



ALDEN KINDRED OF AMERICA 2022-2023 Annual Report

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023

*It has been a very busy and productive fiscal year (2022-2023) at the Alden Kindred of America. We have come out of the COVID-19 pandemic whole and hearty and are ready to “put a shovel in the ground” to create space for our **Center for Living History** addition to the Alden Barn.*

As many of you know, this project began with the acquisition of the property next door in 2014, which was part of the original Land Grant given to John and Priscilla in 1627. We now have five acres with space to consider expanding our vision. We held long discussions on what the next 40 years should bring to our National Historic Landmark, The Alden Historic Sites in Duxbury, MA.

*The result was “**PRESERVING OUR PAST ... FROM TIMBER TO TECHNOLOGY**”.*

The Alden Building Campaign is a \$2.3 million effort to do three things:

- 1. **Preserve our Historic Assets** by creating a dedicated endowed fund with **\$500,000** for preservation, restoration and protection of our site;*
- 2. Create space and develop the **Center for Living History** as an addition to the Alden Barn - **\$1,000,000**;*
- 3. **Expand our financial base to meet the capacity building for the next century** - **\$500,000**, including retiring the **\$300,000** mortgage on the 2.5 acres of original Alden land.*

*I am delighted to announce that we have reached the \$1 million mark and will break ground for the **Center for Living History** at the Annual Meeting on August 5th, 2023.*

*We have a long way to go to before we complete this ABC campaign, but **I have faith in the Alden Kin and others who share our vision**. We can and will make it happen, so please dream with us, plug into this project, stay tuned, and become part of our future!*

We have had a good year with memberships holding steady when most non-profits are struggling after COVID. Our Annual Fund met its goal; our website is totally redesigned and updated. Take a look! www.alden.org. Our signature Speak for Thyself event in May was very successful, exceeding last year's revenue. Our efforts to solve the decades-old chimney problems in the Alden House are nearing a resolution. We are making strides with our First Site (on school grounds next door) to protect it in perpetuity. We are revising our curriculum for our educational programs with an emphasis on the importance of the Mayflower Compact on the formation of our democracy, ensuring the next generations are informed and will support our country and its freedoms.

On the grounds, I must say the two “Part-time Staff”, Desiree Mobed, Executive Director and Carol Smith, our Office Chief, do a remarkable job. It's hard to believe that two people can take care of so many tasks, run all the programs, be visible in the community, raise the money, and communicate with everyone in so many ways. They are truly another “Alden Miracle”. Add Dave McCormack, our caretaker and grounds keeper, and Terri Wilson who handles the Alden Building Campaign detail, and I stand in awe of all they do for the Alden Kindred.

Your AKA Board also has made a huge difference. Zoom meetings abound. They are a caring group, taking on many tasks as well as setting policy. Some are new, some have served this organization in many capacities over time, but they all care about their responsibilities and are a great group to work with! Check who they are as they are listed in this Annual Report. Offer thanks to these volunteer leaders!

In the community, we joined the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society and the Duxbury Bay Maritime Center and created the Duxbury Community Collaborative which now has 12 cultural and educational entities in town working together.

I look forward to 2023-2024, as another exciting year ahead and invite everyone to be a part of it. All of our committees meet by Zoom as well as in person, so we need your voices, your spirit, but most of all your support!

With gratitude and thanks,

Pauline Kezer

President, Alden Kindred of America



2023 Annual Meeting | Agenda

The Alden Kindred of America, Inc.

123rd Annual Meeting Agenda | August 5, 2023

OPENING CEREMONY 10:00 AM

Invocation/Blessing

Rev. Dr. Peter J. Smith

First Congregational Church, Hanson MA

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order/Bell Ringing

Pauline R. Kezer, President

ALDEN KINDRED ANNUAL REUNION BUSINESS MEETING

Vote on 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Evelyn Walker, Secretary

Report of Treasurer

J. Alden Keyser, Jr

Report of the Membership Committee

Genealogy Report

Christopher Lee &

Bob Holmes, Kindred Genealogists

Nominations Report and Vote

Lilly Cleveland

Report of Scholarship Committee

Linda Osborne

John and Priscilla Alden Museum Scholarship

Sam Elliott

Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship

Nikolas Hamblin

Welcome Dorking

Margaret Cooksey, Mole Valley District Council

Alden Volunteer Award

Executive Director's Report

Desiree Mobed

President's Remarks

Pauline R. Kezer

Calling of the Roll

Alden Porter/Adryn Sumner

Noon Center for Living History Groundbreaking Ceremony

12:30 pm Reunion Group Photos

1:00 pm Lunch - Bongis Turkey Roast

1-4 pm - "You're Invited to the Wedding." Explore the wedding customs of 17th-century Plimoth Colony with reenactors Diana Dunlap & Ian Helmick in this ongoing program. Reenactment of wedding ceremony TBA. Tours of Alden House, archaeology exhibit & First Site. Gift shop & silent auction.

2 pm Featured presentation by The Rev. W. Becket Soule

"Prosecutions for Fornication in Plymouth Colony 1620-1694: The Fast Life and Hard Times of Tom and Becky Delano." Explore the fascinating story of John and Priscilla's younger daughter Rebecca and her husband Dr. Thomas Delano.

3 pm Silent auction closes. Proceeds support Alden House Historic Site.

4-5 pm A walking tour of a short section of the Duxburrough Path.

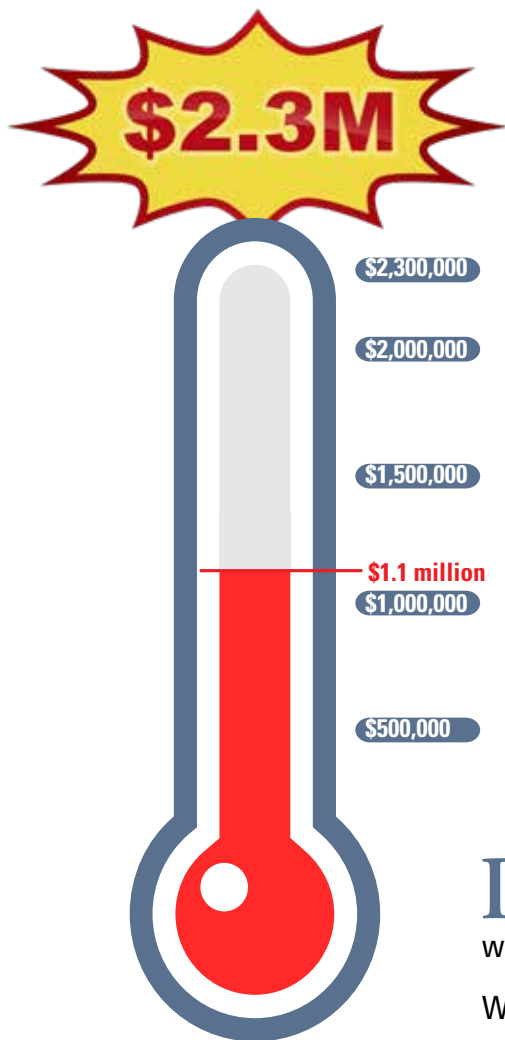
THE ALDEN BUILDING CAMPAIGN

PRESERVING THE PAST FROM TIMBER TO TECHNOLOGY



We have the opportunity today to lift this cherished Alden House National Historic Site into an exciting and fulfilling Center for Living History that ensures the early American story in our midst continues to be told to the young and old!

– Pauline Kezer, AKA President



THE CENTER FOR LIVING HISTORY AT THE ALDEN HOUSE HISTORIC SITE
105 Alden Street, Duxbury, MA
www.alden.org

- ✓ Strengthen our mission to preserve, share and teach the significance of *The Mayflower* Pilgrim spirit and Native American tradition through public exhibition and partnerships with schools.
- ✓ Create fully accessible gathering spaces using the latest technologies to attract a diverse audience.
- ✓ Design and implement an interactive and engaging curriculum that encourages open dialogue and understanding of the reasons for and roots of our Democracy and the impact of *The Mayflower Compact* on the Birth of our Nation.

Please consider sending your gift today. A list of naming opportunities is available on the Alden website at www.alden.org along with more information about the campaign.

With gratitude,

The Alden Building Campaign Committee

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| J. Alden Keyser, <i>Chair</i> | Tom Delano | Russell Rockwell |
| John Alden | Rich Holmes | Adryn Sumner |
| Pam Campbell Smith | Mark Jacobson | Desiree Mobed, <i>Director</i> |
| Anne Cobuzzi | Pauline Kezer | Terri Wilson, <i>Consultant</i> |



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

“Alden House is a national treasure...I mean you think about treasure you might be thinking about gold jewels like pirate treasure. In the old house world this is where it's at!”

– Michael Lemieux, HGTV, Houses with History, 2023

Dear Alden Kindred Members and Friends,

In June of this year, Alden House was featured in a cameo on HGTV's "Houses with History" program as the cast wrestled with restoring the Deacon Eldred House in Sandwich, also known as the Thornton Burgess House for its connection to the author of the much-loved Peter Cottontail stories. Mike Lemieux and Jenny Lee MacDonald were enthusiastic fans as they came to the museum looking for inspiration to rescue another piece of history and transform it into a dream home.

Eight years into my tenure as the director at Alden House Historic Site, I experience the same sense of awe every time I walk the grounds and realize that eight years after their arrival in New England, John and Priscilla were starting to plan a move to Duxbury in expectation of owning land for the first time in their lives and building their dream home.

It was a time of big change for John and Priscilla and, likewise for us, it is now time for a big change. After almost three decades of service as "the barn," our administration building is about to expand into the Center for Living History. Following on the heels of the highly successful launch of the capital campaign led by Pauline Kezer and Alden Keyser, we received a grant for \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Facilities Fund. This grant, which is the largest that AKA has ever received, puts us within striking range of being ready to break ground.

With this wonderful news comes much more hard work. The capital campaign remains a viable and essential leg of our strategy as we continue to raise the money that will be needed to complete construction on the Center for Living History, fund the ongoing preservation efforts of Alden House, and ensure that the endowment is properly resourced to fund our operation generations into the future.

More immediately, we continue to create multi-media content that showcases our scholarship about John and Priscilla and allows us to present the artifacts we have recovered from the First Site in meaningful and interesting ways to a broad audience. You may have joined one of our popular Zoom webinars this year like Dr. Alan Stahl's fascinating talk about the Oak Tree Sixpence that was found at John and Priscilla's homestead and The Revd. W. Becket Soule's presentation about the four ships that followed the *Mayflower*. If you missed the talks, you can follow the links to the recordings while you explore the updated website that we launched earlier this year.

When you stop at the gift shop during your next visit, don't miss Jerry Robert's newly published souvenir booklet about the Alden House and family, which celebrates the Alden legacy in an engaging package of photographs, maps, and narrative history. Our friends at the Rockland

Trust Charitable Foundation and the Rockwell Foundation provided the grant funds necessary to bring this project to life. A former board member, Jerry is also an author, historian, and a leader in the museum field for over 30 years. He put together the booklet with assistance from Alden historians Jim Baker and Tom McCarthy. Launched a few weeks before Christmas, the book is driving sales and will be our featured item in the gift shop this season. If you can't wait for your visit to get your copy, order it through our online store!

The Building and Grounds Committee has been busier than ever. A five thousand grant dollar-grant from the Felicia Fund allowed us to hire the Structures North engineering firm to reassess the condition of the House's chimney and related problems. Issues include settling of the chimney itself, bulging of the wall paneling in the parlor, water intrusion into the eaves, and related structural concerns. Generous grants from The 1772 Foundation and Preservation Massachusetts allowed us to repaint and restore all the exterior window sashes. Our longtime tenants in the 105 Alden Cottage, Hutton and Alyssa Collins, are leaving to move into their new home in Duxbury, so we are taking the opportunity to make deferred repairs to the cottage and the house at 97 Alden before new tenants move in.

I am remiss if I don't thank all of our volunteers for the wonderful work they do on events, programs, the heirloom gardens, and behind-the-scenes to help provide our visitors and members with a world-class experience. This year, our student volunteers deserve a special shout-out. Duxbury High School seniors Emma Kane and Sam Elliott created a new Alden House Quest, and we are honored to be part of the South Shore Quest program for the second time. Bridgewater University student Rianne Wyckstrom has been a standout in supporting many of the museum's activities in 2022 and 2023.

Our top mention must go to Alexandra Hauber. For years she entertained our younger visitors to the annual "Spooktacular" Halloween event as the memorable "Pumpkin Head" and helped make the Haunted Maze the "Go To" event for thousands of Duxbury children. As Ali prepared to graduate from high school she became an Eagle Scout. For her service project she produced a series of videos to interpret the heirloom kitchen gardens at Alden House. Her Scout Leader, Amanda Maxemchuk, will also be stepping back to pursue other projects after many years of service to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Alden House. We are in both of their debts.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the Alden Kindred this year!

Very respectfully submitted, Desiree E. Mobed, Executive Director



SPEAK FOR THYSELF

A SPEAK honoree has the same spirit as Priscilla Mullins Alden and has stood up and made a difference as a pioneer, advocate, community, or business leader.



Kay Drake



Jennifer Stone Gaines



Pamela Nichols



Donna Wood

The Speak for Thyself Event was held on May 11, 2023, at 6:00pm at the Jones River Trading Post in Kingston, MA.

The committee started planning in October of 2022 and by January we had four excellent honorees chosen from MA, AL and FL. We also chose an Aspiring Priscilla from Duxbury High School. We went back to the Jones River Trading venue and Jae Dunn organized both a raffle and silent auction. We held a reception for the honorees on April 27th at the Alden House.

This event is now the most successful Speak event to date in terms of revenue and attendance. We are improving each year! We had 96 attendees across 14 tables to fill the venue. We raised \$17,523 in ticket sales, sponsorships, advertising and donations. Our expenses (including the \$1000 scholarship to Aspiring Priscilla) totaled \$6406, leaving a net profit of \$11,116.80.

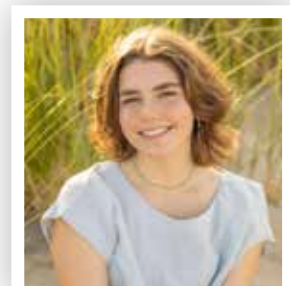
Our revenue was \$2322 higher than 2022, our net income was \$1307 higher and our expenses were \$1015 higher, driven primarily by an increase in photographer fees, and venue rental fee. Our overhead was 36%, which is in line with the standard of 35% for non-profit events. Post COVID the cost of consumer goods has increased 11%-20% and our increase since 2022 was just 6%.

We honored four women with Speak for Thyself awards: Kay Drake (now in FL) and Donna Wood from Duxbury, Jennifer Stone Gaines from Cape Cod and Pamela Nichols from Alabama. We also honored Grace Nightingale, a graduating senior at Duxbury High School with the Aspiring Priscilla Award. We had 5 former Speak honorees attend as well.

Overall, we had great feedback on the event, the weather was fabulous, and the honorees were delighted! We have had great coverage post the event as well. I would like to thank the committee for their fabulous efforts for the 2023 Speak event: Desiree Mobed, Jae Dunn, Pauline Kezer, Pam Smith, and Emily Zoltowski.

Respectfully submitted, *Anne K. Cobuzzi*, Chair

Grace Nightingale
Aspiring Priscilla



YEAR IN PICTURES



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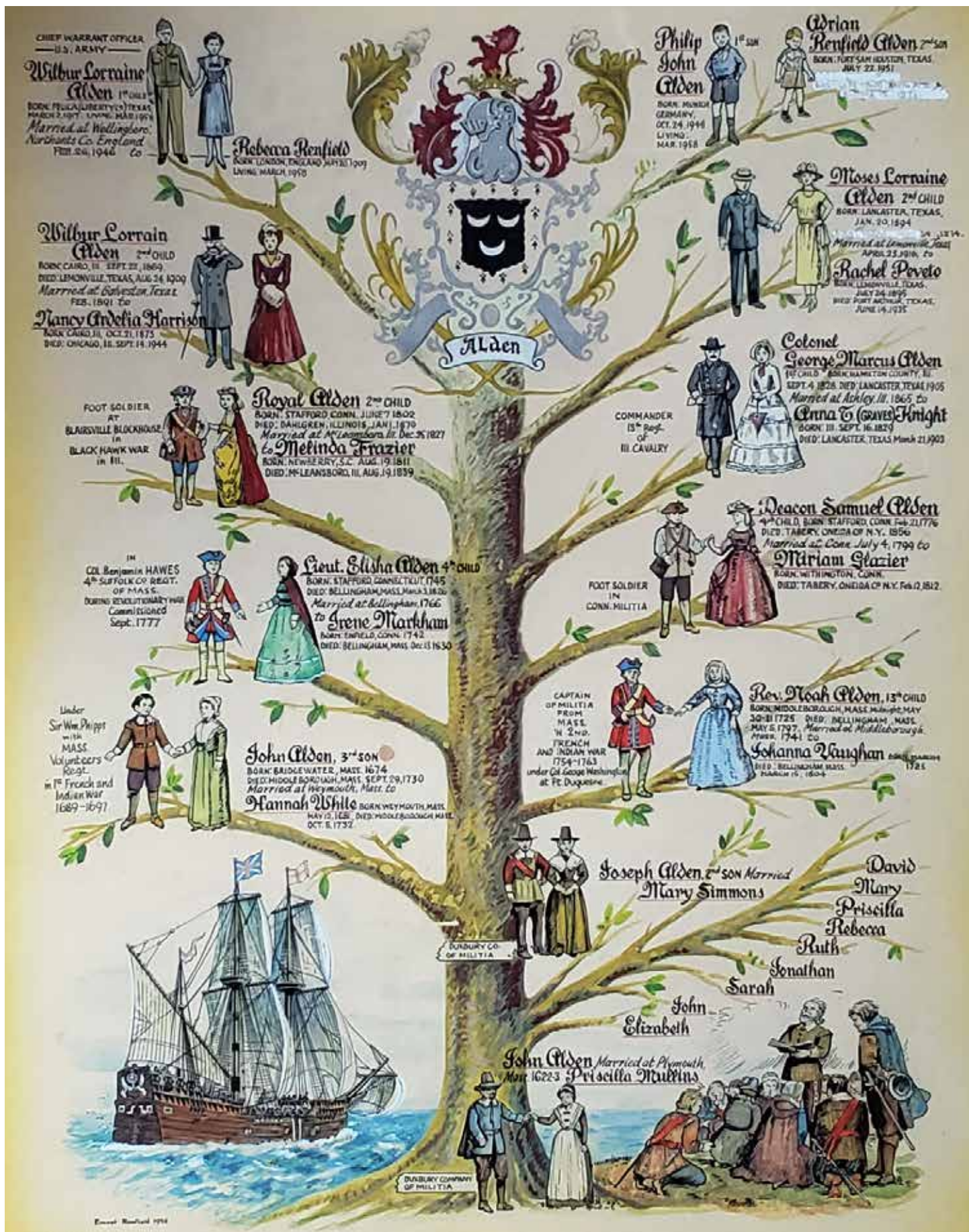


Trish Birk-Smith
Education Guide

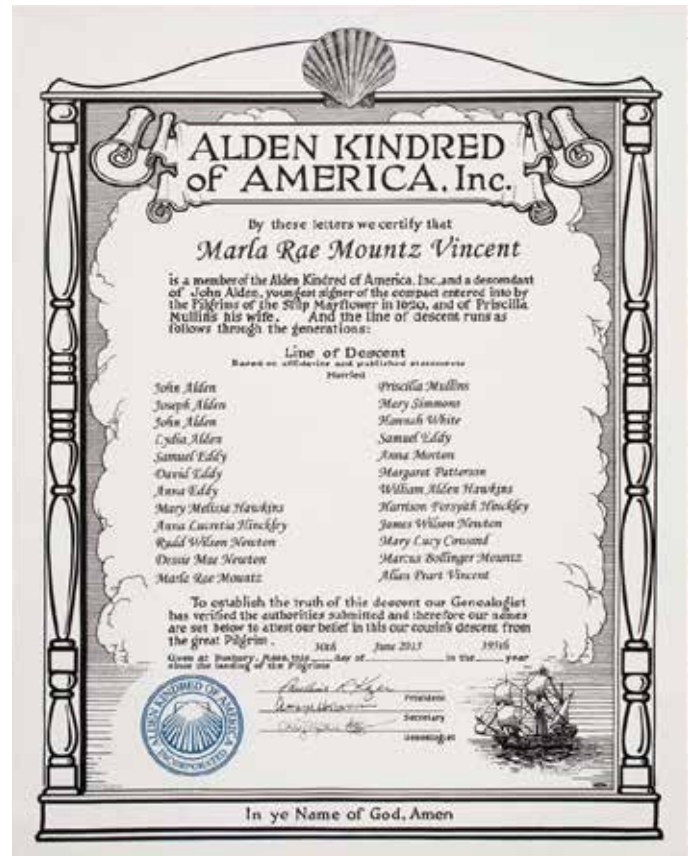


Terri Wilson
ABC Campaign Consultant

GENEALOGICAL ART OF THE ALDENS



(Courtesy Philip J. Alden for the large tree and the coat of arms)



The Alden Kindred of America is at times blessed to encounter beautiful pieces of genealogical artwork unique to our family’s heritage. Philip John Alden, a member of the Alden Kindred of America and a patrilineal descendant of John and Priscilla via their son Joseph, recently shared examples of both an exquisite family tree, complete with figures of each generation in his Alden lineage, and a coat of arms assumed by his branch of the family. For clarity’s sake, we point out here that neither the coat of arms with the *sable* (black) field which is often used by Alden descendants nor the one with *gules* (red) field depicted separately here belongs to our Aldens according to any heraldic authority (i.e. John Alden --nor his descendants-- are entitled to *any* coat of arms). Nevertheless, these arms have appeared for perhaps a century and a half in relation to John and Priscilla’s patrimony as a popular tradition.

The family tree was created and painted by Phil Alden’s maternal uncle, Ernest Renfeld, in 1958 and is truly one of a kind. He and Phil’s mother, Rebecca Renfeld, were from Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. Phil notes that his mother was a war bride, marrying his Texas-born father, Wilbur Lorraine Alden (Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, WWII) in England in 1946. “Uncle Ernie emigrated to South Africa during the early part of WWII,” Phil writes of his uncle, the artist.

Much genealogical art is by its nature bespoke. We are so pleased Phil chose to share the painted family tree and coat of arms with all the Alden descendants. The Alden Kindred of America also offers a bespoke family chart with the names of each generation in your lineage which may be ordered online or by calling the office.

- Christopher C. Lee, Alden Genealogist

LINEAGES APPROVED

IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS 94 LINEAGES FROM JOHN AND PRISCILLA WERE VERIFIED.

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Child</u>
Laura Anderson	Jonathan	Peter Grace	Ruth	Jessica Pares	Elizabeth
Deborah Anderson	Joseph	JoAnn Gromowski	Joseph	James Pitts	Joseph
Clayton Baldrige	Ruth	Wendy Hayward	Ruth	Thomas Potter	Ruth
Bruce Balsley	Joseph	Brian Hazen	Joseph	Kristen Poulakia	Elizabeth
Pauline Bartecchi	Joseph	Jennifer Hillery	Joseph	Lori Roberts	Joseph
Connie Benz	Ruth	Adeline Hillery	Joseph	Paige Ross	Ruth
Eric Bernhard	Ruth	Magnolia Hillery	Joseph	Lynne Scinicarello	Joseph
James Blethen	Joseph	Samuel Hillery	Joseph	Julie Seely	Elizabeth
Thomas Bore	Elizabeth	Jason Hoerler	Elizabeth	Cynthia Shanahan	Joseph
Garry Breedlove	Ruth	Erinn Horrigan	Sarah	Cynthia Sherburne	Joseph
Cora Campbell	Rebecca	Rebecca Howard	Joseph	Mark Smith	Elizabeth
Calvin Campbell	Rebecca	Robert Howard	Joseph	Dirk Smith	Elizabeth
Susan Cavalier	Elizabeth	Gordon Ivins	Elizabeth	Linda Smith	Elizabeth
Norman Coker	Elizabeth	Alden Jones	Ruth	Brian Spears	Elizabeth
Cristina Corbin	Elizabeth	Judith Kane	Sarah	Harold Stuhl	Elizabeth
Jonathan Corbin	Elizabeth	Eirik Kellogg	Jonathan	Maureen Stultz	Joseph
Jennifer Coodey	Joseph	Linda Kennedy	Sarah	Richard Thompson	Elizabeth
Bridget Crawford	Elizabeth	Jonathan Lane	John	Ethan Thompson	Elizabeth
Alden Dalton	Joseph	Judy Law-Torok	Rebecca	Karen Walters	Elizabeth
Jennifer Dion	Elizabeth	Linda Leibold	Elizabeth	Martha Walton	Sarah
Linda Doll	Joseph	Jeffrey MacDonald	Joseph	Nathaniel Walton	Sarah
Vera Dreyer	David	Renee Mandrake	Sarah	Nicholas Walton	Sarah
Brenda Estes	Elizabeth	Alethea McCormick	Sarah	Bruce Ward	Jonathan
Jason Estes	Elizabeth	Michael O'Brien	Elizabeth	Kirsten Ward	Jonathan
Donald Ferris	Joseph	Ella-Marie Ochowicz	Sarah	Ethan Ward	Jonathan
Margaret Fitzgerald	Sarah	Ben Oosting	Jonathan	Austin Ward	Jonathan
Frank Fleming	Joseph	Ryan Oosting	Jonathan	Tess Ward	Jonathan
Christopher Foster	Ruth	Edward A Orloff	Elizabeth	Michael Ward	Jonathan
Simon Frishkoff	Joseph	Elizabeth Ormerod	Joseph	Andrew Ward	Jonathan
Jennifer Gaines	David	Phyllis Otto	Joseph	Kathleen Watson	Joseph
Cynthia Gossard	Rebecca	David Owen	Joseph	Libby Willis	Joseph
				Kyle Wilson	John

To have your lineage approved there must be vital records for every generation back to generation 5 (The Silver Books document the first 5 generations). Birth, marriage, and death certificates/records are primary documents for proving lineage.

Alden Kindred members who would like to certify their Alden lineage should submit a synopsis online at <https://alden.org/membership/lineage-certification/>

There have been several family lineages for grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren. There is one lineage certification fee for all the family members living in the same household. An Alden Kindred Family Membership is needed to certify the family.

A common issue rejecting lineage to John Alden is when there are two people with the same name and similar birth dates and places. Look carefully for documentation showing a connection to the correct lineage. For example: Joseph Gray born 1779 in Pennsylvania and died 1863 in Virginia. His father is Edward Gray. Edward Gray born in Rhode Island is the 2nd great grandson of John Alden documented in Silver Book MF volume 16 : Book 1: page 269. There is no documentation that Edward Gray lived in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Research shows Joseph's father is another Edward Gray born 1744 in England and died 1830 in Virginia.

THE NUMBER OF LINEAGES BY CHILD:

<u>Child</u>	<u>Total</u>
Joseph Alden	30
Elizabeth Alden	25
Jonathan Alden	11
Ruth Alden	10
Sarah Alden	10
Rebecca Alden	4
John Alden	2
David Alden	2
Grand Total	94

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NEW MEMBERS

Susan M. Alden.....	Zionsville, IL	Margaret C. Fitzgerald.....	Boston, MA
John Bradley Alden.....	Vancouver BC, Canada	Jacqueline Fitzgerald,	
Laura Anderson.....	Anmore BC, Canada	Timothy Zook & Family	Syracuse, NY
Larry Ashurst.....	Richfield, UT	Frank Fleming.....	Stillwater, OK
Roger Dewey Bacon.....	Monrovia, IN	Rosemary Fleury.....	Denver, CO
Clayton & Jana Baldrige		Norman & Judy Forgit.....	Hanson, MA
& Family	Barnesville, OH	Christopher Goodwin Foster	Gales Ferry, CT
Debra Marie Balsam	Warsaw, VA	Simon & Elizabeth Frishkoff	
Bruce Balsley	Firestone, CO	& Family	Ghent, NY
Pauline Denise Bartecchi.....	Valrico, FL	Cynthia Lou Gossard.....	Marion, OH
Constance Benz	Petaluma, CA	Cindy Gray.....	East Brunswick, NJ
Douglas Lee Berger.....	Toledo, OH	JoAnn Gromowski.....	Mayville, WI
Eric Stuart Bernhard.....	Riverside, CA	Rodney Hammons	Rushville, IN
James Blethen.....	Walla Walla, WA	Terri Hart.....	Winslow, AZ
Thomas & Kristyn Bore & Family	Gunnison, UT	Wendy Hayward.....	Duxbury, MA
Garry & Barbara Anne Breedlove		Brian & Gemma Hazen & Family	Mililani, HI
& Family	Tallahassee, FL	Jason & Adrienne Hoerler	
Candace Kay Brown.....	La Crosse, WI	& Family	Highlands Ranch, CO
David & Beth Callahan & Family	Florence, MA	Dean Colberson Hooker.....	Los Angeles, CA
Martin Campbell.....	Brooksville, FL	Erinn Horrigan & Steven Grant.....	Hudson, MA
Stephanie Carr.....	Plymouth, MA	Rebecca Howard	Scituate, MA
Linda C. Carrol & Family.....	Seattle, WA	Kathleen Howlett.....	Los Angeles, CA
Catherine Carter.....	Cockeysville, MD	Gordon & Vicki Ivins & Family.....	Annandale, VA
Susan Cavalier & Susan Abraham ..	West Haven, CT	Priscilla & Lance Jarrell & Family...	York, PA
Ruth & Dick Cederberg	Duxbury, MA	Alden & Ted Jones.....	Spokane, WA
Penny & Benjamin Clark & Family ..	Sun Prairie, WI	Shirley Jean Jones	Marion, MA
Carol & John Connell & Family	Glenmont, NY	Judith E. Kane.....	Atlantic Highlands, NJ
Dawn & Matthew Craig & Family....	Plainfield, IN	Candace Kaptain & Patrick Harris ..	Copley, OH
Bridget Crawford.....	New York, NY	Eirik & Talisha Kellogg & Family	Frederick, MD
Lorna Crowley & Daniel Vento		Michael Lacouture & Family	
& Family	Genoa, WI	Jonathan Lane.....	Lincoln, RI
Alden Terry Dalton	Columbia, SC	Judy Law-Torok, MD	Palos Verdes Estates, CA
Marilyn Marie Day	Torrance, CA	Linda F. Leifeld	Bartonville, IL
Holly DiMauro.....	Tiverton, RI	Jon Lindsay	Spokane, WA
Jennifer & Stephen Dion & Family..	Colorado Springs, CO	John Loether.....	Old Lyme, CT
Sarah Elaine Dobson Fullem	Harrisburg, PA	Jeffrey A. MacDonald.....	Hanover, MA
Linda L. Doll.....	Forestdale, MA	Kathryn & Andrew Marshall	
Robert A. Dow.....	Rockport, MA	& Family	Duxbury, MA
Kevin Doyle	Mashpee, MA	Bonnie Matheson.....	Earlsville, VA
Kay Drake	Esterro, FL	Steve Mattern.....	Plymouth, MA
Vera & Tom Dreyer & Family	Belmont, MA	Melinda & Scott McGill & Family	Stafford, VA
John Driscoll Jr.....	Glastonbury, CT	Judth Ellen Meister.....	Batavia, IL
Nanette Arlene Duncan	Covington, LA	Patricia Mae Miozza.....	Denver, PA
Jane & Greg Esker & Family	Winsted, CT	Marilyn & Larry Mitchell & Family ..	Shelton, WA
Donald Ferris.....	Beverly Hills, FL	Alexander Gray Morehouse.....	Mansfield, GA
Pamela & Scott Fischer & Family....	La Jolla, CA	Lori Murphy.....	Duxbury, MA

NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Paul & Susan Nather & Family	Bismarck, ND	Alyson Rickert.....	Boston, MA
Jean Jacques Newey	Breckenridge, CO	Lynne Scinicarello	Medford, MA
Pamela Nichols	Birmingham, AL	Cynthia Sherburne	West Newbury, MA
Elizabeth & Grace Nightingale & Family	Duxbury, MA	Mark David Smith.....	Englewood, CO
Darryl Ray Norton	Mars Hill, NC	Dirk P. Smith	Washington, DC
Michael David Nugent	Kimbolton, OH	Brian Spears	Laguna Niguel, CA
Michael O'Brien	Coronado, CA	Dianne Dennise Sterling	South Easton, MA
Ella-Marie Ochowicz	Carol Stream, IL	Jennifer Stone Gaines.....	Falmouth, MA
Edward & Rosie Orloff & Family	New York, NY	LouAnn Susan Studebaker.....	Beryl, UT
David & Nancy Owen & Family	Bridgeport, CT	Maureen Rae Stutz	Happy Valley, OR
Peggy J. Owens.....	North Fort Myers, FL	Linda A. Thomas.....	Amherst, NH
Jessica Pares	Mt Pleasant, SC	Deborah & Derek Hunt & Family	Woodacre, CA
Dana & Tom Perry & Family	Duxbury, MA	Elizabeth Kelsey VandenHeuvel	Annapolis, MD
James & Jamie Pitts & Family	Jackson, MI	Martha & David Walton & Family....	Marblehead, MA
Thomas Michael Potter.....	Belmont, MA	Kathleen Watson.....	Valrico, FL
Michael Clinton Presnell.....	Dixon, MO	Nancy Smith Wells	Mebane, NC
William & Lyndia Rector & Family...	Kerrville, TX	James White.....	Naugatuck, CT
David Rice & Family.....	Walpole, MA	Kyle Edward Wilson.....	Sherman Oaks, CA
		Stanley S. Wollman.....	Plymouth, MA

PAST PRESIDENTS

George W. Alden.....	1901—1908	Dr. Donnell B. Young	1965—1967
William A. Blossom.....	1908—1910	William K. Covell.....	1967—1969
Vernon A. Field.....	1910—1915	Edith T. Miller	1969—1972
George F. Washburn.....	1915—1921	Lura Oaks Cushman.....	1972—1974
Joseph Belcher.....	1921—1928	Daniel N. Pearce	1974—1977
Hon. Ralph C. Estes.....	1928—1946	Robert A. Edmunds.....	1977—1982
Isabel F. (Cushman) Nason.....	1946—1950	Kenneth C. Tiffin.....	1982—1984
Dr. Austin W. Cheever.....	1950—1955	J. Alden Keyser, Jr.	1984—1988
Lt. Cmdr. Joseph P. Dring	1955—1960	James B. Tiffin.....	1988—1995
Helen (Delano) Bailey.....	1960—1963	Linda J. (Levy) Osborne	1995—2012
H. Raymond Morse.....	1963—1964	Mary-Ruth O. (Payne) Duquette	2012—2014
Helen (Delano) Bailey.....	1964—1965		

IN MEMORIAM

Member Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Membership Date	Ancestor
Philip Alden	9/22/28	2/12/23	9/21/82	Jonathan
Eleanor Alden	6/19/43	10/9/21	9/15/11	
Raymond Alden	11/7/43	2/9/20	5/29/18	Joseph
Charles Ask	8/6/32	2/11/23	3/25/84	Joseph
Robert Howard	11/24/43	7/13/21	8/31/10	Joseph
Katherine James	8/10/38	9/22/19	11/10/00	Sarah
Virginia Keyser	1/29/44	11/20/22	9/28/76	
Frances Moon	8/29/40	2/23/23	8/14/08	Rebecca
Barbara Murphy	8/29/40	10/29/22	8/25/15	Ruth
Alden Williams Owen	11/23/53	8/22	11/19/21	Elizabeth
Nancy Emma Pawel	11/1/34	7/15/21	3/16/55	Sarah
Ruth Poole	6/9/31	3/6/22	8/17/71	Joseph
Edward Regan	1/30/32	2/7/22	11/22/99	Elizabeth
Alden Richardson	8/25/24	5/27/21	11/22/68	Joseph
Peter T. Smith	6/13/38	8/26/22	4/12	Sarah
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Betsy R. Stewart	3/15/28	3/26/22	8/3/84	Ruth
James Tifin	11/11/29	3/28/23	10/28/76	Elizabeth
Alan Wyatt	5/10/29	10/31/22	6/2/08	Ruth
Ronald York	11/1/48	8/24/20	11/3/16	Elizabeth

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The AKA Nominating Committee proposes the following slate for the Board of Directors to be considered at the 123rd Annual Meeting. Those in **red** require action through a vote of the membership.

Officers (for 2-year terms 2022-2024)

Officers comprise the Executive Board

		Office Term (in years)	Term Expires
President	Pauline R. Kezer	2 (On Extension)	2024
1 st Vice President	Russell A. Rockwell	2 years	2024
2nd Vice President	Richard Holmes	2 years	2024
Treasurer	J. Alden Keyser	2 years	2024
Secretary	Evelyn Walker	2 years	2024

Board Members-at-Large

John W. Alden, Esq.	2 (Second Term)	2025
Lilly Campbell	2 (First Term)	2025
Paul Clemente	3 (First Term)	2024
Anne K. Cobuzzi	2 (First Term)	2025
Mark Jacobson	2 (First Term)	2025
Tom McCarthy	3 (First Term)	2024
Gregory O'Donnell	1 (Second Term)	2026
Peter Randall	3 (First Term)	2024
Jennifer Sinsigalli	3 (First Term)	2024
Pamela Campbell Smith	2 (Second Term)	2025

Appointed Members

Christopher Lee, Genealogist

Tom McCarthy, Historian

SCHOLARSHIPS

*“An Alden is someone who takes initiative, has integrity, and is willing to serve others in order to lead...
An Alden is a servant leader.”*

– Nikolas Hamblin



Nikolas Hamblin

2023 Recipient of the Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship

The scholarship committee received seven applications for the Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship award from members living as far away as Utah, North Dakota, Texas, and closer to home in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. It was inspiring to read about the impressive academic, athletic, musical, extracurricular, and volunteer accomplishments of all these students and to get to know more about this next generation of Alden descendants. John and Priscilla would be so proud; all are wonderful ambassadors for the Alden legacy! After a lengthy review, the committee selected Nikolas Hamblin as the 2023 recipient. Thanks to generous support from the Alden Kindred of America, Nikolas will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

A straight-A student at Celina High School, Nikolas is also a champion soccer player, skilled trombonist selected for All-State Jazz Band, member of the state champion high school marching band, and recipient of the top award in the newly formed Trail Life Scouting program. Nikolas was selected for Texas Boys State, volunteered for Special Olympics and for a variety of activities sponsored by his church. Well grounded in the virtues of hard work and the value of building things that last, Nikolas has even worked for a construction company.

A descendant of Ruth, Nikolas plans to study aerospace engineering at the University of Oklahoma.



Samuel Elliott

2023 recipient of the John and Priscilla Alden Scholarship

“I am passionate about US history and I am looking to pursue my interests through local organizations in my hometown. I have lived in Duxbury all my life and love to learn new things about its history.”

Our John and Priscilla Alden Scholarship of \$500 is given annually to a Duxbury High School student who is interested in studying a trade or an academic field. This year’s award goes to Alden House intern Samuel Elliott, who is a serious student of history and pursued the internship to learn more about the history of his hometown. Sam helped create a new Alden House Quest for this year’s South Shore Quest program, which encourages visitors to have fun with Pilgrim history while exploring the outdoors. He also has a knack for teaching as he patiently helped third graders learn to write with a quill pen during field trips this past fall. Sam will attend Fairfield University in the fall and is planning to major in history.



Welcome to the
Alden Pilgrim Quest

Congratulations to both students!

Funding for the scholarships is made possible from donations by members of the Alden Kindred. If you are interested in learning more about supporting the scholarship program or submitting an application, please contact Linda Osborne at lindaatcps@verizon.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Donato, Mary-Ruth Duquette, Rich Holmes, Barbara Itz, Alicia Williams, and Linda Osborne, Chair.

FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Statements:

This Report is to be read in conjunction with the attached Financial Statements dated 6/30/2023.

Statement of Activities:

1. **Revenues:** Total Revenues were \$232,513 vs. \$259,750 in the prior year. Contributions and Grants were down by \$11k. Annual Fund did much better than last year but Grants are behind last year and budget. Membership and Fees are slightly behind last year by \$2k. Museum and Events were down \$9k. Most of this is the Speak For Yourself Event because last year there was a large sponsor donation and two Speak events were held in that fiscal year.

2. **Expenses:** Operating Expenses excluding 97 Alden Expenses were \$227,693k exceeding last year by \$26k. Part of this was window refurbishment covered by grant, the new website covered by grant, the Chimney assessment covered by grant and a large increase in our Property Insurance premium.

3. **Other:** Capital Campaign contributions were \$288k (cash and stock). Of this, \$265k was transferred to the Capital Campaign Account at Fidelity.

Statement of Position:

The Operating loss incurred is reflected in a decrease in our cash position over last year. Investments are marked up to market. Investments shown this year are higher than last year mainly due to Capital Campaign contributions (see p17 on the Financial Statements for breakdown).

Respectfully,
Alden Keyser
Treasurer

Alden Kindred of America Inc				
June 30, 2023				
UNAUDITED				Full
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES-CONDENSED				Year
				Budget
Revenue	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	Variance	FY 23
Contributions and Grants	\$81,277	\$92,724	-\$11,447	\$100,000
Membership and Fees	\$46,017	\$48,078	-\$2,061	\$53,000
Museum and Events	\$48,886	\$57,538	-\$8,652	\$41,620
Interest	\$8	\$10	-\$2	\$0
Rental Income-Cottage/other	\$13,600	\$14,600	-\$1,000	\$14,900
Rental Income-97 Alden	\$42,725	\$46,800	-\$4,075	\$48,460
	\$232,513	\$259,750	-\$27,237	\$257,980
Cost of Goods Sold	\$5,562	\$11,701	\$6,139	\$6,500
Total Income	\$226,951	\$248,049	-\$21,098	\$251,480
Expense				
97 Alden Expenses(Incl. Mort.)	\$34,555	\$37,411	\$2,856	\$45,410
Operating Expenses(incl. Mort)	\$227,693	\$201,453	-\$26,240	\$225,840
Total Expenses	\$262,248	\$238,864	-\$23,384	\$271,250
Operational Gain or Loss	-\$35,297	\$9,185	-\$44,482	-\$19,770
Transfers from Endowment-operations	\$0	\$0		\$20,000
Transfers to Endowment-operations	\$0	\$0		\$0
Transfers from Endowment-Cap Campaign	\$31,376	\$10,588		
Transfers to Endowment-Cap Campaign	-\$265,281	-\$257,011		\$0
Cap Campaign Expenses	-\$30,409	-\$15,433		
Depreciation(estimated)	-\$32,995	-\$32,995		\$0
Capital Campaign-Donations	\$288,615	\$304,728		\$0
Net	-\$43,991	\$19,062	-\$63,053	\$230
Note:Positive variances are favorable, negative variances are unfavorable				
STATEMENT OF POSITION-CONDENSED				
Cash	\$67,317	125,434		
Campaign Funds Held Pending Transfer	\$12,475			
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$25		
Investments-Fidelity (06/30)	\$1,281,133	\$943,299	****	
Non-Current Assets				
Net Fixed Assets	\$733,073	\$765,279		
Total Assets	\$2,093,998	\$1,834,037		
Accounts Payable	0	\$0		
Other Current Liabilities	\$5,791	\$5,791		
Note Payable Rockland Tr. 97 Alden	\$383,517	\$398,935		
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Net Assets	\$1,639,405	\$1,357,106		
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,093,998	\$1,834,037		
**** (\$573,026 Endowment, \$708,107 Cap Campaign) at 6/30/2023				

WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT

Much progress has been made on the Alden Kindred website in the past year. Late last summer, the committee awarded the new website development contract to Scot Castellani of Cardinal Digital Design. The actual website development began in November 2022, and after 6 months of reviewing the various stages of development, the final site was approved in mid-May 2023. The new Alden Kindred site officially launched at the end of May 2023 and the initial feedback from both AKA members and visitors has been very gratifying. The present site is looked at as the first phase of several phases, so please stay tuned for more enhancements.

I wish to thank the members of the committee: Terry Reiber, Jen Sinsigalli, and Desiree Mobed for the many hours they devoted to this project.

Tom Delano, Chair
Alden Kindred Website Committee



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Alden Kindred 122nd Annual Meeting: August 6, 2022

President Pauline Kezer opened the 122nd annual meeting of the Alden Kindred at 10:37 a.m. under the tent on the Alden House grounds and on Zoom. She rang the Alden bell once for the 100 years and then twenty-two times as the assembled cousins and friends counted aloud with her. Lily Campbell and three other young Alden cousins led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rev. Peter J. Smith gave the invocation.

Pauline began her remarks by remembering two dedicated Alden cousins who passed away this year, Alden "Rink" Ringquist and Gary Campbell. Rich Holmes also added remarks about their dedication. Rink was the Museum director who worked hard to gain the National Historic Landmark designation for the House and the First Site. He also served on many Duxbury boards. He helped to start the "Speak for Thyself" annual fundraising event. Gary was First Vice-President and Membership Chair for many years. He traveled with his wife, Flo, from Poughkeepsie NY to attend the annual meetings faithfully. His ashes will be placed on the Alden grounds near the well.

Secretary Evelyn Walker gave a synopsis of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting, published in full in the annual report. It was unanimously accepted.

Alden Keyser gave the Treasurer's report. He acknowledged the work of the Finance Committee, consisting of Pauline, Desiree Mobed, Rich Holmes, Russell Rockwell, and Paul Clemente. Alden said the full report is in the booklet, that we are operationally positive. We have a loan at 3.5% from Rockland Bank for the barn and cabin roofs. There is more than a million dollars in the endowment. He also thanked Desiree and Carol Smith for all their help. Linda Wilman moved that the report be accepted and the motion was seconded by several people at once. The report was unanimously approved.

Acting chair of the Scholarship Committee, Alicia Williams, provided information about the scholarship recipients. Toby Gajar of California, a straight-A student, expert skier and swimmer, as well as Eagle Scout, won the \$1000 Dr. Donnell B. Young scholarship. He will study bio-engineering at UCLA. Julia Sultini, a former Donnell scholarship winner is in her junior year in nursing at Clemson. Hannah Watts from Duxbury, who excels in skiing and rowing, won the John and Priscilla Alden Museum Scholarship. She will study business at UMass Amherst. Finn Curley, a grandson of former President Linda Osborne, received a gift card for \$250. After a wait for technical difficulties to be resolved, Toby Gajar spoke to those gathered and thanked them for the scholarship he received.

Nominating Chair Lilly Cleveland presented the slate of new Board members, Mark Jacobson, Anne Cobuzzi, and Lilly Cleveland and officers, Pauline Kezer, president, Russell Rockwell 1st vice president, Rich Holmes, 2nd vice-president, Alden Keyser, Treasurer; Evelyn Walker, Secretary; other returning board members are John W. Alden, Paul Clemente, Tom Delano, Tom McCarthy, Greg O'Donnell, Peter Randall, Jen Sinsigalli, Pamela Campbell Smith, Greg White. The slate was unanimously accepted.

Alden Keyser, Chair of the Alden Building Campaign, pointed out that unlike the barn built in the 1990's, the new addition will have a staircase and an elevator, so it will be completely accessible. Other groups, such as the Delano and Soule kindreds will be able to use the new spaces. He said to donate until it hurts in order to get the shovel in the ground soon. Pauline pointed out that Pam Campbell Smith, the architect, is generously providing her work as an in-kind donation.

Executive Director Desiree Mobed gave her report, beginning with remarks about the first Reunion, held in 1902, attended by about 300 Aldens. Desiree said we had a full calendar of events with audiences in the thousands, thanks to Zoom, and there were visitors from forty states. This year we had the most successful ever Speak for Thyself event and the Aspiring Priscilla went to our first female Eagle Scout, Maebon Puleo, who created a max-to-linen video. Duxbury school programs continued and there were also programs for home-schoolers. A reproduction

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of an oak tree sixpence, found on the grounds, was made by 3-D printing and can be purchased in the Shop.

Peter Randall provided the truck and matbed for Duxbury's July 4th parade for presenting the cast of *Young Pilgrims the Play*. Playwright and producer Sydney Blake offered a \$1000 donation to the Building Campaign if twenty would attend the play that evening at First Parish Church.

Desiree also pointed out that the cabin roof was a gift by the contractor who put the new shingles on the barn. Work continues with the Town of Duxbury regarding the long-term preservation and access of the First Site. Baby steps are being taken on the examination and repair of the House's chimney. There is a problem with the chimney's kitchen pier. Next year there will be a full report by the structural engineers.

Genealogy verifier Bob Holmes' report was given by his brother Rich Holmes. The lineages traced this year include: 115 verified; 12 in process; 88 distinct lineages; 11 multiple lineages. Traced were: 40 from Joseph; 27 from Elizabeth; 4 from Sarah; 2 from John; and 1 from Jonathan.

Rich also took the annual meeting's roll call: Elizabeth (20), Joseph (7), Ruth (7), David (4), Sarah (13) Jonathan (4) and John Jr. (0). The youngest attendee was Ava Duffy-Lee, 2 ½ years, from Boxford, Mass., and the oldest was Barbara Itz, age 94, from Hanover, Mass. Geographical representation included the following: California, 3; Oklahoma, 2; Minnesota, 4; Colorado, 1; Michigan, 2; New York, 3; Connecticut, 7; North Carolina, 2; Florida, 3; Texas, 2; Massachusetts, 26.

Pauline reported that this year we never had to close our doors, we became very nimble Zoom users, board members are from all over the U.S. She thanked Licia Brown who is retiring from the board and welcomed new Board members: her daughter, Anne Cobuzzi; Mark Jacobson; and return to the board are John W. Alden and Lilly Cleveland. She pointed out that we have expanded our footprint in the Town because of Desiree's efforts. Pauline is hopeful we will get the First Site protected this year. Pauline pointed out that no gift is too small or too big for the Alden Building Campaign. It will provide for a 40 x 60 addition with a large open space for exhibitions, two large rooms and there will be a working hearth on the ground floor. About \$30,000 came in within the last few days, several gifts coming from life members. She says that with an additional \$125,000, we can probably have a shovel in the ground just after Labor Day. Pauline thanked "all contributors from the bottom of her heart."

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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