2 mi beach front, separate 48 houses

5acs youth lots admin by Volf
8 Martha's Vineyard Museum, Edgartown, MA.

Diaries Hannah Smith April 1, 1813 - March 31, 1814

Diaries 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
both proprietors. Related to Butlers + Thaxters.

1752: 1st motion of house on Pohogonot property.

Early 1800s - most residents farmers.

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

Jefferson: embargoed; closed ports; Madison - war June 1812.

N of Lagoon Hts.

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 Jeb's Neck Rd
+ N of Paqua Rd.

Hearse roaring of the Ocean; America once happy, now involved in war; little black boy from HH with letter for uncle.

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 Chilmack, Tisbory, HH and Edgerton Whippor will love born 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 des. lost at sea but 6 mos uncertain - no news; worried taken by Algerines (Barbary Coast)

Word of army defeat & great loss of life

Stately ship in sight w/ 74 guns

Richmond taken & plundered

Visitors tell of Rome, Pyramidas

- Congregational

West to Presbyterian Meeting, Baptist meeting

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 29: English Private in Old Town Harbour - set fire to a Smack belonging to Mr. Rich & 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. Reuben Norton dined with


Hannah devastated.

Teens - importance of whaling increased. Apollo - 1816-1817. Vineyard owned ships to trade whaling. Local citizens subscribed to own outfit vessels.

Methodist + Baptist depleted Congo rolls.


Earlier M+B shared Unit House; they pointed + built own.

War - Capital + White House burned Sept 12 1814; fresh

Signed Dec 24, 1814 US big victories on Great Lakes.

May 1815 added 1816-21. IN, M, IL, FL, ME, MO.

Monroe Doctrine 1822 - No Eur. Intervention in US.

Missouri Compromise 1820 - No slavery W of MO.

US thru coop w/ GB - factories.

Local Indians worked as house + field servants.

Jan 18 - people exploring + digging Chimney beach for gold buried 11 yrs ago by pirates w/1812.

Big stirrs in T+E over religion.

Samuel Butler moved to Industry - ME where many from NV moved after Rev. Wav.

Few people at Rev. Thatcher's hearing (Presbyt = Cong) losing out to B + N.
Oct 19 1824
Mr Goram of Tisbury had a child drowned in his tan fat (17th). Tan vat - 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 last 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 Field
neither married
Ann W + Hannah 1875 (84) 1878 (87)

Harrison Smith married Sophronia Norton + moved to Wisconsin

1812 - most NE folks - Federalists, supported Pres John Adams who lost to TJ, succeeded by Madison. Republicans & imposed severe embargoes, more ag than common supportive, NE not for war
MV tried neutrality; Committees of Safety not militias
Degradation on MV due to lack of wheat + corn (but Smith's entered)
British Nimrod stationed in Tarponia Cove most of war + patrolled

Circuit riding Baptists + Methodists; Smiths - Coos. Samuel Smith, sister Ann - wife of Pastor Joseph Thaxter. Josiah Hurdwic. husband of love Smith's half sister Louisa, Minister in T (WT) Coos
"Going to meeting" meant Congo to Hannah & Rob

Did go to B+M in Edg occasionally

Bullock lived in Eastville - Methodist stronghold
1835 - Wm Bullock woodland selected for Methodist Camp Ground. Leased for many years. Eventually sold by Stephen and Harriet Bullock to Camp Meeting Association.

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

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

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

Poboganut - farm began with John Smith - their great-grand

grandfather, MV in 1653, lived in Watertown + knew Mass. Proprietors.

House lot, Eds, wood lot, thus land towards Lebanon,

left to ACIR; Some held land in MV, 1676 Philip received

share on Plain. Samuel bought Poboganut land 1689

Job's Neck (Job - Indian). "at the cleared land"

Married Hannah Misheew Degeest, kept girls' law
Nonnamesset - used as alternative for Poboganut
Land referred with "clitches" 1711
corn hills, Indian hills
healthy record of lands owned
stake + stone, crick of water, land + meadow lands,
neck called Pahagonut + next called Nanomoch,
Payquey openings + Job's Neck openings
pair of bars.

Genealogy of the family
Wm Butler married Anna Smith H & F's
father's sister

VG @ E + VH Libraries 1846→

MVHS book late 1800s
Always use capital I in VG for Island

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

867 lot subdivision on 507'c above Senge Pond

Belt and Heli

VG / "But we did want most of all to preserve the Island's natural resources. That was our No. 1 item, and it was fur from the outaf"

Katharine Graham born in Edg
MV Summer Resort

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

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

Eastsilled HW wanted road - not fly as business tv VH

Newman Cap' from Ely - bs promoter of Mathaiand

Copeland plan for Ketma - 7

Y6 editors 4-17-39 Mathaiand - "When we have a railroad, we shall see improvements made in our valley near begin thought of. The 'spirit of the iron horse' will arouse men from their lethargy and in face new life in their veins".

RR to get town out of doldrums

Opponents - same problem as Beach Rel. Town shall not pay

Edgar Mears - if no RR "the town will become a dump, a howling wilderness, Editor's 12-10-6 rats, mud turtles will crawl over our streets, and owls and bats will sit in our high place

Carried by 12/3 votes
Concern that RR would run road so they felt it to go W & S
Saw & contact

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

RR on beach portions needed rebuilding annually.
RR did make Edg a summer resort - but - not a failure
Astr 1873 no big lot sales

P. 131 N.S.S. on OB

Map of V Highblys - Nice

Eds declined 1865-70 from 1846 to 1870

Tribun 11 1897 1834

1872 Eds floated down to 3 - Civil War & Ice
Hough

HB 1985 Far Out the Coils

Died just before come out
Cottage City called Oak Bluffs 1907

Locust Grove School - HB 1985 went there in 1908 when brother convalescing, Beside Indian Hill Rd

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

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

Wm M Butler - bought Old South Wharf Eda:
Successively owned Dr Daniel Fisher House, Windy Gates, Mohu
State Senator; Chair Republican National Committe 1924-26.

Brook between Lake Anthony and Sunset Lake - going Ever to Jordan" Became NY Avenue as led to NY Wharf, Fairville

WC Land and Wharf Co. - owned > 189 mi woods & bevel

Dark Woods - carefully worked out conservation complet
Worked out. Sculpted by South Shore Trust suit
Reid Dunn worked with DEAR selling a choppy
center on Beach Rd, Vth

Robert Carroll transposed Ed's under front1

Wm Barry Owen - dog logo - RCA
moved 3 MV Natl Bank (founded by DD Fisher)
to Vth shop building

Eastville - East Side. Long trip to OB from Vth
HH wanted bridge as did Eastville, but loyal
to Edg, which didn't
New town rivalry

WBO - big poultry business at Tashmoo
Lived at Red Lodge near Uncle Seth's Pool

1901 1st Yacht Club, began as Branch to Home Club
1928 into Osbourn Wharf in Edg

1928 VHYC
1926 Ed's Golf Club
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 tax for representative "An orderly, sensible growth will require strength of leadership not only at just the town level, but also on the county and state level.

1964 National Park Service - John M. Kauffmann special assistant to direct, 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 apparent all over the nation and which can be particularly virulent in New England, where few of the breezy old villages and traditional landscapes have any protection"

1969 Delaware Shore Planning and Economic Development Commission federal grant for comprehensive plan. Mietz and Pink. 1971 "If a definitive and well-ordered program of preventive and prescriptive medicine is not undertaken immediately, or within the next five years, by 1975 the Vineyard will undoubtedly have contracted environmental terminal cancer." Partially suppressed

1971 Senator Kennedy introduced bill authorizing Interior Dept to study of feasibility of removing Naushon Island from CCNS. No one enthusiastic."
April 1972 Islands Trust Bill introduced. Nantucket 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 contolled building in Scenic Preservation and merged town + county categories
Built on other land use legislation but innovative

1972 Press confirmed, Tom Hall's backyard.
Elected officials outraged, ignored. Passed by MV and ACK power structure
Bob Carroll had not been included yet old friend
Chairman of joint Islands Action Committee for Nantucket MV
opposed.

Revised islands trust bill designed to be compatible with Sargwit Bill.
Opposition supported alternative Sargwit Bill, Eel Brook asked it to be
considered before ITB.
Sargwit Bill - Anne Simon opposed; also Edward Legue, an organizer
of VOLF, BC supported
6 town referendums supported Sargwit bill 1305 to 694
#974 - late spring enacted
Kennedy Bill - supported by Brook and Studds passed Senate,
failed of action in House
MVC established.

BC and Harbor View proposed fill 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 seed Chilmark 132 acres 12 neck; Cult hunt 63 vs 2; ACK 172 5 vs 40; Edg 213 vs 12; OB 593 vs 286

Dukes County—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, V11

HBlt editorial against

1978 Rejected by Bd of Health

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

HBlt brother George donated 60 ac and 1/4 mi beach to SMF and Cedar Tree Neck

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

Simon Atwaren 1715. $1,639 4 pair oxen, 12 cows, 16 other cattle, 2 horses, 6 swine, 112 sheep, 190 sheep with.

Benj Steff 1718 $2748. 300 sheep, 5 oxen, 6 cows, 15 cattle, 5 horses

Benj Maylew 1718. 8 ox, 12 cows, 44 cattles, 2 horses, 650 sheep, 390 lambs

Others w/ goats

Ebenezer Allen 1724. Negroes $200, 600 sheep with lambs, 716 dry sheep, 8 hogs, 9 horses, 26 cattle 10 cows, 4 oxen

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

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

Col. Bevior Norton - highest client MV

All horned cattle demanded - milk cows excepted.

Sept 10 BN issued orders to captains of militia companies on MV to muster militia + collect oxen + sheep + arms to HIt.

Colonel Sterling loaded with troops. Appraised stock as before.

Took on board + inventoried.
Sterling assembled few hundred inhabitants - could apply for payment in NY

Sept 16 - fleet left

BN, Wm MacKay, James Affieam claim to British in NY

10, 574 ship, 315 cattle, 35 tons hay

BN to England BX - received Portia

£3000 of £7923 paid

Boston - Port closed; seal moved to Salem; food support shipped in from Carolinas, NE, Quebec
1835 Jeremiah Peet surveyed out campground.

\textit{Raill\textsuperscript{on} History of MV}

Raill\textsuperscript{on} - Development

built first wharf.

\textbf{1866}

Oak Bluffs Land and Wharf Company. 
Erastus Carpenter

Hired Robert Morris Copeland. Among first planned residential

communities in US. 1000 small lots in pasture staked.

Carpenter pulled many stakes to get more parks. Ten parks

in revised plan Ocean Park, Waban Park

July 4, 1867 - Revised plan released.

1867 Ael - 1000 lots, Copeland. Cottage plans $1500-1000

"Oak Bluffs" - 1st time in print.

Ira Darrow, William Bradley, Shubael Norton, Erastus Carpenter,

Grafton Collins, William Hills.

Choice visible lots to select men.

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 to 300 acres.

Vineyard Highlands - Vineyard Grove Company. Modeled after OBLWC,

large wharf. Highland Wharf and Highland House. Wharfs about

hundred yards apart. Methodist minister sold lots (vs secular OBLWC)

in Oct Bluffs

1873 18 subdivisions advertised. Vineyard Highlands, Bellevue Heights

Lagoon Heights, Oklahoma, Prospect Heights andsm-lik Forest

Hill, Englewood, Oak Grove, Oakland,

Holmes Hole - side. Cedar Neck, bought by CC Hines and

divided into 98 lots

Lumber for all from Maine

\textbf{Total > 2000 ac on East Chop Subdivided}
Towards Edgartown. Ocean Heights laid out over Sengekontacket and other development on Trapp's Pond.

Daniel Fisher's whale oil factory shut down and "The Ford" bought by Dukes County for rail.

Highlands sales slow. Land given to Baptists for campground.

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

~1873


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

1874
NS Shirr wrote of decaying Edgartown re Atlantic Monthly, and OB as Pastboard summer town capable of giving bed food and uneasy rest to 20,000

But OB more than 50 x tax revenue
RR track took winter hits with costly repairs.

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

Cottage City - 15,000 in summer 500 - winter. Little political
control, e.g. over road or RR. Secessionist stand

Cottage City Star to compete with V.G. Oursold it

1879 Vineyard Skating Rink in CC. Renamed at some point as "The Casino"
Burned in 1892; Tabernacle built

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

1880 Carpenters began building 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 Carpenters sold parts to Boston men.

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

1885 CC most prosperous town.

1887 O.G. Staley - Colorado. Former water company
Bought 30 ac around 2 spring fed ponds at head of Chappaquiddick
Water for $15,000.

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 WTC company
1892  Fire - Sea View House, foot bridge to wharf, RR ticket office, RR tracks for turn-around, The Casino.

1893  Highland House burned - believed arson

1894  Wesley House caught on fire. Put out. Owner Augustus Wesley confessed.

But a fire bug had been burning colly in also

1895  Prospect House burned down

1906  Innisfail Hotel - All were empty when burned.

1891  Harborview Hotel - Edg. Dr Thomas Walker, Minstrel Towneaud, and a Mayhem. Photo - open plain. MVN

1892  Makonikey Inn. First with own electrical generating plant. Operated into 1896 but never made money.

1748  Kelley House - Edg oldest hotel, year-round

1874  Sea View lay as ruins

1891  Abbot sued, lost case of private ownership of parks

1896  RR shut down on cars

1893  CC one of first towns in SE Mass with electricity.

1890  CC Water Company - pumping station on small fresh water pond at head of lagoon, to be pumped into town.

1891  Investors in electric railway from CC to Gro Head through N Tisbury and Menemsha Compty heads - C.H. Emerson (Framingham), G.M. Clough (Somerville), Charles Strahan (CC), Henry L. Whiting and M.F. Cummings - (Tisbury).

Eldridge map of 1892- RR = Proposed RR so seemed good. Never built.
1868-1880 West Fisbud name used
1884 Petition - old village of WT to be separated from offspr.
1890 Public discussion. HLW in favor
1892 Attorney for WT "appeal on part of a parent for protection... on behalf of a farm people to be set off from a people whose traditions are "citified"... and to be relieved from... the taxes which were perfectly proper for a seaside 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
desire to buy them from 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 Shaler Tool Works started renting in
OB. [1915]
1915 Wm. Hart bought worthwhile marshland south of Farm Pond, changed
tidal flow and cut harbor. Sold mile beach to state
Sylvia State Beach; leased Farm Neck Club land
for 99 yrs. Both - no buildings.
Harriett family to Abel's Hill

Inkwell - beach across from Weban

1905 Custom house closed in Egl. Moved to VH the closed

1920 Howard Andrews of Egl (Portuguese); Azoreans/Cape Verdeans down near Catholic Church Latl Street in CB; Egl no coloreds; Indians at Chep 7 - no news routed in Egl.

1904 Samuel Krangle from Lithuania to NYC. 1905 summer job as Samuel Cronis on MV. Worked for Banker and Cull grove. Merged with Smith - SBS. 1917 - Four brothers started Cronis - Main St, VH 1914 - Basie Hall bought South Summ St home in Egl first Jew to own house in town CB - only town where blacks could buy property

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

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

1936 HBHT First Book - MV: Summer Resort
Promoted MV. "This was probably no one who did not to make the Vineyard a nationally known summer resort then HBHT. And he came to regret it."

Diminishing returns. Eclipsed 1960's; "a point, beyond which the Island will be in a state of ferment" "we must trust conservation as of equal importance with development"
Servicemen 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 boost to VH.

Big OB hotels torn down after war.

After WWII "Being a summer resort became a full-time job."
Richard Reston & Tom Dunlop Vineyard Gravitations

VOLF Sweethart Water Farm, Property owner's name was Clement Norton Farm, W.W. Finney Farm.
Marketing through Vineyard Land Use Inc.
15 homesteads (possible 110), common woods.
21.8 ac, common pastures 12.5 ac, common roads.
11 ac, can be used for 44

WC - development 99 condo's fought by Susan and Peter Grilli, Off Franklin St. 50 ac to be left wild.
Formed Committee to Save Leda Tashmoo for MV
First proposed 200 lots.

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

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

Vineyard Acres II - early 1980s, Ed's
Approved but died.

VG 5-12-1995 Julie Wells
"James Langley: "In... the die has been cast. The Vineyard in 20 years is going to feel like any other suburb."
"The word "laze" to describe the land bank's impact on the island is "trivial," because we are going to work hard and keep purchasing land, but in 20 years the island will only look trivially different because of what the land bank does.

1980-1991 4000 building permits; Berkshire Co 10K thru 86 had 3000

NYC 1991 regional island master plan

1955 2.5% developed; 1995 33% and 2020 more is subdivided; 17% in conservation.

Brendan - need to conserve 10,000 acres

Pomme - "the lunch pin is really the private property owner"

9-8-1995 Phyllis Mena Is Bigger Better?

10,000 livestock '95 concept up Ag Society

can accommodate 5000 cars

But more facilities, more airstrips, bigger SSA

Bigger Up-Island Cronig's - lost Indian Hill trees

VG editorial A Bird that Men Could Kill"
Vineyard Gazette Reader 1976

Type and add to Development Notes

Shenandoah

Robert S Douglas - VH 30 passengers; scratch in 1953

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 sank

Opening into Mattakeset Bay, Lowest tide seen in Menemsha

Everett Poole @ Menemsha Fish Market

Pond (Bay) 4-5' higher

ever upward

Low tide ice grabs piling but loose + slides down as tide drops; so

Larsens - Fish Market, Not Result, Edgartown Seafood

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

"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 an insular devotion to the land; begets

an insular determination to fight for its preservation. Though the

separateness of the town and the people prolongs and often muddies the

argument, the separateness of the Vineyard from the mainland finally

contains and clarifies it. Second they have come to realize that each result affecting

a piece of MV invariably affects the whole... Everyone has a stake in it.
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 form 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."

1988 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."

Dankirk 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 barriques are up and the stand at South Beach, a barrier beach."

Vineyard Acres II - RI developers Louis Giuliano & Patrick Lett
148 lots on 245 ac. But SMF owns 29.1 ac in center

- owned 5000

Julie Wells on Flynn land - 830 ac. One part of grassy sandplain where sheep grazed & Heath fowl roam.

George Daniel Flynn - Fall River. Begins to assemble land in 1903

Family - strong bent for conservation - Oyster Watch, Bold Water & Swan Neck all limited subdivisions w/ conservation theme.
Dorothy West - Black childhood. Among first 12 cottage owners.
All Bostonian then NYer.

HBx 1985 RIP County Editor 1940 - \( \frac{5}{2} \) = 24
Circulation 1920-600; 1970-6000; 1985-13,000
Born New Bedford 1896 - youngest son, Pulitzer 1918 - history of US from
writing up to 6 editorials/week in 87th yr

HBx - NY editorial A Bird that Man Could Kill

Burn WAP - burns used for 12,000 yrs last 40 on only times
when aware 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, shorelines + preserve open space; acquire control of scenic tracts of land, expand for research, work with OF groups to advance

Mrs Seth Wateman - Chair; Anne Hale (Miss Ton) on Exec Comm.

Though a trustee as was Kingman Beasley, Owen Flood

NV - Special Visual Character

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

Possible to absorb development while maintaining quality

Salt lands, bluffs, moors, hills, thickets, wooded ravines, open plains, flat tilled lands

Local zoning - includes clustering but not mainland standards

Open public lookouts, need special control on some ridge + shoreline

Special information to readers network of ridge + bluffs

Open to people of modest means

Principal visual characteristic = diversity; unmimicked individuality of areas

Historical use reinforces this; 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 Lakes, S Shore WT-C, Squil

Negative: too many people, too much private land, no public access, fear of development
Attractive - how MV needed; wild MV hardly attractive
wild, uninhabited - uninteresting: unpleasant save for hunters
w and wilderness campers.

Certain land can profit from greater use - thinned land, flat plains

Salt Lands - modest use so far - few signs of extensive settlement remain
No development nearby, but varied natural materials, types of roads
Bluffs - clumps tucked away; Moor - Chilmark, GI - some land will naturally
remain in this state due to soil exposure

Moor - "This is the characteristic upland ground which our extended shore
was the islanders' principal settlement.
Kitt's Island is left today, but it might be extended once again.
It is a very attractive to summer resident...
should not be forested or allowed to grow into thickets;
"the old moor land should be restored by clearing...most must
be mowed or grazed."

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

Wooded Moraine

Open Plains - "Unfortunately the Katama plain is now badly
disfigured by a rash of widely visible new development."
"If the balau in the flat lands were to be swayed 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 open,
open fields. Otherwise the plains are in danger of being transformed
into a sprawling suburban, as is now occurring in Katama."

Flat Thickets - much of interior of 31st Farm; "this is a featureless,
unpleasant, "useless" ground."
"The shallow bottoms are the strange
feature of this relatively monotonous ground."
Can be used for small private homes or very large areas of development
which is distant to serve from main roads' large party 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 exodus
"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 power. The visual analysis tenure, support
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 Illustrious Modifications

Maps: lookout, critical skylines, shoreline, roadside views,
Special places. (GH cliffs, Squibnocket, S breach, great pond,
CT Neck, Brickyards, Menemsha + Neck, Lumber Lo, Campgrounds,
Chappy + Shore, Edgartown).

Vineyard Road Experience
Types of Road Landscape

Policies for Roads

10 yrs ago - Authors of this report strongly desired removal
MV 1 by 2S00, Summer > 60,000. Kennedy Bill opposition
led to MVC; 4 conservation groups now at Mary Whetman Etof
at Cranberry Acres on land donated by VOLF

VOLF involved in ad loc 1973 Xerox Farm Command - saved 2000
56/66 acres at (previllion) CR on Great Meadow Wt, Greenland's 500 acres
ac + 16 at Scruff Sailin Camp purchases Cranberry Acres
7 with family homestead 45 acres.