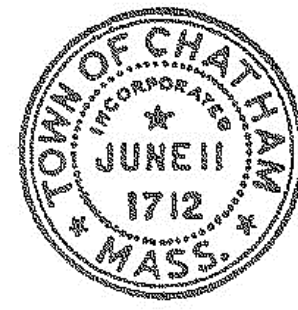




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The Wisteria Cottage was originally a carriage house on the property of Levi Atwood, who operated a thriving general store in this location. In 1873 he became Town Clerk of Chatham, and in 1875 he was the founder and Editor of the Chatham Monitor. When in 1899, Levi's son, L. Sydney Atwood, moved the store from Stage Harbor Road to Main Street, he built the carriage house on land which had held the store. It served as a tearoom in the early 1900's and later as a rental property. Elizabeth Reynard wrote "The Narrow Land" while residing at the Wisteria Cottage.

Because the foundation was in bad repair, it was replaced. The left wing was removed and replaced with a 2 story addition, and a second story was added to the main section. In the rear, a three-season room was added. Reclaimed chestnut beams were used to give a post and beam effect on the first floor, and new oak floors were installed. Red cedar shingles for the roof and white cedar siding completed the renovation.

182 Stage Harbor Road · The Wisteria Cottage
Owner: Mary Anselmo

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