

2015 Chatham Preservation Awards



42 Sunset Lane · The Jesse and Mercy Gill House Owner: Priscilla Painton and Andrew Heyward



Jown of Chatham Historic Business District Commission

he Jesse and Mercy Gill House was built about ▲ 1804 and was originally a 3/4 Cape. Later a barn and a connecting section were added. Interestingly, the home has been owned by two past Presidents of the Chatham Historical Society, Sally Erath and Ned Meany. The first step in the renovation was lifting the house and installing a new foundation with a full cellar. During the renovation, the builder found a woman's shoe believed to date from the late 1800's

This historic home was restored using many of the original materials. A dormer was added to allow for headroom on the second floor. New 6 over 6 windows were installed in keeping with the original windows. The siding was replaced with new white cedar shingles and a new coat of paint. The original flooring was preserved as well as the original staircase. The bathrooms were outfitted with antique fixtures including a claw-foot bathtub found in another Chatham home. The resulting house maintains the historic nature and charm while providing a very attractive living space.

Architect: MW Design Contractor: Minglewood Homes, Inc., Chatham Landscaping: Jeff Patterson Landscaping, West Chatham

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