

Authors



American Romanticism

1800-1860

Washington Irving

Multiple Personalities??



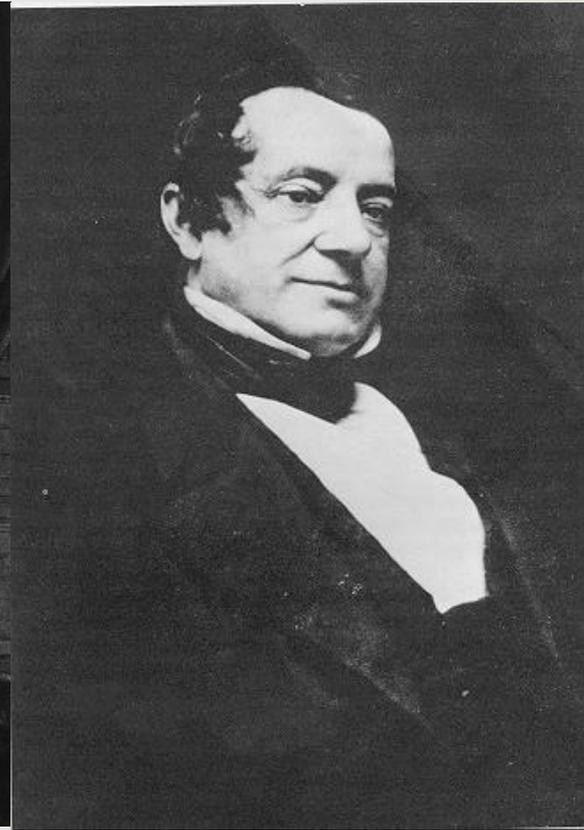
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Geoffrey Crayon



Washington Irving was born on April 3, 1783
in New York City, New York, USA.

-He was one of eleven children

-Parents were Scottish-English immigrants, William Irving
Sr. and Sarah.

-He was named Washington after George Washington and
attended the first presidential inauguration of his namesake
in 1789.



Education

- Washington Irving was educated privately, studied law, and began to write essays for periodicals.
- He travelled in France and Italy (1804–1806) and wrote and published whimsical journals and letters.
- He returned to New York City to practice law -- though by his own admission, he was not a good student, and in 1806, he barely passed the bar.



Travel and Work

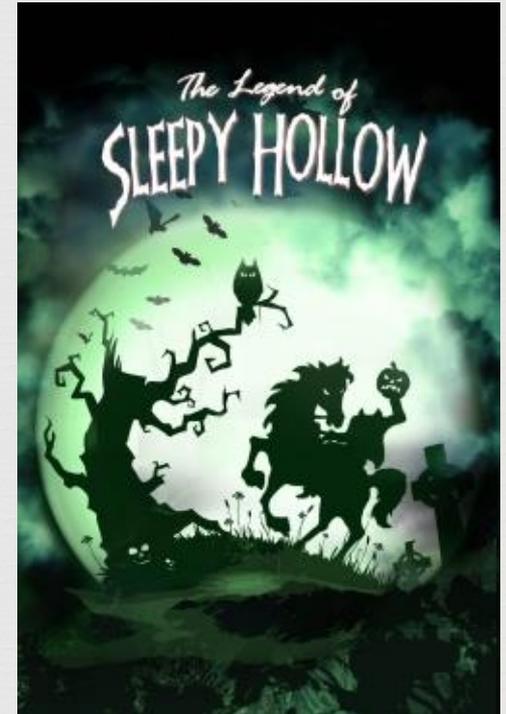
-In 1815 Irving went to England to work for his brothers' business, and when that failed he composed a collection of stories and essays that became *The Sketch Book*, published under the name "Geoffrey Crayon" (1819-20), which included 'Rip Van Winkle' and 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'.

-In 1822 he went to the Continent, living in Germany and France for several years, and was then in Spain (1826) and became attaché at the US embassy in Madrid.

-He was secretary of the US legation in London (1829-32), and later returned to Spain as the US ambassador (1842-6)

Most Successful and Popular Works “Rip Van Winkle” and “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

Considered a Failure
But is Popular Today
“The Devil and Tom Walker”



Marriage

Washington Irving was engaged to marry Matilda Hoffmann, who died on April 26, 1809 at the age of 17. Irving never again engaged, or married anyone, after that tragic love. In response to an inquiry about why he had never married, Irving wrote, saying:

"For years I could not talk on the subject of this hopeless regret; I could not even mention her name; but her image was continually before me, and I dreamt of her incessantly."

Irving never had children.



Washington Irving died in Tarrytown, New York November 28, 1859

He seemed to foretell his death, as he said before going to bed: "Well, I must arrange my pillows for another weary night! If this could only end!" Irving was buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.



Disney and Sleepy Hollow



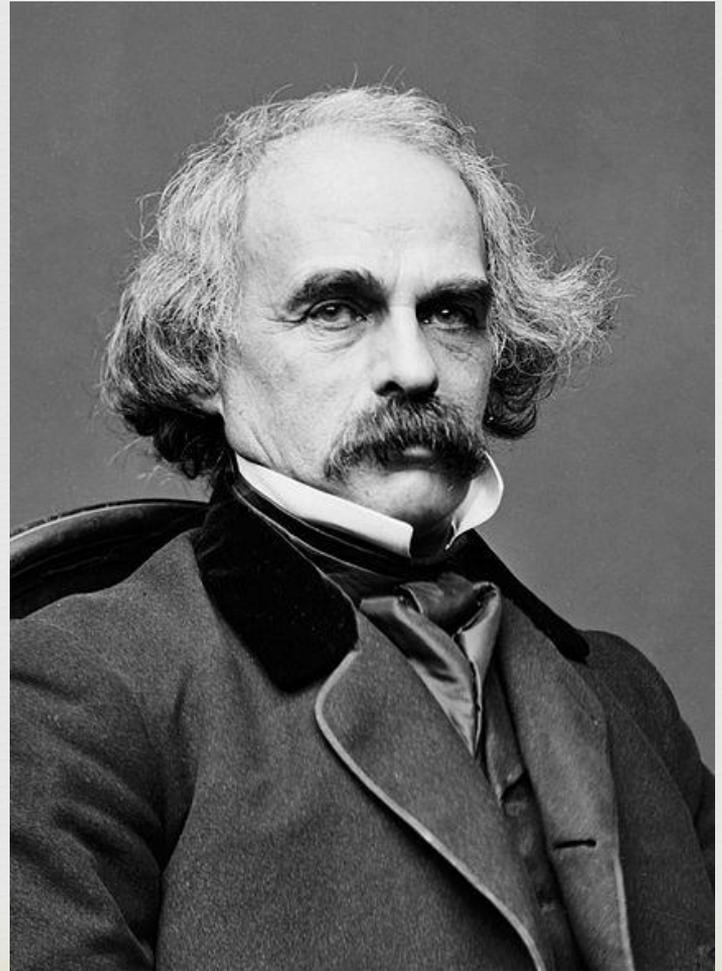
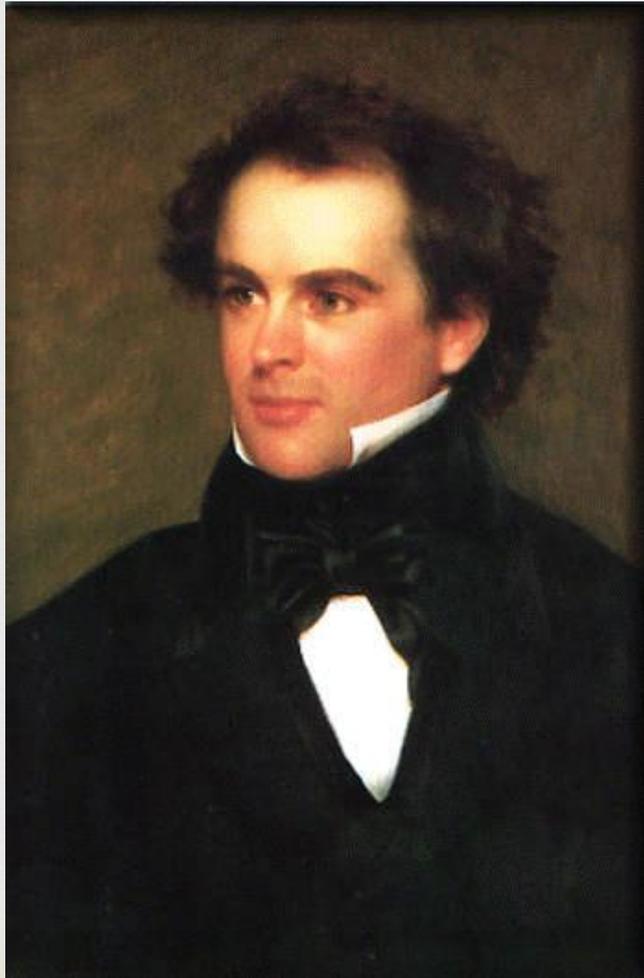
The Real Sleepy Hollow



The Devil and Tom Walker



Nathaniel Hawthorne



He was born on July 4, 1804 in Salem Massachusetts



Parents: Nathaniel Hathorne
and Elizabeth Clark Manning Hathorne

His great-great grandfather was John Hathorne, judge of the Salem Witch Trials. John Hathorne was the only judge involved in the trials to never repent for his actions or his involvement.

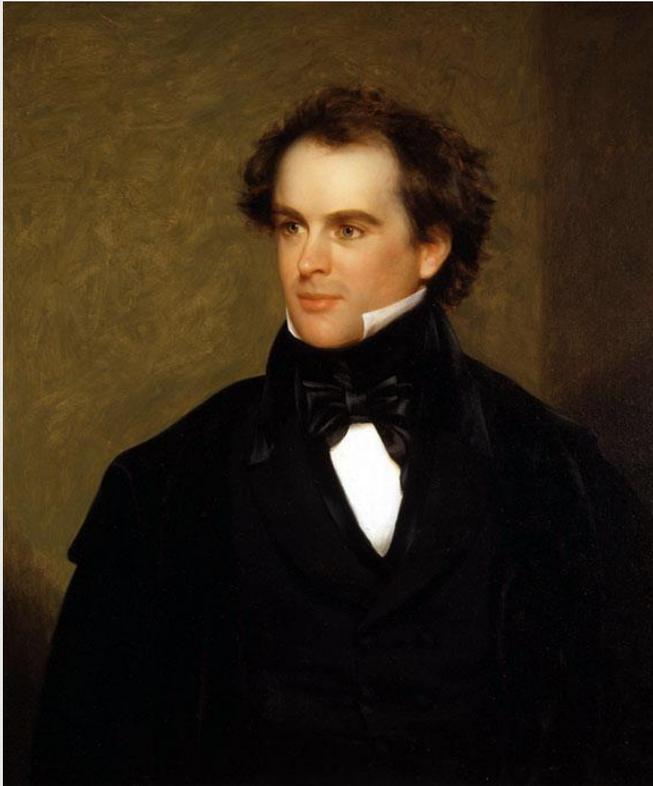
Picture of
John
Hathorne
from the film
version of
The Crucible.



Give Me a “W”

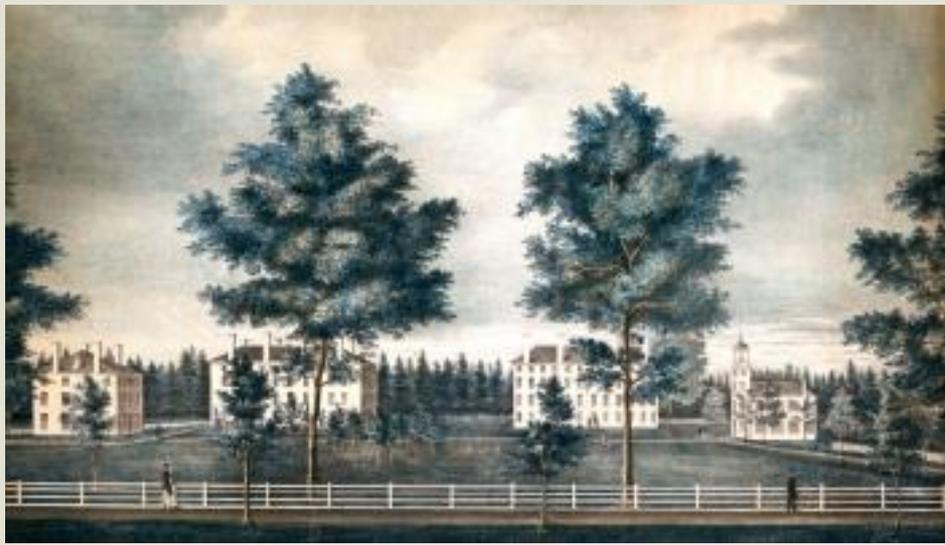
Nathaniel was so embarrassed and ashamed of his great-great grandfather that he added a “W” to his last name so people wouldn’t associate him to his ancestor.

Nathaniel Ha**w**thorne



John Hathorne





Bowdoin College
Brunswick, Maine
Graduated in 1825

“I was educated (as the phrase is) at Bowdoin College. I was an idle student, negligent of college rules and the Procrustean details of academic life, rather choosing to nurse my own fancies than to dig into Greek roots and be numbered among the learned Thebans.”



Friends and Associates

While Nathaniel Hawthorne knew and associated with many literary giants from his day. These three played a significant part in his life:

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Herman Melville

He was so respected as an author that one of the greatest epic novels written in the English language is dedicated to Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Dedication of *Moby-Dick*

IN TOKEN OF MY ADMIRATION FOR HIS GENIUS, THIS BOOK IS
INSCRIBED TO NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

Sophia Peabody Hawthorne



Married: July 9 1842

Small ceremony held in her parents
parlor in Boston

Of his wife, whom he referred to as his "Dove", Hawthorne wrote that she "is, in the strictest sense, my sole companion; and I need no other – there is no vacancy in my mind, any more than in my heart... Thank God that I suffice for her boundless heart!"

Children of Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne



Una (daughter) Born March 3, 1844

Julian (son) Born June 22, 1846

Rose (daughter) Born May 20, 1855

Short Stories

With over 40 short stories to his name and many of them very successful and well liked, it is hard to pick just a few. I think most scholars would agree that these four are at the top of the list:

Rappaccini's Daughter

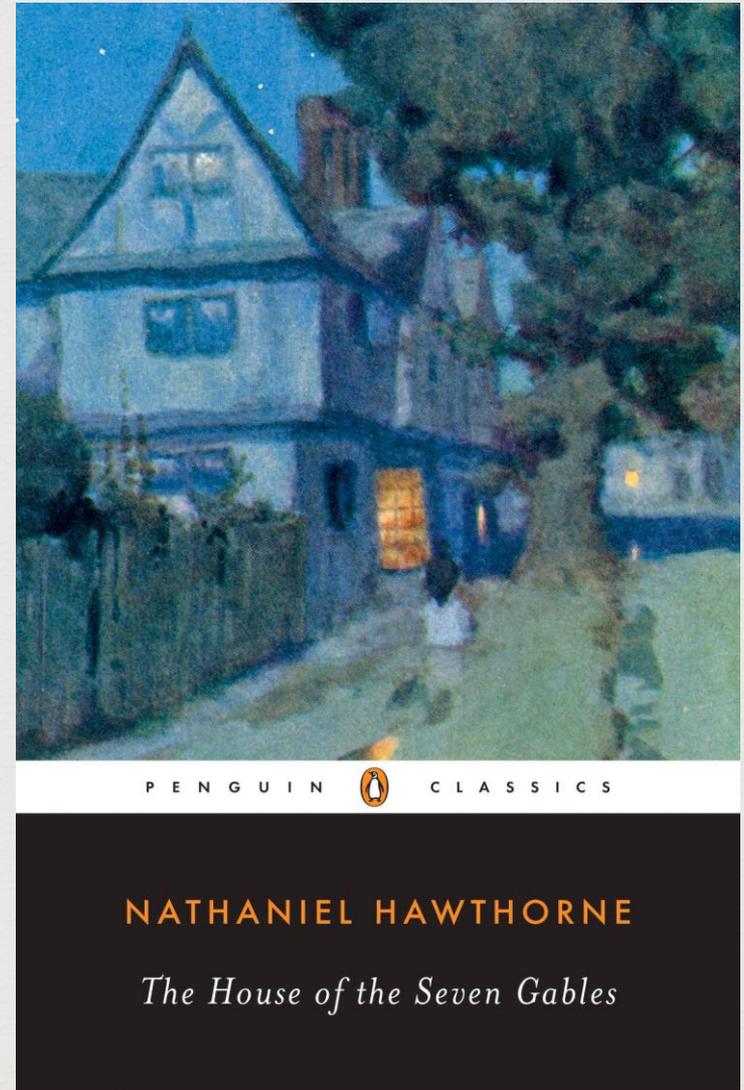
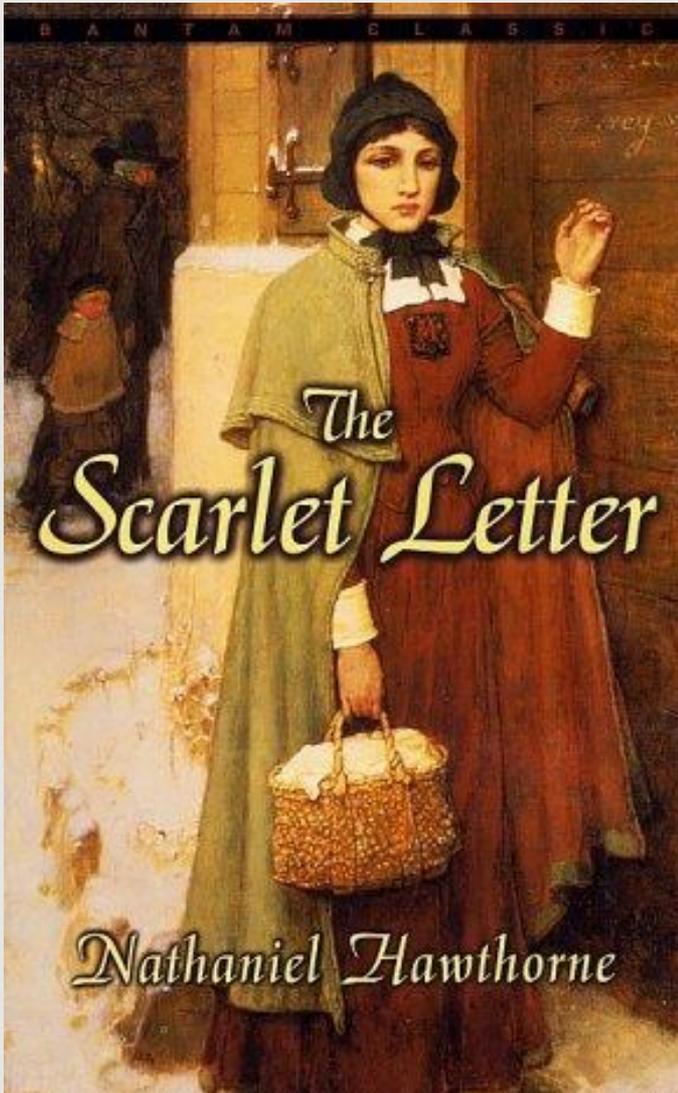
Young Goodman Brown

Dr. Heidegger's Experiment

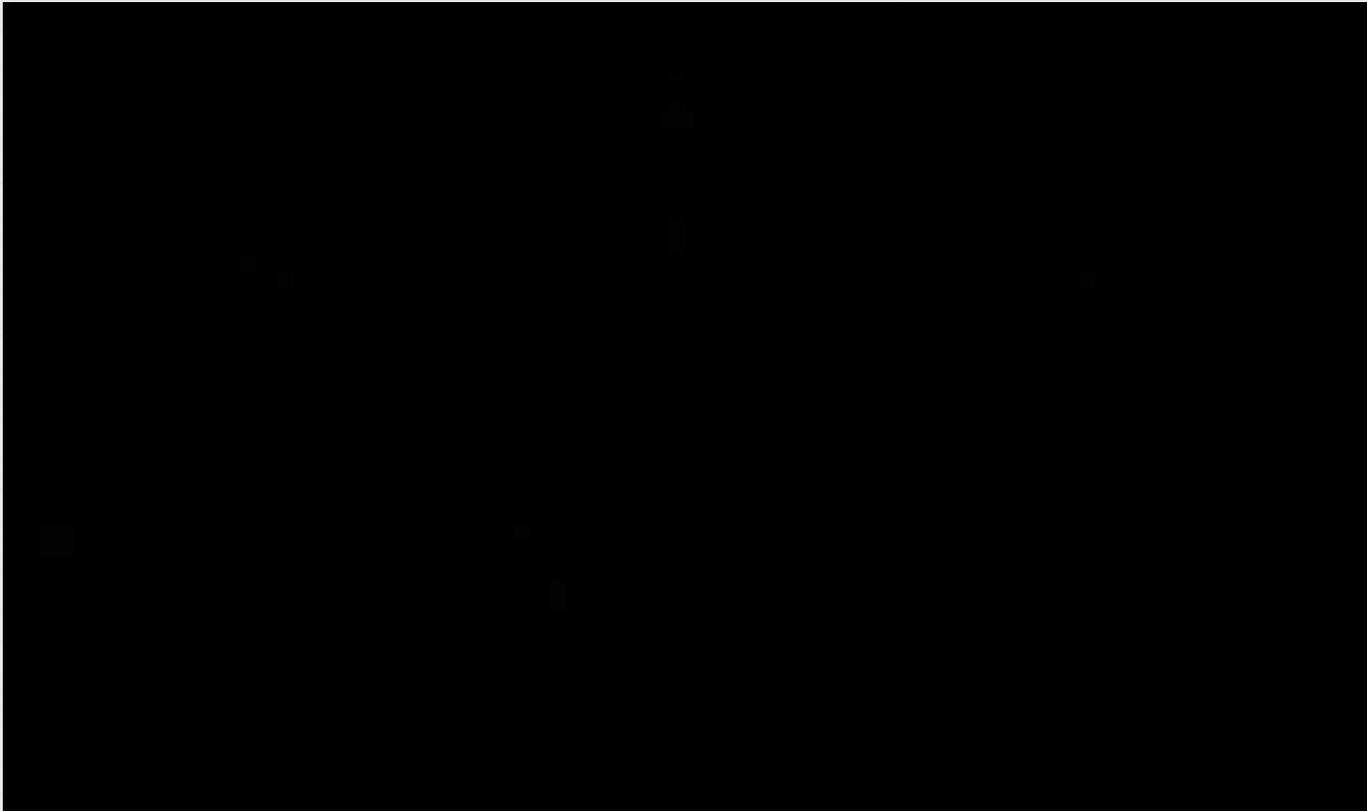
The Minister's Black Veil

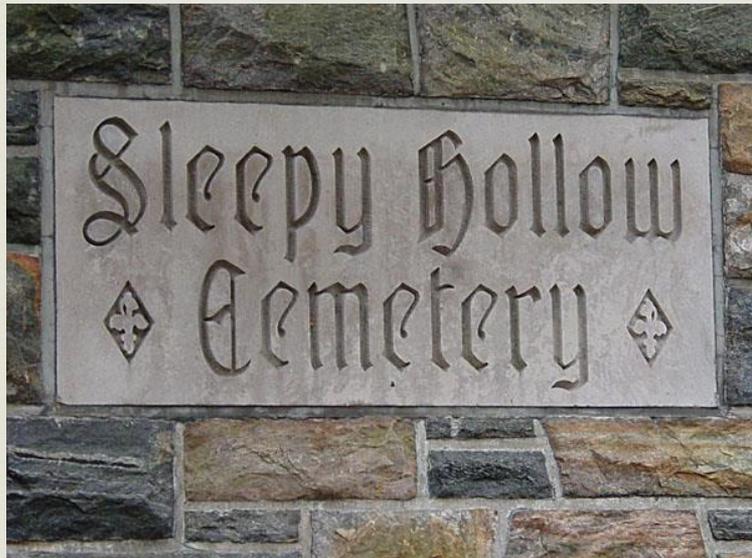
Novels

He wrote 8 novels. His two most famous novels are:
The Scarlet Letter (1850) and *The House of the Seven Gables* (1851)

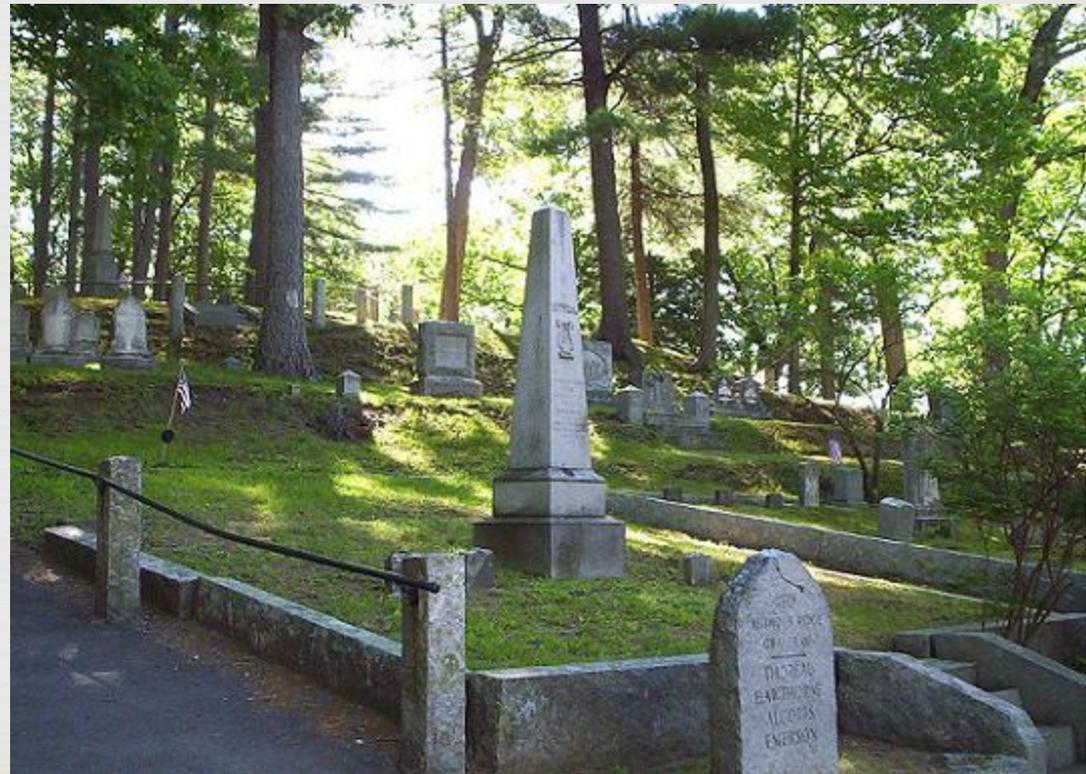
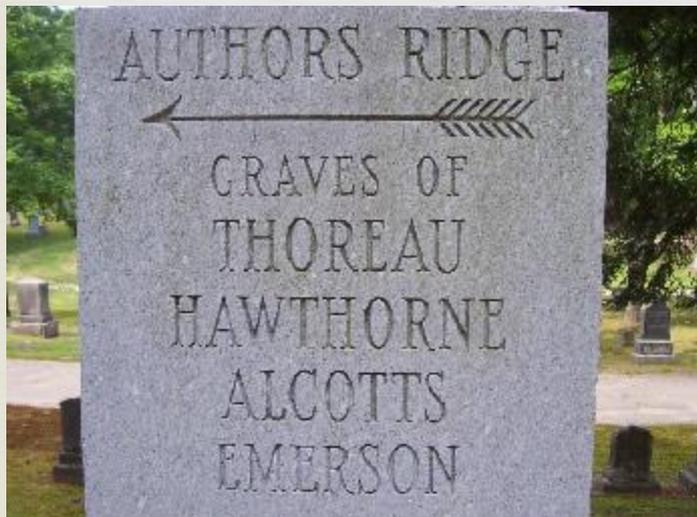


The Scarlet Letter





In Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, there is a small hill named Authors Ridge. Many American authors especially from the Romantic Period are buried here.



Died May 19, 1864

