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**Sanderson Lecture Series**

7:00 p.m., Tuesday Evening

**March 12, 2013**

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*The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series*

## "Everyday Life in Waltham 100 Years Ago"



*Waltham Historical  
Society Board Member  
Ms. Marie Daly*

**Tuesday  
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In celebration of Waltham Historical Society's 100th Anniversary, Board Member Marie Daly will be presenting "Everyday Life in Waltham 100 Years Ago." The lecture will highlight the founding of the Waltham Historical Society; how Walthamites lived, worked, played and dressed; and the major local political issues of the day. Topics covered will include celebration of Waltham's 175th anniversary, women's suffrage movement, the selection of the library

site, the appointment of Waltham's first female department head, the ice shortage crisis, the shocking new Turkey Trot dance, police raids on liquor dealers, and the Metz championship car.



*Rumford Hall, the seat of City government in 1913*

Please join us for this interesting look back. The lecture will begin immediately following the Society's regular March meeting. The event will be held in the RTN Richard Osborne Community Room, 600 Main Street, (rear) in Waltham. Light refreshments will be available following the lecture. Call 617-448-6706 if you have any questions.

*See more images from 1913 inside!*

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## Waltham in 1913



*A page from the  
Waltham High School  
Yearbook featuring  
the Waltham High  
School Football Team*

*Waltham City Mayor J. Patrick Duane*



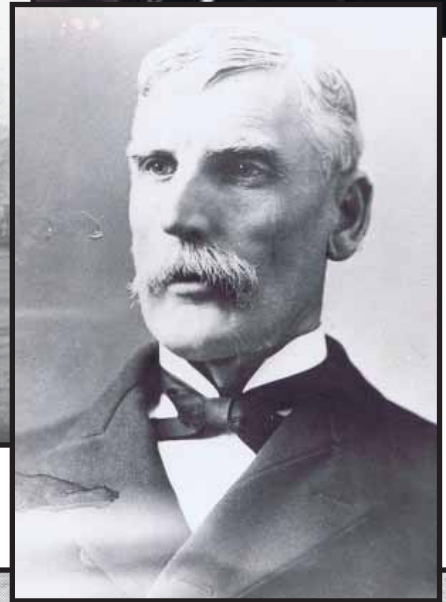
*An image of Reed's Corner  
472 Moody Street*



*A Founder of the Waltham  
Historical Society  
Alexander Starbuck*



*Police Chief William F. McKenna*



*Moody Street*







Another collaborative event with *Historic New England*:

## A Walk and Talk in the Lyman Street District

Sunday, May 5, 2013, 1:00-3:00 PM  
Beginning at the Lyman Estate  
185 Lyman Street in Waltham

\$5 for *Historic New England* and *Waltham Historical Society* members, \$10 non-members

On this two-mile walking tour, learn about the history and architecture of the Lyman Street neighborhood and get tips on adding curb appeal to your old house through historic paint color combinations. Lyman Street offers excellent examples of vernacular architecture from almost all periods of the nineteenth century. The adjacent area, an early center of settlement, contains many important historic sites, including two eighteenth-century houses. Waltham Historical Society Director Mort Isaacson provides the historical background on the houses while paint color expert Sally Zimmerman of *Historic New England* shares information on how to help a historic home look its very best with period color.



Registration is required. Please call 617-994-5959 for more information. Purchase tickets now!

## A Ramble through Waltham's History on the Great Country Road is now available



Covering Main Street from Wattertown to Weston Street, *A Ramble through Waltham's History on the Great Country Road* provides descriptions of architectural styles, structural additions, and historical facts about the homes along the way. With more than 60 pages, you will learn about the famous people and events surrounding each of the many landmarks we pass by each day.



The Historical Society would like to extend sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed to the successful publication of this work.

The *Ramble* will be available for purchase (\$20) at upcoming meetings or by contacting the Society at:

[waltham.historical.society@gmail.com](mailto:waltham.historical.society@gmail.com)



## The Historical Society's Bright School Wish List



Still on the list are the following:

- Fire Safe File Cabinets
- Phone / Internet
- New Computer
- Safety ladder
- Window Shades 57" x 96"
- Door Shades 36" wide
- Fire Extinguishers
- Electrical for cases

If you're able to donate any of these items, or if you know a business operation with surplus equipment or items contained on the list, please let us know and we will do what we can to acquire them for the Society.

Call Sheila or Wayne and they will follow up with you to make arrangements necessary to contact donors, or pick up or move the items.



The Board of Directors of the Waltham Historical Society wishes to express our appreciation for the support of the individuals and organizations listed on this page. They have been very generous to the Historical Society this past year and we encourage you to thank them for their generosity by patronizing the businesses identified, and by 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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