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## Alden House Holds 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

Young and old alike gathered for the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alden Kindred of America on August 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a day of celebration for members and friends of the Alden Historic Site. Since last year, the Aldens purchased abutting property to double the size of their National Historic Site and much discussion ensued about "Alden Possibilities" as we approach 2020 and the National Commemoration of the Landing of the Mayflower.

House tours, "Cousins" annual reunion photo, Alden store visits, a box lunch followed by Patrick Browne's talk "Tories and the Almost Battle of Marshfield, and "walking talk" by Lamont Healy of Duxbury 2020 on the Plymouth Trail behind the Duxbury Education Complex filled the day. Quite a few new members made their first trek to Duxbury to see the home of their ancestors.

During the business portion of the meeting, three new board members were elected. They are: Patrick Browne of Kingston; Amy Holbrook of Duxbury, and John Hyslop of Ashburnham, MA who grew up on Shipyard Lane. Officers elected are: Pauline R. Kezer of Connecticut, Pres. Gary Campbell, First VP, of New York, J. Alden Keyser, Second VP, of Florida, Tom McCarthy, Third VP, of Maryland, Patricia Randall, Treas. of Duxbury, and Amy Holbrook, Sec. of Duxbury.

Board Members in addition to those listed above are: Jeff Dowling of Duxbury, John Bradford Towle of CT, Jerry Roberts of CT, Adryn Sumner of SC, Terry Reiber of Duxbury, Lilly Cleveland of MA, Linda Osborne of MA, and Emily Zoltowski of Duxbury.

President Pauline Kezer announced that membership in the Alden Kindred has grown by this year by 290 members. Membership in the Kindred is open to any person who supports "Keeping History Alive" at the Alden Historic Site. If one chose to become a Certified Lineage Descendent, Lilly Cleveland, AKA Genealogist guides them through that process.

See photos below:



ALDEN REUNION: OLDEST & YOUNGEST

Barbara Itz and Barbara Dillion , both 88, flank 22month old James Monroe.



Pat Randall, long time Treasurer of the Alden Kindred attended her 61st Annual Reunion



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