

The Brambles - 1899



OYT SEP. 14, 1899 Work has begun on the foundation of George L. Cheney's cottage on Eastern Point. The plans drawn by E.B. Blaisdell were accepted, and the contract of building awarded to E.B. and S.T. Blaisdell. The cottage will be the largest that has yet been constructed at York Harbor. Its ground area will occupy a site fifty-two by one hundred feet. The house will contain fourteen sleeping rooms and all modern conveniences. The style of architecture will be plainly simple but very substantial with gambre (sic) roof. The estimated cost of the cottage is \$10,000, and it will be completed this Fall.



Cheney Cottage

"THE LARGEST PRIVATE HOUSE AT YORK HARBOR. The above is a cut of the George L. Cheney house now being erected on the Norwood Farm, York Harbor. The design though simple in its detail is a good example of sea-shore cottage architecture. The interior will be finely finished throughout and when completed will be the largest private house at York Harbor. E.B. Blaisdell is the architect." (From the September 14, 1899 edition of the Old York Transcript)



Second Life

After WWII the Brambles fell into disrepair and the cottage began its second life in a smaller footprint. The large, front (ocean side) of the cottage was removed leaving the back (street-side) servant section. This section then became a stand-alone smaller cottage. Below are two views of when the front was being disassembled.



The photo to the left shows the street side of the Brambles as a stand-alone cottage (1990's)