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334 Main Street • Daniel Harding House
Owners: Jeffrey & Jennifer Hart

The Daniel Harding House was apparently built around 1830 and appears on the 1858 and 1880 maps of Chatham as belonging to Daniel Harding. The 1907 map records the owner as Mrs. C.H. Rockwell. According to a previous owner, the house was once used as a boarding house for sailors and fishermen. It is in the Greek Revival style with a three bay gable, reflecting the popular architectural style when the house was constructed in 1830. When the Harts bought it, their goal was to winterize the house and make it more comfortable to live in full time. They raised the house and poured a full 10 foot foundation under it. All of the sills needed replacing and the home needed to be supported. They also added a two-story wing on the back of the house to create a family room and a master bedroom. They installed a new, more efficient heating system, air-conditioning, new plumbing and wiring to meet current building codes. They removed the white vinyl siding and shingled the entire house, in keeping with an earlier photograph of the building. Windows that were replaced were specially ordered to match the original windows. A new staircase was added in the new wing to meet code, but they kept the old front stairs. They are still working on the interior. They are retaining the old light fixtures and, much to



the distress of their 3 daughters, the upstairs bath is original. The house has wide pine floors which are in good shape. The home reflects the Harts' determination to restore the building, while adapting it for modern use.

Contractor: B & B Houselfifting, Harwich, MA