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East Quogue Colonial is rich in history, love

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Now on the market for \$689,000, the home was originally built about 1890 along Weesuck Creek, says listing agent Patrick Galway of Town & Country Real Estate. The blacksmith's shop was transformed into a formal dining room in a 1979 renovation, says current owner John Gallagher.

"The first time I saw the house, where the formal dining room was, that was a dirt floor," he says. "They would bring in the carriages and work on them."

Gallagher, who owns a wine shop and antique store in Waitsfield, Vermont, sold the home in 1982 as a broker to a Wall Street professional -- the woman who would become his wife.

"I kept the commission and I moved in. How good is that?" he says, adding that he and his wife, Joan, have been married 28 years.

The 2,180-square-foot house has come a long way from the days when it came with an anvil, Gallagher says. In 1942, he says, it was "dragged down to the blueberry fields" and onto a bit more than a half-acre by the bay on Walker Avenue.

Today, the four-bedroom, three-bath Colonial has a pool and retains original details such as wide-plank floors, the living room's fireplace and exposed beams in the dining room. The family room, added in the mid-1990s, is surrounded by glass windows, and waterfront recreation is nearby.

"You can walk to the bay, walk to the town dock where people go fishing and put your boat in the water," Gallagher says. "It's perfect -- and it's so quiet down here."