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MYLES STANDISH PARK & HOUSE SITE IN DUXBURY NOMINATED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin has announced that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Myles Standish House Site and Myles Standish Park in Duxbury for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at a recent meeting. The nomination will be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service for final consideration and designation.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s rich historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources,” Galvin said. “The Myles Standish House Site and Park is nationally significant as the only known residential site associated with Captain Myles Standish, the military commander of Plymouth Colony, and as the site of an early, controlled archaeological excavation of his house site.”

The property is one of seven nominations for resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting. Galvin serves as chair of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times per year.

The approximately one-acre parcel containing the Myles Standish House Site and Park is located on a peninsula in south Duxbury known as The Nook and is a remnant of the 100 acres occupied by Standish beginning in 1632. He died on the property in 1656, after which it was occupied by his son Alexander. The house he built was destroyed by fire in 1665. In 1856, James Hall led what is widely regarded as the best early example of a controlled archaeological excavation at a post-contact North American site using methods broadly consistent with modern techniques. Today the parcel serves as a park, with the corners of Standish’s house outlined by granite markers.

The National Register is the nation’s official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are more than 70,000 properties listed in the National



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Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. Additional information about the Commission's programs is available at www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc.

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