Literary Boston: 1794–1862

First addresses below are current. Addresses in parentheses refer to the same locations as they were designated in the years specified. Some current addresses may be approximate.

1) 62 Charles Street South (formerly 62 Carver Street): Edgar Allan Poe born here on January 19, 1809. The building was razed in 1959.

2) Central Burying Ground, on Boston Common near Boylston Street: Charles Sprague, the banker-poet of Boston, buried here in 1875.

3) Frog Pond, on Boston Common: Associated with the Boston literati by Edgar Allan Poe who called them Frogpondians.

4) 39 Beacon Street: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Fanny Appleton got married here in 1843.

5) 13 Chestnut Street: Julia Ward Howe lived here 1862–1866.

6) 54 Pinckney Street: Nathaniel Hawthorne lived here January 1839–October 1840.

7) 4 Pinckney Street: Henry David Thoreau lived here September 1821–March 1823.

8) 53 Hancock Street: Nathaniel Hawthorne lived here in 1836.

9) 10½ Beacon Street: Boston Athenaeum, founded in 1807, moves here in 1849.

10) Government Center MBTA Station (81 Court Street): The Juvenile Miscellany (1826–36), edited by Lydia Maria Child and published here by John Putnam in 1826.


12) 17 Court Street (7 Court Street): [Monthly] Anthology and Boston Review (1804–11) published here by the Anthology Club in 1804.


14) 28 State Street, opposite One Washington Mall, (47 Cornhill): Samuel Etheridge prints Brighten resident Hannah Webster Foster’s novel The Coquette in 1797.

15) 28 State Street (corner of Wilson’s Lane & State Street): The Boston Weekly Magazine published here by Samuel Gilbert and Thomas Dean in 1804.


22) 60 School Street: The Parker House. The Saturday Club meets here starting in 1855.


26) 1 Devonshire Place (11 Devonshire Street): The Literary and Catholic Sentinel published here by Patrick Donahoe and Henry L. Devereux in 1835.

27) 1 Federal Street (Federal Street & Franklin Place): The Federal Street Theatre here from 1793–1852. Also called The Boston Theatre and, later, The Odeon.

28) 77 Franklin Street (5 Franklin Place, in the Tontine Crescent): Residence of Judith Sargent Murray, 1794–1819.


30) 3 Bosworth Place (8 Montgomery Place): Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. lives here 1841–59.

31) 101 Tremont Street (the corner of Tremont & Bromfield Streets): The Flag of Our Union (1846–71) published by Frederick Gleason and edited by Maturin Murray (M. M.) Ballou here in 1846.


33) 140 Tremont Street (Tremont St. & Temple Place): Children’s author Jacob Abbott’s Mt. Vernon School here 1829–34; Bronson Alcott’s Temple School here 1834–41.


35) 486 Washington Street (1 Avon Place): Residence of Margaret Fuller in 1835.

36) 13–15 West Street, Elizabeth Palmer Peabody’s residence and bookshop. Woman’s groups led by Peabody, Lydia Maria Child, Margaret Fuller here. Nathaniel Hawthorne and Sophia Peabody got married here on July 9, 1842.

37) 175 Tremont Street (“opposite the Mall on the Common”): Haymarket Theatre here 1796–1803.