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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