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Historical Society
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

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MARCH 15, 2017
MEETING WILL
BE HELD AT THE
BRIGHT SCHOOL
260 Grove Street
Waltham

Begins at 7:00 pm

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PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL DATE CHANGE!

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series Presents

Haiti and the United States



Featuring Pastor
Thomas St. Louis
Of the New Covenant
Church of Cambridge

at former Bright School
260 Grove Street
Waltham, Mass.

Pastor Thomas St. Louis (a native of Haiti who has been in the US for 30+ years; and was a 20+ year former Housing Advocate for the city of Somerville) will speak to the Society on highlights of the emerging local Haitian community with particular emphasis on his Waltham parish, the New Covenant Church. In November 2005, Pastor Thomas and his congregation achieved a major milestone with the purchase of the former St. Joseph's Church at 527 Main Street. Pastor Thomas noted that he was especially proud that some of the old parishioners had returned to the Church to join the new congregation in singing some of their favorite French hymns. Pastor Thomas has a growing congregation of more than 300 and holds services both in French and English. He has worked tirelessly for the greater Boston Haitian community of all faiths.

The unique format for this meeting will be comprised of a panel with Society Board Member Dr. Helene Day as Chair making the introductions. Board Member Jeremy Hagger will then present slides highlighting aspects of Haitian History and its connections with the United States. Pastor Thomas will then talk about Waltham's Haitian community, the appeal of greater Boston to them and his parish's support for Haitian development and education projects. He will mention how our Waltham community can directly support these efforts as well. Finally, one of Pastor Thomas' parishioners will announce some of the Church's community events and festivals which are held on the Waltham Common in August and are open to the public.

The lecture will follow immediately after the March Member Meeting of the Society. This month's agenda includes final calls for Nominations for Officers to serve on the Board for the next two years. If you've ever considered joining the Board now is the time.

Light refreshments will be available and you're invited to tour the Society's exhibits.

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 with any questions.

A Very Busy Season Ahead!

The Society has a very busy couple of weeks ahead featuring collaborations with other significant Waltham history advocates!

Haiti and the United States

March 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM, 260 Grove Street

First on the agenda is the March 15, 2017 meeting of the Society followed by a lecture on Haiti and the US as noted on the front page of this newsletter.

The First Field Trips to Stonehurst: New Research

*March 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Robert Treat Paine Estate
100 Robert Treat Paine Drive
Waltham, MA*



Next on the agenda in another collaboration, the Historical Society will be co-hosting *“The First Field Trips to Stonehurst: New Research”* on Tuesday March 21, 2017, 7 - 8 PM at Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate, 100 Robert Treat Paine Dr., Waltham, MA 02452

Even when it was new, Stonehurst was a destination for school groups. The socially conscious Paine family welcomed students from industrial institutes, founded and run by Robert Treat Paine, out to their country place in Waltham each year to escape the city.

Be the first to hear Dr. Jennifer Pustz’s discoveries in the history of these early vocational schools and their excursions to Stonehurst. Begin to see the place through a different lens, and then share your ideas for new programming. The program is co-hosted by the Friends of Stonehurst and the Waltham Historical Society.

This project is funded in part by Mass Humanities, whose grants inspire thoughtful conversations and civic engagement throughout Massachusetts. See more about what Mass Humanities does here: <http://masshumanities.org>.

In Search of Colonial Waltham

*April 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street
Waltham, Mass.*



Come and listen to Waltham Historical Society Board Member Dr. Jack Cox present the lecture “Searching for Colonial Waltham.” This event is co-sponsored by the Historical Society and Historic New England and will be held on April 6 at The Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street in Waltham. \$5.00 for Society and HNE members. See more details on the next page. Register on-line at <http://shop.historicnewengland.org/LYM-LECTURE-1-8626/>.

Piety Corner Club

*April 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Piety Corner Club, 2 Worcester Lane*

Next up is the Piety Corner Club’s celebration. Society Board Members Jeremy Hagger and Chauncy Perry will present the story of the Piety Corner Club on April 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm. This will be held at the Piety Corner Club, 2 Worcester Lane, Waltham, MA.

Annual May Meeting & Elections

*May 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Former Bright School, 260 Grove Street*

The Waltham Historical Society will hold its annual May meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. This meeting is important because it is your opportunity to vote for the leadership of the Society. Please consider placing your name in consideration for a position to help guide the Society for the next two years.

Don't Miss this Interesting Lecture

In Search of Colonial Waltham

Thursday, April 6, 2017, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street Waltham, Mass.



*Image of the
Stratton Tavern
by G. F. Barnes*



*Prospect
Hill Road*



Trapelo Road



A lane near Lake Street

Although best known as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution, the city of Waltham also has a rich colonial history. Join Waltham historian Jack Cox as he examines colonial Waltham from the time of John Winthrop's exploration in 1631 through the end of the American Revolution. This illustrated lecture pays particular attention to remnants from the colonial era that are still visible in the twenty-first century.

Join us as we learn about Waltham in the Colonial era from the Society's own Jack Cox. This event is co-sponsored with Historic New England and will be held at the Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street.

Entry is \$5.00 per person for members of Historic New England and The Waltham Historical Society and \$10.00 for nonmembers.

As with other collaborations with Historic New England turnout is expected to be high so registration is recommended. Waltham Historical Society members must call to register. Please call 617-994-5912 for more information or register online.



**The Waltham
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**HISTORIC
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The Great War—100 Years Ago



One of a series of images in the collection of the Waltham Historical Society showing men on the steps of the new Waltham Public Library on the day they departed for service during World War I.

Some of the images in the collection include the names of those pictured.

These men shipped out on July 30, 1918.

We will be publishing more images to commemorate the event and activities.

We would welcome the opportunity to acquire stories and images if you have any in your family's possession. All items will be returned after printing.

The Waltham Historical Society is creating an exhibit to commemorate the City's participation in World War I. Company F mustered from Waltham and entered service in April of 1917 and served through the remainder of the war.

Mr. Brad Bigham spent many years interviewing survivors and collecting artifacts pertaining to the history of Company F. Meeting with Brad over the last few years before his death, we came to understand the sacrifice made by those brave young men who stepped up and suffered greatly under very trying circumstances.

Through Brad's donation we will publish from his efforts to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of the conflict. We would greatly appreciate any contributions to add to the exhibit. Please contact waynemccarthy@comcast.net or 617-448-6706 if you have materials we can copy and return. Help us tell the whole story.

“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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We need volunteers to staff the Bright School location, 260 Grove Street. We would like to establish a regular schedule of Saturday morning openings to the public. Please contact us at Waltham.historical.society@gmail.com.