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The Waltham Historical Society Presents



Hartwell Tavern, MMNHP

Bull strong, Sheep high & Hog tight - the stone walls of New England

Jeff Howry, Ph.D.

**Research Fellow at the Harvard Semitic Museum, a center
for the study of Near East Languages and Civilizations**

In Massachusetts, and throughout New England, historic stone walls represent the most abundant and visible evidence of our agricultural heritage. Yet the walls are rarely considered for their significance or respected for their contribution to our historic landscape. Stone walls were constructed as European settlers enclosed lands to restrict the extent to which their animals could forage, to clear lands for cultivation and grazing and to establish boundaries with their neighbors. The many walls built on the Massachusetts landscape delineate historic agricultural land uses and provide an irreplaceable record of the lifeways which formed the foundation of New England society from the 17th through 19th centuries.

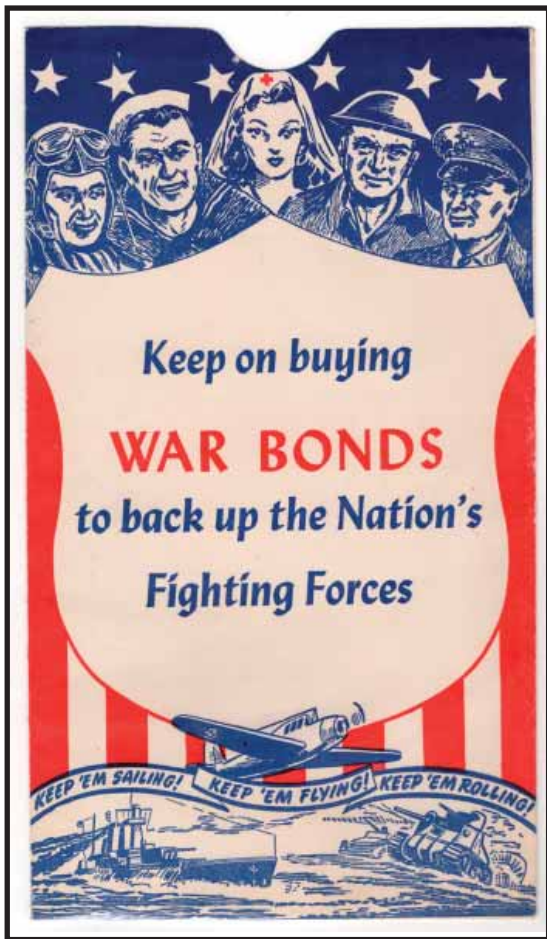
While culturally iconic, there is limited enforcement of existing protections for historic stone walls and, what does exist, is seldom enforced. As the remains of former agricultural land is developed and disappears, these tangible touchstones to centuries-long agricultural history are in danger of disappearing. Designated as a "Most Endangered Historic Resource" in Massachusetts, their recognition presents an opportunity to expand awareness of historic stone walls, but also to encourage broader policies that recognize the significance of this resource. Further protections for these landscape features and program initiatives for promoting documentation, mapping and regulatory protection must be pursued.

**TUESDAY
MARCH 10, 2020
7:00 pm
260 GROVE STREET
IN WALTHAM**

Jeff's research interests focus on late Ottoman and Mandate era social change, as well as early Mediterranean navigation using remote sensing imagery of historic landscapes and buildings to better interpret cultural heritage sites, especially those no longer visible as a result of forestation.

Come join us on March 10th at the former Bright Elementary School, 260 Grove Street in Waltham
Light refreshments will be available.

Mark your calendar for another in the *Edmund L. Sanderson Series*
In collaboration with *Historic New England*



Weds., April 15, 2020

7:00 PM at the Lyman Estate

185 Lyman Street at the Beaver Street Rotary

Seating is limited - On-line registration at [Historic New England Website](http://HistoricNewEngland.com)

\$15 for non-members -- \$10 Society and HNE members



Waltham Goes to War: The Homefront 1939-1945

Featuring Waltham Historian Jack Cox

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the city of Waltham mobilized to do its part to bring about the defeat of the Axis Powers. With unity and resolve, city government, civic organizations, local businesses, and private citizens made valuable contributions to the war effort. This program by Waltham historian Jack Cox will examine the homefront in Waltham during World War II, featuring rare photographs taken by Waltham News Tribune photographer William Hay during the 1940s.

*Come for the lecture and experience the Lyman Estate fresh from its appearance in "**Little Women.**"*



Upcoming Events to Watch For

The Waltham Historical Society is in the early stages of conducting a collaborative event with Historic New England and the Historical Society of Watertown. The hope is to put together a group tour to the Browne House on Main Street in Watertown. We are currently looking to put together a planning team to determine dates in May, June, or August. If you're interested in joining the team please contact us at waltham.historical.society@gmail.com and we will schedule a meeting of stakeholders to discuss moving forward.

Built between 1694 and 1701 for a farming family, Browne House contains rare surviving architectural features from the late 1600s. In a near ruinous state when it was acquired by Historic New England founder William Sumner Appleton in 1919, the house was painstakingly restored in what is acknowledged to be the first fully documented restoration in America.

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of Browne House's significant restoration process which subsequently contributed to standards in restoration methodology.

*The Waltham Historical Society
is open by appointment only.*

Please call or email to arrange for a visit:

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Watch factory employees preparing to march to the Embassy Theatre to receive the E Award for service during World War II.



One of the many Moody Street window displays during the Second World War.





Correspondence from England

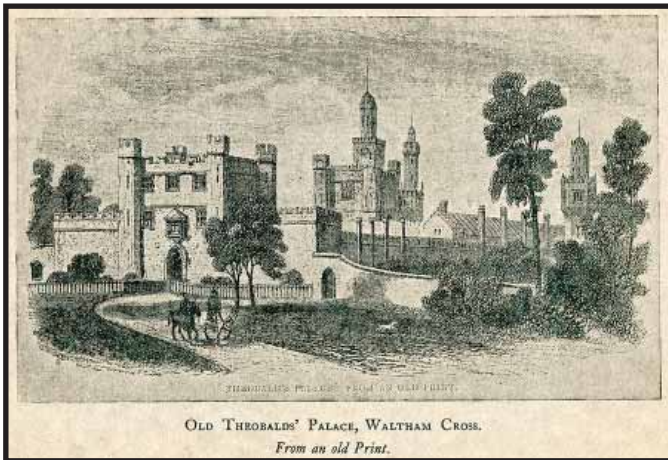
We have recently received correspondence from Cedars Park in Waltham England. In 2021 they will be celebrating their 100th anniversary and have reached out to us to learn more about an Amur Cork tree in the park with a plaque crediting it as a gift from Waltham Massachusetts in 1930.

In researching to assist them we've found that the tree does not represent the first interaction between the two Walthams.

We are currently exploring the possibility of creating a Sister City relationship with the possibility of arranging a group visit to help celebrate their 100th Anniversary. They have expressed an interest in making it happen.

Are you interested? If so, please contact us and join the team working to see what we can accomplish. In the next issue of our newsletter we will have more of the story on our past relationship.

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OLD THEOBALDS' PALACE, WALTHAM CROSS.
From an old Print.

NEAR the Cedar Trees which have stood for over 700 years in the grounds of the old Theobalds' Palace (now the Cedars Public Park, Waltham Cross), is planted the Amur Cork Tree presented by the citizens of Waltham, Mass., to commemorate the visit of Joseph B. Franklin to the Tercentenary Celebrations in 1930.

*"There is a past that has gone for ever . . .
But there is a future that is still our own."
—ROBERTSON.*

With Kind Remembrances and Hearty Greetings
for a Happy Christmas and New Year,

from

JOSEPH BEASLEY FRANKLIN, J.P.,
Chairman, Chestnut St Waltham Cross U.D. Council.

WARWICK HOUSE,
WALTHAM CROSS, HERTS.

CHRISTMAS, 1932.

OPENING SOON!

School Matters: Life and Learning in Waltham



A view of Education from the Collection of the Waltham Historical Society

After some unexpected delays the Society's new exhibit on education in Waltham will be opening soon. Drawing from the 107+ year-old collection of the Waltham Historical Society you can explore industry's impact on education beginning at what many consider the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution. Consider the impact of immigration, culture, and the need for skilled workers as the country transitioned from Agricultural to Industrial needs.

*If you are a teacher, parent, or student, or have an interest in the shaping of education you should make every effort to experience the history of Education in Waltham, and why **School Matters!***



*The Exhibit is at the former Bright School location
260 Grove Street, Waltham, MA*

*Hours for viewing will be announced based upon
the schedule of our volunteer staff.*

*For more information or to arrange a visit
Contact us at*

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