



The Mansion

AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK INTO LUXURY LIVING AT ROUND HILL

The Round Hill estate's rich history extends back 300 years. It's most colorful epoch occurred during the life of the late Colonel Edward Howland Robinson Green. Green, in the early 1920's built the grand mansion on his ancestral land of 277 acres overlooking Buzzard's Bay.

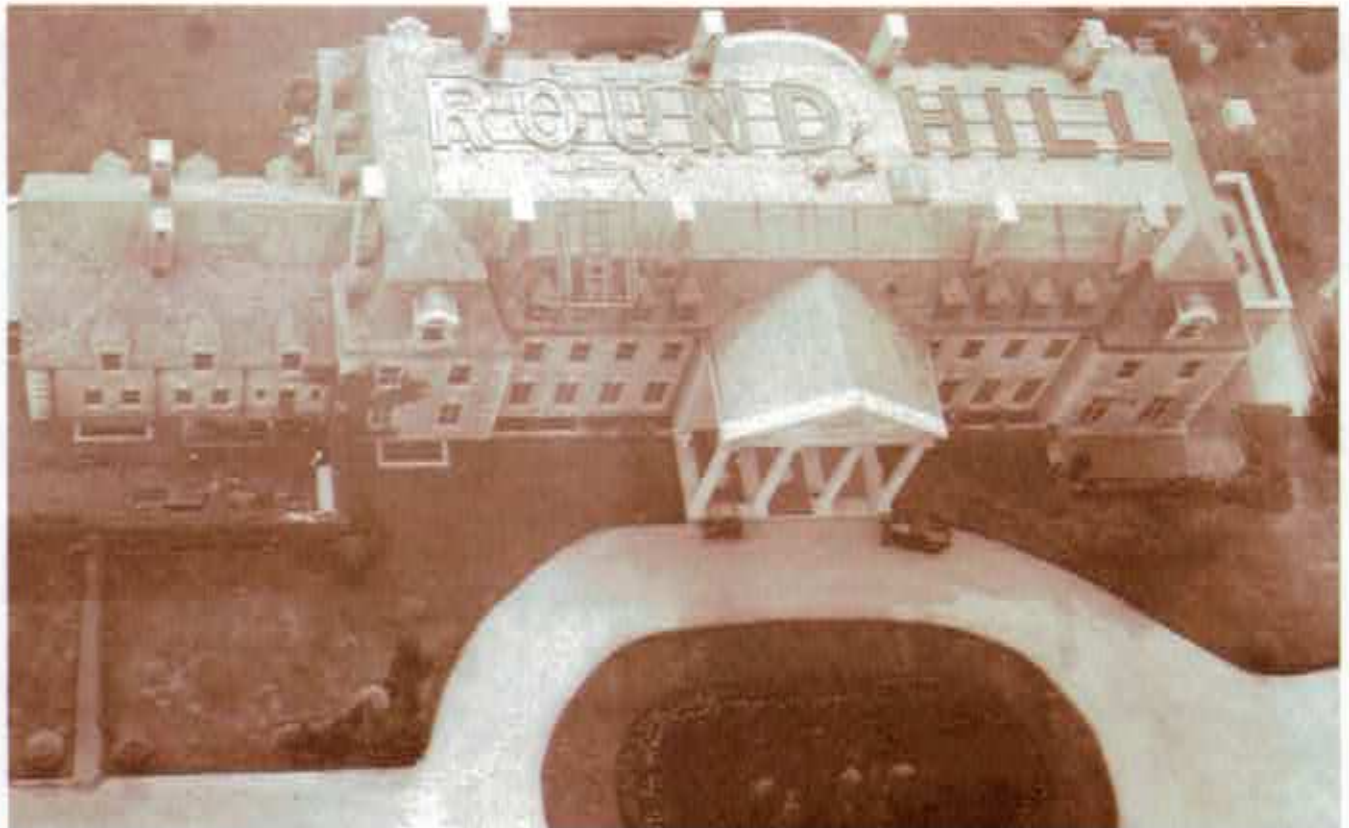
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Amenities

Round Hill is a gated condominium community, composed of a variety of summer and all-season living units ranging from single family homes to 16 condo units in an original, ocean-side mansion, built in 1921 by Colonel Green. Located in South Dartmouth, MA, and situated on the shores of Buzzards Bay

Features:

- 2 Private Beach Access Points
- 9-Hole World-Class Trent Jones Designed Golf Course
- Oceanfront Views
- Olympic-Sized Heated Swimming Pool
- Member Club House
- Seasonal Snack Bar- Farm & Coast at Plum Tree Terrace
- 4 Har-True Tennis Courts
- Playground
- Walking Paths
- Community Events Calendar
- Full-Time Maintenance Staff
- Gated Secure Community
- Additional Storage Accommodations
- Turn-Key Luxury Living



History

Colonel Edward Robinson Howland Green's first American ancestor was Henry Howland, beginning the legacy of one of America's most wealthy and successful families. Throughout the next two hundred years, the Howland family developed the largest whaling company in the U.S. The Colonel's great-grandfather, Captain Isaac Howland Sr., made his fortune on the West Indies trade, and by having the foresight to invest in whaling when that industry was still in its infancy. The Captain settled in New Bedford, a coastal town which was to earn its reputation as the world's whaling capital. Isaac Jr., as ambitious as his father, continued to develop the family whaling business. He subsequently founded the whaling firm of Isaac Howland Jr. & Company, which was to become the largest and most successful such company in the United States.

The fortune amassed by Isaac Howland Jr. passed, upon his death in part, to Edward Mott Robinson, a Philadelphian who married Howland's granddaughter, Abby, and who, because of this marriage, had become a partner in the family whaling business. On November 21, 1834, Edward Mott Robinson and Abby became parents to Hetty Howland Robinson, the Colonel's mother. In 1865, the Colonel's grandfather, Edward Mott Robinson, died, leaving Hetty, six million dollars. Unlike most of her female contemporaries, Hetty had learned all the necessary skills needed to run the family business while accompanying her father on his daily business rounds. She was an eccentric woman. While sometimes referred to as the "richest woman in the world," her clothes were shabby by any standards and her living arrangements seedy for someone of her social stature. Her parsimonious behavior earned her the unenviable nickname, in some quarters, the "Witch of Wall Street." In 1868, Hetty and her husband, Vermont millionaire, Edward Green, had their first child, Edward Howland Robinson Green. For the rest of her life, Hetty exerted a paralyzing influence over Edward and his sister Hetty Sylvia. Hetty died in 1916 and left between \$100 and \$200 million to Edward and his sister, Sylvia. Edward's nature was the opposite of his mother. Where she was conservative and frugal, Edward's lifestyle was opulent and his spending habits extravagant. In July of 1917, one year after his mother's death, Edward married his lover of more than two decades, Mabel Harlow. He then embarked upon his most extravagant project, the Round Hill Mansion.

The Mansion, an imposing granite structure designed by New York architect Alfred C. Bossom, was completed in 1921 at a cost of \$1.5 million dollars. In that first year, many smaller buildings were put up to house the help that had been hired to plant thousands of apple trees, plum trees, cherry trees, quince trees, and acres of vegetables. The Colonel also purchased and repaired the sole remaining American whaling ship, the 'Charles W. Morgan', which once had been owned by his ancestors. At the time, 1924, the ship was owned by Dartmouth artist, Harry A. Neyland, and was in a state of disrepair at a wharf in Fairhaven. After an unsuccessful bid at giving it to the city of New Bedford, if the city would agree to keep up the ship's maintenance, Neyland agreed to accept an offer from Colonel Green regarding the old whaling vessel. Green would pay all expenses for renovating and refitting the ship, and for its keep, if it were moved to Round Hill. He then completed the whaling era scenario by setting up a replica of a counting house, a whale oil refinery and a cooper shop at Round Hill. He moored the Morgan at Round Hill in a cofferdam off the south beach area. The exhibit was called 'Whaling Enshrined', and attracted about 100,000 visitors each year until the Colonel's death on June 8th, 1936. The 'Charles W. Morgan' was moved in 1941 to Mystic Seaport in Connecticut where it is still berthed.



For additional historical information:

"Colonel Edward Robinson Howland Green and the World He Created at Round Hill" by Barbara Fortin Bedell.

"Hetty, The Genius and Madness of America's First Female Tycoon" by Charles Slack

"The Greens as I Knew Them" by John M. Bullard

"The Witch of Wall Street" by Sparkes, Boyden and Moore