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37 Holway Street • The Heman Smith House
Owners: John and Kate Simmons

The Heman Smith House was built about 1850 on the right side of what is now Watch Hill Way. Heman Smith, a Chatham native, was a mariner who lived in the house until his death in 1872. William and Lodisha Hitchings then bought the house for \$600, and after their deaths, it passed to their son, William F. Hitchings. Chatham-born millionaire and benefactor Marcellus Eldredge purchased the house in 1891 and moved it to the present location on Holway Street, where William F. Hitchings continued to live.

37 Holway Street is a one and a half story Greek Revival style house with a large rear ell. The original structure was lifted and a new foundation faced with brick was built. A rear shed-like addition, which had served as a mudroom/laundry area, was removed. An addition to the west side of the house contains a new stairwell and a beautiful new kitchen. That addition and a new structure added to the rear provide the family with needed additional living space. The renovations match the original home in style, and care was taken in the replacement of the roof to retain the original pitch. Although the windows and doors are all new, they match the originals. The designers and the contractor went to great lengths to replicate the original style while fully modernizing the house.

Designers: Bernadette Macleod and Stephanie Sequin, Ryder and Wilcox, Orleans, MA
Contractor: Vath and Higgins Builders LLC, South Chatham, MA



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124 Old Harbor Road • The Harrington House
Owners: Steven and Susan West

Built in approximately 1880 at the corner of Old Harbor Road and Highland Avenue, the Harrington house is in the Victorian style and was the residence of Edward and Gladys Harrington. Ed was a prominent Chatham Selectman. The current owner, Steven West, purchased the home from his grandmother in 2005. Steven and Susan West decided to modernize the house while retaining the Victorian lines.

The original two-story house featured tall gables and a porch which wrapped around a quarter of the house. The first renovation, designed to be in keeping with the original house, was an addition to the rear to provide additional living space for the Wests. The second step was to build a small protruding addition and to faithfully replace the original porch, which needed restoration. The resulting house is a lovely Victorian building with renovations that blend perfectly with the original 1880 building.

Contractor: Timothy R. Smith, Minglewood Homes, 1281 Main Street, Chatham
Designer: Mark Williams, M. W. Designs, 1281 Main Street, Chatham
Framing: Victor Tuleika, Tuleila Company, 125 Berkshire Trail, West Barnstable
Painting: DP Painting, PO Box 2911, Hyannis



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168 Stage Harbor Road • The Mary Atwood/John Emery House
Owner: Mary Anselmo

This house most likely was built in 1844, the year that Mary Atwood and John Emery were married, but it could have been built before that date. Mary Atwood was a sister of Levi Atwood, whose store and house were adjacent to the south.

A new foundation for 168 Stage Harbor Road was built and radiant heat was installed. The new basement has a kitchenette and a full bath that services the new outdoor pool and spa in the rear. The basement also features a theater, a small office, and an exercise room. The second floor was extensively renovated to provide two bedrooms and a second office. The master bedroom features an open balcony overlooking the pond. The master bath with steam room was added. New mahogany doors were installed as were new floor joists.

The first floor kitchen was totally renovated. The entire house has reclaimed chestnut flooring. The contractor used Alaskan yellow cedar for both the roof and the siding.

Contractor: J.M. Coleman, Inc.
Architect: Lyle Webster
Interior Design: Anne Mullins Interiors