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Dear Friends,

What other house in the United States has had ten generations of the same family live in it? How is it possible that five of those generations lived in the house *before* the American Revolution?

Join us on June 13th as we celebrate the launch of *The House That John Built: Ten Generations of the Pickering Family of Salem; Salem's Oldest House, America's Oldest Home*. This book, written by Ann Parson, details the incredible sweep of American history personified by ten John Pickering and their families who lived out their lives in the ever-evolving Pickering House, built sometime between 1651 and 1661. The Pickering House is central to the Salem historic district, and stands among the great homes and institutions of Salem. The architectural style, age, grounds, and documents in the house all paint a unique picture of American life.

Please become a member of the Pickering Foundation (see enclosed list for membership rates) and we will send you a copy of the the book as a gift. We will also be sending you an invitation to our Annual Meeting/Open House at which time we will publicly launch the book and hear from Ann Parson about the historical treasure trove she found in her research, gaining new insight into the family, the house, the history of Salem, and our shared American experience from the earliest days to the present. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 13th, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The mission of the Pickering Foundation is to cultivate an appreciation of one family's role in the American experience, which is manifested in the preservation of this historic home for the enrichment and enjoyment of the community. Please become a member and help us preserve the Pickering House for the next ten generations of American history in the making.

Many thanks on of behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Pickering Foundation for your anticipated support.

Cordially,

H. Benson Pickering, Jr.
President

