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# 2018 Chatham Preservation Awards



149 Cross Street - The Dawes Residence  
Owner: Peter & Nicole Dawes

The Greek revival house at 149 Cross Street was built in 1837 by Enoch H. Howes and his wife Patia. Enoch was a Sea Captain and Patia was the daughter of Captain Joseph Atwood. Enoch and Patia lived in the house until 1861 when Enoch died at sea. Patia stayed on at the house until 1888 with her daughter and son-in-law and their two children. Upon Patia's death, the house passed to her daughter and the old house stayed in the family until 1964. Peter and Nicole Dawes purchased the house in 2003. In 2016, they hired Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects Builders to renovate the house.

The Dawes wanted to preserve the historic character of the house inside and out, but wanted a more open and modern interior plan. The house was lifted and placed on a new brick-clad foundation. The existing windows were stripped, repaired, and reinstalled. Doors, trim and floors were repaired and refinished in the original home. The front entrance has been enhanced and a new circular driveway was built. Although the new addition in the rear matches the style of the original house, it is easily distinguished from the historic section. New extensive landscaping has added greatly to the appearance of the house. The result is a strikingly beautiful house that continues its Greek revival tradition and also provides a most attractive and comfortable home for the Dawes.

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