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Preservation at Home...or...Taking Your Work Home

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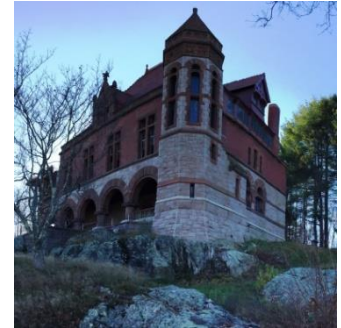
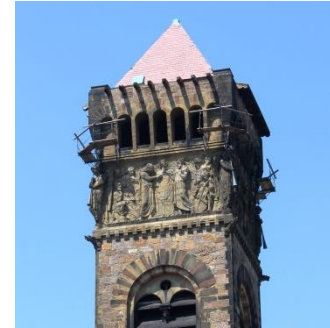
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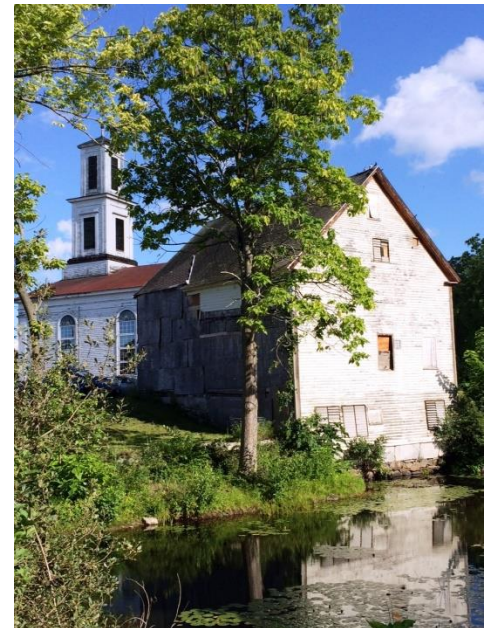
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Consulting: 2013-Present



Eastern Mass Circuit Rider for PM: 2015-Present



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Community Service:

- * Boston Landmarks Commission, Commissioner
- * Dorchester Historical Society, Board & Vice President
- * Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, Vestry & Bldg. Committee
- * Greater Ashmont Main Streets, Board
- * Keeper of the Peabody Square Clock

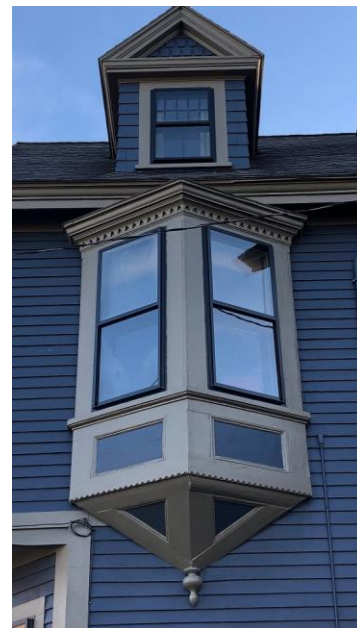


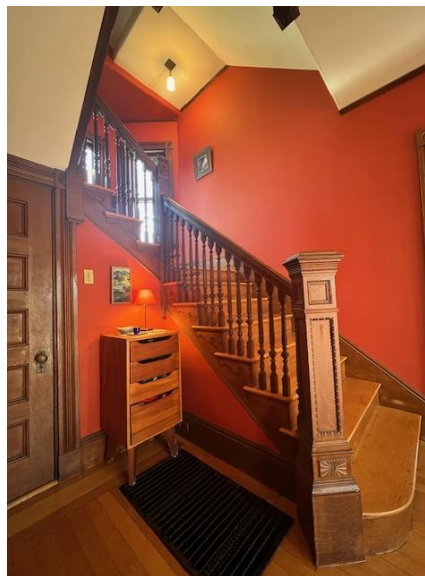
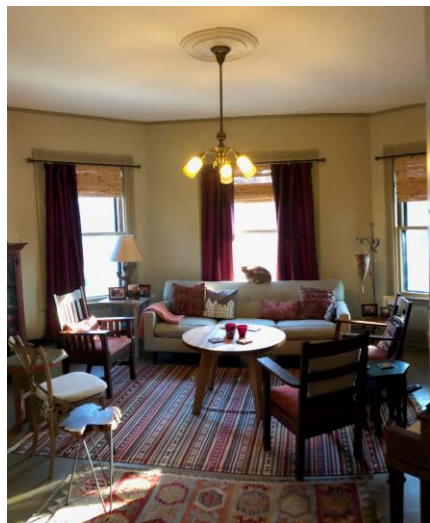
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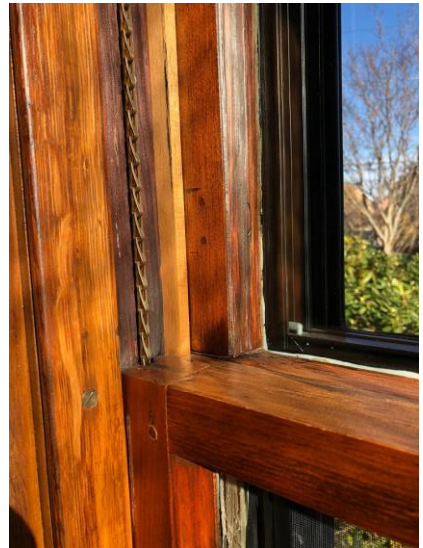
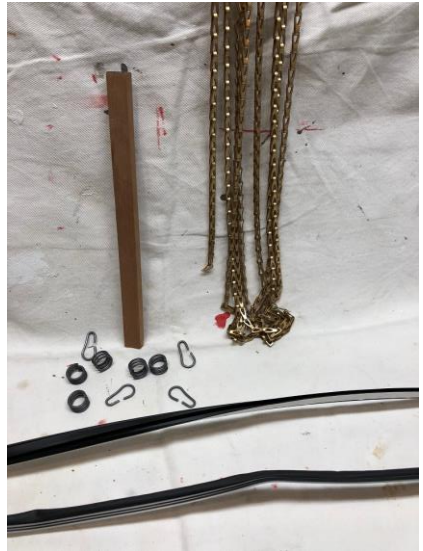
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1894 House Overview:

- * Built in 1894 with updates in 1909; architect unknown
- * In Dorchester's Ashmont Hill neighborhood—a pending Boston Landmark District since 1978!
- * 3,325sf house on a 5,000sf lot = early infill development
- * Very well preserved, but tired when purchased in 2006
- * Highlighted projects: total rewiring; restoration of 47 windows; exterior carpentry & porches; kitchens & baths





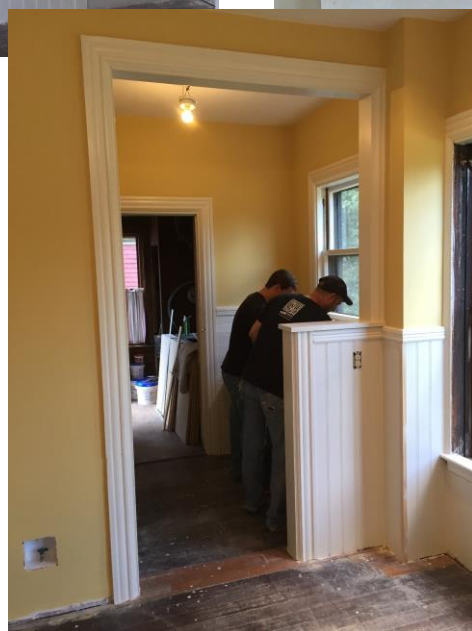
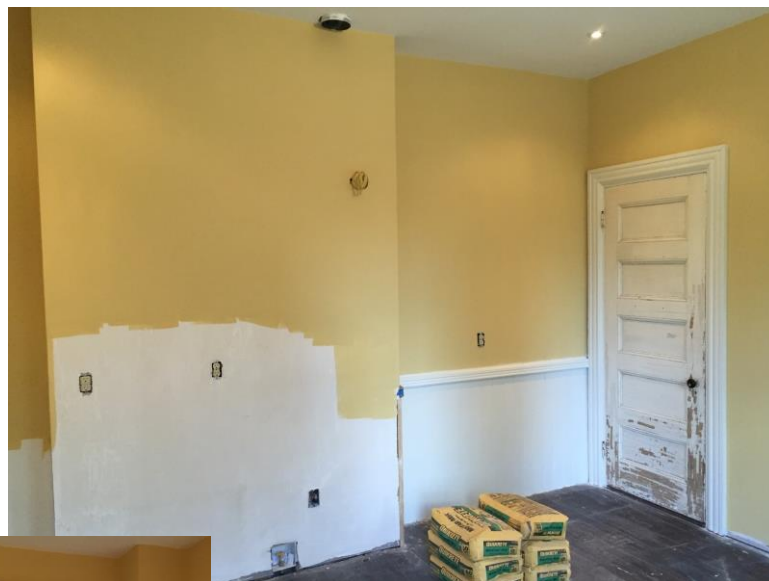












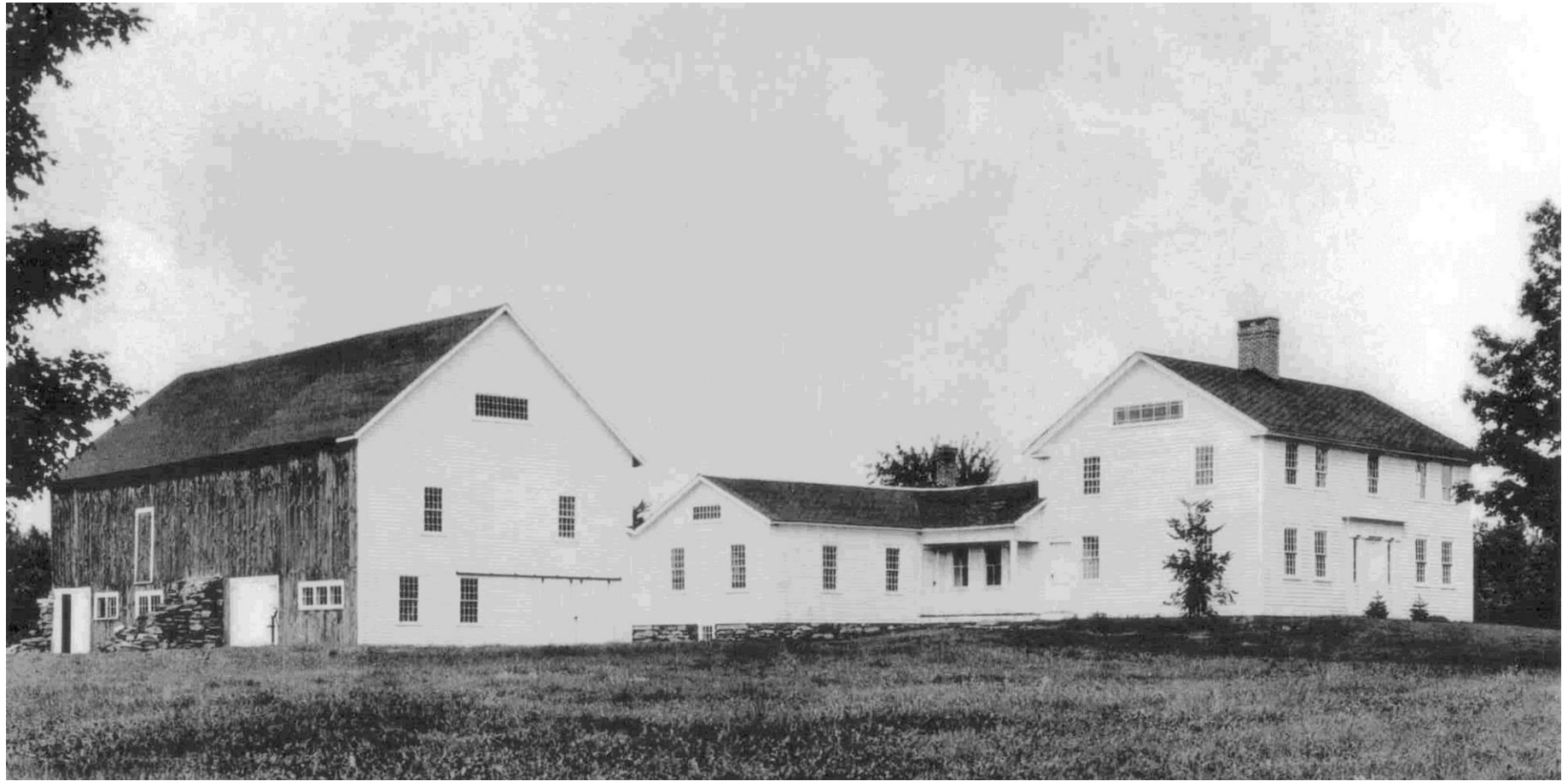




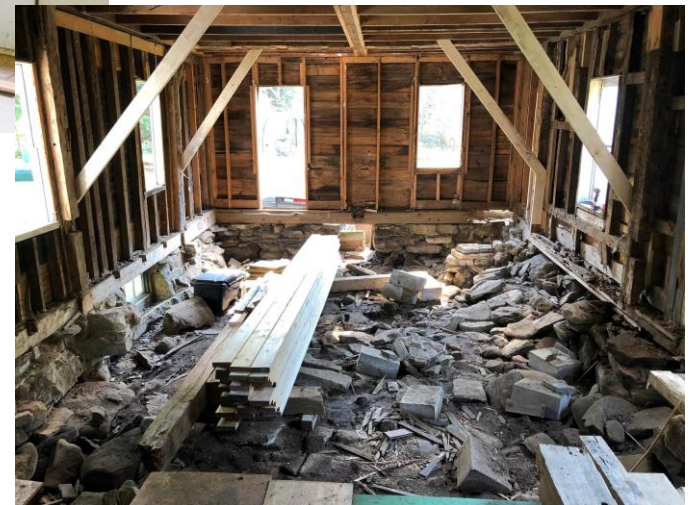
c.1785 House Overview:

- * Built c.1785 in Federal style with later Greek Revival updates
- * In Sandisfield, southeasternmost town in Berkshire County
- * 2,600sf house on a 26.5 acre parcel (orig. 75acres+)
- * Very well preserved, but many condition issues when purchased in 2018.
- * Highlighted projects: re-roofing & chimney rebuilding; rebuilding of kitchen ell & "tavern" wing; interior features.













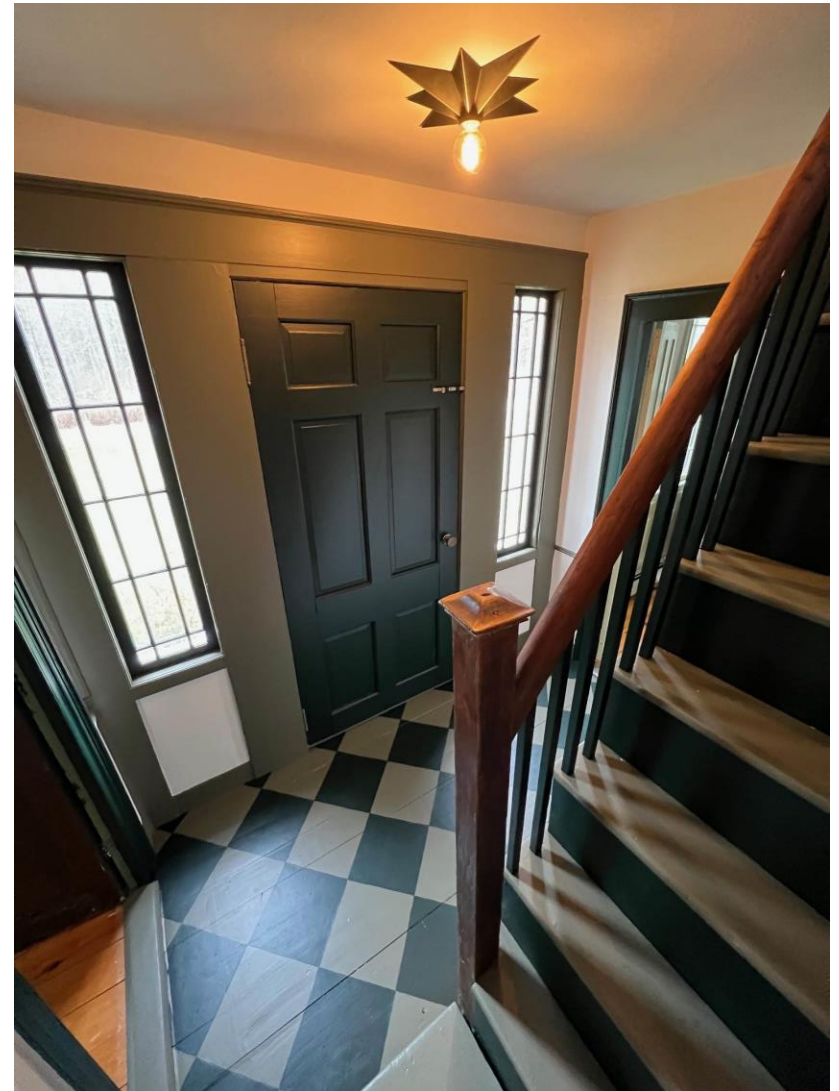


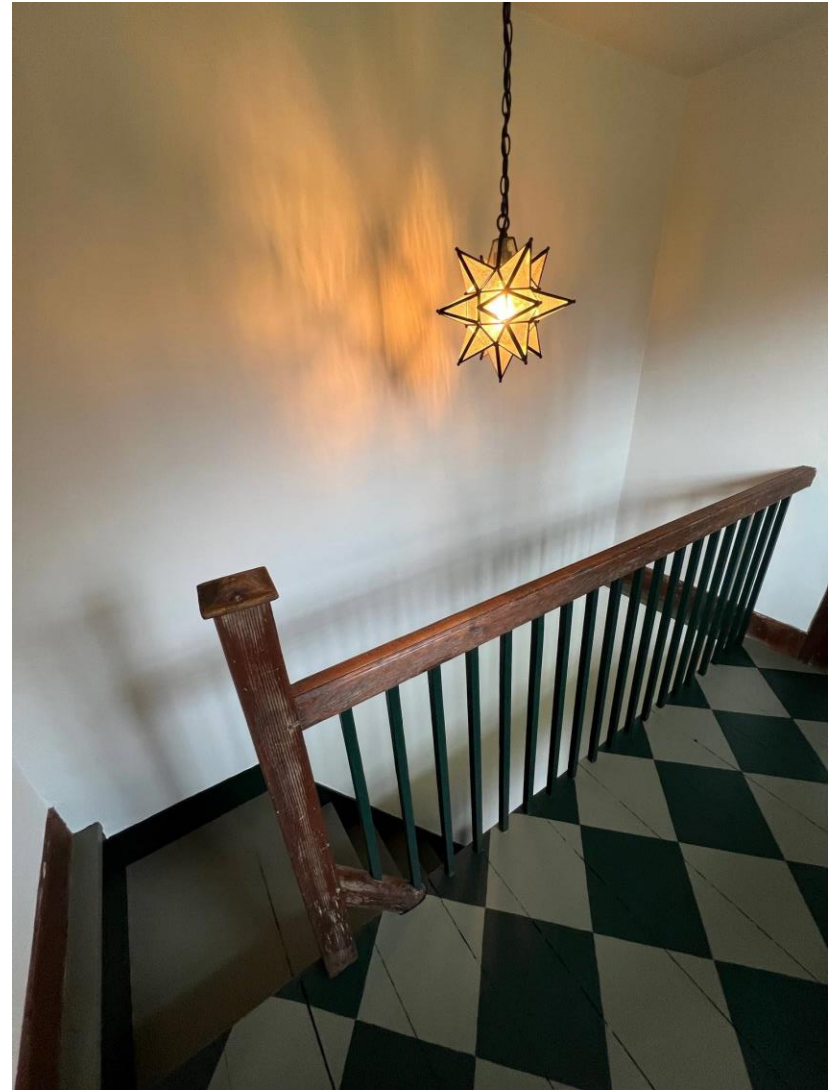












1953 House Overview:

- * Main camp built by Grandpa Tigh in 1953; 1960s bunkhouse
- * On Lake Tashmoo, outside of Vineyard Haven, MV
- * 400sf+/- camp on under 2 acres
- * Value of the "architecture" is sentimental; value of view & family connections is priceless
- * Highlighted projects: decluttering; basic repairs; new septic system; family dynamics & the survival of modest MV camps.













MV challenges...



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- * Live with a place for awhile before you change it...if you can...
- * You might need an architect or design profession to help articulate your vision and needs.
- * If you are handy, know what you can do yourself, and when to hire a professional.
- * Make sure you find a contractor who is the right fit for you and for what the building/project needs.

Wrap Up & Take-aways

- * Think for the long-term, whenever possible...do things well, and do them right--and hopefully only once! (Sometimes this means spending more \$ up-front than you might want to...)
- * Don't take advice only from Home Depot...use preservation-friendly resources whenever possible for advice, guidance, and sourcing products.
- * Make sure you understand the historic status of your building and what requirements you might need to follow.
- * Take advantage of resources (advice and perhaps financial) of your local gov't and historical commission.

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