



Seventeenth Century

1600s-1725

Salem is fortunate in having several fine examples of seventeenth century architecture. As in the sketch in the upper right, buildings of this period rarely survive minus the addition of wings, ells, lean-tos, and other changes in architectural details. Why? Through the years changing styles, needs, and financial resources led to major modifications to meet different conditions. Consequently, the style in Salem, initially an outgrowth of English custom, took on a distinctly New England character.