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**QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE**

**THIRD OLDEST FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE IN THE UNITED STATES**

The Friends' Meetinghouse in Pembroke was built in 1706 by Robert Barker, a local Quaker. The meetinghouse is the oldest surviving Quaker meetinghouse in Massachusetts and the third oldest in the United States.

The land on which it was built was originally part of Duxbury but became part of Pembroke in 1712. Originally thought to have been built in Scituate at the Wanton shipyard and moved to its current location in Pembroke at the corner of Washington and Schoosett Streets, the meetinghouse was actually constructed where it sits today in Pembroke. The building was built to replace an older meetinghouse built in Scituate in 1678.

The Friends' Meetinghouse is a remarkable example of first period construction and survives with much of its original details. In 2006, the 300th Anniversary of the Friends' Meetinghouse, the site was placed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks by the United States Department of the Interior.

Today, the Pembroke Friends' Meetinghouse is once again a powerful symbol of the Quaker faith and is being used by a new generation of Quakers. The custodian of this historic structure is the Pembroke Historical Society.

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