A Classic American Estate on Cape Cod

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Location: Orleans, MA  Price: $25,000,000

A California couple purchased property in Orleans, Mass., and filled it with Americana memorabilia. The home is on the market for $25 million. —Sarah Mulholland

Raina and James Ring purchased property in Orleans, Mass., to spend summers with family and friends on Cape Cod.

The Rings are from California. They found the home during a family trip to show the children the Colonial Northeast, according to Mrs. Ring. ‘After we bought this property, we began to develop a whole second life in Massachusetts,’ she said.

The family spent summers at the home for 20 years, according to Mrs. Ring. ‘It was the quintessential Americana summer – the kids sailed and picked fruit,’ Mrs. Ring said. The house is filled with antiques and an extensive collection of Americana memorabilia.

The Rings purchased the property for $875,000 in 1997. Parts of the original home were from the 18th century, according to Mrs. Ring. The couple tore down the old house and built the current house several years after buying the roughly 10-acre property.

‘We wanted to make it … in keeping with the town, which was your typical New England town, with a lot of lovely white and pale blue cottages with candles in the windows,’ said Mrs. Ring.

The property houses a range of memorabilia spanning U.S. history, such as tickets to the first World Series, American flags from different eras, opera glasses and phonographs, according to Mrs. Ring. ‘You’re walking into a time capsule,’ she said.

The property is on the market for $25 million. The price includes the home’s furnishing and Americana collection. Ricardo Rodriguez with Coldwell Banker has the listing.

The Rings had guests throughout the summer, according to Mrs. Ring. ‘We have a guest book we kept for the house,’ said Mrs. Ring. ‘We had so much entertaining going on that one of my smallest (children) would play concierge.’

The 12,000-square-foot home has eight bedrooms, nine bathrooms and two half-bathrooms.

The home features a bowling alley. The Rings added several indoor amenities including a movie theater, a gym and a sauna. The home has a wine cellar.

The outdoor amenities include a pool, stables, tennis courts, orchards and extensive gardens. Mr. Ring, a real-estate developer, died in 2018. ‘I need to keep those memories intact,’ said Mrs. Ring. ‘I want to leave it a happy, happy place.’