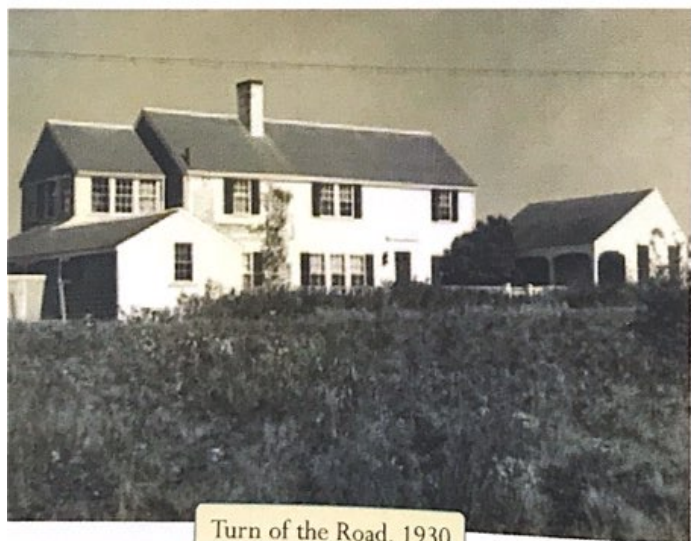


39 MONOMOY ROAD

Kindertucket

Current owners: Archer

DATES	OWNER(S)	HOME TOWN	LOT/PROPERTY	ROD #s
1852-1873	Zimri Cathcart	Nantucket	28 Acres	50-282
1873-1903	DeWolf Syndicate	Providence	45 Acres	62-332
1903-1911	James H. Gibbs	Nantucket	37 Acres	85-41
1911-1923	F. A. & A. T. Russell	Sewickley, PA	21 Acres	95-89
1923-1929	Ethel & Lewis E. Black	Morgantown, WV	141, 142, 162, 163	101-102
1929-1945	Frank & Irene Touret	Tryon, NC	do.	104-451
1930-1945	Frank & Irene Touret	Tryon, NC	139, 140, 160, 161	105-170
1936-1945	Frank & Irene Touret	Tryon, NC	137-142, 160-162	105-269
1945-1953	Adelaide M. Russell	Sewickley, PA	do.	
1953-1957	George Snell	Arlington, MA	do.	114-240
1957-1967	Edward Black	Summit, NJ	137, 138, 158, 159	117-365
1967-1992	Stephen G. Williams	Philadelphia	137-140, 158-161	130-575
1992-1993	Kevin Dale, Trustee	Nantucket	do.	467-29
1993-	Yvonne & Joel Archer	New York City	do.	407-31



Turn of the Road, 1930



Kindertucket, 2002

THIS FINE COLONIAL-STYLE HOUSE WAS built in 1924 by Ethel and Lewis E. Black of Morgantown, West Virginia, precisely where Monomoy Road turns toward the Harbor. Perhaps they were not aware that it would be the only house that would not be Shingle Style. It has remained as built, pristine white clapboard. Ethel died in October 1927, and husband Lewis, her executor, valued the home for probate at \$8,000.⁵

Two years after his wife's death, Lewis sold to a couple who would be among the community's favorite people for the next fifteen years. They were Irene and Frank Hale Touret, he the retired Bishop of Idaho.

Irene Farquhar Touret grew up in 'Sconset, niece of the Chittendens, who had the house on the 'Sconset bluff closest to Sankaty Light. "In her teens, she was the most self-forgetful, boyish, brave and lovable of the group."⁶ Although married a long way from Nantucket—in Denver in May 1906—their wedding (and her sister's in Detroit) was reported

in detail by the *Inquirer and Mirror* because "both ladies are well known and popular summer residents of Siasconset."⁷

Frank was a native of Salem, a Harvard graduate (A.M. 1901), and a divinity graduate of Whitman College in 1921. He served as Episcopal minister at churches in Providence, Detroit, and Colorado Springs, where he also served as treasurer of Colorado College. He was elected Bishop of Western Colorado in 1916 and Bishop of Idaho from 1919 through 1924.⁸ During that time, their son William Chapin Touret (in later years known to all except his parents as "Bish") was born.

Upon his retirement, this peripatetic couple moved to Tryon, North Carolina, for winters and 'Sconset for summers, finally buying the Blacks' house in Monomoy in 1929 and naming it Turn of the Road. Despite the Depression being in full bloom, Bishop Touret added four more lots to the property, which extended his domain right down to the Cathcart farmhouse line.



Irene and Frank Touret

The retired bishop was much in demand at St. Paul's Church, and he gave guest sermons from the pulpit there while his son William performed as usher. In 1923 he gave the sermon at the fortieth anniversary service of the 'Sconset Union Chapel⁹ and presided over memorial service for the late President Warren G. Harding at the Congregational Church—"one of the most impressive occasions in the history of Nantucket."¹⁰

The bishop died at home in Monomoy in August 1945; Irene joined him five months later. Squire Frederick A. Russell's widow, Adelaide, relieved the bank of the mortgage and waited for a new buyer.

George Snell of Arlington (later from Falls Church) Virginia, appeared in 1953 and lived at Turn of the Road for five years. One of his four daughters, Georgia, later served on the Board of Selectmen for two terms and was also assistant minister of the Congregational church on Nantucket—a worthy successor to the Bishop of Idaho.

For the next ten years another family named Black—Edward, of Summit, New Jersey—lived in the white house at the turn of the road. In 1967, the Stephen Williams family broke the chain of religious leaders and families named Black and renamed the house Kindertucket. This family had the distinction

of participating in the first intermarriage among Monomoyites when their son Guion married Mollie Frazer, granddaughter of Olivia Lovelace Elphinstone of Shawkemo.

Steve Williams flourished in the seventies and eighties as a photographer. He owned the Photography Place in Philadelphia, notable for its two galleries and for workshops conducted by leading photographers. He engaged Robert Minot to design a wing to the family's new house in Monomoy that included a studio with darkroom and all the trappings needed for his profession.¹¹ The Williamses also built a commodious deck overlooking the variegated wetlands to the east. Steve's wife Marlie contributed to the community by creating the triangle on Monomoy Road in front of their house where it doglegs toward the Harbor. Building it up with railroad ties, Albert Glowacki Sr. established for her a garden that doubles as a safety island for pedestrians.

Since 1993, the current owners, Yvonne and Joel Archer, have continued to maintain the fine old house as it was and to cultivate the island triangle, further beautifying the adjacent roadside garden. Dr. Archer is in retirement from his last position as head of the cardiac unit of St. Vincent's Hospital in New York.