



YOU ARE INVITED TO ALDEN KINDRED OF AMERICA'S

# ANNUAL REUNION

*Celebrating 126 Years: Bringing History to Life*

**FRIDAY, JULY 31 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026**

## ALDEN

This event will be held in person with featured events on Saturday streamed via Zoom.

Enjoy history, kinship and memories for a lifetime.

### Friday, July 31, 2026

#### **Reunion Activity: 2 PM Tour of King Caesar House, Duxbury**

*Built in 1809 for Ezra Weston II—"King Caesar," Duxbury's leading shipbuilder, merchant, and an Alden descendant—this Federal mansion reflects the height of the town's early 19th-century maritime prosperity. Alden Kindred guests will have the opportunity to see treasured Alden-related Revolutionary War items in the collection, including a bed coverlet belonging to Colonel Briggs Alden and his wife, Mercy. Additional fee.*

#### **5 PM - 7 PM Welcome Reception**

*Welcome reception and tours of the new J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided. Alden House grounds. Additional fee.*

### Saturday, August 1, 2026

#### **10:00 AM Alden Kindred Annual Meeting**

*The agenda will be available on the Alden website ([www.alden.org](http://www.alden.org)). Zoom option available.*

#### **11:30 AM Reunion photo**

#### **12:00 PM Fried Chicken Lunch by Bongis**

*Included with reunion ticket.*

#### **1:00 PM Virtual tour of Alden House**

#### **2:00 PM "Paul Revere's Ride: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's Journey from Revolution to Civil War"**

*Join Dr. Walter L. Powell, a distinguished historian and author, as he explores Alden descendant Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's family connections to the American Revolution and his effort to define that conflict on the eve of the American Civil War. Dr. Powell is a distinguished public historian and museum professional who has served in leadership roles across New England, including Executive Director of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. He now works as an independent public history consultant, serves as an Associate in Books and Historical Manuscripts at J. James Auctioneers & Appraisers, and lectures onboard American Cruise Lines on New England's coastal heritage.*

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES:** Silent auction. Tours of Alden House and the new J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History are offered Friday & Saturday, noon to 4 pm. Ongoing living history demonstrations on Saturday.

### Sunday, August 2, 2026

#### **9:00-11:30 AM Breakfast at the Major John Bradford Homestead**

*50 Landing Road, Kingston. Optional activity. \$15 for adults; \$8 children. Advance registration is required to AKA for headcount. Payment will be collected at the breakfast by the Jones River Village Historical Society. Tours of the Major John Bradford House (\$5 per person, optional). Major John Bradford was the grandson of Plymouth Colony's longtime governor and Mayflower passenger William Bradford. The c. 1675 house and grounds are preserved by the Jones River Village Historical Society. For more information, please visit <https://www.jrvhs.org/>*

#### **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Ribbon-Cutting & Open House J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History**

*Be part of a landmark moment in Alden House history as we celebrate the grand opening of the J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History. Eight years in the making, this beautiful new space brings the Alden legacy to life in immersive, hands-on ways. We're opening the doors with guided tours, an appearance by Priscilla Alden, reenactors from the New Plimmoth Gard, and refreshments. Join us as we celebrate a new chapter in sharing the Alden story—an afternoon of history, community, and celebration. This event is free.*



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#### **Reunion Tickets**

\$40 adult members (\$45 non members)

\$15 Children and students 12 & under

\$20 adults Welcome Reception; *children free*

**THERE IS NO FEE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ONLY**

\$10 requested donation for members attending online events and for those attending Saturday programs (no lunch)

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 28<sup>th</sup>**

DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION TO REGISTER BY MAIL FOR THE 126<sup>TH</sup> ALDEN KINDRED REUNION, July 31-August 2, 2026.

To register online, visit [www.alden.org](http://www.alden.org). To register for the Zoom programs, visit [www.alden.org](http://www.alden.org)

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#ADULT TICKETS	
#CHILDREN TICKETS	
#Reunion Welcome Reception (add \$20 each)	
#Optional tour of the King Caesar House (add \$10)	
#Breakfast at the Major John Bradford House (For headcount. \$15/\$8 and tour fee collected at Breakfast.)	
#Celebrating the J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History Open House - 11-1 pm (headcount only)	
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ALDEN CHILD FROM WHOM YOU DESCEND	

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO: AKA, PO BOX 2754, DUXBURY, MA 02331

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