

The Thurber House

The Personal Narrative
Assignment 9

- *poem.* Memorize section 1 of John Donne's sonnet, "Death Be Not Proud."
- *reading.* Complete Lesson 9 in your study guide and the corresponding reading of **James Thurber's *My Life and Hard Times***. If you cannot get the book from a library or do not want to purchase it (click on title hyperlink), you can access the **Thurber reading material** under "Materials Needed" on the online assignment page.
- *writing.* Finish your narrative, the directions of which may be found at the end of Lesson 8.
- *picture*. The picture on the upper left side of this assignment is of James Thurber's house.

Long-Term Assignment

- *writing.* Write an essay of about 500 words that relates an event that, like Thurber's chaotic night, resulted from a misunderstanding, or a humorous event that happened inside the family circle. Be sure to use detail, description and dialog to keep the essay lively. Try to use one or more of the kinds of humor talked about in "Literary Terms" of Lesson 8. You may use this for your end-of-the-year speech.