



WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Presents

WEYMOUTH & THE CIVIL WAR



A Lecture Series and More

In recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, the Commission will present a series of lectures on the impact of the Civil War on Weymouth and its citizens. Plan to attend one or all of the monthly lectures presented by local researchers.

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Lecture 1: Sunday, May 1, 2011, 3:00 P.M.

Abolitionism and Maria Weston Chapman

* Weymouth was a hotbed of anti-slavery activity 150 years ago. In fact a Weymouth native daughter was prominent in the march toward Civil War. Local historian and Weymouth Historical Commission Chairman Ted Clarke will recount the events that led to the conflict and how our town was involved.

Lecture 2: Sunday, June 5, 2011, 3:00 P.M.

General James L. Bates and the 12th Regiment MA Volunteers

* The 12th Regiment contained the highest percentage of Weymouth men during the war. They fought in many of the major engagements in the eastern theater of operations. Hear of the exploits of the 12th and Weymouth's highest ranking soldier, General James L. Bates, from Phil Smith, Weymouth Historical Commission member and General Bates expert.

Lecture 3: Sunday, June 26, 2011, 3:00 P.M.

The Home Front During the War

* While the war raged, life certainly was not normal for those on the homefront. Citizens in Weymouth waited for news from friends and loved ones from the front and tried to carry on with everyday activities. Prof. Chris Hannan will highlight some of these issues, including the need for supplies creating the impetus for industrial expansion.

Lecture 4: Sunday, September 18, 2011, 3:00 P.M.

Thomas Hamilton and the U.S.S. Cincinnati

* Thomas Hamilton mustered into the service from Weymouth and was Chief Quartermaster on the ironclad U.S.S. Cincinnati. He received the Medal of Honor for gallantry during an attack on the Vicksburg batteries in May, 1863. Although we know little of his life, hear about the engagements of the U.S.S. Cincinnati and naval activity along the Mississippi River from Planning Director Jim Clarke.

Lecture 5: Sunday, October 16, 2011, 3:00 P.M.

Monuments and Memorials - Recognizing the Sacrifice

* The American Civil War generated the first extensive use of monuments and memorials to commemorate battle sites, those who fought, and those who died in the war. Weymouth citizens acted early to honor fellow citizens who volunteered for the Union. Jim Clarke will describe Weymouth's efforts within the context of nationwide activities.

Lecture 6: Sunday, November 13, 2011, 3:00 P.M.

Organizations and Societies - Impact on Postwar America

* After the Civil War, many organizations sprang up throughout the country to remember those who fought and maintain friendships forged on the battlefield. From the G.A.R. to ladies organizations, Weymouth participated in this process. A noted panel will discuss activities in Weymouth and its impact on politics, industry, and the general community.

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Watch for Other Events!

*** Civil War Artifact Displays**

Tufts Library
Weymouth Town Hall

*** Summer Civil War Film Series**

Tufts Library



LOCATION:

**Town Council Chambers
Weymouth Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA**

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