

Ed and Kate Styron House

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Ed and Kate Styron first settled on Sheep Island, southwest of Portsmouth. The September 1933 hurricane destroyed their original home, and they built this house with the help of Cecil Gilgo and Washington Roberts. Ed and Kate eventually moved to Harkers Island.

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Looks good on the outside, and from a distance.

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But then you start to notice a few things that don't look quite right.

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This handy hole in the door provides a glimpse of the house's interior condition.



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Yikes.

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Overall:

- The foundation posts look good. Treated wood = no signs of termite damage. Of course, there is that significant slant in the foundation.
- The chimney is missing a few bricks here and there.
- Minor rot around the window frames. They could use a bit more sealant.
- Wooden roof shingles are intact with lichen growth.
- Some termite damage on siding.
- Hole bored into the wooden siding.
- One of the doors is busted.
- On the inside of the house the wooden floor boards and ceiling are rotting. Seriously rotting.