

The Waltham Historical Society, Inc.



presents “WE THE PEOPLE,

And All of Those
Other Wonderful
Words That We
Hold So Dear”

By David L. Smith

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012

LECTURE AT 7:00 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

OF THE RTN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

600 MAIN STREET, WALTHAM

In this presentation, David will explain to his audience, how we have evolved from what our Founding Fathers had envisioned, not only by their words, but by their deeds. And, how this great Nation evolved from the thirteen small colonies who dared to break from the mightiest nation on earth. They chose a new form of Government that has never been copied in two hundred years. They set out with a vision, based on documents that spoke to the passions of all.

This presentation is special because we are in the midst of celebrating and honoring The Civil War Sesquicentennial, of which David is Commissioner.

David will explain how this “experiment” began to falter, eventually leading to a fratricidal Civil War, costing over 600,000 of our Country’s population and spanning four of the most savage and bloody years of our History.

Before realizing the effects of this War, we grew into a Nation that appears contrary to the original vision. Much of this started in 1862 with the passing of an Income Tax on persons and businesses, which was seen as a method for Lincoln to fund the Union war effort. This illegal tax was repealed by The Supreme Court in 1895, and in 1913 the 16th Amendment to our Constitution created a legal Income Tax, and brought meaning to some of the words that we hold so dear, such as:

“No Taxation Without Representation.”

David will speak to “all of those wonderful words that we hold so dear” by explaining the true meaning of these words, while the country grew from a small group of Colonies into a Government of bureaucratic Oversight Committees and Regulatory Agencies.

Our Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, Emancipation Proclamation, Gettysburg Address, and a few more documents, have kept this Nation in a continued period of growth in Power, Freedom, and Liberty.

There is NO CHARGE for this presentation. Seating is limited so please plan to arrive early. The doors close at 7:15. Call 617-448-6706 with any question.



Recent Acquisitions

The Waltham Historical Society has been fortunate to have acquired the Roy MacDowell collection of materials from the Grover Cronin store and the Waltham Hospital. With the help of Edna Dolber, Dr. Helene Day, Winifred Kriesel, Marjory Duby, and Marie Daly we are in the process of sorting, cleaning, and categorizing the items. A few of the pictures are shown in this version of the newsletter.

We have also been the recipient of David L. Smith's Civil War collection which includes books, documents and pictures. David has carefully sorted the items and they currently await accession, scanning, and cataloging.

Cleaning Parties

Members of The Waltham Historical Society have been getting together at the former Bright School and new headquarters of the Society to prepare the space for exhibits and visitors. On June 23rd Tom and Angie Emberley, Mort Isaacson, David Smith, Mary Selig, and George Collard and Donna made quick work of the tasks on our To-Do List. With this type of effort we will be looking to open for visitors in the very near future. Watch for word of more parties this summer.

Part of the reason for the delay has been the work being done in the basement to create a space for the City Archives. The folks have been working there for a couple of weeks, and say it may be a couple more weeks before work is completed.

An interesting story is connected with the people working on the vault. Alden's Alweld is a company out of Kepton, PA run by Gideon and Loretta Alden that is doing the installation.

If the name Alden sounds familiar it is because Gideon is an 11th generation descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of Mayflower fame. While in the area they have been able to find the grave sites of John, Jonathan, and John Alden, the first three Aldens in the family tree to come to the area.

Grover Cronin's Mens Shop circa 1908





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