

DUXBURY, 1945
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KING CAESAR HOUSE
“America’s Largest Shipowner”

The “King Caesar House” was built in 1808 for Ezra Weston II, who, like his father before him, was known as “King Caesar” for his worldwide preeminence in shipbuilding and shipping during the early 19th century. Lloyd’s of London recognized him as the largest shipowner in America. “King Caesar” presided over an empire which included a fleet of 75 merchant ships, shipyards on the Bluefish River, a farm and a large workforce of sailors, carpenters and laborers. Opposite the house, a stone wharf at which Weston ships were once rigged and outfitted reaches out into Duxbury Bay, and is now a landscaped Town Park.

The house stands as a fine example of Federal Period architecture and currently displays a variety of artifacts from that period. It was occupied by Weston descendants until 1886 and later became part of the Powder Point School for Boys. In the twentieth century, the house was owned by a succession of Duxbury families until 1965 when it was purchased by the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society and is now maintained as a museum open to the public in the summer months.

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