



Town of Edgartown
Historic District Commission
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Marthas Vineyard Commission
33 New York Ave.
Oak Bluffs, MA 02575

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to alert you to the historic significance of the property located at 189 Katama Road in Edgartown. While this property is outside the designated local historic district, it is viewed by this commission as a historically relevant property that sits in a commanding location on the harbor. The house, built in 1916, was part of one of the first land grants of the 1600's. The building contractor, William W. King, left his name and the date in the concrete foundation of the dining room chimney. This property remained in the original owners' family for 104 years.

Four members of the EHDC attended a site visit and were very impressed to see that most of the original construction is intact. The windows, doors, maple flooring, wainscoting and intricate plaster molding appear to be original to the house.

In the EHDC meeting of July 1, the house was discussed and it was voted by the commission to provide this opinion to the Martha's Vineyard Commission for review and retention of this truly important historic house.

Respectfully submitted,



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HDC Assistant.