

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	OAK.411
Historic Name:	Gilkes, Mary E. House
Common Name:	
Address:	25 Oak Ave
City/Town:	Oak Bluffs
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	7-187;
Year Constructed:	1901
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic;
Use(s):	Secondary Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture; Recreation;
Area(s):	OAK.B
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

OAK 411

In Area no. B D S	Form no. 7-187
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1. Town Oak Bluffs

Address 25 Oak Avenue

Name _____

Present use Private seasonal dwelling

Present owner Ethel Whedock & Jessie Scott

3. Description:

Date 1901

Source Tax Records and Deeds

Style Wooden Frame/ Campground

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric unpainted wooden shingles

Outbuildings (describe) garage

Other features Front facing gable;

covered porch extending to side;

bay window addition; side and rear additions.

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 20'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by Jill Bouck

Organization Oak Bluffs Historical Survey

Date January 8, 1978

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Mary E. Gilkes

Original use Seasonal dwelling

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | <u>X</u> |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | <u>X</u> | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The house is significant as part of the continued expansion of Oak Bluffs (Cottage City) as a resort community.

The house is located in the development area known as Bellevue Heights which Tarleton C. Luce began in 1871. The development incorporated the area from the Highland development North East to Holmes Hole (Vineyard Haven) harbor. Over one hundred and fifty acres with parks, avenues and four hundred building sites were laid out in the original plan.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

- Oak Bluffs Town Assessor's Maps, 1975.
- Valuation Records, Town Hall, Oak Bluffs, Mass.
- Registry of Deeds, Court House, Edgartown, Mass.
- Henry Beetle Hough, Martha's Vineyard Summer Resort 1835-1935.
- "Plan of Bellevue Heights" 1872.