

## **ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC HOMES**

### **Historic Homes and Buildings**

#### **Scope and Content**

Represented in this series are various Waltham homes, historical districts, and historic buildings.

Included here is a survey on Waltham's historic houses, an unpublished paper by Joan M. Sheridan's students about these houses, and a paper by former Waltham Historical Society Curator Marjorie Childs regarding historic houses in Waltham.

The Historical areas represented in this series include, the Lawrence Estates in Waltham Highlands, Miller's Block, Piety Corner, the Roberts District, and Angleside. There is also an article discussing all of the districts in Waltham.

The historical buildings represented here include: the Adams House, Batchelder Loughton House, Blood House, Brandeis Castle, Central House, City Hall and Waltham Common, Clark House, Gore Estate, Hammond House, Harrington House, Wayside Inn, Bemis-Stratton Tavern, Lyman Estate (The Vale), Massasoit House, Mercantile Building, Upham Roberts Paper Mill, Paine Estate, Sanderson homes, Embassy Theater, Waldorf Theater, Warren Estate, and the Wellington House. Also included are such areas as Banks Square, Central Square, the Connelly Block, Cronin's Landing, Hall's Corner and the Leland Home. Among these materials are house histories, letters regarding building preservation, programs and brochures, books and articles related to the buildings and their owners, maps and photos. There are additional photographs and prints here of: Farnsworth house and piggery, Broderick house, Bridge house, Nathan Smith Home, Ellen Smith home, Ripley house, Bemis Pickering house, Harrington house, Reverend Jacob Cushing home, Fiske house, Nathaniel Banks residence, Old Phillips Parsonage, Central House, Prospect House, Dr. David Dowd House, Howland house. There is also information on 85 Robbins Street, 141 Plympton Street, 977 Trapelo Road and 33 Harris Street.

The Gore and Lyman Estates have more materials than any other subseries in this grouping. Also worthy of note is the Massasoit house folder, which contains original invitations to house events in the early nineteenth century. Waldorf Theater photos are not original, but they show the beauty and extravagance of an old Waltham entertainment center. Finally, the studies of the Paine estate show how the City of Waltham worked to preserve one of its most valuable treasures.

#### **Arrangement**

Two folders of unpublished papers precede a folder of information on the historic districts (with the exception of Angleside, which is interfiled with the houses). These are followed by Waltham houses and types of historical buildings (i.e. Inns and Taverns), which are arranged alphabetically by folder title. Photos and pictures of miscellaneous homes and then limited information on miscellaneous houses complete the series.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

### Box

### Folder

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**Unpublished papers - (4 folders)**

Floyd, Margaret Henderson, *Architectural Survey of Waltham: A Preliminary Report on the Distribution of Vernacular Architecture Surrounding the Vale*, 1967 (An inventory of existing historic buildings with maps of South Side)

*Architectural Wonders of Waltham*, 1978 (paper written by Joan M. Sheridan's Central Junior High School Class)

Childs, Marjorie W. *Some Historic Waltham Houses*, 1962.

Harrington, E.H. *Some of Waltham's Old Buildings Still Standing*, 1965

**Published works –**

*A Self-Guided Driving Tour of the Architectural Gems of North Waltham*,  
(compiled by Morton S. Isaacson) 2005

Isaacson, Morton S. *A Ramble Through Waltham's History on the Great Country Road*, 2012

Taylor, Jeffrey. *Waltham Walking Tour: A Self-Guided Tour of Downtown Waltham's Historic Places*, 2010

**Historical Districts -**

*How Waltham's Parts Work on the Whole* (newsclipping)

Lawrence Estates, Waltham Highlands (brochure)

Miller's Block - newsclipping, ND

Piety Corner -

Sanderson, Edmund L. *History of Piety Corner and Piety Corner Club and Its Antecedents*, 1929

Sanderson, Edmund L., *Old Piety Corner Houses* Piety Cornerite, November, 1942 (photocopy from Waltham Historical Society)

Newsclipping

Roberts District -

Barrett, Evelyn Dickey, *The Roberts District of Waltham, Mass.*, 1975 (photocopy of typescript, courtesy of Waltham Historical Society)

**Adams House** - Postcards and pictures #456-458b

**Angleside** - Description and maps of property, by Benjamin C.

Tower, Realtor, ND (photocopies)

**Banks Square**- Newsclippings

**Batchelder Loughton House**, 291 Bacon Street -

Photographs #1387-1394

Letter to Betty Castner from Jean Burnham re: Batchelder House

**Blood House** -

Outline of house history with references typed by former Library Archivist Elizabeth Castner

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<b>1 (cont.)</b>	<p><b>Brandeis Castle -</b> Grushkin, Joel E., 2 page typed description, May 30, 1977 Letter from E. Castner to Prof. Bernstein about the Castle, Feb. 14, 1992</p> <p><b>Central House -</b> Photos #459, 4600, 4606 Photocopy of clipping from the Boston Traveler, May 26, 1914 Stationery, ca. 1900 ( Acc.# 2000-40)</p> <p><b>Central Square-</b> Newsclipping</p> <p><b>City Hall and Waltham Common -</b> Postcards, photos and pictures, #461-464, 692-693, 1395, 2944 Program of Exercises for Dedication of City Hall, January 6, 1927 1 page description of City Hall by architects Kilham, Hopkins &amp; Greeley, 1927 (photocopy) Dedication of Spanish-American War Memorial - program of Exercises (2 copies) Newsclippings (one is Acc.# 2000-40)</p> <p><b>Clark House -</b> Ressler, Pamela Katz, <i>The Clark House (A House History) 1847</i> -1985, 1985 (unpublished paper)</p> <p><b>Connelly Block-</b> photo # 2973</p> <p><b>Cronin's Landing-</b> Brochures, May 20, 1999; ca. 1997</p> <p><b>Gore Estate -</b> (3 folders) Newsclippings Typescripts - Chronology of the Land Ownership at Gore Place (3 pages) Eliot, Charles. <i>Lyman Estate and Gore Estate</i> - reprinted from "Garden and Forest, February 20, 1889 and May 8, 1889 (bound) Article - Treese, Loretta, <i>The Gores of Gore Place</i>, <u>Early American</u> <u>Life</u>, April (full magazine) Brochures - Historical House Brochure, ND</p>

Garden Club Federation and Gore Place Society schedule for  
a *Country Weekend at Gore Place*, October 27-28, 1972  
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<b>1 (cont.)</b>	<b>Gore Estate</b> <i>Danse-Masque "Spirit of the River"</i> arranged and directed by Laura Palmer Ingalls, June 23, 1917 (playbill) <i>The Plan for Gore Place</i> , ND Flyers- May, 2000; 2001- Web page- <a href="http://www.goreplace.org">www.goreplace.org</a> - (historic and program information) Book and original manuscript - Hammond, Charles Ph.D. and Stephen A. Wilbur. <u>Gay and Graceful Style: A Catalog of Objects Associated with Christopher and Rebecca Gore</u> . Waltham, MA: Gore Place Society, 1982 Student Paper - Breslin, Dorothy D. <i>Gore Place</i> , 1974 (photocopy) Postcards, photos #1396-1412
<b>2</b>	<b>Hall's Corner-</b> Newsclippings  <b>Hammond House</b> - photos #466a-466b  <b>Harrington House</b> - Student papers - Cahn, Elizabeth. <i>Samuel Harrington House</i> , 1977 Photo # 476  <b>Inns and Taverns</b> - Photos #93-95b (Wayside Inn, Sudbury; Bemis- Stratton Tavern) #2999 & 4909 ( Prospect House) Clipping-Prospect House(Acc# 2000-40) <b>Leland Home-</b> "The Leland Home 1948" ND ( Acc.# 2002-05) Woodman, Avis Jones. "The Leland Home, 1892-1992," 1992 ( Acc.# 2000-11) Flyer, ND  <b>Lyman Estate</b> – (2 folders) Brochures – "Christmas at the Vale," Nov. 28, 1981 ( Acc.# 2002-05) SPNEA, ND; The Vale, ND "Guide to Historic Properties, 2014" Historic Houses and Museums of New England (p. 48) Lyman Estate and Greenhouses

Flyer, Dec. 1999

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**Lyman Estate**

Articles -

**Old Time New England**, vol. XLII, no. 4 and vol. XLIII, no. 2, 1952 (reprint)

**Old Time New England**, vol. XLII, no. 4, April-June, 1952

Typed one page description of estate, ND

Map of property

Invitation to Preservation week at the Vale, 1984

Christmas Card from Doris and Emie McKenzie with photo of painting of the Vale done by Doris, 1977

Clippings

Typed Manuscripts -

Cummings, Abbott L. *Architecture of the Vale* (photocopy)

Lyman, Ronald T. and Robert T. Paine. *The Lyman Place in Waltham Bought by Theodore Lyman in 1793 and Called the Vale, 1952 (3 pages)*

Paper read before Citizens Club, February 15, 1894 by Arthur Lyman

Postcards and pictures

**Massasoit House -**

Invitations -

Ball at the Massasoit House, November 30, 1836

Ball at the Massasoit House, January 5, 1837

Quadrille Party, Christmas Festival, December 25, 1840

Cotillion Party, January 28, 1841

Description with Picture of hotel taken from Barber's "Historic Waltham"

**Mercantile Building -**

Typescript of letter to the editor from Jean N. Berry re: demolition of Mercantile building, 1979

Memo from Warren E. Glancy to unknown party regarding Mercantile building, 1978

Newsclipping

**Mills -**

Picture of Upham Roberts Paper Mill

Boston Herald view of New England Mills (none of them, Waltham)

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<b>2 (cont.)</b>	<b>Paine Estate - (4 folders)</b> Studies - Floyd, Margaret Henderson, "Evaluation Study and Feasibility Report", 1975 "“Landscape Master Plan," 1992 Brockway, Lucinda A., Past Designs, "Historic Grounds Report," Revised, 1992 Photo- #3144 (Stonehurst) ( Acc.# 2001-06) Brochure Clifford, Ann and Thomas M. Paine. <i>Stonehurst: The Robert Treat Paine Estate</i> . Waltham, Mass.: Robert Treat Paine Historical Trust, c2007. Newsclipping Newsletter- "Friends of Stonehurst" Vol. 1, no. 1, Summer 2000- (irreg.) Typescript - Planning Department, house history  <b>Post Office-</b> Program- <i>Dedication of Waltham Post Office</i> , July 30, 1999 Newsclippings (Acc.# 2000-40)  <b>Sanderson Homes -</b> Worcester, Benjamin. <i>The Sanderson Homes at Piety Corner, 1899</i> (2 copies) Letter to Mr. Ryan from E. L. Sanderson regarding Sanderson homes Newsclipping- 380 Lexington Street (Sanderson/ Bemis/ Livermore/ Nichols)  <b>3</b>
	<b>Theaters -</b> Stone, Percival M. <i>Waltham's Theatre History</i> , <u>News Tribune</u> , April 28, 30, May 3, 16-17, 1949 (photocopy courtesy of Waltham Historical Society) Embassy Theater - "A Night of Nostalgia," 5/ 7/1972 (2 c. inc. Acc# 2011-05) Waldorf Theater - photographs # 1417-1423  <b>Waltham Armory</b> <b>Warren Estate/Maze -</b> Ross, Patricia M. and Diane M. White. <i>Cedar Hill Memories: The Warren Family and Girl Scouts in Waltham, Massachusetts</i> . Boston: Patriot's Trail Girl Scouts Council Inc., 1996. Photos

Mounted clippings with descriptions of the Maze  
Brochure- Cedar Hill Historic Area Guided Tour

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**Wellington House -**

Letter to Edward Kennedy, Middlesex County Commissioner from John W. Cox, Chairman of Waltham Historical Commission, June 12, 1989 (photocopy)

Letter to William Eckland from Pamela Katz Ressler of the Waltham Historical Commission re: National Register listing

Concerns of Elizabeth Castner concerning the conversion of Wellington House to an alcoholic treatment center

**Photos and pictures - Miscellaneous houses**

**Trapelo Road Houses - photos # 468-470**

Farnsworth's house and piggery

Broderick house and letter to former Archivist Betty Castner re: house

**Bridge House - # 473**

**Nathan Smith home - # 471 (photo of painting)**

**Ellen Smith home - # 472 (photo of painting)**

**Ripley House - # 474**

**Bemis Pickering House - # 475**

**Rumford Hall - # 2974**

**Reverend Jacob Cushing House - #477 (clipping)**

**Fiske House and Banks Residence - #478**

**Old Phillips Parsonage - # 479**

**Central House and Prospect House - # 480**

**Dr. David Dowd House - # 482**

**Howland House - # 483 (interior)**

Unidentified house - # 484

**Lord's Castle – photocopy of newsclipping**

**Dr. Edward Worcester House - newsclipping**

**Houses - General**

Typescript of deed for 85a Robbins Street

Outline of house history for 141 Plympton Street

Advertisement for sale of "antique farmhouse"

Outline of house history for 977 Trapelo Road

Outline of house history for 33 Harris Street

Newsclippings –

Hawes House (Acc.# 2000-40)

Stearns House (Acc.# 2000-40)

James Priest House (Acc.# 2000-40)

General



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**Houses – General**

Newsclippings –

Lawrence Block

Lawton House

Lowell House

Robert Stark House

Waltham Estates

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**Photos – Architecture** (housed in flat box, located in Archives Office)

Not Boxed (housed in Archives Office) –

**Painting –**

Watercolor “Old Hagar House, Tavern Road, Waltham”

Signed: C. L. T. (ND) (Acc.# 2000-40)