

Table x. Martha's Vineyard Timeline

Note: At one point I envisioned having a timeline in the book and began assembling information. As space became an issue that effort was set aside.

1602	Gosnold arrives to Vineyard South with John Brereton in the Concord. ⁱ
1607	Martin Pring anchored in Edgartown Harbor on Whit Sunday. Called it Whitsun Bay
1646	Oak Bluffs area called "Eastern most Chop of Homes Hole" by Thos. Mayhew. "Chop" = jaw of a vise or clamp, Plural = entrance of channel
1646	Edg Plaine Division Edgartown Charter
1659	Christiantown 1sq mi set aside for converts
~1662	Gay Head name by British – "gaily colored cliffs." Aquinnah – "Land under the hill"
1671	Middletown Tisbury Charter Thos Mayhew Sr. & Jr., Land granted for township signed at Manhattan 7-8-1671 Chilmark = Tisbury Manor, Tisbury = Mayhew home in England
1671 (1666?)	First Divisions of land in the plain surrounding Mill River
1674	Cotton – MV praying towns – Nashamoies (SEd), Sengekontacket (NEd), Toikiming (Tis), Nashuakemmik (C), Talhamo (C), Chappy could do timeline of Indians
1680	First use of "Chilmark" to distinguish Manor of Tybery from Tisbury
1691	County of Dukes County shifted to Massachusetts. ⁱ
1711	Society for propagators the Gospel purchased Gay Head from Lord Limerick Control assumed by staff after the Revolution 1714 Chilmark incorporated as town – includes GH, Menemsha, No Mans Gosnold
1725	Chase property (W Chop) on HH divided into E-W lots all Chases – 9 lots
1736	Chickemoo (formerly part of Manor of Tisbury (Chilmark) with no mans and Elisabeth Islands) made part of Tisbury
1743	"Lagoon of salt water" used
1750	Capt. Thomas Arey is the first white Edgartown resident to settle on Chappaquiddick, on part of Tom's Neck Farm.
1754	Four foot wide ditch dug across neck between Nashaquitsa and Squibnocket Ponds (or Quitsa and Stonewall Pd?)
1788	The Massachusetts Legislature created the Indian "setoff" by establishing a north-south division line, largely along what is now Chappaquiddick Road. The principal "Cleared Land Reservation" is approximately 600 acres on the northeast side of the Island. The "Wood Land Reservation," approximate 100 acres including part of Sampson's Hill, is southwest of the first.
1805	Chilmark appointed a committee to petition General Court to change name to Mayhew County.
1817	West Chop Lighthouse built
1827	First camp meeting held near West Shop
1835	First Camp Meeting in Oak Groves on Squash Meadow Pond by 1858 320 tents and over 12,000 day visitors
1846	Zenith of Whaling at Edgartown – 19 Ships
1855	Gay Head divided from Chilmark

- 1860 Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association chartered. Incorporated in 1868 as Oak Bluffs Land and Wharf Company
- 1862 Reservation turned into District by Gay Head
- 1863 [1864] Gosnold separated from Chilmark Gosnold – Nonamesset, Uncatura, Monohansett, Naushoa, Weeperked, Pasque, Nashawewa, Oenilase, Gull, Cuttinham
- 1870 Gay Head incorporated as town
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- 1871 Holmes Hold name changed to VH
- 1871 Vineyard Haven – official name for Homes/Holmes Hole
- 1874 Martha's Vineyard Railroad opened
- 1880 Eastville area incorporated in new town – Cottage City
- 1880 Oaks Bluff separated from Edgartown Named changed from Cottage Cir. 1909 OB settled in 1667
- 1882 General and Mrs. Charles J. Allen (St. Paul, MN) build first house in Edgartown expressly for summer use.ⁱ
- 1883 First three bathhouses built in Beach Club area.
- 1883 VH fire 32 houses, 26 stores, 12 barns, Baptist meeting house
- 1889-90 First land developments: Joseph Enos proposes 240 lots of 50-feet by 100-feet on 50 acres
- 1892 W Tisbury separated from Tisbury. TW adopted a lower tax rate – as agricultural town
- 1898 November 28 – “Great Hurricane” Greater storm then 1815 acc. To Banks
- 1907 Tashmoo Spring purchased by Tisbury – “one of the town’s most valuable assets” according to C. E. Banks
- 1907 Oak Bluffs name changes
- 1926 Petition for Chappaquiddick to separate from Edgartown.
- 1934 Jetties built at Cape Pogue severing it from the island and allowing boats to cut through the bay.
- 1938 Hurricane causes extensive flooding, wind damage and erosion
- 1972 Islands Trust Bill.
- 1974 Martha's Vineyard Commission established.

ⁱHough, H. B. 1982. *Martha's Vineyard Summer Resort, after 100 years*, Academy Books, Rutland, VT.