

From: Dudley Cannada, Architect
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To: The Martha's Vineyard Commission
By email

Re: Preservation of the Luce House; 371 Indian Hill Road, West Tisbury, Mass.

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to support the preservation of the Historic Luce house.

I am a seasonal resident of Edgartown and a retired preservation Architect with 45 years of experience working with historic structures in dozens of historic districts in 6 states and the District of Columbia. I have worked on numerous historic buildings on Martha's Vineyard including most recently the Pease House (also known as the Yellow House) in downtown Edgartown.

The exterior photographs of the Luce house display an excellent example of Greek Revival vernacular residential design and its rural location makes it an important part of the history of Martha's Vineyard. I believe the preservation of this 180 year old house (and any other structure that is that old) should be required by your commission.

There are many sensible ways to restore the historic exterior of the main residence while removing later additions and adding subordinate new additions that do not damage the character of the home on its original site.

I urge you to deny the demolition of 371 Indian Hill Road.

Dudley Cannada