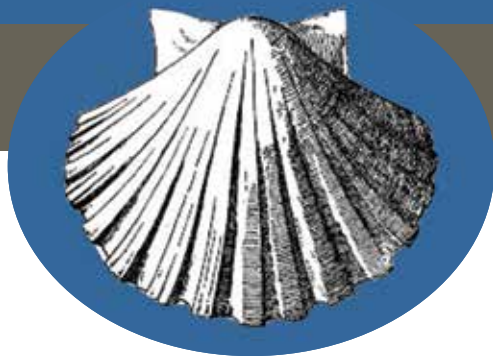


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Autumn



2015

This commemorative issue of the Autumn/Winter 2015 Alden Progress Newsletter is our tribute to the 1928 Alden Kindred Magazine.

These early volumes are a unique asset in our collection; the Alden Kindred Magazine connected Alden's across the country with vitally important information pertaining to Kindred members, genealogy and lineage, membership events and ongoings complete with provocative commentary and articles.



With many thanks to our enthusiastic Duxbury High School interns. This invaluable experience is afforded these young minds by AKA programs and are made possible by members like you. From accessioning the printing plates and identifying conservation concerns, these teens researched which volumes specific plates were used in, and more interestingly, the members and places from yesteryear featured in the original 1928 Alden Kindred Magazine as they develop an engaging exhibit that celebrates the focus on you, our members.

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A detailed nautical chart of Duxbury Bay and Cow Yard. The chart shows various islands, including Clark's Island and Squash Head, and features like the Cow Yard and Duxbury Bay. The text is overlaid on the chart in a large, elegant script font.

Letter to the Membership

Pauline Kezer, President

November 2015

Dear Alden Kindred Members,

We are on the move at the Alden House. It has been a year of extraordinary accomplishments as we set our sight on 2020 and the 400th celebration of the arrival of the *Mayflower*!

Your board and staff have been developing a strategic plan for the Kindred which calls for growth and fiscal stability. A reenergizing board retreat helped shape our vision to integrate the Alden House as a key player in the 2020 celebration. Since then:

- We've hired a staff person, Kristen Larson, to focus on membership and fund development
- In addition to honoring extraordinary women, Speak for Thyself Awards is becoming a major annual fundraising event for the Kindred and our work
- We are increasing our community presence and have improved our website interactivity and messaging, including online enrollments
- Completed a comprehensive preservation assessment on the Historic House
- Opened the new Alden Gift Shop in Duxbury and online at www.alden.org

In the midst of all this activity and to our excitement, an opportunity to purchase the property next door presented itself. We currently sit on 2.5 acres and the acquisition will double that area. The two buildings include a farm house and barn that has been converted into a loft apartment. Originally, this farm was Arthur Alden's. I am most pleased to announce that it is now officially owned by you, the members of the Alden Kindred of America!

The objective is to rent the two dwellings, rents will cover the costs of ownership as we develop a plan to connect the two properties. We would like to expand our parking and outdoor programming and the addition of 97 Alden Street will allow for expansion of the barn into a true visitors center and office as we scale into the future.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and its unique design, created by Kristen Larson. It honors our past and is full of our vision for the future. It also contains your invitation to participate in our Annual Fund. We rely on the support of our members and hope that you will take a moment to respond either by mail or online. Your contribution is our "life blood" and we ask each year at Thanksgiving, which aptly reflects upon our shared heritage and our mission.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am thankful for the opportunity to lead the Alden Kindred during this time. I am thankful for a dedicated Board of Directors, our talented staff, and our volunteers who make such a difference. I am thankful that a hearty group of people survived the winter of 1620 and that two of them, John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, stayed on this soil and created an enormous family and legacy that was and is instrumental in the formation of our country and its democracy.

In Thanksgiving for members like you,



Pauline R. Kezer, President

2015

Annual Fund
Appeal

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“We may have all come on different ships,
but we’re in the same boat now.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

You are the reason Alden Kindred of America and Alden history is, in a word, thriving.

Alden Kindred members *are* the gateway to our collective story; because of your time, talents and treasure, this extraordinary heritage is available to all. The importance of “place” is known and felt here. History truly comes alive in Duxbury, and without your story ours is incomplete.

Every day, distant cousins eager to explore and connect with their heritage begin proving their lineage, local high school students interact with Alden artifacts as we create unique exhibits that draw from a not so distant past, and the homestead greets throngs of curious visitors peering into *our* window on America’s past. Without the Kindred, *none* of these opportunities would exist.

Volunteers care for every facet of this organization from outreach and events, to property care and maintenance. For those things that your time and talents can’t afford, we rely on your treasure. Your contribution to the 2015 Annual Fund is your opportunity to assist us in bridging the gap between membership dues and operational expenses.

Our imperative is to keep Kindred dues affordable for cousins of varying means to participate, and to share Alden history through education, exhibition and outreach. Our objective is to extend that reach into every family, those known and not yet known to us with an eye on the future.

It is our Kindred goal to stand center stage with the 400th Anniversary of the *Mayflower*. To reach these new heights, we will need to do things not yet done; And you will make the difference as we are asking for 100% member participation in our 2015 Annual Fund drive. The value of your membership is a unique blend of benefits, intangibles, community, and filial relation. Whether you enrolled at the Alden House or online, there is one thing I am certain of: Your initiative, Your generosity, Your history and Your story led your path to us. What a blessing, and we cherish it.

Please help us continue the extraordinary Kindred work of bringing together community and cousins worldwide, connecting local schoolchildren who are eager to learn about the historic roots of our great country beginning with the history and heritage of the Alden Family. Every day is a new opportunity, another opportunity to influence, shape, create that living history. Today is your opportunity to be a pivotal part of Alden history.

Whether by bloodline or by choice, we are all on this ship together; Let’s make the journey to tomorrow one our ancestors will reflect upon with pride and esteem for the value of what we are able to accomplish here and now, *together*. As 2015 draws to a close, please punctuate it with your donation to Alden Kindred of America. Let your generosity be the kind that legends are made of, and lets make history. Together.

In Kindred Spirit, Kristen Larson, Manager, Development & Membership, with Jeff Dowling, Chair, Development Committee, Development Committee Members: Carolyn Bingham, Paula Harris, John Hyslop, J. Alden Keyser, Linda Osborne & Alden Ringquist.

Speak for Thyself

The 2015 Speak for Thyself Award honored Sarah French, Anita Haffey, Jeanette McKenzie and Mikey Walker.



Sarah French an Emmy Award winning Anchor/Reporter for WHDH-TV Channel 7 News in Boston. An advocate for domestic violence victims, she is involved with Make a Wish Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Anita Haffey has dedicated years of support to the Duxbury community through her commitment to improving children's lives with Crossroads for Kids, protecting the Duxbury barrier beach and its endangered species with the Duxbury Beach Preservation Society as well as upkeep of two historical light-houses with Friends of Gurnet and Bug Lights.



Jeanette MacKenzie's dedication and support to the Duxbury community begins with her extensive knowledge and passion for horticulture and her willingness to share it. Through the Community Garden Club she has planted beauty throughout the town, and generously worked on the Alden House Landscaping Project, designing the herb gardens and ensuring that the landscape is an integral part of the Alden House Museum tour and experience.



Mikey Walker has dedicated years to educating children and is currently Head of School at Old Colony Montessori School. She founded the Kerry Jon Walker Fund in memory of her late son. She is currently president of the organization which enhances the education of young people in America and abroad to promote initiatives designed to improve the quality of life for those who suffer from poverty and its consequences.



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116TH

ANNUAL REUNION

The 116th Annual Reunion welcomed over a hundred twenty guests from across the country, and spanning generations from children to seniors. The event marked a turning point in Kindred membership, making membership easier through a vote that ratified important bylaw changes enabling new member enrollments independent of lineage certification.

We also rolled out our 2020 Membership Challenge, to increase our membership to 2,020 members by 2020 in commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims arrival of the *Mayflower*. The primary benefit of the 2020 challenge is the waiving of the lineage certification fee for any new member that is closely related to an AKA member with a proven line of descent THRU DECEMBER 31, 2015! Take advantage of this opportunity to share your lineage and increase your family's participation by giving the gift of membership this holiday season. It truly is a historic gift, and memorializes your connection in the Alden Archives. To read more about the 2020 Membership Challenge turn to page 8.

Members and guests were welcomed by our new signage, reconcepted gift shop and news of an impending property acquisition. With Carolyn Bingham's rousing speech and donation of \$5,000 for the down payment on the 97 Alden Street property she promised that if her gift was matched to \$50,000, she would double her donation, several other immediate donations were rendered, adding to the excitement of the day! Way to go, Carolyn! Looking for a way to be a part of history? Consider a major gift to assist in the purchase of this Alden property.





The year was 1941. Pigtails made the front cover of Life Magazine. And seven pages of this issue are dedicated to: The Alden Family, A Sequel to the First American Love Story, which profiled a diverse Alden story from John & Priscilla to Arthur Alden of 97 Alden Street, Duxbury. Arthur managed the White Bros. Milk Bar and with the honk of a horn and .25 cents you could get an official tour of the Historic House with Mrs. Arthur (Marguerite) Alden. The September 8, 1941 issue cost 10 cents, this issue of Alden Progress and reclaiming a piece of the original 1627 land grant, *priceless!*

On October 29th, Alden Kindred began writing a new chapter in the Alden history as President of the Board of Directors Pauline Kezer and Treasurer Pat Randall made the acquisition of 97 Alden Street official. The purchase of 97 Alden Street with its home, lofted barn and parcel of land will amply increase our present footprint. In the coming years, this unique property complete with its two residences and ample acreage will be integrated into our strategic plan.

As an organization, our leaders are putting wood behind the arrow, moving in the direction of growth which is creating the first ripples of attention that will carry us forward onto that center stage in 2020 with the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the pilgrims. The opportunity to captivate cousins, history enthusiasts and audiences nationally is ripe with possibilities.

The land purchase is historically significant, and as the plans for integration, expansion and sustainable use unfurl, we are striving for a complete environment to share not only Alden History but the context through which the Alden History has thrived through the centuries. To provide educational and recreational experiences, by preserving and interpreting history at the place where it happened.

Visit alden.org to read the complete Life article. Follow our progress online, be a part of history in the making, and don't forget to 'friend' us on Facebook!



The 2020 Challenge

Branching out, an imperative:
America anticipates 400th anniversary
of
Pilgrims arrival in Plymouth.

There is no greater gift than the sharing your LOVE OF FAMILY. In August, we made it easier to become a member of the Alden Kindred. To join, we've made it possible to enroll independent of certifying your lineage. To kick off this membership drive, we offered existing member's close relatives the opportunity to certify lineage at no cost!

Since then we've enrolled over 85 *new members!* Because of the positive response we're continuing to waive the Lineage Certification Fee through December 31, 2015! So, now is the time to enroll brothers, sisters, children, aunts, uncles, grandchildren as they can do certify their lineage with payment of dues (\$30/individual or \$55/household family) until the December 31, 2015. Something to think about.

New Membership Enrollment forms are available online at www.alden.org. For more information about the 2020 Challenge or membership please contact Kristen Larson at 781.934.9092 or klarson@alden.org.

Gary Campbell, Chair, Membership Committee

SECOND ANNUAL

DUXBURY FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 2015

A SERIES OF EVENTS DESIGNED
TO OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Second Annual Duxbury Food and Wine Festival held two of their signature events at the Alden House this past September. Oktoberfest and the Pilgrim Dinner enjoyed remarkable turnouts, and both events yielded incredible media coverage of the property, our Kindred and the festival. Plans are underway for next year already! Looking for a good time of year to plan your visit to the home-
stead? September is bustling with activity!





Jerrell Cleaves, and delightfully frightful family of re-enactors make the Annual Alden Haunted House eerie-sistable and has for years. Joined by her daughter Heidi Parent, grandson Aidan Parent, sister, Gayle Williams, niece Jerrell Williams and her fiancé Mark Lang, nephew Alex Wilcox, his sons Collin & Ryan and daughter Mikayla. With over 250 participants, 50 volunteers this team effort was remarkable in every way. If you're ever in the Alden neck of the woods at this time of year, ride your broomstick on over for some spooktacular family fun!



ALDEN KINDRED OF AMERICA

LEGACY SOCIETY

WE INVITE YOU TO ALIGN
YOUR LEGACY WITH OURS.

YOUR GIFT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Alden Kindred of America Legacy Society's mission is to support those with the desire and capacity to include Alden Kindred in their estate plans. Any proceeds received are reserved for long term goals and are independent from annual operating revenues, allowing AKA resources and flexibility to complement the mission of AKA.

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving is a well-recognized method of transferring valuable gifts in the future on a reliable and tax efficient basis to non-profits, schools, churches etc. Planned giving ranges from specific bequests in a will or trust to beneficiary designations in life insurance policies, charitable remainder trusts, transfers from IRA's and various other well recognized mechanisms.

BENEFITS OF PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving offers the unique opportunity to benefit both the donor and AKA, joining mission critical assistance to AKA for the preservation, exhibition and outreach of our Alden legacy.

For more information, contact Kristen Larson at 781.934.9092 or klarson@alden.org.

HOW ESTATE PLANNING SUPPORTS THE ALDEN KINDRED OF AMERICA MISSION



BEQUESTS

Maintain control of your assets during life, make a gift to Alden Kindred at your death.

HOW IT WORKS: You designate AKA as the beneficiary of your will, trust or other instrument.

YOUR BENEFITS: Estate tax charitable deduction and life use and ownership of your property.



RETIREMENT PLAN & IRA DESIGNATIONS

Protect the value of your retirement assets and avoid substantial estate tax.

HOW IT WORKS: You name AKA as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k) or other qualified plan. Any assets left in your plan at death pass to AKA.

YOUR BENEFITS: You escape both income and estate tax levied on the assets left in your retirement account.



LIFE INSURANCE & OTHER OPTIONS

Make a "low cost" gift without adversely affecting cash-flow, enjoy tax savings.

HOW IT WORKS: Make a gift of a paid up insurance policy to the AKA or designate AKA as a beneficiary of a policy. From Charitable Gift Annuities to Charitable Remainder Trusts there are many ways you can allocate a gift to AKA upon your death.

YOUR BENEFITS: Immediate income tax deduction for cash surrender value of policy.



genealogy

Are you puzzled trying to fit the pieces of your history together? Wondering what is “evidence” and which documents are best to submit for a lineage application?

There are many documents to consider for your lineage application. Let's examine your generation, you will need your own birth certificate (long form) which means that not only will it indicate the place and time of your birth but will also include full names of both parents, including the maiden name of your mother. This is important if your line goes through your mother's family. Your marriage certificate is also required (bearing your mother's maiden name) and time and place of marriage. Other documents may be required in the case of multiple marriages to reflect a woman's name changes.

Next, your parents. Submit their birth, marriage and death (if appropriate) certificates with as much information – going back in time – including their own parents. For each generation including your grandparents, find/submit the same documents. Simply put, gathering evidence helps write your history with reliable documentation. Some evidence is direct (reliable/adequate) or indirect (relevant but inadequate) gathered from primary or secondary sources. When you are researching yourself, it's fairly easy and the documents come from the town/city/county of your own birth and marriage. As you walk backwards in time, it increases in difficulty. Some towns did not keep records, or records may be housed in a different location and hard to find. Some were destroyed by earthquakes and fires - it can be puzzling.



Examples of source materials:

For direct (reliable/adequate) evidence:

Primary sources including B/C, M/C or D/C – birth, marriage and death certificates (indicating parents). Grave stone photos are also considered a primary source – some are already on line through Find A Grave, and you are welcome to submit copies of images or take your own photographs indicating the cemetery name and place. If the stone is damaged, aged and difficult to read, submit a transcription.

Secondary sources – Federal population schedules (census records) indicating family relationships. (FCMA = Federal Census Massachusetts). And compiled (published) family genealogies. Journal and periodical articles are good secondary sources – do your own literature search for your family name. Google it!

Research Tip: Search the CATALOG drop down menu on Ancestry.com for town history books and genealogies. When using secondary source materials, be sure to indicate where you found it, a proper citation and/or copy of the cover page is really important.

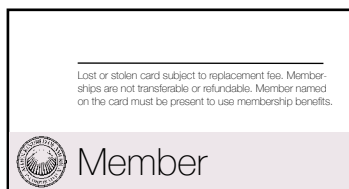
We can help with one puzzle piece at a time and check our data base to see if you may have a relative who is already an AKA member. This too can shorten the research process.

Contact us at genealogy@alden.org. We also consider other societies' lineage papers as long as they are accompanied by documents submitted for approval.

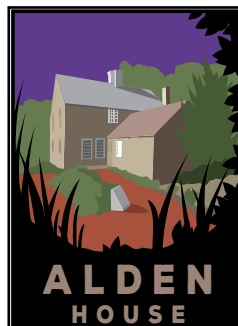
Above all, *HAVE FUN!*

Lilly Cleveland, Genealogist for the Alden Kindred of America, Inc., is a graduate of Boston University with a degree in American History and Certificate in Genealogical Research and descends from the line of daughter, Elizabeth.

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Portraits of John and Priscilla.

Artist Tom Vroman

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Chart Coasters ~ \$26.95		\$
Chart Keychain ~ \$57		\$
Chart Money clip ~ \$64		
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Alden Tshirt Women's ~ \$22 (Indicate size S/M/L/XL/color)		\$
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National Geographic two part series, Saints & Strangers airing November 22 is a story that goes beyond the familiar historical account of Thanksgiving and the founding of Plymouth Plantation, revealing the trials and tribulations of the settlers at Plymouth: 102 men, women and children who sailed on a chartered ship for a place they had never seen. Of this group, half are those we think of as “pilgrims,” religious separatists who abandoned their prior lives for a single cause: religious freedom. The other half, the “merchant adventurers,” had less spiritual and more material, real-world objectives. This clash of values created complex inner struggles for the group as they sought to establish a new colony, compounded by a complicated relationship with the local Native American tribes. The conflicting allegiances among these groups culminated in trials of assimilation, faith, and compromise, that continued to define our nation to this day.

PBS will air The Pilgrims November 24th and Thanksgiving Day at 8pm EST. The story of the Pilgrims – their searing first years in America and pivotal interactions with Native Americans – how they succeeded and how they failed – and how and why we have come to remember them as we do – is a tale far more harrowing and strange – and far more revealing – than the Thanksgiving myth we think we know. The Pilgrims brings to life the epic tale behind the quintessential American myth of origin. Uncovering the riveting story of the men and women of the Mayflower - exploring the historic forces and personalities that motivated their crossing – and the harrowing events that unfolded in their crucial first decade in Massachusetts.

