

*BEFORE WE BEGIN:*

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MANY VOLUNTEERS**

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# ON TO TODAY'S PROGRAM

- PART OF THE SERIES:
- FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH
- BASED ON RESEARCH FROM THE PRIMARY SOURCE- *THE RECORDS OF THE DARTMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING*

# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**“CREATING THE QUAKER  
INFRASTRUCTURE”**

***RESEARCH FROM THE PRIMARY RECORDS***

# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**A WORD ABOUT THE ROLE OF DHAS & THE  
PROVISION OF A QUALITY WORKBENCH FOR  
PRIMARY HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL  
RESEARCH**

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# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**UNIQUE ACCESS TO PRIMARY RECORDS**

**AMONG MANY:**



# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**DARTMOUTH PROPRIETORS RECORDS**

**OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS**

**DARTMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING RECORDS**

**PLYMOUTH COLONY RECORDS**

**PORTSMOUTH RI RECORDS**

**WALLING RESIDENTIAL MAPS WITH INDEXES**

# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**MASSACHUSETTS BAY RECORDS**

**BRISTOL COUNTY LAND RECORDS**

**MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE RECORDS**

**& MANY OTHERS**

# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**AS THE TITLE SUGGESTS – THIS TALK IS  
BASED ON THE DMM RECORDS**

**ESPECIALLY THOSE REGARDING  
FACILITIES AND ‘OFFSPRING’ & ‘RELATED’  
MEETINGS**

# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**WE HAVE SOME STUNNING IMAGES TO  
SHARE ALSO, AND**

**WILL REFERENCE THE DARTMOUTH  
MONTHLY MEN'S MINUTES THROUGHOUT**

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

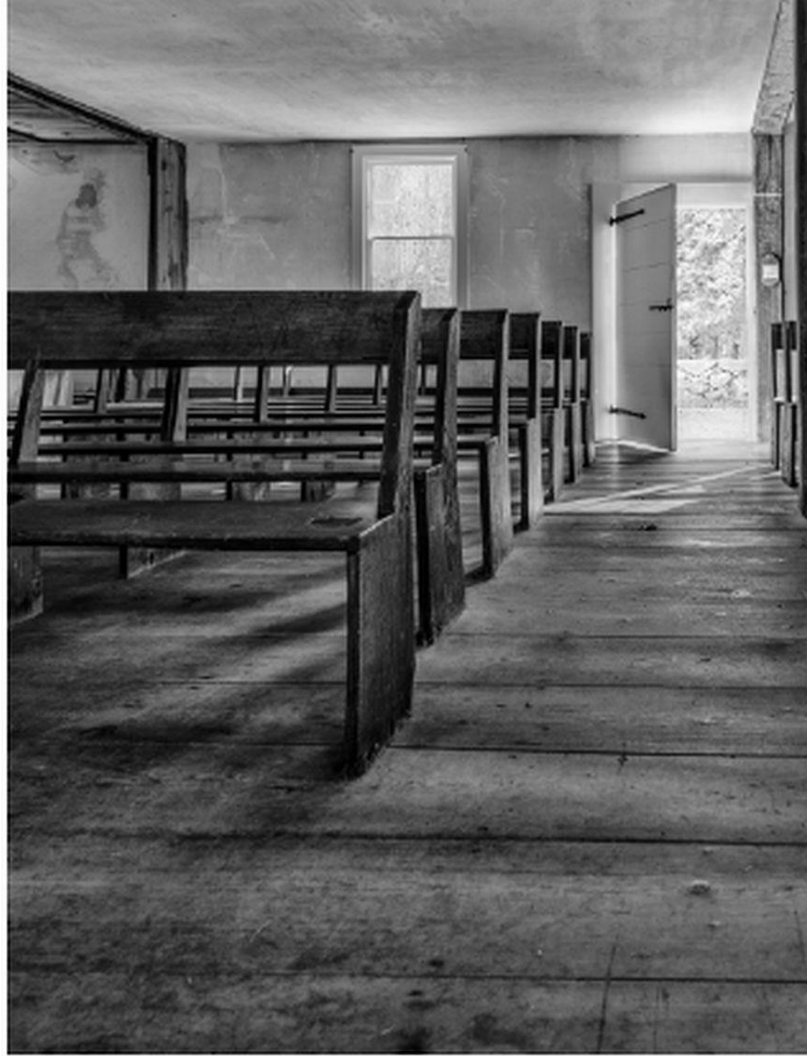


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# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**Note that colonial travel was slow!**

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

"At a man's meeting in the Town of Dartmouth the 6:day of the 1st month 1699 at the house of John Lapham wee underwritten, Peleg Slocum, Jacob Mott, Abraham Tucker, the day and year above written undertake to build a meeting House for the people of God, in Scorn called Quakers, 35 foot long 30 foot wide and 14 foot studds, To worship and serve the true and Living God in according as they are persuaded in Contience they Ought to Do, and for no other use, Interest or Purpose, but as aforesd, and when one or more of us decease, then Immediately the survivors Choose others in our room, together with the consent of the assembly of the said people, so to be and Remain to us and them forever as aforesaid, which sd House shall be compleatly finished at or before the 10 day of the 10 month next Insuing the date herof. [10-10-1699]

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GREAT NEWPORT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

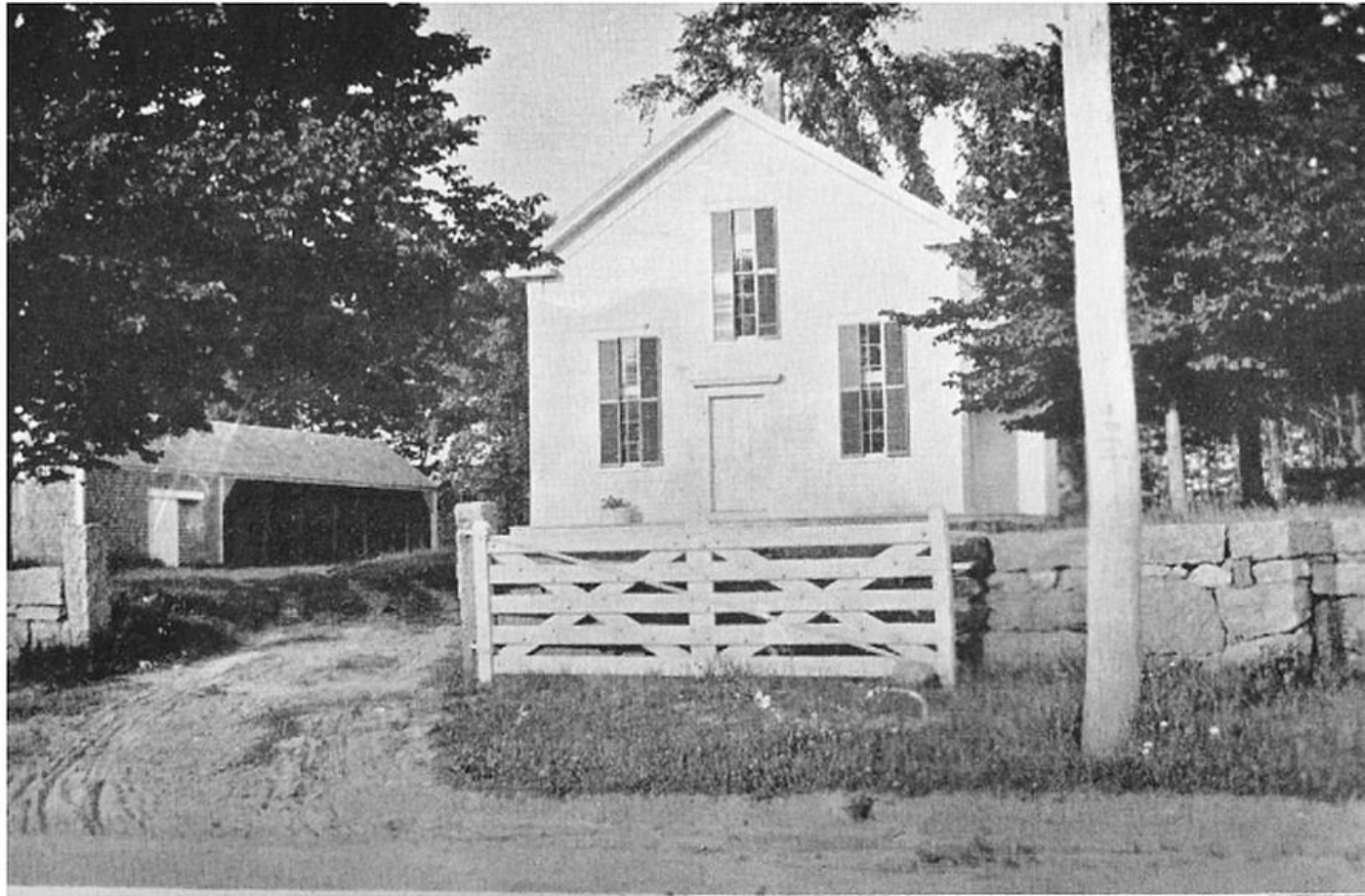


# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

[6 month 1699]

On the 9th: "Dartmouth Friends desire to be a monthly meeting apart from Rhode Island." On the 10th the desire was approved and thereafter Dartmouth and Narragansett Monthly Meetings were to compose Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. On the 12th: "the friends of Dartmouth hath agreed that their monthly men's and women's meeting of business shall be the next second day after the monthly meeting of worship at the house of Peleg Slocum."

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH



FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, CENTRAL VILLAGE, MASS.  
The original was built in 1716, rebuilt in 1813  
and remodelled in 1872.

## **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**WILL ONLY SHOW **SELECTED** REFERENCES  
TO GIVE A TASTE-THE FULL SET OF  
EXTRACTIONS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR  
WEBSITE: THIS IS A CONTINUING WORK  
IN PROGRESS**

# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

## **AS AN OVERVIEW:**

**THE DMM'S MINUTES SHOW A  
CONTINUING & INTIMATE INVOLVEMENT  
WITH MANY SUBORDINATE LOCAL  
MEETINGS AS WELL AS MORE DISTANT  
NON SUBORDINATE MEETINGS**

## **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**A FREQUENT TOPIC WAS THE BUILDING,  
REPAIR, OR ADDITION TO A MEETING  
HOUSE**

# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

## **AMONG THE PLACES MENTIONED:**

ACUSHNOT  
ALLEN'S NECK  
BEDFORD  
BOSTON  
COAKSET  
HEAD OF THE NOQUECHUCK RIVER  
LEICESTER,MA  
NEWTOWN  
PONAGANSET  
PROVIDENCE  
SMITH'S NECK  
SMITHFIELD, RI  
SWANSEY  
TAUNTON  
WESTERLY

## **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

**SEVERAL OF THESE WERE CASES WHEN THE  
DMM SUBSCRIBED SUPPORT FOR OTHER  
MEETINGS' BUILDINGS: AN EXAMPLE – BOSTON**

**on p 339 OF THE Men's Minutes 1727-1762, 20-10-1760**

**“Job Russell hath brought a Receipt to this Meeting  
Signed by Ebenezer Pope of Boston that he hath  
Received £10=1s=8d Lawful Mony toward the Charge  
of Building Friends Meeting House at Boston, Said  
Mony being Contributed by our monthly Meeting”**

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

WE WILL FOLLOW SOME OF THE LOCAL SUBORDINATE  
MEETINGS WHICH ILLUSTRATE THE PROCESS  
NORMALLY FOLLOWED: NOTE THAT SOME OF THESE  
CASES CONTINUED UNTIL A FULL MONTHLY MEETING  
WAS “SET OFF”, MEANING ESTABLISHED AS RUNNING  
IT’S OWN “MEETING FOR BUSINESS” AND OWNING ITS  
PROPERTY



# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

## **THE PROCESS:**

**WITH PERMISSION FROM THE DMM-**

- (1) MEET FOR WORSHIP IN SOMEONE'S LOCAL HOME**
- (2) AFTER SOME TIME HAS PASSED, REQUEST FREEDOM  
TO EXTEND THE PERIOD (MAYBE MORE THAN ONE TIME)**
- (3) REQUEST AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER BUILDING A  
MEETING HOUSE**
- (4) RECEIVE APPROVAL TO PLAN & SUBMIT PLAN TO  
DMM**
- (5) RECEIVE APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN**

# **FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH**

## **THE PROCESS: (Continued)**

**WITH PERMISSION FROM THE DMM-**

**(6) REQUEST TO MAINTAIN, REPAIR, ADD STABLES,  
BURYING GROUND ETC**

**(7) ACCEPT DMM'S GRANT OF PERMISSION & IMPLEMENT  
THE WORK**

**(8) REQUEST BEING GRANTED STATUS AS A FULL  
MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS, BEING "SET-OFF"  
FROM THE DMM**

**(9) WITH REQUEST GRANTED BEGIN FUNCTIONING  
INDEPENDENTLY**

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

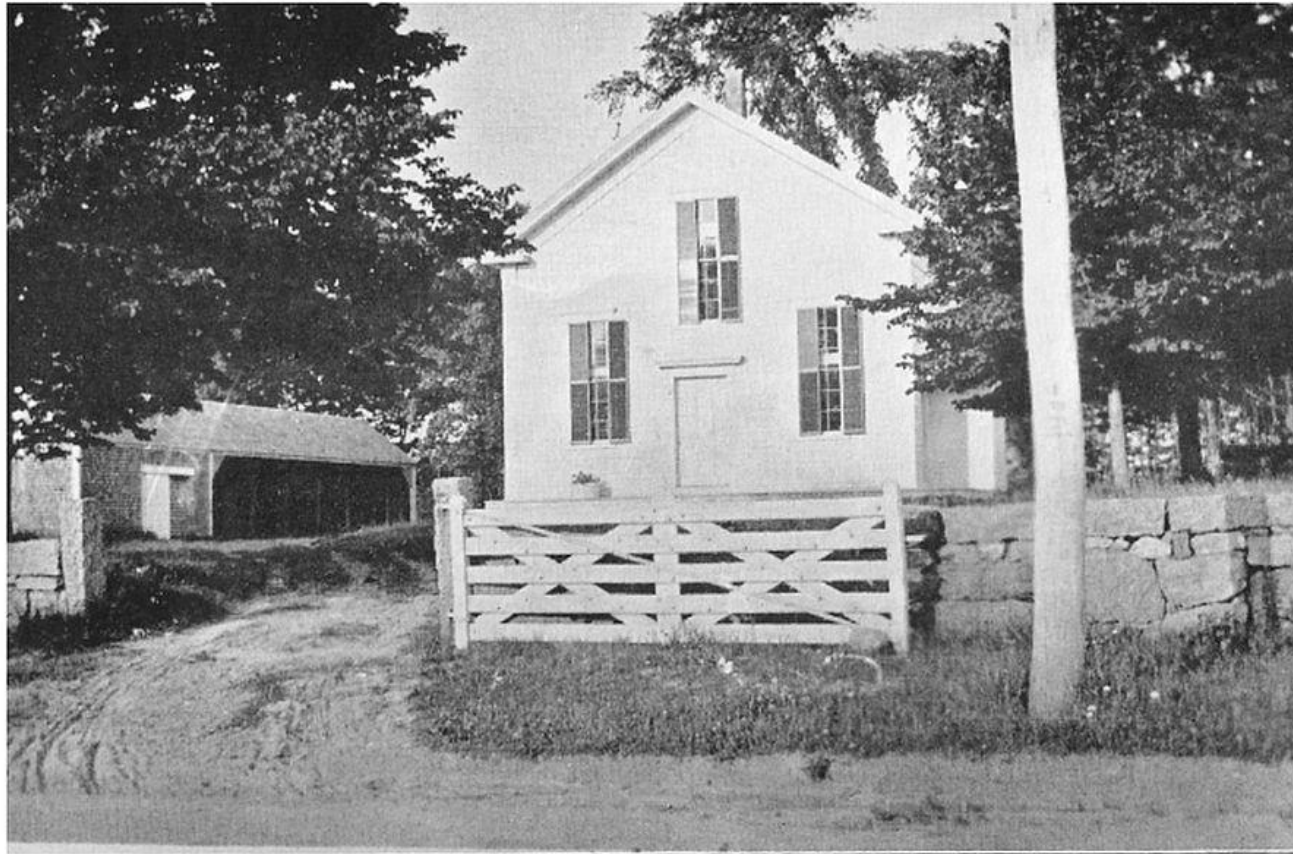
A LA “COAKSET”

AS EARLY AS 1700, IN DMM MEN’S  
MINUTES, [p 5]

*At a monthly meeting of friends holden at the house of Peleg  
Slocum in Dartmouth the 1 day of the 2mo 1700 it is agreed  
that the 4 day meeting at Coakset shall continue there till  
the meeting sees cause to remove it*

THE IMPLICATION HERE IS THAT THIS MEETING  
[FOR WORSHIP] IN ‘COAKSET’ HAD BEEN GOING ON  
BEFORE 1ST DAY 2ND MONTH 1700

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FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, CENTRAL VILLAGE, MASS.  
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# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH



WESTPORT IV

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# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

## MORE PRIMARY DOCUMENTATION:

12<sup>th</sup> DAY 10<sup>th</sup> MO 1715, p155 DMM MINUTE

*It is agreed at this meeting that there shall be a meeting House built on the other side of Coakset river 28 feet wide and 34 ft longue an 16 or 17 foot stud*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

## MORE PRIMARY DOCUMENTATION:

20<sup>th</sup> DAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MO 1747, p 210 DMM MINUTE

*And Joseph Tripp Jonathan Wood and  
Christopher Gifford to be overseers of the  
burying Grounds at Coakset*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH



**WINTER SCENE AT WESTPORT MM  
BURYING GROUND**

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# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

## MORE PRIMARY DOCUMENTATION:

19<sup>th</sup> DAY 6<sup>th</sup> MO 1751, p 259 DMM  
MINUTE

*And this meeting Concludes to renew the Deeds  
of the meeting House lands for **Coakset** . . . The  
Friends appointed to take the Deeds are for  
**Coakset William Gifford And Benjamin Tripp &  
Joseph Tripp Sons of Joseph Tripp. . .***

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

& MORE PRIMARY DOCUMENTATION:

19<sup>th</sup> DAY 12<sup>th</sup> MO 1763, p 42 DMM  
MINUTE

*Coakset [Westport, Bristol Co MA] prepar[a]tive meeting  
Signify to this Meeting that they think it will be Convenient  
to make Some additi[ons] to their little meeting House,  
and also to build a Chimny Therefore this meeting doth  
appoint **Paul Russell Barn[abas?] Mosher and Joseph  
Smith** to Consider how big to build and also to Compute  
the Cost as near as they Can and when to build at all or  
not, and to make Report to the next monthly Meeting ~*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

& MORE

19<sup>th</sup> DAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MO 1764, p 48 DMM  
MINUTE

*This Meeting appoints Ichabod Eddy and  
Josep[h] Tripp are to Carry on the Rebuilding of  
Coakset [Westport, Bristol Co MA] meeting  
Hou[se]*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

& SUBSEQUENTLY

16<sup>th</sup> DAY 12<sup>th</sup> MO 1765, p 90 DMM  
MINUTE

*Coakset[Acoaxet, Westport, Bristol Co MA]  
Meeting Requests to have a Monthly Meeting  
Granted them, which this Meeting so far Concurs  
with as to Refer the Matter to the next Monthly  
Meeting for Consideration*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

& SUBSEQUENTLY ask for terms

17<sup>th</sup> DAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MO 1766, p 93 DMM MINUTE

*Coakset[Acoaxet, Westport, Bristol Co MA]  
friends Still Request to have a Monthly Meeting Set  
off to them, and also desire a Committee to determine  
where to prefix the Boundaries between this and that  
Meeting and all Circumstances Relating thereto,  
Therefore **Humphry Smith, Philip Tripp, Samuel  
Smith, Daniel Wood, Joseph Tucker** are  
Appointed a Comittee for that purpose and Make  
Report to the next Monthly Meeting*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

& SUBSEQUENTLY, MM status granted

21<sup>th</sup> DAY 4<sup>th</sup> MO 1766, p 102 DMM MINUTE

*And the Quarterly Meeting hath Granted our Request to have a monthly Meeting of men and women Friends Sett off at **Coaksett** [Westport, MA] according to the Boundaries prefixt [sic], and this meeting Concludes for **Coakset** friends to hold their Monthly Meeting the Seventh day before the third Second day in Each month;*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

## ANOTHER EARLY SUBORDINATE MEETING WAS AT ACUSHNET VILLAGE

21<sup>ST</sup> DAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MO 1708, p 60 MEN'S MINUTES -REQUEST

*And whereas it was recommended to this meeting that some friends or friendly people at Acushnet desire that there may be a meeting of worship appointed amongst them once in a month, and after some debate upon the matter , friends did unanimously agree that their Request might be Answered, thinking that it might be for the Honor of God and for the promotion of truth amongst them, and so recommends it to the Quarterly Meeting for their assistance therein.*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH

ANOTHER EARLY SUBORDINATE MEETING  
WAS AT ACUSHNET VILLAGE

19<sup>TH</sup> DAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MO 1709, p 60 MEN'S MINUTES -  
GRANTED

*. . . a meeting of worship is Established at Acushnet by  
the Quarterly Meeting as requested, and is to be kept at  
last first day of Every Month.*



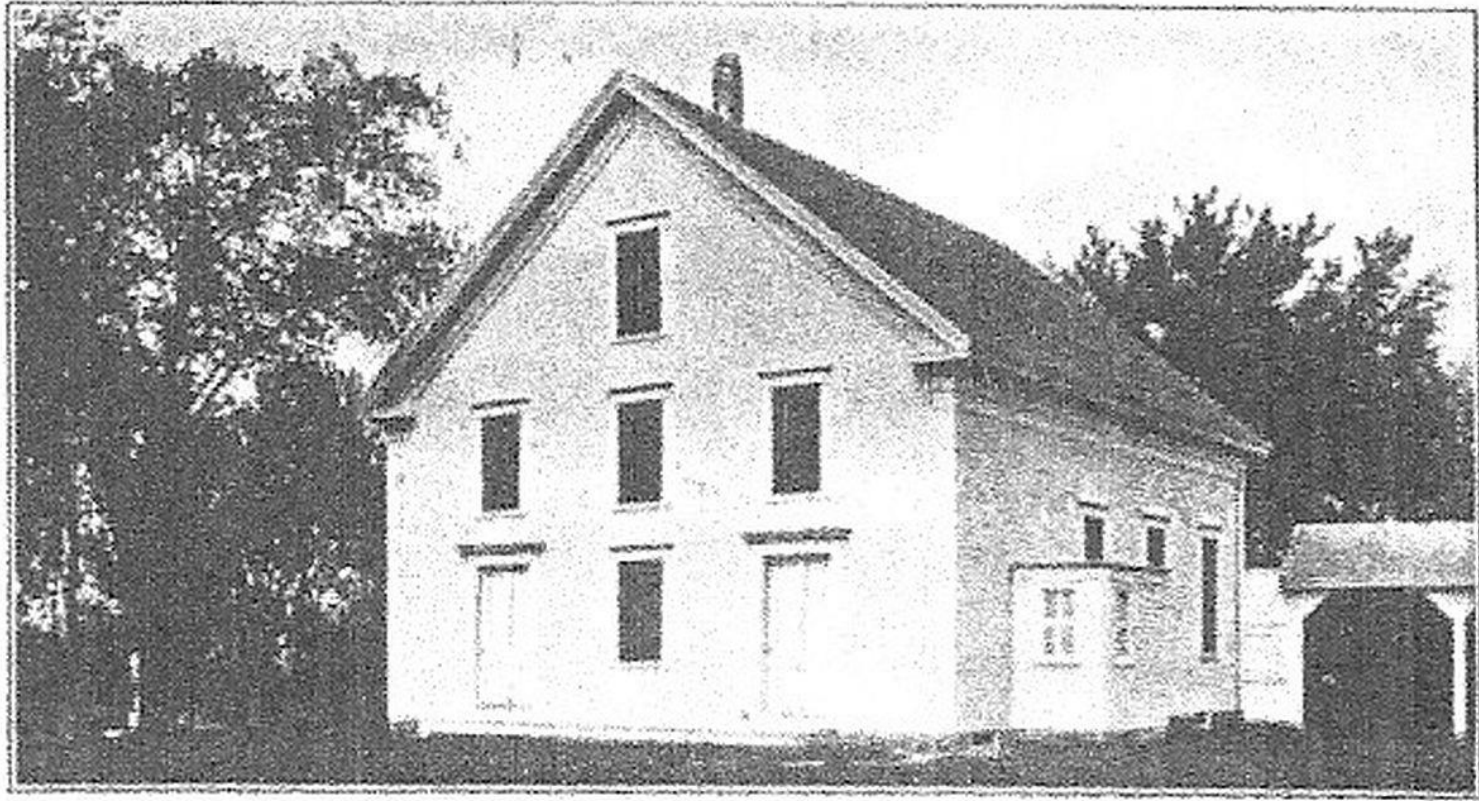
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ANOTHER EARLY SUBORDINATE MEETING  
WAS AT ACUSHNET VILLAGE

16<sup>TH</sup> DAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MO 1728, p 18 MEN'S MINUTES -  
PLAN TO BUILD

*This meeting agrees to \*[Come to a Subscription] build  
a meeting House at Acushnet near the bigness of friends  
meeting House at Pembroke and Thomas Hathaway  
Joseph Taber Jacob Taber and Henry Tucker are  
appointed to See it done as Soon as Can be with  
Conveniency And to draw up an Epistle to the Same and  
John Tucker to assist them*

# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH



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PRESENT FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE AT PARTING WAYS.

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# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH



PEMBROKE 1

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# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH



PEMBROKE VIII

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# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH



**ALLEN'S NECK MEETING HOUSE**

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# FRIENDLY WINDOWS ON COLONIAL DARTMOUTH



ALLEN'S NECK V

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BEACON HILL III

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NEW BEDFORD VI

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NORTH DARTMOUTH VIII

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NORTH DARTMOUTH II

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**NORTH DARTMOUTH MEETING HOUSE**  
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SMITH NECK III

SMITH NECK MEETING HOUSE

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MATTAPOISETT MEETING HOUSE

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NANTUCKET MEETING HOUSE

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