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Thanksgiving drawing near, the Pilgrim story of perseverance and fortitude is a rising star as excitement grows over the National Geographic premier of "Saints and Strangers."

In Duxbury, we benefit from these epoch tales told on a National media stage, particularly with our special link to the *Mayflower*, and Duxbury's first settler's: John and Priscilla Alden. At our National Historic Landmark The Alden House Historic Site, Alden's are again making history, with the October 29th purchase of the adjacent property at 97 Alden Street which restored 2.7 acres of the original 1627 Alden farm grant. The property was featured in the September 8th 1941 issue of Life Magazine, The full 1941 article is available for viewing at [www.alden.org](http://www.alden.org).

Originally owned by Arthur Alden, who managed the Wilke's Milk Bar, and his wife Marguerite who would provide tours of the Alden House for .25 cents, the property consists of a two bedroom farm house and a lofted barn apartment which are being prepared to go on the rental market December 1st.

The additional acreage will allow for a myriad of possibilities including: facility expansion, education outreach and implementation of sustainable use and outdoor programming growth. Various professional site planners, architects, and engineers will be looking at the best ways to integrate the two properties and make recommendations for its future use which would ideally include a Visitor Center.

Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates over 3 million visitors to the Historic South Shore in 2020, Alden Kindred of America's stewardship to the Alden House Historic Site has shifted into high gear to identify opportunities to support this influx and share this important history in a manner that has impact and longevity. To provide educational and recreational experiences, by preserving and interpreting history at the place where it happened.

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