

TURNER STREET - EAST SIDE (continued)

of the house.

#43 Turner Street

RATING: ONE. PERIOD: PRE-FEDERAL.

This small house has always been much admired by passers-by because of its unpainted weatherbeaten clapboards and large square central chimney. The house has two stories plus a pitch roof and faces Turner Street. The three-bay facade is not quite symmetrical and has a simple pilastered central entrance which is also weathered. Behind the house there is a small one-story lean-to addition, which extends beyond one end of the building and is visible from the street. The management of the House of the Seven Gables recently acquired this small structure which was built by Penn Townsend, a cooper, in 1771. A weathered picket fence in front of the house completes the picture.

#45 Turner Street

RATING: ONE. PERIOD: PRE-FEDERAL.

This large rectangular three-story plus hip roof house has a five-bay facade with a central entrance trimmed with a reproduction pediment and pilasters. The house is still covered with clapboards and has its two old, large square chimneys. The size of the chimneys and projecting cornice above the third-story windows suggest that this may well have been the house which Bentley mentions as having belonged to Captain Collins by 1792. It is thought to have belonged to the Whipple family some years later when they were conducting the gum copal business and recently to Captain Peabody, Salem's harbormaster, who is reported to have served wonderful seafood dishes there to his friends. A tidy white picket fence separates the narrow front yard of the house from the sidewalk. In the rear of the house there is a two-story ell.

~~#49 Turner Street~~

(SEE XEROX INSERT for initial information from Architecture in Salem

(1983).) Penn Townsend, this house's builder, later "drowned in Salem Harbor" in 1796. In the middle 19th century, the French Protestant emigre sailor, Stephen Doret (1801-1876), lived in this house and married into a Salem "Yankee" Protestant family.

The 1906 Salem Directory lists the following:

1. Doret, Hannah W. wid. Stephen E. , 43#Turner St.
2. Doret, Martha L., Mrs. milliner, business in her residence
3. Doret, Stephen L. (Doret & Folsom), grocers, 143# North St.
4. " & Folsom (Stephen L. Doret, Alfred L. Folsom), grocers, 124#North St.

These are the ONLY Doret's listed in the Salem Directory at that time.

I believe that Martha L. Doret, milliner, was the same woman who lived down to the 1970s and was the benefactress of a young Polish Catholic boy from this neighborhood (now deceased), who took her surname, went to medical school, and afterwards had a long, successful career as a physician out in the western Mass. town of Greenfield. (My mother was a longtime friend of his late sister here in Salem.)

(From "Susannah Ingersoll's Neighborhood", Hardy St., 1836-1846 era)

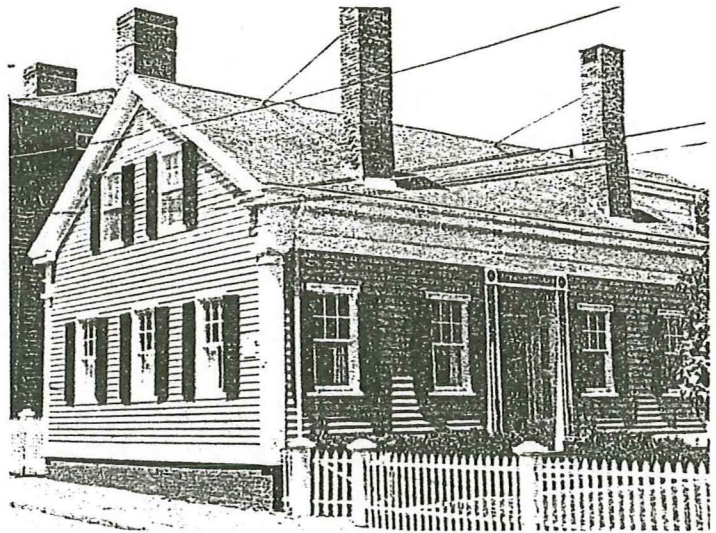
- 27\*(now 43#) - Edward H. Boden, mariner (d. before 1870); listed in 1836 Salem Directory
- Samuel Harwood (gone by 1850), "cordwainer" (shoemaker); listed in 1846 Salem Directory
- Mrs. Hannah (Wood) Dwyer (d. after 1850s), housewife; listed in same Directory book
- William Welch (1802-1841), laborer; born IRELAND; died of "consumption"; listed in 1836 Salem Directory
- Patrick Dwyer (1770-1836), laborer (perhaps Hannah Dwyer's HUSBAND?); born IRELAND; died of "consumption" (listed in same book as above)
- Miss Harriet Dwyer (d. after 1850s), milliner; listed in 1842 Salem Directory

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Most of the original interior has been preserved intact and may be viewed by the public in season.

At 25 Hardy Street, behind the Hawthorne birthplace, is the Joshua Phippen house (1782-1784), (NR; MHL; DSHD;), a large three-story-plus-hipped-roof wooden building with enclosed pedimented entrance porches on each side wall. It is also owned by the House of Seven Gables Settlement Association, but is not open to the public.



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B-17 JONATHAN WHIPPLE HOUSE

c. 1843

49 Turner Street  
NR; HSI

Built c. 1843 for Jonathan Whipple, a manufacturer of gum copal, this small one-and-one-half-story cottage illustrates the best qualities of the simple vernacular Greek Revival style. Giving the house its unmistakable stylistic character are a medium pitched roof, tall slender chimneys, Doric corner pilasters, heavy cornice molding, full side-wall entablatures, and a recessed doorway with thick border molding and "bull's-eye" corner blocks. The modest one-story ell to the rear appears to have been a later addition.

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To the north (left) of the Whipple house at number 45 is a recently restored three-story-plus-hipped-roof early Federal residence (c. 1785) long known as the Capt. John Collins house. The little dwelling to the left of this building at number 43 was raised for Penn Townsend, a cooper, c. 1773, and displays a nicely developed Doric front doorway and an unusually tall central brick chimney.



often attended him in different services at home, in the field in town. The Sexton says his father was of the Communion of the Church of England & his mother of the Congregational. The irregularity of public worship at that early period of his life prevented his baptism, as was proposed, in the English Church. In fact, the family was poor & the neighbours did not encourage or the Mother the act in a form which then met the strong prejudices of New England.

PENN TOWNSEND. Having known Capt. Penn Townsend of Salem who died 16 Oct., 1796, æt. 63, drowned off Nahant the Son of his Brother Moses named Penn now living, I note that this name is early on the records of New England. Emerson in his history of the Old Church in Boston, p. 139, mentions 1691 that Capt. Penn Townsend was with Jeremiah Dumm upon business of that Church & Neal in his History of N. England, giving the list of the Council for 1719, next to W. Dumm L. G. & S. Sewall, mentions Penn Townsend, Esqr. The children of his son Penn were known to me personally & the Council may have been the Captain, thirty years afterwards. The Son Penn was dead before I knew the family. The g. d. marriage a g. Son of Steward Boardman of Cambridge. Capt. Moses Townsend tells me that his G. Father removed from Boston and had family in Salem & that is all he knows. Capt. Moses Townsend is President of the Union Marine & one of our Representatives, Representative in the Gen. Court & promises to recover the reputation of the family by his active virtues. The name appears in 1732 upon our records when Penn, the son of Penn & Hanna, was baptised, so that Penn was born in Salem. Moses, son of Penn H., baptised 1735, so that it was Penn T. who removed to Salem Penn the Son, who died 1796, married Ann White in 1755 & his issue survived him. He married again. Moses married Hannah Lambert in 1758 & two sons & 4 daughters are still living. Moses has married a Lambert, a cousin, in 1785 & has sons & daughter. Penn married a d. of Capt. Addison Richardson & has 2 daughters. Both the sons were Commanders of Vessels in the active part of life & both are now living. This name of Penn was not adopted from the immortal Legislator of Pennsylvania but more probably from Elder James Penn of the first Church in Boston, who went with Norton to Salisbury in 1657 upon Church affairs & probably from a Grandchild. These Missions were of high authority formerly & consequently of high honour. Only one son of the present generation had married, a son Penn. Samuel in memory of his Brother Penn who has two d. & one Son. Moses has two sons & 3 d. but the sons are named William & Joseph and the two surviving sons of Samuel deceased are named Moses & Joseph, Penn being a twin with Moses is dead. So that there is no prob-

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**Penn Townsend (1772-1853)**

Penn Townsend was born on September 15, 1772 to Moses and Hannah (Lambert) Townsend. His father's brother, Penn Townsend, was a cooper who built a house at 43 Turner Street on land purchased from John Turner. With ancestors who came to Massachusetts from England with John Smith and were important in the early histories of Boston and Salem, it is believed that Captain Townsend also lived for a time at 43 Turner Street at the home of his uncle Penn, who died without issue.

An early member of the East India Marine Society whose portrait hangs in East India Marine Hall of the Peabody Essex Institute, Penn Townsend became Master of his first ship, the schooner *Olive Branch*, in 1793. Reputed to have captured valuable cargo and prisoners during the War of 1812, Captain Townsend sailed trade routes to Russia and the Mediterranean, and lived in Moscow and Archangel for several years. A story is told that when "by miscalculation, he found his brig *Eunice* high and dry on St. Paul's Island, his crew built a huge wooden cask around her hull and rolled her off." (Morison, Maritime History of Massachusetts: 1783-1860)

Married in 1793 to Mary Richardson, daughter of General Addison and Mary (Greenleaf) Richardson, he had two daughters. Oval miniatures of Mary and Penn Townsend are in the collection of American Decorative Arts of the Peabody Essex Museum. After his wife's death in 1824, Captain Townsend married Sarah (Cheever) Beckford, widow of Captain Jonathan Beckford. Following a career at sea, Penn Townsend served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Revenue Service. Penn Townsend died in Salem on November 21, 1853.

*(Resources: Morison, Samuel Eliot; Bentley and Felt; Salem city records; EIMS portrait inventories and historic records of EIMS of the Phillips Library, Peabody Essex Museum)*



CAPT. PENN TOWNSEND, JR.  
1772-1842.

From a miniature painted in 1805 and now owned by  
William C. Waters of Salem.

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