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## Duxbury's first settlers were Mayflower passengers...

*...the people of the Plantation began to grow in their outward estates...and no man thought he could live, except he had cattle and a great deal of ground to keep them, all striving to increase their stocks. By which means, they were scattered all over the bay quickly." William Bradford, **Of Plimoth Plantation.***

In 1627, seven years after their arrival, Myles Standish, William Bradford, Elder Brewster, John Alden and other Plymouth leaders called "Undertakers" had assumed the debt owed their investors and moved to an area ultimately incorporated in 1637 as Duxbury. As families started to leave Plymouth in the land division of 1627 each member was allotted 20

acres to create a family farm with lots starting at the water's edge.

Duxbury's earliest economic beginnings started the American dream of land ownership. Its exports supplied corn, timber and commodities to Boston's Winthrop migration in the 1630s. Coasters like John Alden and John Howland established coastal fur trading with Native Americans in Maine. They traded and shipped fur pelts back to England to be used for felt which was the fabric of the garment industry at that time in history.

Leading up to 2020, Duxbury has joined with other regional Pilgrim related historic sites to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> Mayflower Journey and Plymouth Settlement. Future Duxbury was first explored from Clark's Island. Before landing in Plymouth, the Mayflower anchored off Provincetown and a scouting party in a smaller boat set sail to explore what is now Cape Cod Bay. They moored at First Encounter beach in Eastham and subsequently anchored at Clark's Island in a storm.

Events, tours, archaeology projects, exhibits and gallery talks will take place starting in 2019. In May 2020, the Myles Standish Monument & Park will be re-dedicated in a town-wide ceremony.

There are various ways to join in the cultural experience of Duxbury 2020 "Our Pilgrim Story." Committees are forming to plan events and to welcome visitors to the Alden House Historic Site.

An organizational partner of Plymouth 400, Duxbury 2020, Inc., is a 501©(3) non-profit organization and sponsor of the commemoration. Other authentic Pilgrim-era sites in the region include the Provincetown Monument in Provincetown, Wampanoag Museum in Mashpee, Aptuxcet Trading Post in Bourne and Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth.

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**Alden House Historic Site, Duxbury's only National Historical Landmark, is the town's Visitor Center for 2020.**

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