

Aldens' Progress

2010 News of the Alden Kindred of America, Inc.



Alden House Has Had a Facelift!

New Roof and Siding Shingles; Leak and Chimney Repairs

The Alden House got a well deserved external freshening in September with new red cedar roof shingles and white cedar siding all around. We're not exactly sure when the siding was last done on the house, but when contractor Lew Conant pulled off the West siding, it was discovered that the last work on that end had been a "do over" and the underlying shingles had disintegrated into a black powder!

Fortunately not all of the walls were in that bad of a condition, but because of a number of leaks affecting the interior of the house, the Executive Board decided to have all of the shingles replaced at the same time and take advantage of the discount on labor. In the process, inspection of the chimney work done a few years ago, revealed some problems. Will Gwilliam, our architectural historian, reports that "building movement from sun heat, expansion and contraction in the winter allowed water to get in and freeze. Probably the same actions that have been occurring in the past."

The total cost for all repairs was \$40,050. While the Alden Kindred has invested endowment funds, as well as some reserve funds that are sufficient to cover these repairs, this is not a great time to cash in our investments or to deplete our reserves. Members and friends are asked to contribute to the "Buy a Shingle" campaign (see insert in



Work on the Alden house involved removing 700 sq. ft. of red cedar shingles from the roof, laying down ice and water shield, new flashing, ridge vents boards, and installation of new 5/8" Tapersawn Red Cedar shingles; removal and replacement of 2500 sq. ft. of white cedar siding on all four sides of the house, as well as chimney repair.

Donors of \$100 or more have the opportunity to receive one of the shingles taken off of the Alden House.

This is an chance that doesn't come around more than once every 30 years or so! Please consider supporting this necessary preservation of our National Historic Landmark property – we've saved less than 100 shingles on a "first come, first served" basis, so **do not delay!**



The Alden House Historic Site 2011 Calendar



- Back Roads of the South*
- Shore Symposium: April 20*
- "Speak for Thyself"*
- Awards Dinner: May 20*
- Museum opens: End of May*
- Duxbury Free Day: June 18*
- Annual Meeting: August 6*
- 2nd Annual Artisans and Crafters Fair: August 7*
- Museum closes: September*
- Haunted House: October 22*

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Generous Support for 2010 Annual Fund

Thank you to all of our members and friends who donated a generous \$30,000 to our 2010 Annual Fund despite the bad economy and many other demands for your contributions. Particular thanks to the donors of \$500 or more:

John Winthrop Alden
Leigh H. Tuckey
John Alden Keyser
Donald L. Schopperly

Our Annual Fund allows the Alden Kindred to function. We continue to serve the public and our membership the best we can. The museum is visited by nearly 1,000 people each year who are greeted and given tours by Matt and Dodie during open season. Matt handles all membership administrative services including bookkeeping, membership database, newsletter, mail orders, mailings, etc. It is the Annual Fund that allows us to fulfill our goals of keeping the Alden House safe and the story of the Alden family alive.

Contributing Membership

The following annual members have made additional contributions to the Alden Kindred by choosing Contributing Membership:

Landmark (\$500)

Leigh H. Tuckey

Cooper (\$250)

Meredith M. Byram (Associate), Marilyn D. Curtis, Priscilla D. Grew, Amy K. Holbrook, and Stephen J. May

Storekeeper (\$100)

Susan E. Alden and Family, Charles W. Ask, Laurie A. Barone, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Bartlett, John S. Bell and Family, George F. Bennett Jr. (Associate), Margaret B. Bobertz, Dwight Brigham, Theodore H. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Chandler, Stephen J. Derby, Dennis K. Doane, Bryan D. Edwards, Major F. Gates, Joyce B. Glover, Frank R. Hall, Margarite D. Hargrave, James A.

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Scholarship Reminder

The basic requirements to receive the **Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship** are: (1) you **MUST** be a Lineage member of the Alden Kindred of America, Inc.; (2) you **MUST** be a *graduating* high school senior planning to attend college after graduation; and (3) you **MUST** properly complete and submit the scholarship application and required essay so that they are received by the Scholarship Committee on or before the due date of **March 1** of the year the scholarship is to be awarded. The Committee does not make exceptions to this rule.

IMPORTANT: All Lineage membership requirements must be completed by September 1st prior to the scholarship year. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in the scholarship but who are not yet members, **NOW** is the time to start their membership applications. (Because of a large backlog of applications, the membership process can take many months, even for a child of a member.) Visit www.alden.org to learn more.

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Please check website or call for current information.

Manager's Message

With another successful year almost in the books it is time to look back and reflect on 2010 with reverence while also looking forward to what a new year will bring the Alden Kindred of America in 2011. I am very grateful for the opportunity with which the Kindred presented me this year, and I look forward to taking the lessons learned to make next year even better!

This year brought many new exciting events at the Old Homestead. The Sunday after our Annual Meeting we were very pleased with the very first Alden Artisans and Crafters Fair. We had a wonderful turnout and the event was a great success thanks to the work of our dedicated volunteer staff. As a result of our success with this event we look forward to improving upon our efforts to create an even better craft fair next summer.

The month of September witnessed the reshingling and roofing of the house. This work provided a unique opportunity for us to look at the structure of the house while providing for its safety from the elements that New England weather presents. Such a renovation will allow the Kindred to rest easier knowing that the house will be protected for quite some time.

Since closing in September we have continued to seek out new opportunities to celebrate and spread the Alden story. Just as the renovation project was underway, the house became the focus of two television opportunities. At the onset of the shingling and roofing project our local cable station filmed the house for a documentary that will be shown on local Comcast channels. At the current time this show has not been completed, but we look forward to the finished product.

October welcomed the Brigham Young University television show entitled, "The Generations Project" to the house. This is a genealogical program that traces the lineage of an individual so they can learn about their past and help them sort out their own identity. The individual featured is a descendant of John Alden, and he was given an opportunity to visit the house and speak with Curator Emeritus Jim Baker. This episode will air during season two sometime in 2011.

Our recent events included the annual Haunted House which was a tremendous success this year with nearly 500 visitors! For the first time we participated in the Duxbury Business Association's "Holly Days" on Sunday November 28th. This event features local businesses with trolley rides between each of

the participants. The old homestead provided a cold turkey open house, a coloring contest for kids, and some of our crafters from last summer's fair. This was a great family orientated event a wonderful time for all!

Next year we will welcome new opportunities as well as an important Alden event. On May 20th the Alden Kindred will again host its "Speak for Thyself" awards that celebrate exceptional women in our communities. We also look forward to helping the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2011.

It has been quite a year so far at the Alden House and I would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support! This has been a roller coaster of a year for me and I could not have made it through without the help of the Alden Kindred! Thank you all for your help in making this organization the best it can be!

Matt Vigneau, Administrative Manager

Membership Report: New Members Sought

The Alden Kindred's membership has been gradually dropping over the past few years. Our current membership is 1489:

Active - 635	Life - 470
Museum - 134	Associate - 116
Junior - 104	Life Associate - 26
Life Museum - 2	Honorary - 2

This year we lost 22 members through death. We also had to drop 200 members because of non-payment of dues. At the same time, we only added 70 new members.

Membership in the Alden Kindred is a luxury and in times such as these, we are grateful for your continued support. One of the ways you can help the Alden Kindred thrive is to **encourage new members** - your children and grandchildren, your brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins, and even friends and neighbors may be interested in joining our family kindred. We think there are a million cousins out there, so spread the word!

Membership application forms are available from the Alden Kindred office (PO Box 2754, Duxbury MA 02331), on the website (www.alden.org), and by e-mail at aldenhouse@comcast.net.

Small But Cozy Reunion

Alden House Hosts 110th Annual Meeting

The 110th Annual Reunion held on August 7th was the smallest we have had in many years, only about 50 members and guests attending, but the weather was gorgeous and the company enjoyable.

On Friday evening, a reception was held in the barn to honor some of our many volunteers who donate their time and skills – everything from hooking the rug we raffle each year, to gardening, participating in our Haunted House, and helping to dust and vacuum on cleanup day.

At the business meeting Saturday morning, members



Lily Campbell (left), Elsie Alden Clemente (right)

were brought up to date on the state of the Alden Kindred, which has been tightening its belt to weather the financial times. Our new Administrative Manager, Matt Vigneau, was introduced to the group (see article elsewhere). Donnell

Young Scholarship recipient William (“Will”) C. Hinson and his mother flew in from California to receive his award from Mr. Young’s daughter, Barbara Itz.

Oldest member attending was once again Mrs. Elsie Alden Clemente, age 92, of Quincy. There were co-youngest members: Miss Skye Alden Lewald of Braintree, age 19 months, who was also the youngest last year. Next

youngest was Miss Lily Campbell of Poughkeepsie, New York, age 10. Lily, granddaughter of newly-elected Executive Board member Gary Campbell, led the Pledge of Allegiance and signed her lineage papers at the meeting.

The tally of members in attendance by Alden child: Elizabeth 10, Jonathan 10, Ruth 10, Joseph 5, Sarah 5, David 1, Associates 5.

The tally of attendees by state: Massachusetts 25,



Tracy Lewald (left), Skye Alden Lewald (center), Elsie Alden Clemente



Rhode Island 7, New Hampshire 4, New York 3, Maryland 2, California 2, Connecticut 1

After the meeting and lunch, members were instructed and entertained by textile historian Jill Hall who described the realities of textile production during the colonial period. With the help of her daughter, Jill showed us how to spin with a drop spindle.

Jill also explained that despite our favorite image of Priscilla Mullins sitting at a spinning wheel as she told John Alden to “Speak for Yourself”, there were no spinning wheels in Plymouth Colony at the time!

Members generously bid on over 20 silent auction items, bringing in over \$300 to support the Kindred, and our 9th annual Duxbury Rug Hookers handmade rug (this year’s theme was the Standish Monument in Duxbury) was a popular item, earning another \$1,000. Thank you to everyone!

Save the date: Next year’s Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011.



Jill Hall, left, with the help of her daughter Lilia gives a talk on spinning in colonial Massachusetts

Remembrances

The Alden Kindred recently lost two long-time members of our family.

John Clarke Alden, 80, died on July 28th. At our annual meeting in August, Linda Osborne, President of the Alden Kindred, read the following eulogy:

I met John Alden many years ago as a co-AKA Board member. John was a true gentleman and very proud of his Alden heritage. I was honored to serve with him on the Board.

John was our first fundraising committee (in the beginning all by himself). He was responsible for Alden nails, three Alden glass bottles, the Alden blanket, mugs and many other items. He was a major sponsor of our Alden Golf Tournament and also played in the tournament with a foursome for most of the years it was held. He was always there to support his family organization, contributing whatever he could.

Some years ago, John told us the story of the time when he was younger and got stopped for speeding. When the officer came over to the car and asked his name, he politely stated it was John Alden. However, the police officer did not believe him, and since John had forgotten his license he could not prove who he really was. No matter how much he tried to convince the officer that indeed he was John Alden, it was to no avail. The officer told him to stop kidding around, so John gave up and said his name was John Clarke!

Although I had not seen John for about a year, we communicated regularly by e-mail until about two months ago. Even though he knew his lung cancer was stage 4, John didn't give up. He had an upbeat attitude and remained upbeat.

Alicia and I attended his funeral and it struck me how precious he held his heritage. He had requested that the Alden symbol, the scallop shell, be put on his casket. The Alden Kindred logo was on his name plate, and we were called over to see it at the end of the service. Experiencing this was very touching, along with the graveside service that included a volley fired by the Chelmsford Minute Men, and the folding and presentation of the U.S. flag by the United States Air Force in which John served.

I can imagine that John Alden is up in Heaven organizing some historical events and reuniting with his Alden family.

Rest in peace, John Alden, we will miss you!

Robert Philip Winterhalter, 81, died on September 29th. Bob served as a member of our Executive Board for many years and was Treasurer for a term. He was a resident of Ashland, Massachusetts, for most of his life, and for the last ten years he was the Transportation Director for the Millis Public Schools. He and his wife, Cynthia, owned and operated the Big W Trans, Inc., a school, charter and transit bus service in Ashland and surrounding towns for over 25 years. He served on town committees, including the Historical Commission and the CPA, and in July was given a Town of Ashland Civic Pride Award by the Selectmen.

Bob was a staunch supporter of the Alden Kindred, whose solid and dependable advice will be missed.

We have also received news of the deaths of the following members:

Merwin Francis Almy (12 Mar 2010)

Donald Robert Bryant (23 Oct 2009)

Warren Everett Burt (16 Nov 2009)

Michael Alden Grant (2 Oct 2007)

Helen Katherine Grubel (22 Feb 2009)

Yolanda Earle Lauerman (4 Aug 2009)

Ruth Patterson McCarthy (14 Jan 2010)

Edith Harvey Noble (18 Feb 2009)

Priscilla Richardson Sangster (4 Nov 2009)

Jeannette Jeffery Sweet (22 Aug 2008)

Lowell Alfred Warren (23 Feb 2010)

Members may request copies of the 2010 Annual Report by calling the office or e-mailing aldenhouse@comcast.net.

President's Corner



The Alden Kindred has seen many changes since last year when we received our plaque designating our Site as a National Historical Landmark.

After the retirement of Alden (Rink) Ringquist, Director, and James Baker, Curator, in 2009, we decided to slow down a bit and “catch our breath” during the winter months. I called a special Board meeting in February so that the Board could discuss what they would like to do regarding personnel and the opening of the House. At that meeting, the Board directed the Personnel Committee to reorganize and authorized it to draw up a job description, advertise, and hire a “Seasonal Manager.” Several Board members volunteered to be on the Committee as well as Chair, Alicia Williams, and myself who were already on the inactive Committee. In addition to the above named, Bonnie Conant, Mary Ruth Duquette, and Pauline Kezer volunteered and were appointed. Alicia drafted a job description and placed the ads. We received several excellent applicants for the position. After all the interviews, Matthew Vigneau of Duxbury was hired. Matthew is a graduate of Ithaca College in N.Y. He has a background in history and is currently attending Harvard University Extension School to obtain his masters in Museum Studies.

After Matthew had been on the job for a short time, it was evident that his enthusiasm and excellent job performance were just what the AKA needed. The Committee, on my recommendation, decided it was in the best interest of the AKA to offer Matt a one year contract rather than negotiate a continued limited contract after October 15th. It made more sense to keep him on a consistent contract and schedule with the Haunted House, the Annual Appeal, the Annual Dues bills, and other Administrative duties that needed attention on a regular basis.

By eliminating the Office Manager/Gift Shop position and not filling the Curator and Directors positions, we were able to reduce our payroll to around \$35,000. Dodie Cook returned for the summer as our docent.

The other important news this year was the extensive water damage we had during the heavy spring rainfall. As a result, we were in need of some major roof repairs and siding that needed immediate attention to preserve the Alden Homestead.

The hours of operation changed this past summer and the house was open from Wednesday through Saturday from 12:00 – 4:00 instead of the previous Monday through Saturday schedule. We also had a shorter season this year as we closed on Labor Day Weekend, but were open Saturdays in September.

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Duxbury Native Joins Alden Staff



New Administrative Manager, Matthew Vigneau, right, receives instructions from retired Curator Jim Baker.

Last winter we decided to try a new approach for our administrative staff. We consolidated all of our tasks into the job of Administrative Manager. We didn't know if anyone would be interested in this job, but were pleasantly surprised to receive eight applications from as far away as Maine and Georgia, as well as many local towns.

We are delighted to say that we found the right man for the job here in our own backyard. Matthew Vigneau grew up in Duxbury and is a graduate of Duxbury High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in History from Ithaca College and is presently studying for a master's degree in Museum Studies from the Harvard Extension School. Matt brings with him an unbounded enthusiasm for the Alden Kindred and the Alden House (and he isn't even an Alden descendant). His “can do” attitude has lifted all of our spirits, and we look forward to seeing how he will be integrating his studies to help improve Kindred operations and seek new opportunities for the museum.

As Administrative Manager, Matt succeeded Jim Baker who retired as Curator last year, and has just finished his first season with the Alden House. He is also responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Kindred, including bookkeeping, membership records, gift shop and mail order, event planning, and much more. If you have any questions about the Alden Kindred or would just like to welcome him to the family, you can reach Matt at aldenhouse@comcast.net.

Alden House Provides the Backdrop for Genealogical Television Show

This Fall the Alden House welcomed a popular genealogical television show entitled the "Generations Project." This reality series filmed for Brigham Young University Television in Provo, Utah, uncovers hidden identities of families' pasts to help them better understand their own lives. This episode will feature Sean Plasse of Richmond, Vt., in his quest for self-discovery.

The episode features a trip to the Alden House where Mr. Plasse was met by former Curator and current AKA Board member Jim Baker. Mr. Baker discussed the story of the house as well as the Alden lineage with Sean. In addition to the Alden House, the episode also filmed excerpts at Plymouth Plantation and Duxbury Beach.

This episode will air mainly in the Utah area but will also be available to satellite television users. The exposure that this episode provides will allow the Alden

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story to reach a large audience in the western portion of the country. It will air during their second season which begins on January 3, 2011. For more information on the generations project you can find them on the web at www.byutv.org/thegenerationsproject.

First Artisans and Crafters Fair a Success

On Sunday, August 8th, we hosted our very first Artisans Fair on the grounds of the Alden House. A dozen vendors from as far away as Vermont put up their tents and displayed beautiful handmade crafts. Exhibitors were Bob Cashin of Plymouth (photography), Janet Curley of Marshfield (pottery and jewelry), the Duxbury Rug Hookers (handmade hooked items), Dan Hart of Cotuit (photography), Barbara Hughes and Martha Breslin of Duxbury (jewelry), Nina Lapchyne of Winchester (hand-painted silk scarves and jewelry), Deborah MacFail from Brighton (jewelry), Beth Merry of Duxbury (stoneware pottery), Gail Nauen of Carver (paintings and prints), and Laurie Rizzo and Debby Berube of Chelsea, Vermont (art from recycled items). Each vendor also donated an item for a silent auction that raised \$350.

Hundreds of visitors attended the fair and took a free walk-through tour of the Alden House. We received rave reviews from customers and vendors alike and are planning our second Artisans Fair for the Sunday following next year's annual meeting.



Gail Nauen one of the Artisans Fair vendors

Save the date: Next year's Artisans and Crafters Fair will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2011.

Duxbury Rug Hookers Present Myles Standish Monument Rug to AKA

For the ninth year, the Duxbury Rug Hookers made and donated a hooked rug, which was raffled for the benefit of the Alden House. This year's rug was designed by Eloise Doyle and depicts the Myles Standish Monument in Duxbury. The rug hookers are a group of 22 women from Duxbury and the South Shore who hook rugs and wall hangings. As a token of their appreciation for meeting in the Alden Barn, they have hooked a rug for the Kindred to raffle each year since 2002. Previous rugs have generated more than \$11,000 and are coveted one-of-a-kind works of art.

This year, AKA member Scott Bill Hurst of Rhode Island won the Standish rug while attending his first annual meeting. The raffle added another \$1,000 to the total donations from the Rug Ladies.



AKA President Linda Osborne receives the Myles Standish Monument rug from the **Duxbury Rug Hookers**

John Alden and His Family Visit Alden House!

Actually, we had two John Aldens and their families at the house on the day after Thanksgiving. John Winthrop Alden, Jr., and his son John III, gathered a bus load of relatives and brought them on a tour of the Alden homestead. The family came complete with custom T-shirts (we're going to steal their idea for next year's gift shop) with "Alden Family" on the front. John, Jr. (or "John Alden XI" as the back of his shirt proclaimed), proudly led a gaggle of Alden descendants through the house on a "Cold Turkey Tour" (i.e., day after Thanksgiving, no heat in the house...you get the idea).



The Alden's are now on Facebook

Facebook is one of the fastest growing social networking sites in the history of the Internet and you can now find the Alden House among its pages. This site is a great way to connect with others who are family and friends as well as those who share similar interests. Throughout the year we update our events at the house, including the renovations to the exterior this fall. The Alden House page now has over 600 friends and is growing every day. Log on to www.facebook.com and the search for "Alden House."

President's Message

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We obtained three bids in late spring, and the Conant Brothers of Marshfield completed the extensive repairs. This work began after Labor Day and was completed by the end of September. We currently have several fund raising opportunities to assist in replenishing our Endowment Fund.

I look forward to working with Matt and our AKA Board this coming year. I also want to thank all of you, our members, for your continued support in promoting "Our Alden Story" and preserving our wonderful Alden House, A National Historical Landmark.

Respectively Submitted
Linda J. Osborne, President, Alden Kindred Of America

Ninth Annual Alden Haunted House a Success!

This Fall the Alden House welcomed nearly 500 visitors to its annual Haunted House on October 23rd. Volunteers, children and Alden Kindred members portrayed ghostly ancestors who once again rose to greet visitors. Among the many personalities from the past were Aunt Polly, who this year was portrayed by AKA member Mary-Ruth Duquette. Priscilla Alden occupied the Great Room and was once again played by former Superintendent of Duxbury Schools, Sue Skeiber.

In addition to the house, there were many other activities on the Alden property for those in attendance. Once again free cider that was donated by our local grocery store Foodie's and also a wide variety of baked goods for sale in the barn that were donated by Sugarplumb Bakery and friends of the Alden House.

This year a number of local groups helped us make this such a wonderful event. Members of The Duxbury Garden Club were on hand to help carve and sell pumpkins. This year the pumpkins were donated by AKA Treasurer Patricia Randall who grew them on her farm here in



Sue Skeiber (above) portrays Priscilla Alden in the Great Room at the Haunted House

Duxbury. Our Haunted Trail was lit once again with the generous help of local Boy Scout Troup Sixty-Two. Both parents and scout members spent many hours setting up and running the trail.



Japanese school children pose in front of the Alden House (before reshingling) with Administrative Manager Matthew Vigneau.

Japanese School Children Visit Alden House

On May 25th, the Alden House once again welcomed students from the Japanese Children's Society. The society is a private, non-profit Japanese language based school which is located in Englewood, NJ. Always a favorite of the school, the Alden House has remained a primary destination in their understanding of American Colonial life.

A very inquisitive group, they were fascinated by the house and the objects contained within its walls. Each student sought out specific artifacts in the house including a butter churn, lamp and bed key.

“Speak for Thyself” Awards Set for May 20th

The Alden Kindred of America will host its Fifth Annual “Speak for Thyself” Awards and dinner on May 20, 2011, at the Senior Center in Duxbury. **“The Speak for Thyself” Award** honors exceptional women who, in the spirit of Priscilla Mullins, make their own choices. Priscilla’s famous words to John Alden, “Speak for Thyself, John”, in reference to his query for her hand in marriage on behalf of Miles Standish, stands as a strong message to women of all generations who select their paths in life. Our honorees have the same spirit as Priscilla Mullins Alden and have stood up and made a difference as pioneers, advocates, community leaders and business leaders.

The Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2011 awards. If you would like to have someone you know and admire considered for this honor, fill out the nomination form below (it is also available on the website at www.alden.org).

Past recipients include: Barbara Bush, Doreen Bilezikian, Loretta LaRoche, Helen Philbrick, Marianne Leone Cooper,

Phyllis P. Godwin, Elizabeth Nightingale, Anne Antonellis, Hollis “Holly” Morris, Betsy Sullivan, Tania Cooper Pariola, Therese Murray, Dorothy “Dolly” Snow Bicknell, and Joanne Moore.

Nominations deadline is: **January 15, 2011**. This is a “once in a lifetime” award and any or all of the following attributes should be considered when submitting a name for consideration. The nominee should be a woman who has made choices for herself and excels in one, or more, of the following areas:

*Pioneer
Advocate
Community Leader
Business Leader*

The nominees chosen to receive the 2011 Speak for Thyself award will be asked to supply a photograph and must be available to attend the award ceremony on May 20, 2011, in Duxbury, MA.

NOMINEE

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

E-mail Address: _____

Category: Pioneer Advocate Community Leader Business Leader

Materials to Be Submitted With Nomination Form:

- One page summary of the nominee’s contributions in any or all of the above roles.
- One page biographical sketch of the nominee.
- Other supportive materials may be included and all should be legible.

PERSON(S) SUBMITTING NOMINATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

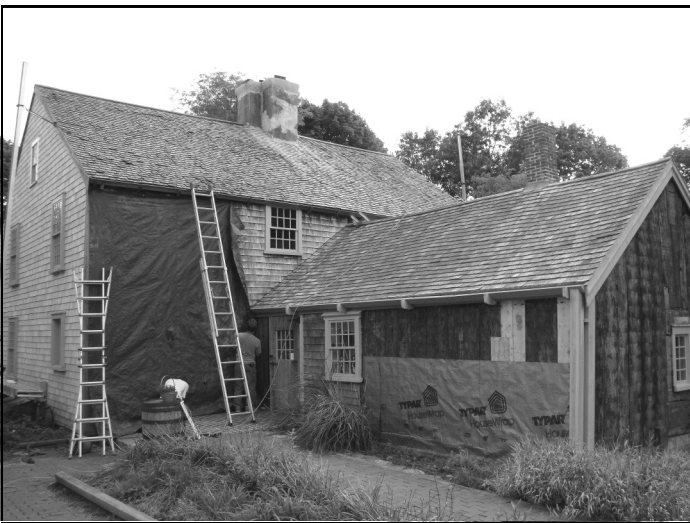
Phone: Work _____ Home _____

E-Mail Address: _____

This form and accompanying materials must be received by January 15, 2011.

Mail To: Alden Kindred of America, Inc. PO Box 2754, DUXBURY, MA 02331-2754

During and After 2010 House Renovations



Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year

Yes, this is the only Alden Kindred newsletter you have received this year. There are several reasons for this. Inside, you'll read that much has been going on at the old homestead. Our volunteers and staff have been working as hard as they can, but there was a limit to what could be accomplished as we strove to just make certain the Alden Kindred kept running and the house was open to the public. More urgently, we needed to cut costs. By consolidating our two issues into one this year, we have saved nearly \$2,000 on printing and mailing.

We Aldens have always been a thrifty family, so now we're calling on our members to help us continue that tradition. **Members who would like to receive their mailings via e-mail, please let us know** by sending your current e-mail address to us at aldenhouse@comcast.net. When newsletters are published in the future, you will receive an e-mail notice with a link to our website, where you can download issues in .pdf format. *Thank you!*

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