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**The Waltham  
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MEETING WILL  
BE HELD AT THE  
BRIGHT SCHOOL  
260 Grove Street  
Waltham

Lecture Begins at 7:00 pm

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## The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series

*Presents*

# Financing the Civil War



*A Lecture by*

**Mr. Al Smith**

*Member*

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**Tuesday, January 10, 2017  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

The Former Bright School  
260 Grove Street, Waltham, MA

Join the Waltham Historical Society for a look at the means by which the American Civil War was financed. Did the government realize how immense would be the endeavor? How would the tax system be implemented and how has it evolved since?



Bank notes tended to circulate at a discount proportional to the distance at which the transaction took place from the bank's headquarters. Library of Congress

Al Smith, long-time Civil War enthusiast and founding member of Civil War Round Tables in Massachusetts has promoted the study of the Civil War for many years. His opportunities have included meeting and speaking with people who had known Civil War survivors. Mr. Smith will also have a handout of the 1913 income tax return.

The lecture will be held at the Bright School offices of the Waltham Historical Society, 260 Grove Street (2nd floor), Waltham, MA. Attendees may also view the exhibits of the Historical Society before and after the lecture. Light refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public.

*This event is supported in part by a grant from the Waltham Community Foundation.  
Please call 617-448-6706 or e-mail [Waltham.historical.society@gmail.com](mailto:Waltham.historical.society@gmail.com) with any questions.*



## ***Winifred Whittemore Kneisel***

The Waltham Historical Society is sad to announce that our dear friend and member, Winifred Kneisel, died Thursday evening, December 22, at the age of 101 years.

Born in Waltham on July 25, 1915, she was the daughter of Harvey

F. Whittemore and Helen E. Hardison, and the granddaughter of Henry Whittemore, the 2nd superintendent of the Waltham Public Schools. She was born on Worcester Lane, where her father ran a successful florist business.

Her educational achievements included graduation from Waltham High School in 1933 and Simmons College in 1937. Following college, Winifred worked as a teacher, and married Frederick Kneisel in 1942 at the Church of New Jerusalem (Chapel Hill). She was a member of the Congregational Church in Waltham, the League of Women Voters, a square dance group, the Waltham Bicentennial Committee (1976) and the Piety Corner Club.

As a member of the Waltham Historical Society since the 1960s, she served as Assistant Curator of the Society for over 50 years. In July, 2015, members of the Waltham Historical Society, the Piety Corner Club, friends, family, and a number of City officials honored Winifred at a 100th birthday celebration. Winifred remained active until just a few months ago, and continued to live in the same house in which she was born on Worcester Lane.

She was a truly dedicated aficionado of Waltham History, and she will be sorely missed by her many friends, family members and associates in the Historical Society.

She is survived by her two children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, her sister and a niece.

*Memorial donations may be made to  
The Waltham Historical Society  
c/o Francis Cabot Lowell Mill, 190 Moody Street  
Waltham, MA 02453.*

*For complete obituary, and guest book please visit: [www.JoyceFuneralHome.com](http://www.JoyceFuneralHome.com)*

**Nominations are now open for positions on the Board of Directors of the Historical Society. See Carol DiFranco or Ron Guertin for details on how to become more involved.**

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“Thank you” to the Waltham Historical Society for preserving the City’s rich history.



As a proud member of the Waltham community for nearly 70 years, we look forward to serving the members of the Society.

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