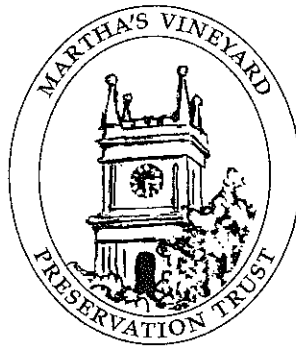


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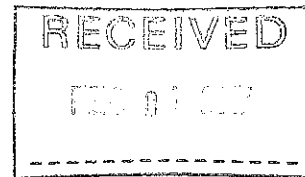
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From: Carole M. Berger, Chair
Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust Awards Committee

To: The Martha's Vineyard Commission

Dear Commissioners,

In 2004, The Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust Awards Committee gave their annual award to the Compass Bank (now the Santander Bank) in recognition of their ongoing stewardship of this historic building. It has been in continuous use as a bank since 1905.

The roofing project, which should have been placed in your hands from the very beginning, has resulted in the removal an essential and defining element of the iconic 112 year old structure. Replacement of the original Spanish style terra cotta tile roof with asphalt shingles has amounted to the destruction of the fabric of the Island's architectural heritage.

As stated in our award, this important, pure Arts and Crafts design represents a brief but distinctive transitional phase in our Island's architectural history. It is our understanding that the Commission is entrusted with decisions regarding any change to buildings over 100 years old not located in designated historic districts. We are confident that you recognize the importance of this building and urge you to use your powers to work toward the restoration of this significant Island landmark with historically appropriate roofing material.

Sincerely,

Carole M Berger