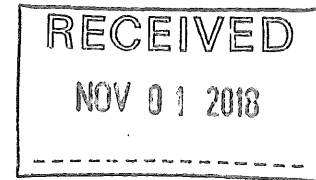


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Martha's Vineyard Commission
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Re: 8 Caleb Pond Rd.

This single house hardly seems like a development of regional concern yet it is a part of local history. My understanding is that it belonged to the family of one of the first keepers of the Cape Pogue light. It was not built on this site but moved there many years ago. This was told to me by Edith Smith Alger. You would need to consult the remaining Alger family to learn the details of its history.

It's a pity to have it torn down. Since this house was moved to this location might it not be possible to move it again and have it used either as a dwelling or some other purpose? This has been done with other Vineyard houses which were then reused to some public purpose with the original owner given a tax deduction which helped to offset the cost of the move.

Have the applicants fully explored this possibility?

I have been living in a neighboring house for the past 50 summers.

Mary T. Adelstein

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary T. Adelstein".