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EDMUND L. SANDERSON LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

A Special Double Feature for January 2016

January 12



Visiting the Past in Greater Boston: Reflections of a Historic-House Devotee

A talk by Elizabeth S. Levy Merrick

Elizabeth S. Levy Merrick, author of *Be There Then: A Guide to Exploring Greater Boston's Historic House Museums* will lay out her perspective (as an enthusiastic lay person rather than a museum professional or historian) and discuss some themes and/or challenges of house museums, informed by her extensive visitation to the local houses included in the book.

Highlighted among the several local house museums will be the site of the talk, Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate owned by the City of Waltham. It is hoped that the topic will encourage questions and discussions. One issue may be that of guided versus self-guided tours, and some of the pros and cons observed. Another topic of discussion includes the use of technology. These will be discussed as part of looking to the future of house museums.



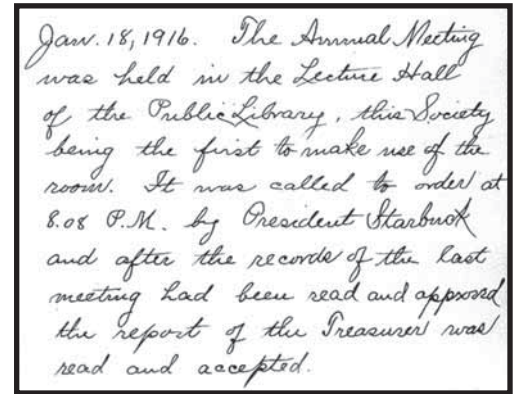
STONEHURST



This lecture is co-hosted by the Waltham Historical Society,
the City of Waltham and the Friends of Stonehurst.

Photo of Stonehurst by Bret Morgan 1999.

January 19



Genealogy and Your Family's History: New Techniques 100 Years On!

A talk by Marie Daly

In observance of the 100th anniversary of the Waltham Historical Society's first public lecture at the new library, WHS board member, Marie Daly, will speak on the same subject—genealogy. She will show how to trace one's family history from the present back to the immigrant ancestor. The talk will be illustrated using case studies of the Shea, Connolly, Arrigo, Barnes, and Warren families of Waltham.

This beginning level lecture will highlight the ancestries and house histories of some founding members of the Waltham Historical Society. Some immigrant ancestors came from Italy to Waltham in the 20th century, while others arrived from Ireland in the 19th century, and others from England in 1630. The lecture will demonstrate how people of all ethnic backgrounds can investigate their family histories.

See inside pages for more on this story.

Both of these lectures are free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Please plan to arrive before 7:00 PM. For more information contact us at waltham.historical.society@gmail.com

THE WALTHAM HISTORICAL SOC.

Jan. 18, 1916.
Annual Meeting Held Last Evening

The Annual Meeting of the Waltham Historical Society was held last evening in the hall at the Public Library, the Society being the first organization to occupy the Hall. The President, A. Starbuck, presided.

The Annual reports showed a very satisfactory condition of the Society's affairs. The election resulted in the choice of the following:

President—A. Starbuck.
Vice President—Frank H. Damon.
Secretary—Edmond L. Sanderson.
Treasurer—Mrs. Sumner Milton.
Curator—Albert M. Ryan.
Councillors—Rev. Robert Murray,
Hon. Charles F. Stone, T. H. Armstrong, Esq., Mrs. Adeline A. Blandin, Mrs. Helen Dalzell, Mrs. Clarence F. French, Orlando C. Davis and Horace M. Sanderson.

George H. Spring gave a very interesting talk on the problems involved in genealogical research.

Hon. C. F. Stone, Thomas H. Armstrong and Clarence F. French, Esqs., added some excellent testimony of their own experiences along similar lines.

Jan. 18, 1916. The Annual Meeting was held in the Lecture Hall of the Public Library, this Society being the first to make use of the room. It was called to order at 8.08 P.M. by President Starbuck and after the records of the last meeting had been read and approved the report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

Upon motion it was voted that a committee of three, to be nominated from the floor, be chosen to prepare a list of officers for the ensuing year and to report later in the evening. Charles F. Stone, Abby L. Stearns and Clarence F. French were so nominated and chosen.

Mr. George F. Spring then addressed the meeting on

"Some of the Problems of the Amateur Genealogist and How to Solve Them." Messrs. Starbuck, Armstrong, Stone and French then related some of their experiences in genealogical research.

At the close of the discussion, ^{the nominating committee} reported the following named as nominees for officers of the Society:—

Following Mr. Spring's address, nominees for officers to serve for the ensuing year were presented by the Nominating Committee and, as there were no contested offices, the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the entire list. The officers elected were:

Alexander Starbuck, President
Frank H. Damon, Vice President
Edmond L. Sanderson, Secretary
Sumner Milton, Treasurer
Albert M. Ryan, Curator

And for the office of Director:

Robert Murray, Horace M. Sanderson, Adeline A. Blandin, Charles F. Stone, Orlando C. Davis, Thomas H. Armstrong, Alice L. French, and Helen L. Dalzell.

January 18, 1916 Meeting Minutes

These are copies of the January 18, 1916 meeting of the Waltham Historical Society. The minutes were transcribed by Mr. Edmund L. Sanderson, Secretary of the Historical Society.

This Annual Meeting of the Society was the first meeting to be held in the Lecture Hall of the new Waltham Public Library.

At this meeting Mr. George F. Spring addressed the gathering on "Some of the Problems of the Amateur Genealogist and How to Solve Them."

18, 1916. continued.)

President—Alexander Starbuck.
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Adeline A. Blandin,
Charles F. Stone,
Orlando C. Davis,
Thomas H. Armstrong,
Alice L. French,
Helen L. Dalzell.

This report was accepted and upon motion it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the entire list. This being done the members above mentioned were declared elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

After passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Spring for his interesting and instructive address the meeting was adjourned at 9.35 P.M.

E. L. Sanderson, Sec.

Mark Your Calendar for these upcoming lectures

Waltham in the Early Republic: A Time of Transition

With Jack Cox

Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street
Waltham, Mass.

Thursday, April 7, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

When George Washington was inaugurated as our nation's first president in 1789, the Town of Waltham was a small agrarian village located along the Great Country Road just nine miles west of Boston. Over the next 40 years, economic and social developments fundamentally transformed Waltham, creating a community inhabited by yeoman farmers, factory workers, small business owners, and wealthy Boston families. This presentation will examine the changes that took place in Waltham from 1789 until 1825, and the reasons why these changes occurred.

Mill Girls of New England

With Doug Stewart

Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street
Waltham, Mass.

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join Doug Stewart for an illustrated talk about the mill girls of New England. In the 1830s and 1840s, thousands of unmarried New England farm girls flocked to newly created cities like Lowell to earn money in the cotton mills. At first, the mill towns were seen as industrial utopias, where the young women wrote poetry and took piano lessons.

The reality was grimmer. Protests organized by New England's "mill girls" set the stage for both the American labor movement and the women's rights movement. Stewart is an Ipswich freelance writer who has written more than 100 feature stories for Smithsonian and National Wildlife magazines. His stories have also appeared in Time, Discover, New Scientist and American Heritage. All are welcome.



Both of these events are a collaboration between the Waltham Historical Society, Inc. and Historic New England, Inc.

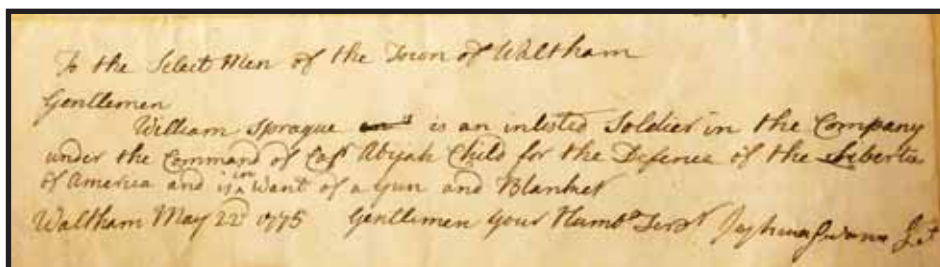
Massachusetts Genealogical Council 2016 MGC Seminar

On Saturday, April 16 and Sunday April 17, 2016 the Mass. Genealogical Council is sponsoring a 2-day seminar that will include Workshops on genealogical topics such as military records, Irish and Internet genealogy, and family history narratives.

These seminars will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Marlborough, MA, Routes 495/20.

Included in the seminars is a printed syllabus, continental breakfast, lunch and more. You can sign up for one or both days with prices of \$75 for Saturday's event and \$85 for Sunday's event. Hotel rooms are available for \$134 per night plus tax.

To register visit massgencouncil.org and use a credit card or print the form and mail it to them with a check. More information can be requested at program@massgencouncil.org.



Are you interested in local Colonial History?

The Society is seeking to establish a committee to study and report on the Colonial era activities of the Town of Waltham. The focus is on determining Waltham's role in the break from Great Britain and subsequent activities regarding the Town's contribution to the establishment of the United States of America.

We need volunteers to staff the Bright School location, 260 Grove Street. You can choose the days, dates and times and we will work to establish a regular schedule of openings to the public. Please contact us at Waltham.historical.society@gmail.com.

Research has been started and we believe there are many questions yet to be answered regarding the role of the Waltham Minute Men on April 19, 1775, and throughout the Revolutionary War.

As part of this study we will investigate the establishment of a Waltham Minute Company and research the lives of those from Waltham who served. We also hope to serve as honor guards at events such as Patriots' Day activities.

If you are interested in assisting with the pursuit of this subject please contact Wayne McCarthy at waynemccarthy@comcast.net or at 617-448-6706.

The Board of Directors of the Waltham Historical Society wishes to express our appreciation for the support of the following for their donations. They have been very generous to the Historical Society this past year and we encourage you to thank them by patronizing the businesses and expressing thanks to the individuals. Without this type of support the Society would be unable to continue our work in the community.

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