

Scituate Community Preservation Committee Request

Summary of the Request for
Renovation of the Tercentenary
Commission Markers

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Background

- In 1930 the state Department of Public Works was authorized to “erect suitable signs and markers...indicating the ancient ways of Puritan times and structures or places relating to or associated with the early settlements” across the state
- These signs were intended to be “permanent monuments” of “the heroism, of the romance and of the tragedies, and of the unfaltering faith of the ancestors of our Commonwealth”
- The markers were intended to be “silent witnesses [that would] rekindle in us a veneration for the pioneers of a new country”

Tercentenary Markers in Scituate

Nine markers were placed in Scituate:

- Early boundary line
- Old Oaken Bucket
- Williams-Barker House
- Third Cliff
- Stockbridge Mansion
- Gannett's Corner
- Satuit Brook
- North River
- Kent Street

All the markers except 'North River' remain. (This marker seems to have been lost during rebuilding of the Route 3A bridge.) Most are standing, but in varying states of condition.

Restoration Plans

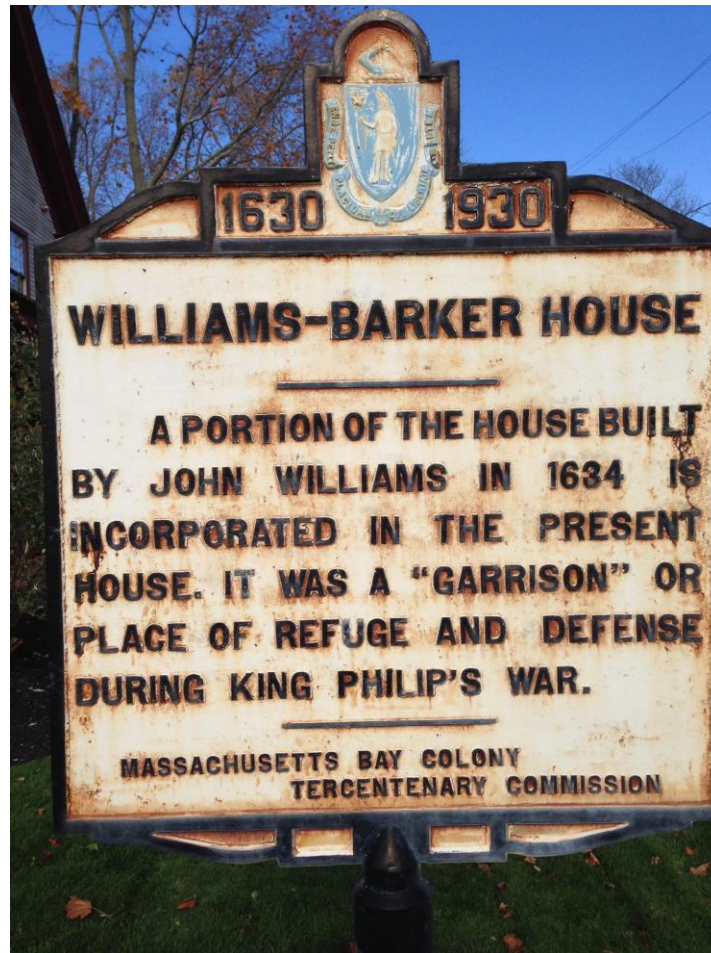
The Historical Commission seeks funding to restore the signs in a process that will involve:

- Removal of the markers
- Dustless glass bead blasting to remove the old paint and corrosion
- Repainting using a multi-step application of high-grade epoxy
- Excavation of the posts and renovation or replacement
- Reinstallation

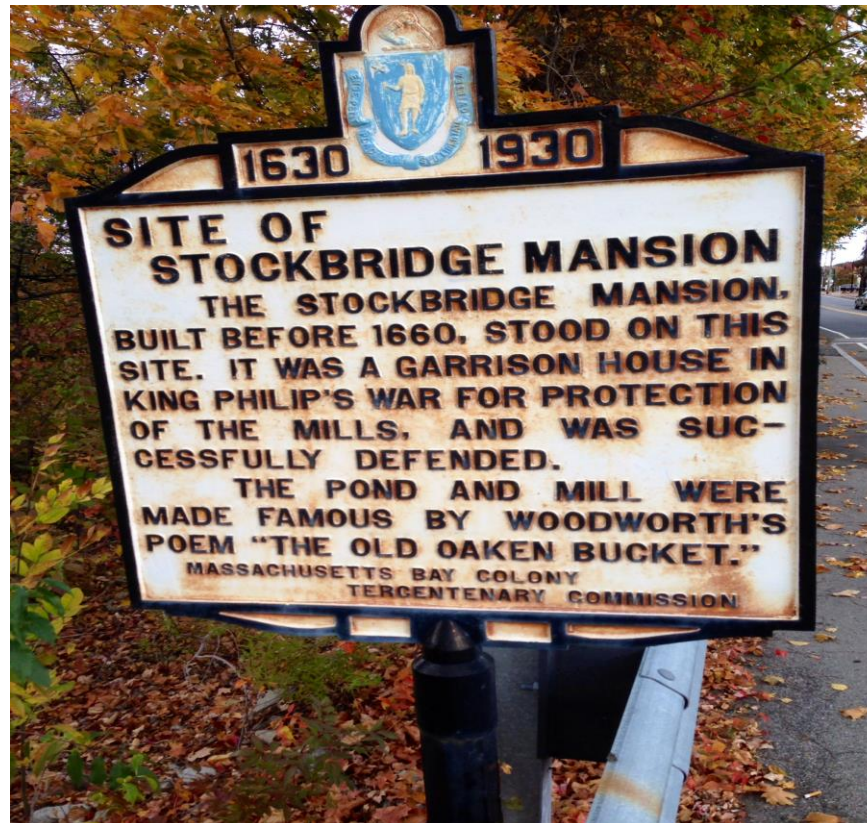
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Williams-Barker House



Stockbridge Mansion



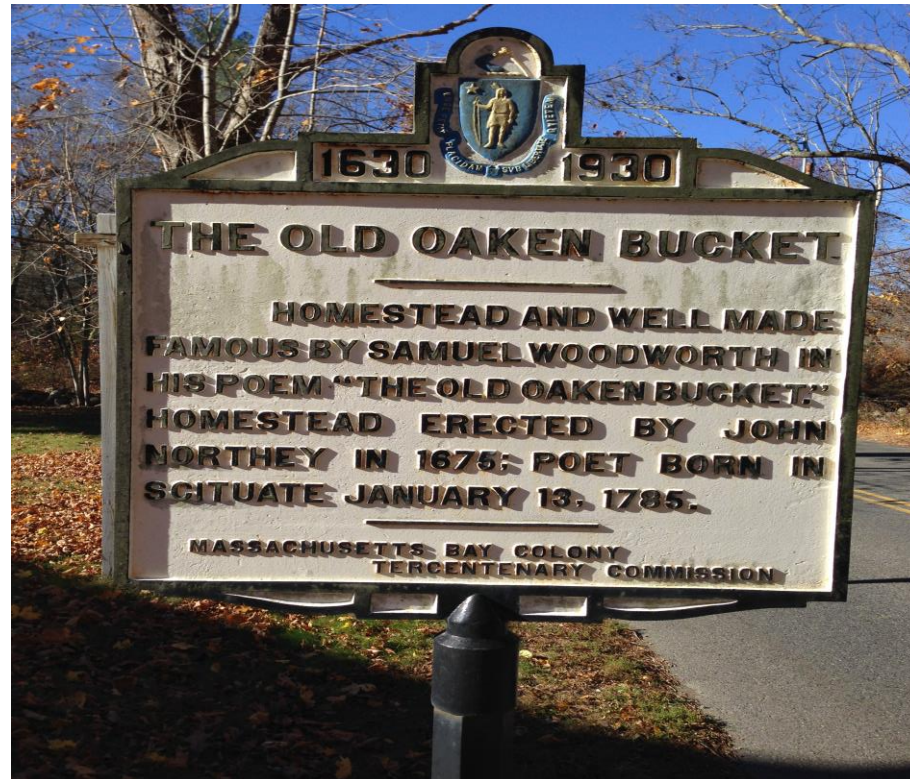
Gannett's Corner



Satuit Brook



Old Oaken Bucket



Early Boundary Line

