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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Alexander Standish House

AND/OR COMMON Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 341 Standish Street

CITY, TOWN Duxbury VICINITY OF 12th

STATE Massachusetts CODE 025 COUNTY Plymouth CODE 023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME David Longfellow Patten and Dorothy Kendall Patten

STREET & NUMBER 341 Standish Street

CITY, TOWN Duxbury VICINITY OF STATE Massachusetts 02332

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Plymouth County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER Fuller Street

CITY, TOWN Plymouth STATE Massachusetts 02360

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1977  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Boston STATE Massachusetts 02108

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alexander Standish House is located at 341 Standish Street in Duxbury. The building is situated on the southern portion of a small peninsula which juts out into Duxbury Bay. The nomination includes 2½ acres of appropriately landscaped property.

The two story gambrel roofed house was built in 1666 by Alexander Standish. It sits on a wide field with a view of the bay. The shingled roof has a large center chimney. The 28'x36' building is also sheathed in shingles with plain architraves and corner boards. Fenestration is 12/12. The asymmetrical five bay wide facade faces southwest with a solid entrance door in the western end portion. The south-east and northwest elevations are two bays deep with two windows on each story.

The simple interior remains much as it was originally. The kitchen in the rear of the structure contains a broad fireplace with Dutch oven, crane, and brick hearth typical of its early period. A small staircase rises sharply from the front hall to the two chambers above. Another small enclosed rear staircase leads from the kitchen to the attic. The walls of the parlors on either side of the front staircase are covered in clamshell plaster. The cellar has fieldstone walls. Some of the beams appear to be older than the original dwelling and are said to have been salvaged from the home of Myles Standish which burned in 1666.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1666

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Alexander Standish House is significant as the original home of Alexander Standish, the eldest son of Myles Standish. The building is a fine, rare example of a 17th century gambrel roofed dwelling.

Alexander lived with his father until their home was destroyed by fire in 1666. The older Standish deeded his son the land for a house site. Alexander was married to Sarah Alden, daughter of John and Priscilla Allen, who arrived here with Standish on the Mayflower. Alexander and Sarah had eight children. The house was occupied by Standishes until 1762. It had two additional owners until 1777 when it was purchased by John Faunce. The Faunce family sold it to Stephen M. Allen in 1870. It is still owned by Allen descendants.



Property Standish, Alexander, House

State Mass.

Working Number 4.3.78.2815

Plymouth

**TECHNICAL**

Photos /  
Maps /

Signature?

**CONTROL**

Ok 4.4.78

**HISTORIAN**

Accept  
Franklin  
6-1-78

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Brief - Should also be  
Nominated for vernacular architecture.

accept  
Barham  
5-15-78

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Significant as 17th structure  
owned by prominent settler

Accept  
Lebovich  
6/13/78

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

[Signature]  
7/12/78

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 9.5.78

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Plymouth County

Alexander Standish House  
Duxbury, Massachusetts  
1977

JUL 12 1978

Mr. Frederic T. Potter

Duxbury Town Offices, Duxbury 02332

Photo #1 <sup>21</sup>

Southwest facade and southeast elevation.

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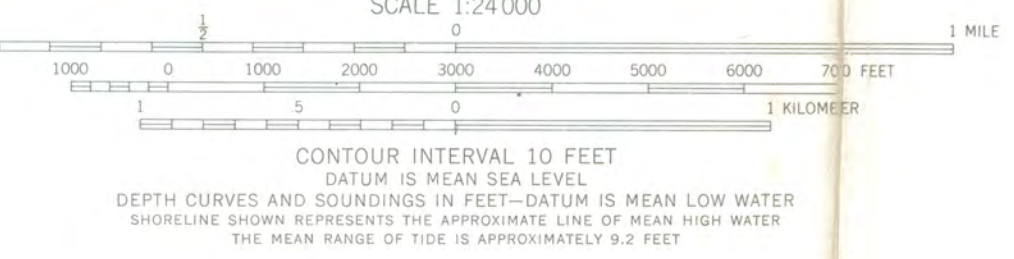
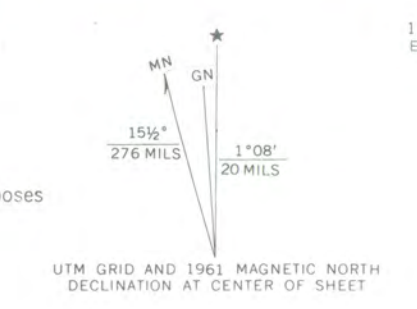
Alexander Standish  
House 1666  
Duxbury Historic Commission



Alexander Standish House  
Duxbury, Massachusetts  
UTM Coordinates:  
19/360 940/4651 850

Loos  
Alexander  
Standish  
House

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Planimetry in part by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs. Topography by planimetric surveys 1935-1936  
Revised 1961  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS charts 245 (1958)  
and 1208 (1960). This information is not intended for navigational purposes  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks  
zone 19, shown in blue



DUXBURY, MASS.  
N 4200—W 7037.5/7.5

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Alexander Standish House  
South Duxbury, Mass

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Alexander Standish house

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Standish, Alexander, House	Duxbury vicinity Plymouth County

Also Notified

Honorable Edward W. Brooke  
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Honorable Gerry E. Studts

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director, Massachusetts  
Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Standish, Alexander, House		② OTHER NAMES:		③ date of entry: JUL 12 1978		④ county code: 23	
⑤ LOCATION street & number 341 Standish St.		city / town Bux		vicinity of Duxbury		state MA	
				county Plymouth		⑥ NPS REGION: NA	
⑦ OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)		⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:					
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		⑩ FUNDED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 12th		⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL	
⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO		⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO		⑮ ACREAGE		⑯ state who prepared form? SHPO staff	
⑰ CONDITION		⑱ features:					
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㉓ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE :		㉔ CLAIMS: explain					
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㉕ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		㉖ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:		㉗ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
㉘ architectural style(s):		㉙ architect:		㉚ master builder:		㉛ engineer:	
㉜ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉝ interior decorator:		㉞ artist:		㉟ artisan:	
						㊱ builder/contractor:	
㊲ NAMES give role & date							
PERSONAL:							
EVENTS:							
INSTITUTIONAL:							
㊳ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP							