

SAMUEL NOYES LITTLE HOUSE

The Wason home on Maple Avenue was built in 1837 by Samuel Noyes Little, a sixth generation descendent of George Little of London, who sailed on the ship *Bevis* from South Hampton, England in May of 1638 and settled in Newbury, Mass. In 1862, Mr. Little's daughter, Marinda, married Washington B. Wason, who became the first of five generations of Wasons to live in the house.

The original building was the one and a half-story Cape Cod portion which faces the street. It featured a central chimney constructed on a brick arch with four fireplaces and a Dutch - or beehive - oven. The barn, which until recent years was the largest in Atkinson, was erected around 1850. Following completion of the barn, the ell connecting it with the house was built.

Modernization of the house was commenced in the fall of 1947 when central heat and running water were installed for the first time. Austin and Shirley Wason moved into the homestead in March of 1948, and their five sons were brought up here. In 1961, a portion of the barn was razed and replaced by the present family room of A-frame architectural style. The balance of the barn was remodeled to include a four-car garage.