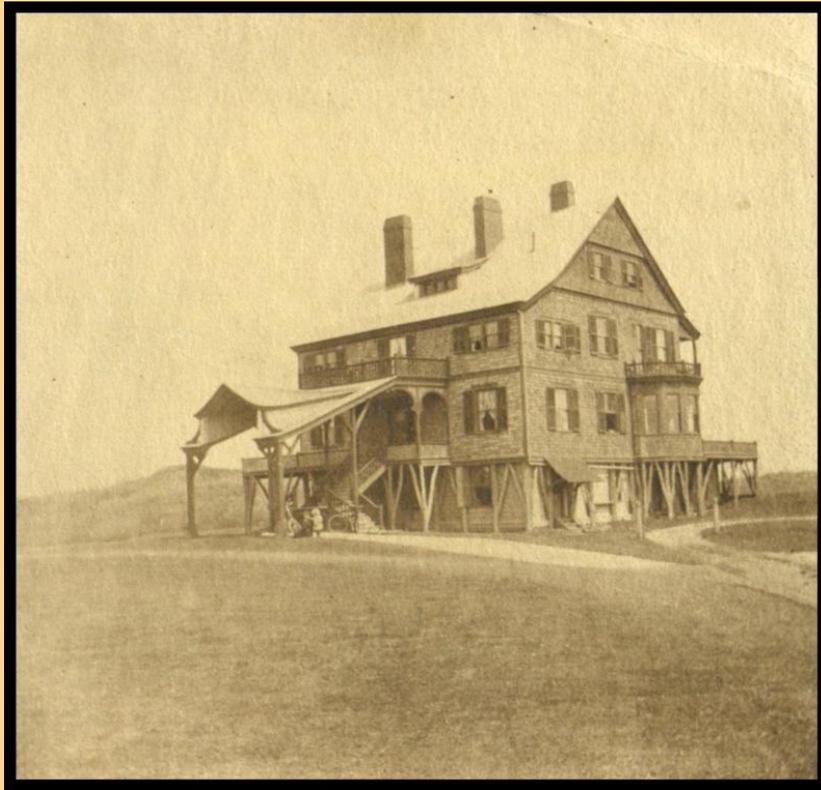




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Photograph of Kilkare, Georgia, East Hampton

I've come to the realization that houses tend to be much like people in that each has its own unique story to tell. In fact, the Shingle-style house pictured above occupies some highly valuable Hamptons real estate. Originally built for Walter Edwards Jr. (1834-1895), a lawyer, and his wife Camilla Davis Leonard (1838-1936), of New York, as a summer residence, "Kilkare" came to be part of the Georgica Association. In 1880, approximately 50 acres of farmland in Wainscott was sold by Oliver S. and Ruth E. Osborn to William H.S. Wood. Shortly thereafter, Wood sold 23 acres of this parcel to his friends, Walter and Camilla Edwards.

Situated just steps from the Atlantic Ocean, within view of Georgica Pond, it appears not much thought was employed in designing the home. According to "Memorandum on the History of the Georgica Association, 1880-1948" by George W. Pierson, Pierson writes "...Camilla Leonard Edwards wanted her house to be 40 feet square (sic). Aside from that, she had no particular design in mind. So the family called in a dock builder from Brooklyn, gave him a few dimensions and the injunction that the house must be extremely strong -- then blithely set off for Europe."

Though this seems careless, the Edwards family long enjoyed the home. After Walter Edwards died in 1895 at the age of 61, Camilla continued to use the house as a summer residence until her death at age 98 in 1936. Her comings and goings were noted frequently in *The East Hampton Star*. She was described as "always the first to arrive at the summer colony and the last to leave." Ownership then fell to her son, William Henry Leonard Edwards (1870-1937) and his wife, Susan Sherman White Edwards (1870-1949), who would pass away at "Kilkare." The house was later sold out of family hands in 1975 and went back up for sale in 2017 for \$55 million.

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