

Susanna (North) Martin Homestead

Susanna and George Martin lived in Amesbury, MA, in an area now partially occupied by interstate highway I-495. After George died, Susanna lived there alone. A marker with an inscription was placed where their house once stood.



When the highway was built, it bisected a road named for Susanna, Martin Road and they moved the marker to the end of the northern section, now known as North Martin Road. To find the location using a program such as MapQuest, use 99 N Martin Rd, Amesbury, MA 01913.

The marker sits at the end of an unassuming road with middle-class homes surrounding it. It appears that those living next to it take good care of the grounds surrounding it, but I suspect that they take little notice of it.

The inscription reads:

Here stood the house of
Susanna Martin,
An honest, hard working,
Christian woman
Accused as a witch,
Tried, and executed at
Salem, July 19, 1692.
A martyr of superstition.

To get to the marker from The Village Green, head north on I-95 for 18 miles to RT-110 W exit, EXIT 58B, toward I-495/Amesbury. Do NOT get on I-495, but continue for 2.4 miles on RT-110, which is also called the John Greenleaf Whittier Highway and after a few miles is called Macy St. You will cross RT-150 (Hillside Ave). About ¼ mile past Hillside Ave. you will see N. Martin Rd on the left. If you get to the fork for Haverhill Road and Middle Road, you missed it. The marker is at the end of N. Martin Rd. Distance from The Village Green is about 22 miles and will take you about 30 minutes.

From the monument, beyond the fence, you can see I-495 and beyond it Lone Tree Hill which I believe was part of George and Susanna's large property. Lone Tree Hill was named for the prominent elm tree that stood on its top and was used for navigation by those sailing on the Merrimack River.