

The David Tilden House at Pequitside Farm has been a part of our heritage for almost three-hundred years. Step back three centuries to the wilderness of Dorchester. A young settler, one of our earliest residents, makes a living on the land along the Pequit Brook, in a town that will become his lifelong home.

Portions of the homestead were built as early as 1709, and the main house was constructed by David Tilden in 1725. Largely intact, this historic site sits on the original tract of land sold by the native Ponkapoag Indians to David Tilden in 1725.

Today, the historic home has been neglected and may be lost to future generations. One of less than 300 homes from this period of Massachusetts History, it is our task to save this building. The mission of the Friends of the Little Red House, Inc. is to protect and preserve this unique Canton landmark. Please help us with our distinctive project and make a difference in our history and our future.

100% of your donation will be used to protect and preserve the Tilden House for the Town of Canton.

The Friends of the Little Red House, Inc. is a non-profit Massachusetts Corporation dedicated to protecting and preserving the David Tilden House for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Canton and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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completed form to:**

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The Question of History

In our town there is a special place where time has stood still since before Canton became Canton. The David Tilden House at Pequitside Farm has weathered gracefully beneath a large hickory nut tree. Atop a knoll overlooking the Pequit Brook, this ancient house is in need of care, love and attention. You will decide whether this is a part of our history worthy of saving. How will you decide? Will you think of the future generations who will sit on the wooden swing outside the colonial house? Will you think of the pride of Canton when you decide to make a donation? How will we be remembered? Are we measured by what we save, or what we tear down? So many questions? How will you answer the call to help?



Built in 1709 and 1725, The Tilden House at Pequitside Farm

“The history of a nation is only the history of its villages written large.”
—Woodrow Wilson

Saving Place

Our region is steeped in the history of America. The David Tilden House is one of our most historic and architecturally significant properties of the Colonial American Period. David Tilden was a British citizen and built this homestead on British soil. The property was passed down to his grandson, Theophilus Lyon, who fought in the Revolutionary War and witnessed the birth of our country. This site provides clear evidence of who we were as a young fledgling nation and is a distinctive part of Canton and our rich past. Sadly, historic sites such as this have been lost to time, progress and neglect, making the David Tilden House an extremely rare survivor. Such a unique and exceptional home is worthy of preservation for future generations.

The Plan

The Friends of the Little Red House, Inc. have created a strategic plan to insure the success of this preservation effort. A short-term building stabilization is currently in progress. Over the next few years a preservation plan will be developed to create a long-term rehabilitation and investigate public and private use for the building. This is an ambitious project that will require time, money and the commitment of people just like you.

Your Commitment

It will take your help to make our plan a reality. Perhaps you could make a donation of your time. You might be willing to join the Friends and serve on a subcommittee. Consider sending us your address so we can stay in touch and keep you informed of our progress. And most importantly a cash donation will insure that money will be available to help stabilize and restore the building and allow future generations the chance to see a tangible part of Canton's history.

Please find a way to help us with our task.

Yes, I would like to help...

I can help in the following ways:

- I will join the Friends and be on a subcommittee.
- I will help support a future event.
- I will make a donation.
- I will help fundraise.
- Please contact me to discuss how I might help.

Name

Address

Email Address

Phone

My donation is enclosed

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Visit our website at www.tildenhous.org to make a secure Online Credit Card Donation

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Thank You For Your Support
Together we will save the Little Red House