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In "Winsor's History of Duxbury" and elsewhere, we find "John Pabodie 1637; admitted freeman Jan. 2, 1637-8; proprietor of Bridgewater 1645; will dated July 16, 1649; proved June 27, 1666. He married Isabel who survived him. In his will he speaks of Thomas, Francis, and William, and Amie, wife of John Rouse, grandson John Rouse and grandson John Pabodie, son of son William."<sup>1</sup>

We will follow the line of William only. He was born 1620, and died Dec. 13, 1707. He married Dec. 26, 1644, Elizabeth Alden, oldest child of John and Priscilla (Mullines) Alden, born the latter part of the year 1623, or the first part of the year 1624, in Plymouth. She "was the first white woman born in New England."

This has been doubted, that in three years not a single girl was born; but there is no question when all things are considered. We must realize how few were left of the original settlers in the spring of 1621 — only fifty, and very few heads of families. Tradition has it that the "Widow Foord," who came in the "Fortune," had a daughter soon after she landed, but the "Division of Cattle," May 22, 1627, shows that her youngest child was a son, and she brought her daughter with her. Tradition and "Goodwin's Pilgrim Republic" show that John Alden and Priscilla Mullines were married, either the second or third marriage,

<sup>1</sup>A full account of the descendants of Francis Peabody can be found in the second volume of the "N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register;" and in volume third, page 369, mention is made of the descent of Francis, from John Pabodie, his father, of Duxbury. — AUTHOR.

before August, 1623, when the "Anne" came in, bringing Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, who married Governor Bradford, in August, 1623. Elizabeth (Alden) Pabodie died in Little Compton, R.I., May 31, 1717, in the 94th year of her age. "June 17, 1717, the 'Boston News Letter' of this date notices thus her death: 'Little Compton. 31. May. This morning died here Mrs Elizabeth Paybody, late wife of Mr W<sup>m</sup> Paybody in the 93<sup>rd</sup> year of her age. She was the daughter of John Alden Esq. & Priscilla his wife, daughter of Mr William Mullins. This John Alden & Priscilla Mullins, were married at Plymouth in New England, where their daughter Elizabeth was born. She was exemplary, virtuous, and pious, and her memory is blessed. Her granddaughter Bradford is a grandmother.'" Mr. Pabodie and his wife are buried in the Little Compton Cemetery. In the "Division of Cattle," May 22, 1627, Elizabeth Alden is given as three years old, and she may have been considerably more. Just before her death, it was said to her:

"Rise daughter, to thy daughter run,  
Her daughter's daughter hath a daughter."

This was Mary Whiting, born January, 1716-17.

We will have to concede that she *was* "the first white woman born in New England." Peregrine White was the first white male, and Oceanus Hopkins born on the passage. The gravestones of William Pabodie and his wife Elizabeth are in excellent preservation. The descendants of Elizabeth Alden have put up a monument and inserted the old stone in the west side.

On all sides can be found her children and grandchildren. Towards the south lie John and Sarah (Pabodie) Coe; nearer James and Ruth (Rogers) Bennett; west of them Nathaniel and Sarah (Rogers) Searl and their children. North of the monument we find the stones of William and Rebecca (Pabodie) Southworth, while north-east are the

graves of the Churches, Joseph Church and the "Hon. Colonel Benjamin Church, Esq." and their families.

Mrs. Jane G. Austin has written a very charming book, "Betty Alden," but in regard to Betty Alden's character, she drew entirely from her imagination, and "Betty's" descendants resent the title and description. They say she was "dignified, a woman of great character, and fine presence, very tall and handsome. In height she resembled her father, John, the tallest in the Colony—also her brother, Capt. John Alden, known as the 'tall man of Boston.'" In the list of the first baptisms in the Little Compton church, 1704, her name does not appear; but some names must be lost, for sixty-nine were baptized, and only sixty-three are given. Her husband was one of the organizers of the church. But we must not lose sight of the sterling qualities of William Pabodie. He was "a man much employed in public affairs and of much respectability." J. O. Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Settlers in Rhode Island gives very much about him, gleaned from the public records. He was town clerk of Duxbury, after Alexander Standish. When he took the office the town records were burnt, and he entered his own marriage, and births and marriages of his children, very carefully. Would he had done as much for the other families in Duxbury. He lived in Duxbury, close to the Brewsters and Standishes, east of Eagle-nest Creek.

There has been much discussion as to *when* he went to Little Compton to live. In "1681 he and two others are appointed to run the line betwixt the lands of Saconnett and Puncateesett to Dartmouth bounds &c." Tradition also has it that John Coe went down by boat from Portsmouth to Saconnett, landed on the shore near where William Pabodie's house stands, and took up his abode with him while surveying the land, and meeting his daughter Sarah, fell in love with her, and married her. This must have been before or in 1681. William Pabodie may have put up his house and taken his daughter down there with him before he formally



left Duxbury. We find him in Duxbury, June, 1684, and do not have certain proof of his living in Little Compton before 1685-6, when he was selectman. The house that he built is still standing, tradition says, built with money from John Alden, his wife's portion of her father's estate. They also say that John Alden visited his daughter in Little Compton.

The house remained in the Pabodie family till 1740, when it was sold to Pardon Gray, and is now owned by Mr. George Gray; a descendant.

The descendants of Elizabeth Alden have reason to be thankful that it is in such good hands.

Mrs. Gray, descendant of the beautiful Quakeress, Innocent Howland, cares for it reverently as historic ground, and renders the place beautiful with its lovely flowers.

Some few years back a colonial window was thrown out, and in making these repairs, some very old forks and knives were found, and a spoon of peculiar shape and material. The spoon is of bronze, and resembles exactly the bronze spoons used in Holland about 1600. (See Harper's Magazine, 1896, September.) We can imagine this spoon brought in the "Mayflower," remaining in Duxbury till the death of her father and mother, it comes to the oldest daughter.

When William Pabodie went to Little Compton all his children were married but his youngest daughter, Lydia, and we think his son William went with him and lived with him. His son-in-law, William Southworth, and wife Rebecca, followed him soon, and it was not long before a number of his grandchildren began to settle there.

His will was dated May 13, 1707, proved Feb. 27, 1708. Executors, wife Elizabeth and son William.

"To wife east side of house at Little Compton and part of the land given formerly to son William; all to be hers while widow, and also to her all household stuff, cattle, bills due, and money; but if my wife choose to claim her thirds of my

land and house at Duxbury (which I sold Samuel Bartlett) and make use of them, then my son Wm. to have the whole of housing and lands at Little Compton and to pay Samuel Bartlett. 50s. per year during time that his mother makes use of her thirds in Duxbury. To son Wm. after death of his mother, the part of house and land, bequeathed to her for life. To son Wm. other land & all my books tools &c. To three grandsons, Stephen Southworth son of daughter Rebecca, deceased, and John and Wm. Pabodie sons of son Wm. land at Westquadnaug, (west of Providence) part purchased by son in law Wm. Fobes of Shuebal Painter and assigned by Wm. Fobes to my son in law Ichabod Wiswall." He mentions also son-in-law Edward Southworth. To daughters Mary, Mercy, Martha, Priscilla, Ruth, Sarah, Hannah, Lydia, 1s each. To daughter Lydia one sett of green curtains, she having already received her part.

William Peabodie.

1. Wm. and Elizabeth<sup>1</sup> (Alden) Peabodie had the following children, all born in Duxbury (Dux. Rec.):

- 2 <sup>1</sup> John Pabodie, born 1645, Oct. 4, and died in Duxbury Nov. 17, 1669. We have no record of any marriage. "The verdict of the jury was 'that hee rydeing on the road, his horse carryed him underneath the bow of a young tree, and violently forcing his head into the body thereof brake his skull.'" — *Winsor's Duxbury*.
- 3 Elizabeth Pabodie, born April 24, 1647.
- 4 Mary Pabodie, born Aug. 7, 1648.
- 5 Mercy Pabodie, born Jan. 2, 1649.
- 6 Martha Pabodie, born Feb. 25, 1650.
- 7 Priscilla Pabodie, born Jan. 15, 1653.
- 8 Sarah Pabodie, born Aug. 7, 1656.
- 9 Ruth Pabodie, born June 27, 1658.
- 10 Rebecca Pabodie, born Oct. 16, 1660.
- 11 Hannah Pabodie, born Oct. 15, 1662.
- 12 Wm. Pabodie, born Nov. 24, 1664.
- 13 Lydia Pabodie, born April 3, 1667.

3 <sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Pabodie (Elizabeth Alden<sup>1</sup>).

Born in Duxbury, April 24, 1647; died before 1707; married in Duxbury, Nov. 16, 1666, John Rogers, Jr., son of John and Ann (Churchman) Rogers, of Duxbury, a grandson of Thomas Rogers, who came in the "Mayflower." She was his first wife. After her death he married a widow, Marah (Browning) Newell, and on her death in 1739, administration is granted on her estate to her sons, John and Moses Newell, of Brookline. John Rogers, Jr., was freeman 1659; constable of Duxbury in 1670, June 5; surveyor of highways, 1671, Oct. 29, and several times afterwards. Constable again in 1681, June 7; and for several years he lived in Boston and Great Barrington. He owned some of the first lots in Tiverton and Little Compton. He died in 1732. There has been much discussion as to the ancestry of the various John Rogerses, but Mr. Drummond's book is so conclusive, I have quoted his facts without comment. I refer readers to his book for further particulars.

Children, probably born in Duxbury:

- 14 <sup>4</sup> Hannah Rogers, born Nov. 16, 1668.
- 15 John Rogers, born Sept. 22, 1670; died unmarried in Boston, Nov. 2, 1696.
- 16 Elizabeth Rogers, born about 1672.
- 17 Ruth Rogers, born April 18, 1675.
- 18 Sarah Rogers, born May 4, 1677.

4 <sup>3</sup> Mary Pabodie (Elizabeth Alden<sup>1</sup>).

Born in Duxbury, August 7, 1648; married, November 16, 1669, Edward Southworth, son of Constant and Elizabeth (Collier) Southworth. She survived her husband. He was born "in Plymouth," says Winsor, but I think in Duxbury. His father, Constant, and Uncle Thomas were the only two children of Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, by her first husband, Edward Southworth. The Southworth pedigree can be found in Winsor's History of Duxbury. Constant Southworth married Elizabeth Collier, and had — 1. Edward; 2.