Celebrate Historic Waltham Days with the Waltham Historical Society

Meet Dr. Alfred Worcester:
Pioneer of surgery, nursing education, geriatrics, and palliative care;
Native son of Waltham.

Founder, Waltham Hospital and Training School for Nurses, Waltham Baby Hospital, Rutland Sanitarium. President, Massachusetts Medical Society, 1919-1921. Pioneer, appendectomy, cesarean section.

A Lecture by
Geriatric Primary Care Physician
Dr. Eric Reines

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm
260 Grove Street, Waltham, former Bright School

Visit the Dr. Worcester Exhibit
Beginning at 5:45 pm
Take the opportunity to view and examine items from the collections of the Waltham Historical Society and Geriatric Care Physician Dr. Eric Reines

And then enjoy the lecture

Alfred Worcester, MD
1855-1951

The relief and comfort of our aged patients should be our aim, rather than the prolongation of their lives. But this is hardly a true distinction, for the relief and comfort given to an aged patient often effect the prolongation of life if only by restoring the willingness to live. ... discomfort and suffering are only too possible in the earlier stages of dying. Much of this is avoidable. Some of it, as we have seen, is due to lack of proper treatment or to wrong treatment of the patient. In the latter case the harm is generally from failing to recognize that the treatment needed is radically different from what is appropriate when restoration is possible...

Alfred Worcester (1935). The Care of the Aged the Dying and the Dead

Visit the Waltham Historical Society’s exhibit about Dr. Alfred Worcester running for the entire month of July. Check our website for days and dates.

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This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available. Please call 617-448-6706 for more information.