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Sanderson Lecture Series

7:00 p.m., Tuesday Evening

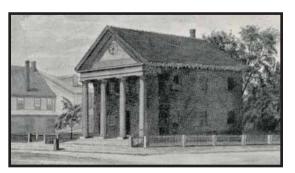
November 9, 2010

RTN Federal Credit Union Community Room 600 Main Street Waltham, MA 02453

The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series Presents

Mr. Jay Bailey with a lecture on

The Waltham Bank Through the Years





Join us for the 28th lecture in the Edmund L. Sanderson Series as Jay Bailey, a lifelong resident of Waltham and an avid collector of numismatic items, especially of Waltham notes and Waltham memorabilia, discusses the history of the Waltham Bank from its earliest days.

Mr. Bailey has promised an exciting opportunity to win a special door prize created for the evening's lecture. Please be sure to arrive promptly, and sign in

on our attendance sheet to register to win the prize.

The lecture will be preceded by a brief business meeting of the Society. Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the lecture.



Image of the Boston Manufacturing Company from the first Bank Note c. 1836

The lecture is free and open to the public.
It will begin at 7:00 pm in the Richard Osborn Community Room of the RTN Federal Credit Union, 600 Main Street (Rear) in Waltham.

Please phone
617-448-6706 for more information.

REMINDER! MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW PAST DUE!

The Waltham Historical Society reminds you that dues were due October 30. If you have not yet done so, please return your renewal slips as soon as possible. Your contribution helps ensure the continuation of the Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series, now marking its 28th presentation., and the exhibits at 760 Main Street. Check your label to determine whether your dues are up to date. We also encourage inviting friends to join the Society as well.



Lyman Estate "The Vale" Lecture and Tour

December 9, 2010 7:00 p.m.

With Mr. Joseph Cornish

Through the efforts of Historical Society Treasurer Mary Selig, we have an opportunity to visit one of Waltham's Historic gems. The Lyman Estate, located at the Beaver Street rotary, is one of Historic New England's 77 properties located across New England.

On December 9, 2010, we have been invited to enjoy a lecture and tour of the Estate, conducted by Mr. Joseph Cornish. Mr. Cornish has worked to save many endangered historic properties while employed by the Providence Preservation Society in Providence, Rhode Island, and Preservation Worcester, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Since 1998, Joe has worked for Historic New England in Boston, Massachusetts, where he currently administers and enforces the preservation easements that Historic New England holds on those 77 historic properties. In addition, Joe is a member of the Board of Directors of the New England Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians, the past President of the Belmont Historical Society and a member of the Belmont Historic District Commission in Belmont, Massachusetts.

Joe has written articles and lectured frequently on topics related to architectural history, maintaining historic buildings, and Historic New England and its Stewardship Program. He received his M.A. degree in Preservation Studies from Boston University and his B.A. degree in History and Art History from the College of the Holy Cross.

The event will begin with a lecture at 7:00 pm on December 9th, and will be followed by a tour of the Estate. The cost of this exciting evening will be \$15.00 per person for members of



the Waltham Historical Society, and \$25.00 for non-members. You are encouraged to make your reservations early as this promises to be a

very interesting look at an important piece of Waltham's history that many of us only pass by during our travels across Waltham.

It's in our back yard, yet many of us have never been inside or know the story behind the estate.



To make your reservations please send a check made payable to the Waltham Historical Society for \$15.00 (\$25.00 for non-members) to The Waltham Historical Society, 190 Moody Street, Waltham, MA 02453. Your tickets will be sent to you if time permits, or will be waiting for you the evening of the event. Please call 617-448-6706 for any questions or for more information. Emails may be directed to Waltham.Historical. Society@gmail.com.

Space is limited so please reserve early! What a great way to start the Holiday Season!

For those using GPS, the address of the Vale is 185 Lyman Street, Waltham, MA



760 Main Street



The Cemetery Tour

Our tour of Grove Hill Cemetery with Mr. Jack Cox was a huge success, with nearly thirty participants.

Jack led us on a walking tour of the oldest parts of the cemetery, pointing out slate headstones of significance to Waltham's history, and explaining the meanings behind many of the decorations and carvings.

The tour began at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 23rd, and didn't finish until 11:30. Jack was extremely informative and welcomed input from many of our well-informed "tourists!"



Waltham historian Mr. Jack Cox points out details on a special gravestone during the recent Grove Hill Cemetery tour.

With such a great depth of knowledge on hand it was difficult to come away without having learned something quite interesting.

Many, many thanks to Mr. Jack Cox, and the Waltham Cemetery Department for making this event possible.

Join the Society on Facebook! The Waltham Historical Society can now be found on Facebook! Look for us today!

Donations



We are the fortunate recipient of a donation from former Waltham Principal John Barry.

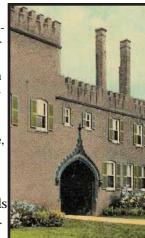
Mr. Barry was a proud member of the 1965

undefeated division champion Waltham High School football team.

Mr. Barry donated his Varsity jacket from that special season. The Historical Society is extremely grateful to Mr. Barry for his help in preserving pieces of Waltham's history for future generations to enjoy.

Postcards of Waltham

Postcards, the text message of their day, were shorter than a formal letter, limited in space for the message, and visible to anyone through whose hands they passed.



Enlarged

copies of the most unique postcards in our collection, allow more detail to emerge, with views of Main Street in a day when people can be seen walking in the middle of the Street, and horse-drawn wagons are parked at the curb.

Also view images from photographer Henry Warren, of the last photograph of Abraham Lincoln before he was assassinated.

The schedule is posted at www. walthamhistoricalsociety.org.

We were also privileged to scan some images from Waltham's own Steve Taddeo. Mr. Taddeo has been a fixture around Waltham, playing music at numerous fundraising events to support local non-profits.

Steve allowed us to scan images from his collection that included photos of Gene Krupa when he



performed in the late 1930s and early 1940s at Nuttings on the Charles, and at the National Honor Society dance held at the Lyman Estate.

Thank you Mr. Taddeo!



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- yearbooks (St. Mary, LaSalle, St. Charles, Waltham School for Girls, Chapel Hill, Gann Academy, Brandeis, Bentley, and Waltham High School)
- · genealogies and memoirs
- photos of Waltham people, places, and events
- books and articles written by or about Walthamites

- business records and annual reports
- postcards
- · city directories
- maps and plans
- club, organization, and society records
- · school records
- · census records

and anything else you may find! These are some examples of what

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