

Addendum to  
House of the Seven Gables  
(John Turner House)  
54 Turner Street  
Salem  
Essex County  
Massachusetts

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Essex	TOWN OR VICINITY Salem
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) House of the Seven Gables		HABS NO. MA-629
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE John Turner House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 54 Turner Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1668	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John Turner	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The house was lived in by three generations of Turners and three generations of Ingersolls, all of them sea captains. It was during Susan Ingersoll's time that Nathaniel Hawthorne visited the house and was inspired to write, <u>The House of the Seven Gables</u> .		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame with clapboarding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two and one-half story with overhang.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) "Secret staircase" within chimney from second floor to garret.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Restored in 1910. Remodeled by Turner in 1678, 1692, and 1720.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent condition. Used as a museum under the House of Seven Gables Association.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listing as a National Historic Landmark.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION HABS Architectural Historian	DATE July 6, 1983	

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