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WILLIAMS - BARKER HOUSE

Garrison House During King Philip War

Former Block-House now site of The Barker Tavern

In 1632, John Williams arrived in Scituate from London, England. In 1634, he built a house on his farm at a high point on the north side of Scituate Harbor overlooking the harbor and village. It later became the principal garrison house for the protection of Scituate settlers during the King Philip's War in the May, 1676 attack by native people on Scituate. Later that year, John William's son, Captain John Williams, led an attack on King Philip at Mount Hope, Rhode Island.

Captain John Williams bequeathed the property upon his death to his grand-nephew Samuel Williams Barker. The property was later sold to Samuel's grandson, Benjamin Barker of Pembroke, for 1,000 pounds.

In more recent times, the Williams-Barker House was reconstructed to what is now the Barker Tavern. Their function facility is known as the Williams Room. Part of the original dwelling is included in the present house. It is one of Plymouth County's most prominent landmarks.

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