

CHAPTER III
Analysis of Greediness
In the House of Seven Gables
(Intrinsic, Psychological and Sociological Approach)

The analysis will be divided into two parts according to the statement of the problem. The first is the intrinsic analysis, which takes setting, character and plot as the subjects, while the analysis on greediness through the approaches that the writer uses is in the second part.

A. The Intrinsic Analysis

The intrinsic elements of the novel hold the most important aspect to gain the main problem in the analysis. Through the analysis of the settings, characters and plot of the novel, the writer tries to give a clear description about the greediness.

A.1. The Setting

The setting in *The House of the Seven Gables* comprises the witch-hunting as the event that has been used by Colonel Pyncheon to satisfy his desire, the desire of possessing material needs. Some places and events included in this analysis represent the greediness

that the Colonel has done and which is also the mood of the situation.

The people who live in New England consider them selves as Puritan. Puritan is a kind of human community in which they hold the Bible tightly as the basic rule for everything in their daily life. At that time there is witch-hunting. The witch-hunting is a moment that is based on the Bible to annihilate all witches in New England. It is stated in the Bible that all witches have to be destroyed from the world. Unfortunately, the leader of the witch operation, the Colonel, has used it as an instrument to add his own wealth. The disorganized situation is created then because of the Colonel's action that makes many people feel worried about the witch-hunting that it will actually bring consolation to them and to the society. Today, tomorrow or the following day will probably be their turn to be victimized. The greediness of the Colonel is the main problem that changes the situation. The witch-hunting is the major point that is followed with other events of greediness. Through the witch-hunting Colonel Pyncheon tries to satisfy his obsession on wealth by seizing Maule's land. Few years later a mansion is built on it. Maule's land, which is formerly large and beautiful becomes the object of the Colonel greediness, which

causes the confrontation between the Pyncheon and the Maule families.

Plants and flowers that grow in Maule's land reflect the beauty of the land, which comes from nature. Nature and the hand of the cultivator impress the beauty of the land, but it has lost its natural beauty since human aggression interferes with it. The land represents the victim of the unfair judgement that is caused by the greediness. No one knows for sure whether the land originally belongs to the Colonel or not but the land has to endure the torture done by human beings. The plants, flowers and trees have been demolished. The water-source has lost its taste. Again the selfishness of a greedy person has made him forget that nature is also important to support humans' live. Plants and trees can give food so man will not starve. Water-source supplies man the need on water that is also important for continuation of human life.

After the plants, flowers and trees are diminished, a mansion is built on it. A mansion reflects the power of the owner but in the opposite side – if we look into the historical background of the mansion – it reflects the human cruel and greediness that make many people and things surround as a victim. The mansion is built on the land above the grave of the original owner “His house will include the home of the dead and buried wizard (p.5)”.

It represents Colonel Pyncheon is power indicating his capability of defeating his enemy. He is able to stand on the dead body of his enemy and this fact will show the power of the Pyncheons. The mansion symbolizes a cup or a monument of the Colonel's success to gain what he desires.

A luxurious and beautiful mansion is built on the land; it has the pleasant aspect of live, which is like the cherry expression of comfortable activity (198). It means that the house as beautiful and looks comfortable for the people who see it. The neighbor as they approach the house always looks upward at the imposing edifice. The luxurious and magnificent house seems to glow of self-importance of the people dwelling in it. It is decorated in splendor to emphasize the pride of the owner and his family.

There it rose, a little withdrawn from the line of the street, but in pride, not in modesty. Its whole visible exterior was ornamented with the quaint figures, conceived in the grotesques of a Gothic fancy, and drawn or stamped in glittering plaster, composed of lime, pebbles, and bits of glass, with which the woodwork of the walls was overspread. On every side the seven gables pointed sharply towards the sky, and presented the aspect of a whole sisterhood edifices,

breathing through the spiracles of one great chimney. The many lattices, with their small diamond-shaped panes, admitted the sunlight into hall and chamber (8).

It is natural that a house in those days has a fireplace in the kitchen. In the traditional houses in New England there is always a fireplace that will make the room warm; and a house with a chimney is considered as full of warmth feeling of the house's members. Yet, ironically the House of the Seven Gables does not have this kind of warmth.

Still due to the magnificent house, the mansion now is in preparation for the party. A party is held as the grand opening of the mansion. The Colonel invites many important people. This party becomes a moment to show off the power of the Pyncheons to the society since it will mark up his pride. Unfortunately a sudden occasion has change the circumstances as the Colonel dies on the grand opening of his mansion. This event becomes the starting point of the next different condition in his pride land. After the death of the prominent leader, the house has changed drastically. There is a feeling of horror that with some people believe is connected with curse upon the house. No one dares to live inside the mansion except Hepzibah Pyncheon.

The style of the house as presented then has a different look and it does not follow the development of the city. It looks gloomy and the dark-gray color seems to cover the house. It is just like an old creature that is used to be coloring but with the coming of age has lost its brightness and has become useless. Something has happened in the house that connected with human morality, which makes it look terrible.

Greediness becomes the factor that indirectly influences the change in the house.

The famous name of the former grandeur just left a little thing on the old house. Wind, sun, storm, and neglect left its sides, shingles, and chimney crumbling. It gray look was mottled here and there with the most. The lattice fence surrounding it was in ruin. The lawn in front, and what must have been a spacious gardens at her rear long since had missed the care of the cultivator's hand (244).

The House of the Seven Gables loses both greatness and brightness. The mansion has changed into a big gloomy house that suffers for all the sin done by the owner and evidently becomes a witness of the wicked action done. The mansion seems in a deep

sorrow, as if it is always covered with dark-gray color and there is no light to shine through the mansion.

On the original land or at the time of Maule's, it is used to become a well of the land. "A natural spring of soft and pleasant water – a rare treasure on the sea-girt peninsula (2)". The water has lost its taste since the building process of the mansion. It represents ill-natured situation. It symbolically gives a picture that a good achievement has a good result, but a bad achievement will only bring a bad result.

There is an elm tree growing near the mansion and its branches are almost reaching the front door. Elm tree is a kind of tree that has a gigantic size. The elm gives a shelter to every thing under its leaves and branches, but in the other way the tree has a meaning which is identical with the myth. The myth of the elm is connected with the curse upon the land, the curse that gives bad impact to the Pyncheons who live in the mansion under the elm tree.

The house has a change of atmosphere when a man who rents a room of the mansion has cultivated the garden. The change of the situation occurs, the gloomy look, which is reflected before, starts to leave. The curse on the house seems to disappear gradually. The house returns to its colors again and has begun to

brighten the nuance. The artist who rent a room in the mansion, Holgrave, also rises chicken in that house. Chicken is symbolically a mock name for a coward person. In this novel chicken symbolizes the Pyncheons as reflected in the Colonel's greed in grabbing for wealth. He is a coward because he gets his wealth in a wicked way; that shows his incapability to obtain wealth by hardworking and legally.

The chicken in this novel does not only symbolize cowardice, but it also represents a new beginning of life. A new day is always started by the morning accompanied with a chicken's sounds, as a news and order to human to wake up that it's already morning.

The contrast situation from gloomy followed by the brightness occurred in the house is representing that there is a change in the situation which brings happiness to the Pyncheon who lives there. They will live then as a family with a New Hope in the next future.

A.2. The Characters

There are three major characters that give important contributions to the development of the story in *The House of Seven Gables*. The Colonel, the predecessor of the Pyncheon

family, appears in the novel as the central of all greediness, beside the Colonel as the major character who is the most greediness person in the novel still there are two more characters that is presented as the greedy characters too. One of them is Gervayse Pyncheon, as the only grandson of the Colonel which is the same with his grandfather that is greedy on wealth and power; and the other one is Jeffrey Pyncheon, people say that Jeffrey is the reincarnation of the Colonel because his attitude and the way he takes in posing wealth is the same with the Colonel did.

The writer wills focuses on those three characters that present as the greedy characters that can be seen from their action. The similarity among them is on their motivation on wealth and power or it can be said their motivation on material advantages. Their greediness takes the biggest part of the action in the story.

A.2.1. Colonel Pyncheon

Colonel Pyncheon as the first spotted Pyncheon known in the novel represents a character that can be considered as a greedy person. Colonel Pyncheon's greediness to posse wealth makes the situation uncontrollable; because the Colonel has used his authority in the government administration as an instrument to seize the wealth illegally. He holds a strong argument that the

more he becomes rich, the more opportunities he will get in the congress election, the position he has obsessed most.

Colonel Pyncheon's greediness of wealth and power has blinded his heart. He is ready to kill and slander, such as slandering Maule who is accused as a witch and then punishing Maule by hanging. The Colonel's characteristic as an ambitious man who creates dis harmony in his family. They are not used to communicate with one another and live as an ideal family should do; the Colonel's family has no strong relationship, although the Colonel has a certain ambition for his family. The most important things in his life are only to add and to seize as much wealth as he can, not only to become rich but also to be powerful and has authority. As a man who has a good position in government administration, he obviously has an easy access to get what he wishes and the people seem to support his greediness and ambition.

Colonel Pyncheon is a man with "an iron energy of purpose" (p.5). It means that he is a hard ambitious man. He will do anything especially connected with his hard will of something. It is established especially during his actions in trying to possess Maule's large tracts.

Maule's large tract is located in a strategic place that interests the Colonel very much. The Colonel is eager to possess the land and because he believes that the land will be the central of the town in the next few years. The Colonel's greediness is shown that by the way he tries to seize the land from Maule. In possessing the land, the Colonel has used illegal way; firstly he claims the land as his own property.

Colonel Pyncheon claim were not unduly stretched, in order to make it cover the small mates and bounds of Matthew Maule (p.3).

But then he fails using this way he continues his wicked action by slandering Maule as a witch, and accuses him as the man who has to be hanged for his sin.

Odd Maule, in a word, was executed for the crime of witchcraft. He was one of the Martyrs to that terrible defusion which should teach us, among its other morals that the influential classes and more who take upon themselves to be the leader of the people are fully liable to all the passionate error that has ever characterized the maddest mob (p.4).

Colonel Pyncheon is the one who has to responsible for those people's death, but he is a coward. In order to destroy the people

who stand in his way, he will use any kinds of cruel and wicked ways as long as his ambition is fulfilled.

In conflicting with Maule, Colonel Pyncheon's has shown his quality. He never feels any compassion on the people whose land or things have been seized.

Anybody can see the opposite image of Colonel Pyncheon when they looks at Colonel Pyncheon's picture that is hanging on of the walls of the great mansion.

The portrait of Old Pyncheon, at two thirds length, representing in a skull-cap, with a laced band and grizzly beard; holding a bible with one hand and in the other uplifting an iron sword hilt (p.31).

The picture shows as if the Colonel is a religious man because of the Bible and the skullcap. This attributes tries to interpret Colonel Pyncheon as a 'saint'. But in fact, his behavior does not represent anything at all despite the Bible he is holding in the picture. As a saint he should provide good examples to the others. He has been blinded by the obsession of wealth and power. In the picture, the colonel is holding a sword in the other hand. This symbolically has put him as a kind of rigid man that will use his weapon – iron sword – in fighting against the enemy. It can also symbolize him as a man that will fight to the last ditch.

The Colonel is the foundation or starting point for that all chaotic situations occurring among his next generation connected with his past greediness, since the events in the future still have a strong relation with the predecessor of the family. It is based on Colonel Pyncheon's obsession through his family that Colonel Pyncheon wants most of his breed and generation, was impenetrable (p.5). He wants his family to be solid that no one will be able to break his family ties, and this includes as one of his obsession. His desire on his families influenced by his obsession on wealth and power. According to the Colonel, the solidity of the family means a solid family based on material things. He feels embarrass if he lives in such poverty.

Since the Pyncheon's family does not come from a good seed it is not surprising if it bears bad fruit. The bad factor has two sides: the first is genetic and the second is heritage. Planting a bad seed will tend to produce evil things in the far distant time. He has formed a family based on his obsession that his generation shall have wealth and power. He wants his next generations to be respected the same way he does. Yet, he never knows that what he has done in the past, indirectly will, and only ruins his family in the future. It is supported by Holgrave statement that the bad

impact in the present is because The Colonel obsession in the past. To plant a family! This idea is at the bottom of mess wrong and mischief which men do (p192). The truth is that every generation has its own characteristics besides themselves and the environment around that will contribute their quality. What the Colonel has done will reflect to the Colonel's next generation.

A.2.2. Gervayse Pyncheon

Gervayse Pyncheon is the only grandson that the Colonel Pyncheon ever has. Gervayse uses to live surrounded by many luxurious things that at least has influence him to be a kind of greedy characters. Gervayse similarities with the Colonel are on his motivation on the material advantages and they will do many ways in order to have it; the difference is on the braveness that belongs to the Colonel and Gervayse is not. Living on that certain kind of life style has influenced him to be kind of greedy person and almost the same with his grand father; he legally many ways.

Gervayse leaves that mansion after the accident of his grand father that sent him to death. As the closest grandson that accident always haunts and purges him to move and stay in Europe. He lives in the upper class of people in which the richness is the most thing that have to be show off to others.

Gervayse in his return to the old mansion has a certain mission in order to obsess the wealth left by his grandfather. On his old age he looks different

Gervayse is a middle-aged and really handsome man. He uses to wear a wig flowing down upon his shoulders. His coat was blue velvet, with lace on the borders and at the buttonholes; and the firelight glistened on the spacious breadth of his waistcoat, which was flowered all over with gold. (p.201)

Based on his performance, people will understand that Gervayse is the same with his grandfather loves to wear many expensive things and certainly he belongs to the upper class. He is obviously very rich; mansion, a lot of money, expensive things and a beautiful daughter are already there for him. In short, he has already had anything which every body dream of.

It is not his aim to stay in the mansion for a long time. He just wants to get wealth left by his grandfather.

He was an old Bachelor, and possessed of great wealth, in addition to the house and real estate, which constituted what, remained of the ancient Pyncheon property.(p.19)

Those proof that he has a material's obsession. Beside that he also wants to become richer than before among his friend in Europe.

The Eastern claim once fairly settled, and put upon the firm basis of actual position possession, Mr.Pyncheon's property – to be measured by miles, not acres – would be worth an earldom, and would reasonably entitle him to solicit, or enable him to purchase, the elevated dignity from the British monarch. Lord Pyncheon! – Or the Earl of Waldo! - How could such a magnate be expected to contract his grandeur within the pitiful compass of seven shingled gables?(p206)

That is his another desire in possessing the House.

Almost the same with his grandfather, Gervayse is also legally many ways. Maybe it is one of the characteristics of greedy person that anything he has will be sacrificed. Gervayse sacrifices his daughter that end with her death to the humble people in order to have the richness. At least his life ends tragically. After the miserable death of his only daughter, he also dies in the stranger way almost the same with his grandfather. Some people say it is influenced by the Maule's curse upon the house.

A.2.3 Judge Jeffrey Pyncheon

Jeffrey is another Pyncheon that is left. His appearance is shown from the way he dressed up, he is a heavy-set man, most likely to be seen in a black suit hat, and always carrying a cane ornamented with the status symbol of the gold plated head. Our first glimpse of him comes when he calls at Hepzibah's cent shop and in introducing himself in a kindly manner to Phoebe, essays to show his good nature and affection for her by attempting to kiss her. Phoebe withdraws and the judge kisses the air. A momentary look of anger crosses his face. Regaining his composure he compliments Phoebe for being circumspect in the presence of strangers.

The judge's outward appearance always appears to be filled with virtue, kindness and generosity, and wisdom as becomes a man of wealth and farmer, politician, judge church goers and civic-minded citizen. But actually behind it there is a real characteristics belong to him. The characteristics that the society there believes that the Judge has the same characteristics with the colonel.

His characteristics are based on his background of life where he spent his life study at the law school that heps to be the honor man.

Applying himself in earlier manhood to the study of the law, and having a natural tendency towards office, he had attained, many years ago, to judicial situation in some inferior court, which gave him for life the very desirable and imposing title of the Judge. Later, he had engaged in politics, and served a part of two terms in Congress, besides making a considerable figure in both branches of the State Legislature (p.21).

He lives in a mansion on the outskirts of the city. His mansion that stands on the large tracts symbolizes his power. He lives there alone, because his only son is living in Europe.

Yet, through the dialogues of characters, tell us that Judge is in fact obsessed with grasping wealth and power. He symbolizes the Pyncheon pride and greed. To satisfy his desire he is able to do many thing kindness or wickedness evens to his own family.

On his old age, the Judge has a good position on government administration. Mostly they rich and powerful. The richer and more powerful of someone the more others will be respected. Being there makes him has a tremendous ambition.

His ambition has forces him to be a person who never satisfies to everything he has already has. After knowing the coming of Clifford, he tries to get close on him. Days and nights

he tries to get close on Clifford (p.266). But because his hidden obsession at least he dies tragically.

A.3. The Plot

Time has formed an important position in describing the development of the story. The connection between the past, present and future is indisputable since the previous is always to become the foundation or the main cause of the next period of time. In this novel, the author uses two different periods of time and without forgetting to indicate the future of the family and the house. The things happen in the past will create a certain kind of result in the present and the future time. The result depends on the foundation or the seed planted in the previous time; it is good or the good or bad done in the preceded time suggests bad then. The future will never escape from the things happen before.

In this analysis, the writer only analyzes the conflicts of the story that will be focuses on the conflict among the greedy person.

The conflict of the story happened in the time when two Pyncheons have the same ambition in possessing the large tract so they will be richer than before, respected and has position on the government administration. That conflict happens between Gervayse and Judge Jeffrey Pyncheon.

The conflict happens at about thirty years before the present time. Judge Jeffrey Pyncheon who already lives in that society for a long time disturbed by the coming of Gervayse in order to obsess the wealth left by their grandeur. Both of them are the same, kind of greedy person and legally many ways in order to have the richness.

The conflict does not happen in briefly because those guys always have a good relationship when they meet each other but in the backside each of them has their own planning.

The climax of their conflict happens when Judge Jeffrey is trying to find where the document is in the Gervayse office – Judge does not know that Gervayse does not have either – Gervayse knows that and he is very angry on him but suddenly Gervayse gets a heart attack. Knowing that the Judge only sees him and does not give help.

Gervayse's death makes judge happy because he finds another ways to get it an avoiding to be reported in the front office. He lies to every body that the murdered is done by Clifford his own cousin. Judge is so tricky and have no kindness heart even to his own family.

B. Sociological Approach

The use of sociological approach as the basic idea to analyze especially the characteristics of the community as described in the story. There are two categories of sociological approach that have been elected by the writer as the most important things as the basic of analysis. The writer devices them into two parts in order to make it clear; theory of class and the puritan society.

B.1 Theory of Class

In this part of analysis the main sources that the writer uses is the theory of class by *Collin*. The society consist of classes has a certain characteristics in which only the powerful or the upper class has the biggest opportunity than the lower class. The impact of this system makes the lower class lives uncomfortable. By the way the richer will have many advantages on this condition.

The classes as happens in this story influence some upper people to legally many ways. This condition can be consider as the right time for one who has an obsession on material things to get as much as he or she can. This is shown on some characters that according to the writer there are there major character who are really can be consider as a greedy person.

They are Pyncheons' and living as the upper class. Because they used to live surrounded by many luxurious things as the upper class than they use to live like that. There are many advantages that they can do in order to get wealth. It is because they are powerful and included as a member of government administration.

Some example is shown in the way that the Colonel tries to get wealth as much as he can. He also uses some legal ways like slandering, killing and also makes an illegal document (p.3). No one knows whether the document is right or wrong or the person that he faces is wrong or right. But for some people who know it exactly can do nothing except there is much shaking of the head among the village gossip (p.5).

Beside, the advantages for the upper that will enlarge them to fulfill their need in legal or illegal, the upper usually believes in discrimination. They usually give different services to other class who is not equal with them. Just like what the Colonel does in his grand opening party.

Just within the entrance, however, stood two serving men, pointing some of the guests to the neighborhood of the kitchen, and ushering others onto the statelier rooms,- hospitable a like to all, but still with a scrutinize regard to the high or low degree of each (8).

It proves that the Colonel serves his guests in different way depends on their classes. Gervayse and Jeffrey are the same with the Colonel, they also have an obsession on material advantages.

The theory of classes by Collins helps the writer to see that the class on the society in *The House of the Seven Gables* gives a great contribution to the development of the upper to be greedy. It is mostly because as the upper they love to live surrounded by many luxurious things and having the power that they get as an impact of the class system. So, because the system of class make the greedy person seems to have way or instrument in satisfying his need but in other hand the lower are the victim of it.

B.2. The Puritan Society

Puritan society as G.M Traveyan said that they have a certain motivation beside the religion motivation that is the motivation on material advantages. This happens based on their background that they use to live under the kingdom and have to live together and share many things with many people but when they arrive at the new land they find a different thing from they use to be. Those feeling has lead them in having a possessive feeling in material advantages, as something that they never feel before.

Living as Puritan makes them have to do many activities based on the Bible but on some people they use it as an instrument of illegal way. Because that characteristics seems become the tradition of puritan

For example: tradition affirmed that the Puritan had been greedy of wealth: the judge, too with all the show of liberal expenditure, was said to be as close-fisted as if his gripe were of iron.

The characters of Puritan that they greedy on wealth is well known as they believe that the background of them has make it.

Living as Puritan in the story can be seen beside from the places where they belong, are also from their activities and some religion's day that they used to pray in the church on that day. The picture of the Colonel shows that the puritan live is the believe belong to that community.

C. Psychological Approach

Psychological approach uses by the writer to analyze the greediness as happen in this novel through the motivation of each individual. The writer believes that each individual in this world has a certain obsession. But the similarity is that in trying to realize his dream they will try hard to be able to have it. The writer through psychological approach is trying to make analyze

based from the problem on each individual or characters especially characters who are greedy.

C.1. Adler's Theory

The writer uses *Adler's* theory as the sources of analysis. He says that people always strive toward superiority or perfection. In which the standard of superiority and perfection is different on each people.

The Colonel, Gervayse and also Jaffrey are greedy in their process of strive toward superiority or perfection. According to them the standard of perfection is the richness. The more ones is richest, he can be said a perfect guys. Based on that kind of standard motivation, three of them have legally many ways that lead them to become greedy person.

Actually each people has a motivation or obsession in living in this world but if the combination of mind and heart and also the influences of environment can not cooperate the destruction is the result of it. Because their greediness, their family ties is broken and many things also happens concerning with their do in order in having the material advantages.

D. Greediness in Chaotic Situations

It is normal that a person does not satisfy with his or her condition. His mind will create an obsession that in order to achieve his obsession he will act through many ways. That obsession is going to become greediness when in the process of achieving he uses illegal way that usually also disturbs other human rights.

Greediness becomes the main cause of the problems that rise then since there are many disorganized things and suffering that have to be felt in the present generation as the result of the greediness done in the past. The Colonel has done many wicked-actions, which indicate greediness, during his prominent time. Yet besides the Colonel still there are some characters that are also greedy but based on the observation on those greediness done by the Colonel's descendant is psychologically also inherited the bad lesson given by the Colonel long time ago.

Based on the observation on the greediness as reflected in this story, there are three factors that influence the greediness done by the Colonel. Firstly, based on G. M. Traveyan's statement, the characteristic of Puritan is the strong motivation in most people of

the society to have as much material advantages as they can. That is why the Puritan becomes a society that always thinks time is money and will work hard to be able to sit in a better class. The character of Colonel Pyncheon also reflects this certain characteristic of Puritan since he is motivated to seize more wealth and power from he has got.

The second factor is also the influence of the society. At that time, there are two classes in the society: the upper and the lower class, and the Colonel has already belonged to the upper class. As a member of the upper class, the Colonel has so many advantages that make him able to control the society including the lower class. Beside that, among the upper classes them selves occur a tight competition to become richer than others. They believe that the richer they are, the more people will give them respects, and the more opportunity that they will get to sit in the higher position in the government. Those kinds of society's pressure has impressed the Colonel to have such kind of greediness just like when he uses those benefits to claim a certain public area belongs to him as stated below.

In the growth of the town, however, after some thirty or forty years, the site covered by this rude hovel had become exceedingly desirable in the eyes of a prominent and

powerful personage, who asserted plausible claims to the proprietorship of this and a large adjacent tract of land, on the strength of a grant from the legislature (p.3).

The third influence is from his own inner self since he believes that his wealth is not satisfying him yet. The lack ability of a person will arouse the feeling of striving to reach better condition than before. In the Colonel's case, his striving is based on the awareness of his rich condition, but his richness does not make him satisfied anymore since he always has a thought to add his wealth more and more. His mind is full of this obsession to get wealthier. He has an obsession to be richer in order to help him in raising his opportunity to be elected on the higher position of government administration.

From the analysis of the influence factors, the most influence aspects come from the environment included friends, society, and lives style, beside his inner factor. It is confirmed by their purposes that represent their selfishness, such as the Colonel's purpose that he wants to have a land that thirty or forty years later it is predicted to become the center of the town, he imagines that if he posses the land he will have many advantage (p.2); or like Gervayse's obsession of being called Lord or Earl (p.206), actually in Europe he is already rich but his richness is

felt not enough to be called Lord or Earl the honor name that will increase his pride; and Jeffrey who wants to be elected as the member of the congress.

In the case of greediness done by Gervayse and Jeffrey, there is one more factor that inspires them. It is the influence from the family. They come from the family whose original founder has been obsessed much by material needs and does some wicked-actions to get what he desires. The founder of the Pyncheon also wants his heirs to act like him so they will not live in poverty in the future because the Colonel wants also his descendants respected by other people.

The conflicts based on greediness become one of the important factors to be analyzed since from the conflicts revealed we can discover the chaotic situation occurs in the story. The first conflict is due to the Colonel's greediness. He has a conflict with Matthew Maule and it becomes the biggest conflict happens in the story, since the impact of the conflict can be felt by his next generations. The subject of this conflict is the Maule's land. By using his power, the Colonel slanders Maule as a witch that leads him to the gallows. Before he dies, he sends a curse to the land that will influence the life of the people who live there then. The

curse has made a chaotic situation to the Colonel family and generations since the family seems to dare not dwelling the house.

The conflict done by Gervayse is between him with one of Maule descendants. It is based on Gervayse obsession of honorable title he would like to obtain.

He was an old bachelor, and possessed of great wealth, in addition to the house and real estate, which constitute what, remained of the ancient Pyncheon property (p.19).

Gervayse also obsesses on the wealth left by the Colonel. The conflict between Jeffrey and Hepzibah is an unexpected conflict since the conflict here represents an unhappy family that as the same members of the Pyncheon they have to fight each other. One is obsessed by wealth and the other is not, but the greediness has blinded Jeffrey's heart. He makes the live of his own family miserable. The impact of personal conflicts will arouse the feeling of hatred and anger among them that only lead into the chaotic situation.

The disorganized situation is started by the event when the sudden death of the Colonel happens. Many Pyncheon's heirs come soon there only to get the wealth the Colonel left. The thing that becomes the most dream of the heirs is to have the document that states a certain large tract. For this document they fight each other

that also makes the family ties is broken since they do not care one another. All they think are only wealth.

Based on that explanation, the chaotic situation is started by the death of the Colonel and then followed by the confrontation among the members of the Pyncheon family. There are also many sudden deaths that are similar to the Colonel tragic death. Just like Gervayse's and Jeffrey's death, both of them have a tragic ending of life.

The one, who has to suffer a lot from the act of greediness done by the Colonel than followed by his other descendants, is Hepzibah Pyncheon. Her life becomes so miserable after she has to live isolated from the society.

“Miss Hepzibah, who for above quarter of century gone by, has dwelt in strict seclusion, taking no part in the business of life, and just as little in its intercourse and pleasure” (p.28).

She becomes an isolated woman especially after the sin done by her forefather that always haunts her with the feeling of embarrassment. Many people keep talking about the Pyncheon though the most greediness done in a long time ago. The society still talk about the Pyncheon's sin and they never let Hepzibah

lives in peace. The neighbors are always curious in looking for the latest news of the Pyncheon.

It is obviously Hepzibah who have to suffer then from her ancestor sin. Though between Hepzibah and the Colonel there is a big gap of time but the impact of the Colonel greediness still gives a bad influence to his next generations. The people around have considered many bad things happen on the Pyncheon are caused by the curse of Maule.

Hepzibah lives alone in the mansion alone for no one else of Pyncheon dare to live there because the curse on it. Hepzibah that has been ordered by his uncle to keep the house feels responsible to take care of the house. Being alone in the house has made her to become an isolated woman. She is ashamed to make friends with her neighbors since she feels the society around knows the crime done by her forefather.

The writer thinks that greediness in this story becomes the important aspect that makes chaos in the Pyncheon family during many years. The Colonel as the founder of the family has given a bad example to his next generations. The Colonel indirectly teaches his heirs: being rich is enjoyable and pleasures. If one wants to be rich they can do any ways, legally or illegally, as the Colonel does.

The family who lives in this disharmony situation still has a hope in its future. It is suggested by the unity of the two opposing families: the Maule and the Pyncheon. They are Holgrave and Phoebe whose love then lives and lights again the color of the House of the Seven Gables, and the opposing families, in the past, will have a better relationship in the future. The past obviously cannot be erased and fixed, but still the future will always has a hope to live a better life than before.

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION