

THE DAVID TILDEN HOUSE

Applicant: Friends of the Little Red House

The David Tilden House at Pequitside Farm (c. 1725)

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Project Description:

The David Tilden House at Pequitside Farm has been a part of our heritage for almost three hundred years. Portions of the homestead were built as early as 1709 and the main structure was largely constructed in 1725. This historic home still stands on the original tract of land deeded to David Tilden by the Ponkapoag Indians. The house sits on a small knoll overlooking the meadows of the Pequit Brook. The view from the door at the Tilden House is almost exactly as David Tilden would have seen it almost 290 years ago.

The Tilden House is one of only three-hundred first-period (pre 1725) dwellings surviving in the Commonwealth. To ensure that this unique piece of Canton history remains viable for centuries to come, the Friends of the Little Red House, Inc. have submitted a request for CPA funding in the amount of \$414,150.00. The funds will be used to restore and preserve this historic structure using wood-frame preservation carpentry techniques. The first phase includes structural element preservation including the walls, roof, and foundation.

The future for this remarkable building will include structured tours and educational programming. The building will be utilized by the Canton Historical Society and may include gallery and museum space, meeting space, and the potential for offices to house the Friends of the Little Red House. In its renewed state, this nearly three-centuries old building will become a centerpiece in Canton's only National Historic District. More information about the Tilden House and the proposed preservation project can be found at www.tildenhous.org.