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Time and Place Homes' new Nantucket property is perfect for bringing families together

THOMAS MAYHEW—who in 1642 established the first settlement on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts—held for a time the rights to the island of Nantucket, which he sold to a group of nine men for the price of £30 and two beaver-pelt hats. “One for myself,” it states in the deed dated July 2, 1659, “and one for my wife.”

Although Nantucket has matured beyond its early days as a whaling port, the low-key town still maintains a tranquil atmosphere, often appealing to Northeasterners who

wish to avoid the chaos of the Hamptons. “It’s unlike any place I’ve been,” says Mitch Willey, founder and president of Time and Place Homes, a Washington, D.C.–based villa rental company with residences in such diverse locations as Paris; Palm Springs, California; and Beaver Creek, Colorado. With its cobblestone streets and absence of stoplights, the 50-square-mile island has a historic feel, says 58-year-old Willey, who has been vacationing in Nantucket with his family for 17 years.

