



Corbin-Norton House
Martha's Vineyard, MA USA
2004

Hirschmann Windows and Doors

54 Single-Hung and 2 pocketing Double-Hung windows, 8 Exterior doors with beveled glass and removable storm panels, 42 interior doors, 10,000 bdft of hand selected Cypress and 12,000 bdft of Quarter-Sawn White Oak used for the natural finished millwork

Architect

Design Associates, Inc.
Chris Dallmus, AIA 1994 restoration
Darin Mardock, AIA 2004 reconstruction

Contractor

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Centerpiece of a Victorian seashore park on Martha's Vineyard, the Corbin-Norton mansion evokes a bygone era. Built by Philip Corbin, a turn-of-the-century hardware entrepreneur, the home was both summer retreat and showcase for his firm's most richly decorated and innovative hardware. In 2001, just years after an historic restoration, the home was destroyed by fire. Wishing to reconstruct the home in every detail, the owner tasked the architectural firm Design Associates with assembling a new team and taking on a complete historic reconstruction for a second time.

All Hirschmann windows and doors were scrutinized for historical accurateness, yet also needed to integrate modern conveniences and approaches such as self-cleaning glass, and stainless steel cable reinforced cotton sash cord, wherever possible. Precise shop drawings and top-drawer craftsmanship were critical to engineer and fabricate some of the more complex parts of the house such as pocketing Double-Hung windows that provide balcony access from an upstairs bedroom and a Combination Pocket-Swing Double Door that brings Philip Corbin's ingenuity back to life.