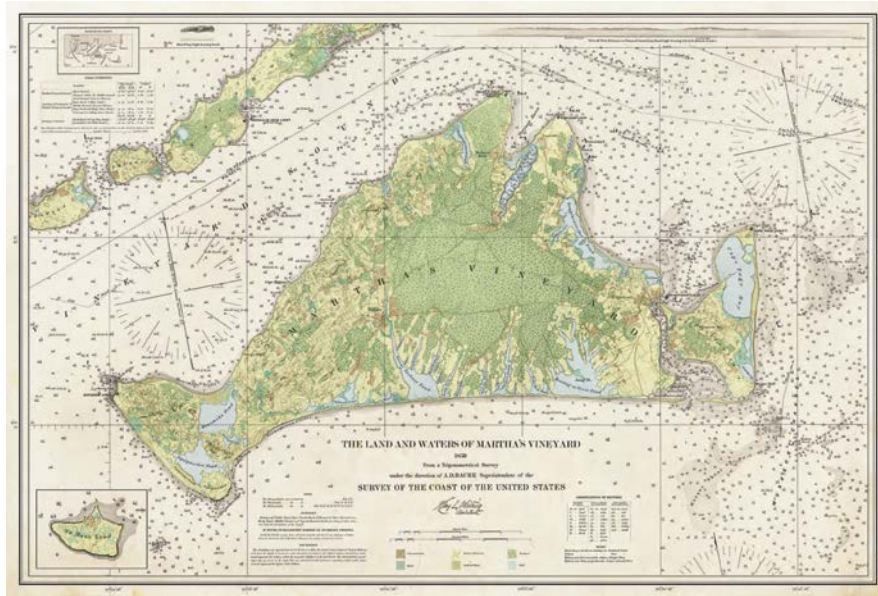


The 1850 Map by Henry Laurens Whiting



The landscape of Martha's Vineyard—the shape of its coastline, the pattern of its forests, fields, and moorlands, the distribution of its roads, houses, villages, and stone walls—is a product of its past. To interpret the Vineyard today and anticipate future changes, we need to understand that history. Among the best tools available is a map from 1850 created by Henry Whiting, a distinguished topographer with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and co-founder of the MV Agricultural Society.

Careful study reveals the map's stunning detail on water and land. Some of the greatest ecological treasures are features seldom recorded on other maps: Fence lines (stone walls and wooden rails), land cover (forests, swamps, fresh and saltwater marshes), and farms (pastures, cropland, hay fields, orchards, and cranberry bogs).

A new version of this map was developed by David Foster, Brian Hall, and Jenny Hobson at Harvard Forest. Find out more about the map and upcoming book at <http://mvlandandsea.com/>

Copies of this map are available for \$50, with proceeds benefiting the Arboretum's research fund to support the development of a modern flora for Martha's Vineyard and research in plant conservation and forest ecology.

Maps may be purchased at the Polly Hill Arboretum Visitor Center or by phone (+ \$5.99 shipping fee)

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