DISCOVER A HISTORICAL TREASURE

In 1668, merchant and ship-owner John Turner built a house on Salem Harbor that was destined to become one of America’s most beloved historic homes. Designated a National Historic Landmark District in 2007, The House of the Seven Gables is best known today as the setting of world-renowned American author Nathaniel Hawthorne’s 1851 novel.

In 1910, Salem philanthropist Caroline Emmerton restored the house and opened it to the public as a museum, using proceeds from ticket sales specifically to fund settlement work that benefited immigrant families. Over a century later, The House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association is dedicated to continuing Emmerton's vision.

The Mission of The Gables is to be a welcoming, thriving, historic site and community resource that engages people of all backgrounds in our inclusive American story.

Site Details:
- There are seven historic structures, ranging in age from 1655 to c.1830. Of the seven buildings, five are opened to the public for tours, public programming, exhibit space, rentals and more.
- The museum campus includes the Seaman’s Visitor Center and a unique Museum Store. The three-season Colonial Revival Gardens have been maintained since 1924.

BOILERPLATE:

The House of the Seven Gables in Salem, MA is a National Historic Landmark District comprised of seven historic structures and colonial revival gardens. The Turner-Ingersoll Mansion (1668) is forever immortalized as the setting for world-renowned American author Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1851 novel, The House of the Seven Gables.

Professional staff welcome over 100,000 visitors annually for a remarkable journey that explores Salem’s robust maritime history, the site’s architectural gems, and the literary legacy of Nathaniel Hawthorne. Adding to the site’s charm are a secret staircase, spectacular three-season gardens, the Nathaniel Hawthorne Birthplace, and our unique Museum Store, located in the c. 1655 Retire Beckett House.

The House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association is a non-profit organization, founded by Caroline Emmerton in 1910. Over a century later, The Association is dedicated to continuing Emmerton's preservation, community enrichment, and educational efforts.

VISITORS SERVED PRIOR TO 2020:
- Engaged over 109,000 year-round visitors from all 50 states and over 50 countries.
- Provided educational programs for over 6,000 school children.
- Offered 75 public programs including Community Conversations, Seven Lectures at Seven Gables, Taste of The Gables, and October Theatrical Performances.
- Visiting information, admission fees, and seasonal hours of operation can be found at 7gables.org/planyourvisit.

For more information, please visit www.7gables.org or contact jarrison@7gables.org or call 978-306-7003.

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INTERPRETIVE EMPHASIS:
The legacy of maritime wealth coupled with Nathaniel Hawthorne’s fame allows for The House of the Seven Gables to provide vital settlement services to Salem’s immigrant community.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS:
Public programming at The House of the Seven Gables is planned by the staff with a goal to engage our diverse audiences with our National Historic Landmark District in unique ways. Programs include:

- lectures
- special exhibits
- theatrical performances
- community days
- hands-on history family programs
- specialty tours
- partnerships with local arts and cultural organizations.

In 2020, online programming included:

- Enterprising Women Lectures & Events
- Virtual Field Trips
- New Immigrants & Refugee Visions Series
- Live social media events
- A Twist on The Taste
- Virtual Tour Package

EDUCATION PROGRAMS:
The House of the Seven Gables offers structured educational programs to students ranging from grades K-8.

- These programs provide students with educational and engaging activities that focus on early New England history, home life, and maritime trade.
- Our programs meet Massachusetts Curriculum Framework in History and Social Studies and Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History and Social Studies.

SETTLEMENT PROGRAMMING:
The unbounded vision of our founder, Caroline Emmerton, carries a remarkable, generative force: it continually inspires us to dig deep into community, reach out to partners, and magnify good.

- More than 300 people participated in our Community Conversations; stimulating and thoughtful forums on immigration and immigration reform.
- In 2022, our Caribbean Connections summer program will return. This five-week summer enrichment program that aims to help Salem students and their families discover untold stories and hidden connections between Salem and the Caribbean.
- We are actively planning for a return of our Adult ESL and Citizenship preparation classes.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Images of America: The House of the Seven Gables (Arcadia) (2017)
- A Gracious Host: Visiting The House of the Seven Gables through the Years (2015)

EXHIBITIONS:

- Pop! Goes The Gables (2019)
- These Walls DO Talk (2018)
- Life and Labor over Four Centuries at The House of the Seven Gables (2017)

RECENT PARTNERSHIPS:
American Bus Association
American Writers Museum
Community Supported Film
COSTEP
Creative Collective
Destination Salem
Endicott College
Essex National Heritage Area
Haunted Happenings
Hawthorne Hotel
Historic New England
Historic Salem, Inc.
The Immigrant Learning Center
Latino Leadership Coalition
Massachusetts Cultural Council
National Park Service
New England Museum Association
North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau
North Shore CDC
North Shore Elder Services
Salem Academy Charter School
Salem Chamber of Commerce
Salem Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
Salem Food Tours
Salem Historical Society
Salem Main Streets
Rotary Club of Salem
Salem State University
Salem Trolley
Salem Women’s History Day
Tufts University
Ye Olde Pepper Candie Companie
Wild Sea Wellness
Witch City Writers
Witch House

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:
19 full-time staff
21 year-round, part-time staff
Over 50 seasonal staff
Over 100 volunteers and interns

The House of the Seven Gables Settlement is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are supported by membership, donations, visitation and store income. We do not receive federal funds to support our education and preservation efforts.