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The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series Presents

The Lymans in Waltham

Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

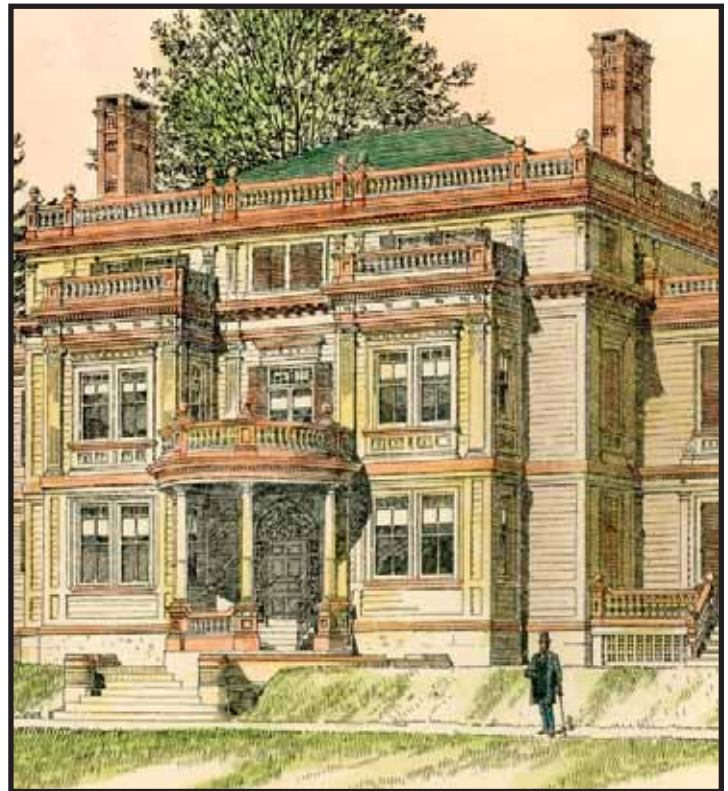
Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street,
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*Free to Historic New England
and Waltham Historical Society
members and Waltham residents,
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The Lyman Estate in Waltham was the beloved country retreat for four generations of the Lyman family from 1793 to 1952. Just as each Lyman generation shaped the estate to its needs and interests, the family influenced how the community developed around their property, both during their ownership and in the years since. What was life like there? How did the property evolve over time? Where can we still see evidence of the Lyman family's presence in the city today? Come learn about one of the grandest and most intact country estates in the Metro

Boston area in an illustrated lecture examining the Lyman family and its legacy in Waltham. Explore the newly refurbished first floor of the mansion following the lecture. Co-sponsored with the Waltham Historical Society.

Your registration is requested to assist us in assuring sufficient refreshments are available. To register please call 617-994-5959. Non-members should purchase tickets now!



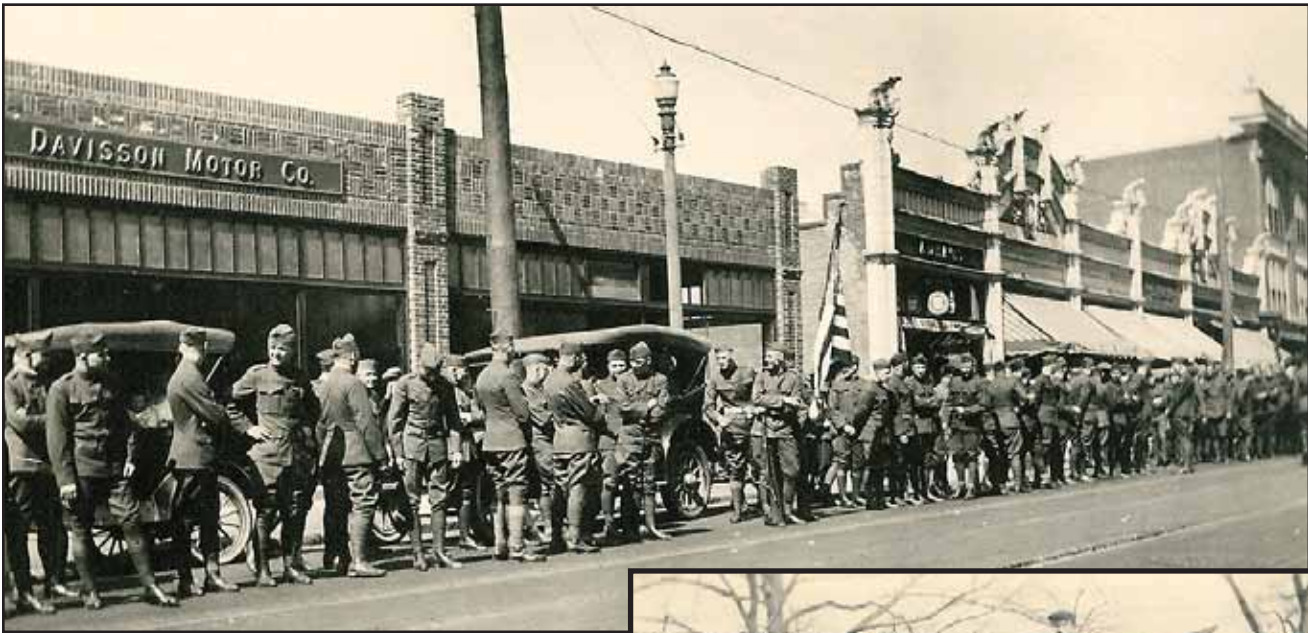
DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!

Dues are now past due. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter's envelope for your current membership status.

Please see our "Wish List" on page three for a list of items you may be able to assist with, either through donation or by providing sources willing to offer discounts to the Society.

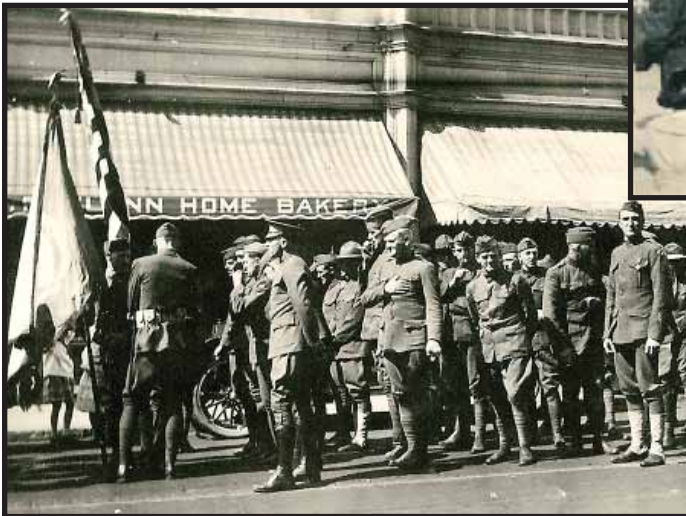
Critical to our success is your membership. Please check to be sure you're dues are current in order to help us continue the important task of preserving Waltham's history!

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Troops from Camp Banks preparing for a parade on Main Street

Howitzer on display on Waltham Common



Waltham High School Football Team



Coach Perry, Davis left, Waltham high football team. Company B, 23rd Division, 1st Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Army. Taken in Japan next to Honnan & Waltham High School.

Upcoming Events

Finally Here!

Mort Isaacson's *A Ramble Through Waltham's History on the Great Country Road*. This driving tour along Waltham's Main Street (Route 20) details more than fifty significant homes and reveals much of the history of the City and its settlement. As a public introduction the book will be presented to the Waltham City Council at an upcoming meeting.

"America Votes!"

*The National Archives at Boston
Trapelo Road, Waltham
November 6, 2012, at 2 P.M.*

In celebration of Election Day, enjoy a free program with activities, exploration, fun, movies, and historic documents. Learn everything you need to know about how America Votes: the Constitution, voting history, redistricting, representation, campaigning, and the Electoral College. Archives staff educator Annie Davis and historian Joe Keefe will lead the program. Refreshments will be served in observance of Election Day. This program is free and suitable for all.

Remember the Ladies of Waltham!

*CWRT of Greater Boston
Waltham City Council Chambers
Thursday November 8, 2012 at 7:00*

Mayor Jeannette McCarthy and City Councilor Kathleen B. McMenimen will present a great evening of Waltham's History focusing on the Special Ladies of Waltham.

Servant Lives during the 19th and 20th Century

*Historic New England & NEHGS
The Lyman Estate
December 5, 2012*

Following this lecture, Marie Daly, Senior Genealogist at NEHGS, demonstrates how anyone can research their family history, including hard-to-trace ancestors such as servants, immigrants, and members of the working class. She will highlight both online and on-site research venues, bringing to light the sources that can help piece together your family story.

October 20 Civil War Cemetery Tour

The Waltham Historical Society conducted its second Civil War Cemetery Tour on October 20th. Led by Society Board Member and Archives Specialist with the National Archives and Records Administration's Northeast Region office Mr. Joseph Keefe, the tour included the grave sites of fifteen veterans of the Civil War.

An example is Hiram Banks. Born in 1833, brother of Nathaniel P. Banks, and a resident of Waltham, Hiram enlisted as a Second Lieutenant on April 10, 1862 and was commissioned into Company K of the 16th Mass. Infantry. Hiram was killed on August 29, 1862 at the Second Battle of Bull

Run. He was 29 years of age and his cause of death was listed as "shot in the chest". His occupation at the time was listed as: soldier.



Mary Selig provided some wonderful cider donuts following the tour.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Keefe, the folks who came out on a beautiful day to support the tour, and to those businesses and individuals who supported the effort through advertisements in the tour booklet.

Plans are now in the works to conduct a similar tour at Mt. Feake Cemetery in the not-to-distant future. Stay tuned!



In the last issue we printed a "wish list" of items that would assist us now that we've begun moving into the new space at the former Bright School.

One item on the list was air conditioning. Within two weeks we received notice from Frank & Michelle Morello and Tom and Angie Emberley that they had donations for us! Tom and Angie donated a 5,000 BTU window air conditioner and the Morello's donated a 15,000 BTU wall unit.

We also heard from Board Member Ron Guertin that he has a source for fire safe file cabinets. Sheila FitzPatrick and Ron are going to follow up and see what we can acquire to aid in our storage needs. If our wish list always receives such quick and positive results we will be in great shape moving forward.

The Historical Society's Bright School Wish List

Still on the list are the following:

- Fire Safe File Cabinets
- Phone / Internet
- New Computer
- Window tinting
- Window UV filter
- Safety ladder
- Window Shades 57" x 96"
- Door Shades 36" w
- Fire Extinguishers
- Electrical for cases
- Copier repair

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 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 were early contributors to this year's cemetery tour as Friends or Business Friends. 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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