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**MUSEUM EXPLORES ICONIC ISLAND STRUCTURES
BOTH LOST AND STILL STANDING IN NEW EXHIBIT**

Opening Reception: Friday, February 10th from 4-6pm

Edgartown, MA—February 2, 2017 — Every building tells a story. What stories do buildings that no longer stand tell us? What about those that remain but serve an entirely different purpose than originally intended? *Lost and Found*, a new exhibit set to open at the Martha's Vineyard Museum, explores a number of iconic Island structures, businesses, hotels, and landmarks that no longer exist today and explains how they helped to shape the Island that we know.

Some areas of the Island hold a special magic that seems to keep them firmly rooted in the past, as though time marched on without them. But in reality, the Vineyard is constantly evolving. The arrival of new groups of people, shifts in economy and technology, and environmental forces have all played a part in changing the Island. *Lost and Found* explores some of those changes by pairing historic photographs of structures, businesses, and landmarks across the Vineyard with images taken from the same spot today. Some have been lost to time, destroyed by fire or left to decay, while others have survived with a new identity or purpose. They all, however, have stories to tell of a dynamic and resilient Island.

Some of the “found” places featured in the exhibit include the Kelley House, Alley's General Store, Flying Horses Carousel, the Gay Head Lighthouse, and the Mansion House while the “lost” places include the Oak Bluffs roller skating rink, and the Sea View Hotel with train tracks running alongside it. “What was really fascinating while looking at the modern photographs compared to the historic ones from our collection was seeing so many recognizable landmarks that almost look the same today as they did centuries ago, but then flipping to the next set of photos and seeing a building entirely lost and something new there that doesn't resemble the historic photo at all,” says Exhibitions Curator Anna Barber. “Some places have been very well preserved, while others are completely gone.”

Lost and Found will open in the Museum Galleries on Friday, February 10th with a reception from 4-6pm. Admission is free, and the event is open to all. The exhibit will be open through June 3rd.

Visit www.mvmuseum.org for more information about upcoming programming and exhibits. The Martha's Vineyard Museum inspires all people to discover, explore, and strengthen their connections to this Island and its diverse heritage. The Museum is open year round. Off-season hours are Monday-Saturday 10am to 4pm. Admission is free to Members; admission for non-Members is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children 6 to 12 and free for children under the age of 6.