

Eckbo, Dean, Austin & Williams

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Dear Mr. Shinkman,

That you so much for your letter--it is always good to hear that someone is living in one of "my" houses who feels about them as I did. I built about 30, but am attached to only 5--and yours is one of the five. If I had known it was on the market I would probably have bought it--and continued to live in California.

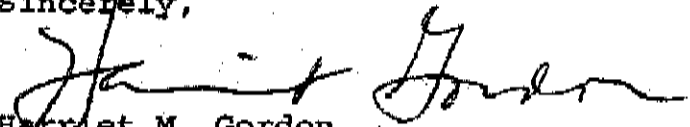
Unfortunately, I have forgotten where the beams and the flooring came from. The floors are the most beautiful in any of the houses--the beams were initially stained too dark, but I hope they have faded. If I remember right I think the floors (which are old pine, of course) came from a boys school somewhere in North Carolina--I had a clipping at one time about it--couple of hundred years old. The beams probably came from an old tobacco warehouse in Winston Salem. The brick is also used brick--don't know now where it came from. The wood on the outside and inside walls is cypress--new, from Scotland Neck, North Carolina. I love it.

I went through a grief period of sorts after I moved out here--it is so beautiful, but the houses are junk and the prices out of sight. Your house here would cost at least \$250,000 where I live.

I will probably be in North Carolina sometime before the year is out and would love to come by for coffee, wine or Scotch for an hour and maybe I can come up with something more illuminating.

Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,


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