

The Waltham Historical Society, Inc.

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EDMUND L. SANDERSON LECTURE SERIES



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE
RTN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
600 MAIN STREET, WALTHAM

The 1820 manufacturing Census and Federal records on early Massachusetts manufacturing

Mr. Joseph P. Keefe, Archives Technician,
U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

The second census on industrial production was undertaken in 1820. In an effort to reduce the country's dependence on the importation of manufactured goods, national political leaders called for increased industrial production. The lecture will focus on the 1820 manufacturing census, and other federal records covering the local area that show Waltham's role in the earliest stages of the American Industrial Revolution, and at the outset of the United States becoming an economic and manufacturing powerhouse. For further details please telephone 617-448-6706.

Greetings,

We hope you have had a relaxing Summer. The Historical Society has had quite a bit of activity these past few weeks, and we're all looking forward to a busy Autumn as well.

The Summer started with a special Grand Opening of our satellite office at 760 Main Street, and through the efforts of members Louise Hamilton and Joan Sheridan, the office has been open every Sunday from 1:00-4:00 pm ever since. Louise and Joan are now scheduling through October and November, and could use some more volunteers, especially during the Historic Waltham Days which start on September 14th. If you would like to help out, please contact us at 617-448-6706.

September is our annual Dues Renewal month. With this newsletter you should also receive a notice requesting that you update your membership. If you are already a Life Member, it would be appreciated if you would provide the information requested to help keep our records up to date. Too often people change address, phone, or email and neglect to inform us. We only realize it when the mailings are returned and we are forced to track down the member to keep them "on board."

As announced above, this month's Sanderson Lecture speaker is Mr. Joseph Keefe, from the National Archives. Mr. Keefe has been a strong advocate for the work of the Historical Society, and we hope you will turn out to listen to his talk.

Also happening this month is Historic Waltham Days, beginning on September 14th, and running through Sunday, September 23rd. The Waltham Historical Society is sponsoring a number of activities during this period,

beginning with the collaboration with the Public Library, and the National Archives and Records Administration, on a seminar about Documenting Your Organization's History. Too often the history of an organization is lost when minutes, pictures, and stories are misplaced or destroyed. The Library and the Historical Society are working together to help organizations learn the options available to them to ensure the important records are preserved for future research.

Mr. Jack Cox will present *Benevolent Capitalists: The Role of the Boston Associates in promoting Education in Waltham, 1814-1860* on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm.



The earliest schoolhouse in Waltham

Mr. David Smith will present *The Life of a Civil War Soldier* on Sunday, September 23rd, at 2:00 pm. Both lectures will be held at 760 Main Street and are free. Please arrive early as seating is limited.



Please mark your calendars for upcoming Historical Society meetings: November 13, 2007, January

8, and March 11, 2008.

Call or email for more information: 617-448-6706 or
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As always, the Waltham Historical Society is extremely grateful to Mr. Joe Connors and the RTN Federal Credit Union. Their support makes these Lectures possible. We encourage you to show your appreciation by patronizing RTN.