**1. NAME**

**COMMON:**
Gardner-Pingree House

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**

**2. LOCATION**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
128 Essex Street

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Salem

**STATE:**
Massachusetts

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

**OWNER'S NAME:**
Mr. David Little, Director, Essex Institute

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
132 Essex Street

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Salem

**STATE:**
Massachusetts

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**
Registry of Deeds

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
32 Federal Street

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Salem

**STATE:**
Massachusetts

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**
Historic American Buildings Survey (1 sheet and 2 photos)

**DATE OF SURVEY:** 1938, 1940

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
Division of Prints and Photographs, Library of Congress

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Washington

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Washington

**STATE:**
D.C.
The Gardner-White-Pingree House is an oblong-shaped three-story brick town house with hipped and balustraded roof. The structure is 52 feet wide, 40 feet deep, and has a two-story ell at the rear northwest corner that measures 16 1/2 by 20 feet in size. The walls are of brick laid in Flemish bond and the trim is of white marble. Windows in the five-bay wide main (south) facade are symmetrically disposed. The center door, framed by reeded pilasters, has fan and side lights and is sheltered by a one-story elliptical porch with four very slender Corinthian columns. The windows are topped by flat arch winged marble lintels with keystones and their sills are also of marble. Third story windows are reduced in height and all windows are adorned by exterior louvered shutters. The second and third floor levels are marked by wide projecting horizontal bands, or belt courses. A modillioned cornice and the balustraded parapet on the roof are also carried completely around the building.

The plan of the house is a spacious one, with a wide center hall running from front to rear and dividing the four large rooms on each floor into pairs. To the left, or west, of the hall is the large dining room, a pantry in the rear, and a kitchen located in the rear ell. To the right of the hall are spacious double parlors. The interiors are elegantly carved and decorated in the Adam style. Garlands of leaves, sheaves of wheat, baskets of fruit, and other designs cover the rich mantels, cornices, and the trim surrounding the doorways. Windows have interior paneled folding shutters. Except for the balustrade of the tall staircase in the center hall, the interior is original. The balusters sawn in interlocking patterns have been reconstructed from some of the original ones. The upper floor contains a total of eight bedrooms.

The Gardner-White-Pingree House is in excellent condition and is open to visitors as a furnished historic house exhibit.
Designed by the noted Salem architect and carver, Samuel McIntire, and erected in 1804-05, this elegant Adamsque-Federal brick town house is generally regarded to be McIntire's masterpiece, magnificently illustrating his mature work in the fully developed neoclassical style.

History

Samuel McIntire planned and built this residence for John Gardner, a Salem merchant, in 1804-05. Upon the owner's death, the property was sold to Nathaniel West in 1811. In 1814 the house was next purchased by Captain Joseph White. In 1834, David Pingree acquired it, and the house remained in the possession of the Pingree family until it was given to the Essex Institute in 1933.

The house has remained substantially intact to the present. The only serious change made was the removal of the original pierced stair balustrade. This feature has been carefully reconstructed from some of the surviving original balusters.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fiske Kimball, Mr. Samuel McIntire, Carver, The Architect of Salem (Gloucester, Mass., 1966), 107, fig. 242.


Fiske Kimball, American Architecture (Indianapolis, 1928).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/3 acre

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Charles W. Snell, Survey Historian

ORGANIZATION: Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service.

STREET AND NUMBER:

801 19th Street, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

D. C.

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name __________________________

Title __________________________

Date __________________________

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date __________________________

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date __________________________
9. Major Bibliographical References


U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series,
Salem Quadrangle, Massachusetts-
Essex County, 1956.
Gardner-White-Hinglee House,
Salem.