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JOHN ALDEN

Home of John and Priscilla Alden
A House of Historic and Architectural Significance

In 1620, John Alden, at age 20, was the cooper aboard the Mayflower on the voyage to America. In 1621, rather than return to England, he chose to settle in the new Colony and soon after their much publicized courtship, he married Priscilla Mullins. From 1633 until 1675, he was Assistant to the Governor of the Colony, and frequently served as Acting Governor.

In 1627, in the Second Division of common lands, property in Duxborough consisting of approximately 100 acres was granted by lot to Alden. This grant is recorded in Volume 1 of the Court Records of the Plymouth Colony and is shown below. The land was bounded on the east and south by the Blue Fish River, northerly by St. George Street, westerly by Bow Street and again, southerly along Route 3A to Hound's Ditch. Today the property includes the Duxbury Art Complex, the Public Library, two schools and the Duxbury Wildlife Refuge.

It is believed that the Alden House was built as early as 1653 and has never been owned by any other family. In 1907, title to the remaining 2.5 acre parcel on Alden Street in Duxbury was acquired by the Alden Kindred of America who maintain the house as a public museum.

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