

2006 Statewide Historic Preservation Honor Award Presented to:

Ebenezer Alden
House
Union, Maine
For Preservation,
Stewardship, and
Restoration



The 1797 Ebenezer Alden House in Union was built by 23 year old Ebenezer, a 6th generation descendent of John and Priscilla Alden. He was a gifted housewright, as this house demonstrates both stylistically and technically. The house is divided in half, with a late-period Colonial section, and a formal Federal section that was inspired by drawings by William Pain of London. It was considered to be a most remarkable and advanced structure in a town that was still largely wilderness.

It remained in the Alden family until 1965. The current owners, David and Suzanne Shaub, were fortunate enough to purchase the property in 1997. Since then, they have meticulously cared for it, enhanced and nurtured it, and made gentle and architecturally sensitive changes to keep this 18th century local landmark livable well into the 21st century. They've resingled, aged the eight fireplaces, added protective combination windows and a furnace for heat and hot water, planted fruit trees and made the most beautiful – and practical – flower and vegetable gardens. A completely reversible porch of post and beam construction was added at the back of the house and is removable by unscrewing 11 large bolts.

The Alden House has been featured on television's "Restore America" and in Antiques Magazine, Down East and Mayflower Quarterly.

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