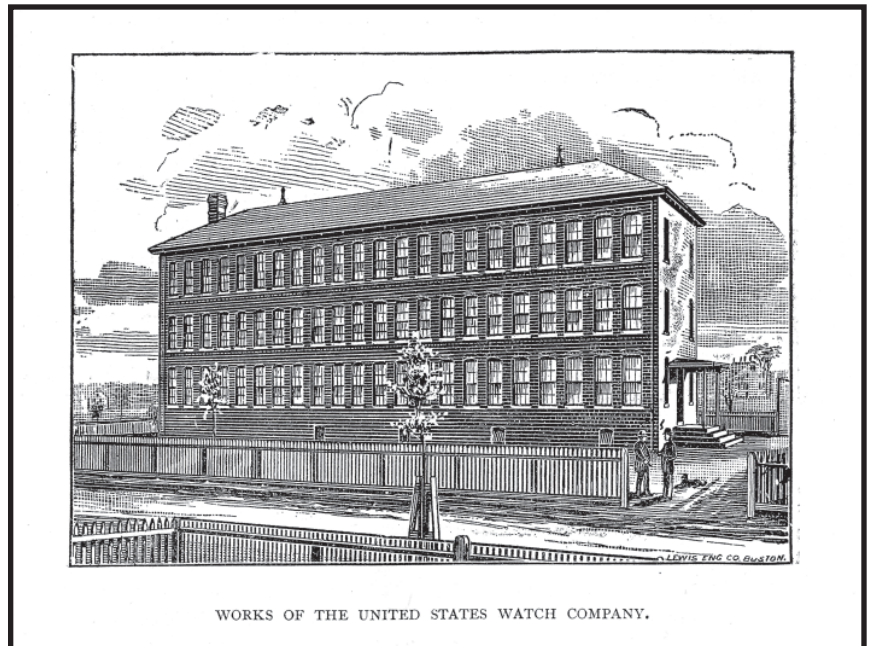


The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series presents

Minor Watch Companies in Waltham

By Andrew H. Dervan

Andrew H. (Andy) Dervan began collecting antique clocks in 1997. Two of the first clocks he purchased were banjo clocks from the Waltham Clock Company. Reviewing the published literature of the time revealed very little information on them or on the Waltham



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Clock Company. The lack of real information on these clocks prompted him to initiate research on the topic. With encouragement from a few collector friends, he began serious study on the subject.

This work led to the publication of three articles on the Waltham Willard banjo clocks in the Bulletin published by the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) in 2003 and 2004. Collecting clocks is an enjoyable hobby for Mr. Dervan, but researching and uncovering the company histories turned out to be more challenging than simply collecting.

The Waltham Clock Company's history and clock production was sketchy, but further

investigative work unraveled enough of the company's history and production, that it resulted in another publication in the NAWCC Bulletin in 2005. Since publication of both articles, new information on Waltham Clock Company has been uncovered. Sufficient new data on Waltham Willard banjo clocks has been collected that two articles have been submitted for publication in the NAWCC Bulletin during 2008.

While conducting this research, another small Waltham company caught Andy's attention: the U.S. Watch Co. The U.S. Watch Co. existed in the shadow of the

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American Watch Co. for approximately 20 years. Several years of research by Andy, along with assistance from watch collectors to learn about pocket watches resulted in another NAW-CC Bulletin publication in 2007.

Reading the various Waltham newspapers (1880 – 1910) provides the opportunity to get a glimpse of the variety of horological and other manufacturing activities occurring in Waltham and around the United States.

Mr. Dervan's numerous research visits to Waltham over the past seven years have given him the opportunity to meet and interact with many clock and watch collectors, particularly many of the volunteers at Charles River Museum of Industry, the Waltham Historical Society members, and the staff of Waltham Public Library, all of whom have been very helpful with his research.

The Waltham horological-related industry still provides many opportunities for additional challenging research work.

Mr. Dervan grew up in Dedham Massachusetts, graduated with B.A. in Chemistry from Bridgewater State College. After graduation he moved to Kentucky, and then to Michigan, where he received a M.A. in Chemistry from the University of Detroit.

Mr. Dervan's professional career has spanned over thirty-four years in Research & Development with Celanese Corporation, Ford Motor Co., and DuPont Performance Coatings, developing a variety of OEM automotive coatings. He has been awarded 32 U.S. patents for new coating resins and paint formulations.

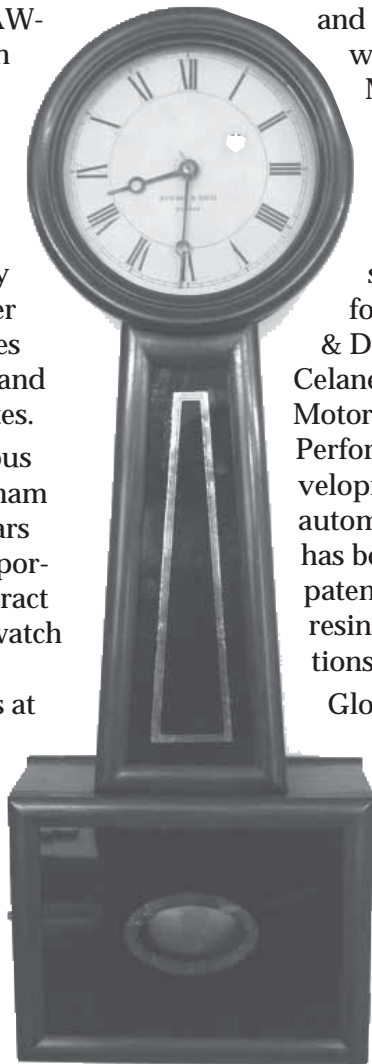
Globalization of the automotive business has given him the opportunity to interact with technical personnel from around the world, and he has made numerous trips to Mexico and Germany, and probable trips to

Japan in 2008. His current work assignment is developing a new generation of OEM automotive waterborne primer surfaces.

Mr. Dervan emphasized the importance of the role played by his wife, Linda, in supporting and encouraging his research projects. Her patience with his research has contributed to his success.

Please join us on September 9th, as Andy Dervan presents "Minor Watch Companies in Waltham." His lecture will cover the U.S. Watch, Columbia, and Suffolk Watch companies, their officers, and their relationship with Waltham.

The lecture begins at 7:00 pm at the Community Room of the RTN Federal Credit Union, 600 Main Street, in Waltham. The doors open at 6:45, and the best seats are usually occupied by 7:00 pm. The doors will be locked at 7:15 pm, so please be prompt to ensure you don't miss any of this exciting presentation. Please phone 617-448-6706 for information.



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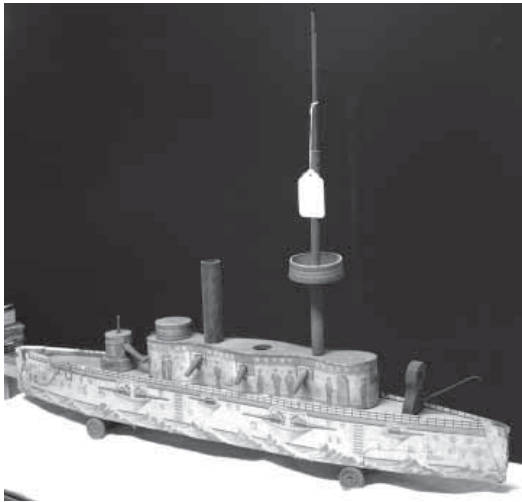
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A Special Invitation for our Members

October Antiques Appraisal Evening

We hope you will join us on Wednesday October 15, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. for an exciting evening of antique appraisals and refreshments.

Kaminski Auctioneers and Appraisers of Beverly, Massachusetts will be at our 760 Main Street office to answer your questions and provide appraisals for your



family heirlooms and personal treasures. All appraisals will be shared with the audience in a setting similar to the "Antiques Roadshow". It promises to be a fun-filled evening!

Any items must be "easily carried". (A maximum of 3 items per person, please) Your donation of \$10 per item will be collected at the door.

Please contact Sheila at 781-894-0062, or Wayne at 617-448-6706, to confirm a reservation as soon as possible.

Or, R.S.V.P. to Wayne McCarthy at waynemccarthy@rcn.com before September 24, 2008, to receive a special discounted rate of \$25 for 3 items.

We hope to see you there!



House Tour 2009

Preparations for the Waltham Historical Society's 2009 House Tour are now underway.

The 2009 Tour will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2009. To have your home included, please contact Louise Hamilton at 781-899-7625.

Historic Waltham Days 2008

September 12-16

Friday, **September 12th**- 4 p.m. A Walking Tour of the Robert Treat Paine Estate. Join landscape historian Mary Gregory for a walking tour of two historic estates: The Paine Estate and the Lyman Estate. Discover how Waltham was transformed from a sleepy agricultural village to a booming industrial city and residential suburb. The tour begins on the front steps of the Lyman Estate and ends across Beaver Street at Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate, where light refreshments will be served. Wear walking shoes. If weather is inclement, please call 781-314-3237 to confirm program. The rain date for this program is Monday, September 15th.

Friday, **September 12th**- 7 p.m. at the Gore Estate Santiago Diaz, guitarist. Enjoy a concert of Romantic and Classical music by guitarist Santiago Diaz in the beautiful surroundings of the 1806 Governor Gore Mansion. Santiago is one of the finest classical guitarists in New England and a favorite among Gore Place concert goers. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him in this historic setting. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for Gore Place members. Seating is limited. To reserve, call: 781-894-2798. Waltham Museum, Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. WWII Waltham National Guard Company F Slide Show and Lecture. 2 p.m.

Friday, **September 12th**- Sunday, September 14th and Monday, September 15th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Extended Tour Hours at Stonehurst on the Paine Estate. Visit Stonehurst, the ideal country home of the Paine Family, descendents of signer of the Declaration of Independence, Robert Treat Paine. Built in the late 1800's, this American masterwork combines the innovative ideas of our nation's first internationally recognized architect and the father of the parks movement nationwide, H. H. Richardson and F. L. Olmsted. Experience healthy living in complete harmony with nature. The Estate is located off Beaver Street, between the rotary and Bentley College on 100 Robert Treat Paine Drive. For more information, please contact 781-314-3237.

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Saturday, September 13th- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Waltham Day on the Waltham Common

Join us at the Waltham Common for the annual family day of fun! There will be music, food, free children's rides including inflatables, train and pony rides, and much more! For more information contact the Mayor's Office at 781-314-3100.

Classic and Antique Cars Show- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Waltham Lions Club will have a Classic and Antique Cars Show on the Waltham Common during Waltham Day. Contact Mike Scichilone for further information at 781-899-5790.

Waltham High 70th Class Reunion at Chateau Restaurant, reservations required for lunch and historic video. Contact 781-893-9020

Sunday, **September 14th**- from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Antique Appraisal at the Gore Estate. Have your antiques and collectibles appraised by two of the area's top appraisers. Antiques and collectibles of all kinds are welcome including: furniture, porcelain, silver, books, paintings, rugs, and works of art. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised. If an object is not easily transportable, a good quality photograph may be used instead. Appraisals are shared with the audience in a forum setting just outside the 1793 carriage house (or inside if raining). This is a great way to learn more about antiques and collectibles. \$10 per item; \$25 for 3 items. Numbers will be passed out beginning at 12:45 p.m. on a first-come basis. For more information, please contact 781-894-2798 x 12.

Sunday, **September 14th**- from 1 p. m. to 4 p.m. at Cornelia Warren Field, Beaver Street 5th Annual Civil War Baseball Game Come join us at Cornelia Warren Field to see baseball as it was played in 1860. Bring your own lunch, chairs, and blanket if you wish to sit in the outfield instead of the bleachers. Spectators are welcome to join in the scrimmage from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. and after the game. For more information, please contact David Smith @ 781-647-3332 or cwrtmass@comcast.net for details.

Sunday, **September 14th**- at 5 p.m. at the Gore Estate Concert for the Community Enjoy a free concert on the beautiful grounds of Gore Place. Please provide your own seating. For details, visit the Gore Museum website @ <http://www.goreplace.org>.

Waltham Museum Sunday, **September 14th**- Open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Lecture on Native American History at 2 p.m.

Monday, **September 15th**- 7 p.m. From Trinity Church to Tenement Reform: Robert Treat Paine's Architectural and Social Legacy Waltham Public Library/Waltham Room In her illustrated talk, Ann Clifford, curator of the Paine Family's country house Stonehurst will describe the ideas of the Trinity Church in Boston, Stonehurst in Waltham, and social institutions established by Robert Treat Paine. Working with some of the most important artists and intellectuals of the late 19th century America, architect Henry Hobson Richardson, landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead, and Reverend Phillips Brooks, Paine left an architectural legacy as well as a philosophical one: from hundreds of low income homes in Roxbury to some of our most memorable icons of American design. For more information, please contact 781-314-3492 x 2.

Monday, **September 15th**- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Historic Postcard Exhibit at Regan Insurance Co. View historic postcards from a private collection which features Waltham and events that were part of Waltham's history. Even if you have seen this collection before, you should come and see the newest additions. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact James Regan @ 781-893-1181.

Monday, September 15th- 6 p.m. Dinner and Concert with the American Legion Band Enjoy a night of dinner and song with Waltham's favorite band, the Joseph F. Hill American Legion Band. Proceeds will benefit the Dot Slamin Hill Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact Jackie Thomas at 781-647-1017. Tickets are \$10.00 per person.

Monday, **September 15th**- at 4 p.m. Calling all Waltham Brownies to Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate Help Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate, pilot a new architecture program, designed for Brownie Troops who are completing their "Building Art" Try-it Badge. This program is free to the public. Brownies will explore the architecture of H.H. Richardson and the "hidden-away" spots that few visitors get to see. For more information, please contact 781-314-3237.

Tuesday, **September 16th**- 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reception for Essay Contest Participants at the Gore Estate Invitation only event for essay contest participants and their families sponsored by the Ben Franklin Bank, National Archives and Records Administration and Historic Waltham Inc. For more information, please contact Diane LeBlanc at 781-663-0130.

Additional Historic Waltham Days Events

Monday, **September 15th**- 9:30 a.m.- Historic Waltham Bus Tour. See and hear about little known historic sites throughout Waltham. Brown bag lunch on the Waltham Common, drinks and dessert will be provided. Price: \$20 per person. Meet at the Sacred Heart church parking lot. Reservations required.

Charles River Museum of Industry **Saturday, September 13th**- 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Innovations of Yesteryear is an outdoor festival at Landry Park to celebrate the wonderful gizmos of past. Admission for this event is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and children; children under 6 are free; includes admission to the Charles River Museum of Industry. For more information, please contact 781-893-5410.

St. Mary's Parish Friday, **September 12th, Sunday, September 14th, and Monday, September 15th**- at 4 p.m. Tours of St. Mary's Parish, campus area, and discussing the history of the Parish. For more information, please contact 781-891-1730.

Waltham Historical Society Activities during Historic Waltham Days

The Waltham Historical Society will be displaying items at the Waltham Day on the Common. **Saturday, September 13th** from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Members are welcome to come by and sit for awhile!

The Waltham Historical Society will also open our 760 Main Street satellite office during Historic Waltham Days highlighting our *Homes of Waltham* exhibit. Take a look at images of homes have been part of Waltham's history for over 200 years. Call 617-448-6706, to make an appointment. The Society will also be open **Saturday, September 13, 8:00 am-12:00 noon and Sunday September 14th from noon to 4:00 pm during Historic Waltham Days.**

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Homes of Waltham

The Waltham Historical Society has a new exhibit at our satellite office that shows many of the homes in Waltham that are currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Homes that over the years have been lost to re-development, replaced by newer structures, or renovated to like-new condition are depicted in photos from the collection of the Historical Society.

The Society is compiling and documenting homes that still stand in the city, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Some of these homes will be included in the upcoming release of Mort Isaacson's *Driving Tour of Waltham, The Main Street Corridor*.

The exhibit at 760 Main Street is always open by appointment, and on Saturday, September 13th from 8:00 am to noon, and Sunday, September 14th from noon to 4:00 pm for Historic Waltham Days.

Call: 781-891-5815 for more information.



Waltham Historical Society and Charles River Museum of Industry collaborate to create exhibit at Watch Factory



Berkeley, the developers of the former Waltham Watch Factory have asked the Historical Society and the Charles River Museum of Industry to assist with creating an exhibit to adorn the main entrance of their new home.

Together with Dan Yaeger of CRMI, the Society has been collecting and scanning images from our collection in an effort to create the graphics and stories to accompany the display.

The space is scheduled to open on May 1, 2009. As part of the exhibit, plans call for pieces of equipment used at the factory in its heyday to be displayed. The story accompanying each piece

will describe its purpose and significance to the process of watch making.

Another important part of the exhibit will be the human aspect of the American Waltham Watch Company. Depictions of the workers will be prominently displayed to give today's employees a connection with the employees of the past.

We will keep you posted on activities as we proceed.

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- Refreshment Committee: provide, serve, clean up
- Serve on the House Tour Committee: coordinate homes / advertisements / sponsors
- Publicity Committee: publicize meetings and events
- Ways and Means Committee: attend to the vendor table
- I want to help in any capacity! Contact me via: _____

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