



With the goal of bringing people together who share a common interest in Shelburne and Vermont history, the Shelburne Historical Society has sponsored a guest speaker series for the past four years. This year we hope to bring in the nationally renowned historian and author, Willard Sterne Randall. *Unshackled America: How the War of 1812 Truly Ended the American Revolution* is Randall's most recent publication and his research on the War will be the focus for his presentation for our organization. Professor Randall is a captivating speaker, who often finds parallels between events of the past and our present day. He uses visuals and story telling that truly makes history come alive.

The SHS Board has reserved the Shelburne Town Hall on President's Day, Feb. 19, for Randall's talk, and members of the Society will have a small display of Shelburne's involvement in the War Of 1812.

In order to make this exciting event possible, the SHS Board is looking for sponsor(s) to partner with us to cover the costs of Professor Randall's honorarium and promotional materials. In the past our speaker series has been supported by local businesses and the Vermont Humanities Council. Our sponsor partners will be recognized in all publications, posters, news articles, and the Front Porch Forum. Of course, any donation to the Shelburne Historical Society is tax deductible.

We hope your business will consider being a sponsor for this event.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dorothea Penar, President Shelburne Historical Society

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## About Willard Sterne Randall

After 17 years of writing for the Philadelphia Bulletin, Philadelphia Inquirer and Magazine, Randall pursued an advanced degree from Princeton University. He has taught American History at John Cabot University in Rome, University of Vermont and Champlain College. Randall's scholarship is impeccable and his ability to write about our American history in such an accessible way is a gift to us all.

The following is a list of Willard Sterne Randall's major publications:

*A Little Revenge: Benjamin Franklin & His Son. 1984*

*Benedict Arnold: Patriot and Traitor. 1990*

*Thomas Jefferson: A Life. 1993*

*American Lives, Volumes I and II. 1996*

*George Washington: A Life. 1997*

*Forgotten Americans: Footnote Figures Who Changed American History. 1999*

*Alexander Hamilton: A Life. 2003*

*Ethan Allen: His Life and Times. 2011*

*Unshackling America: How the War of 1812 Truly Ended the American Revolution. 2017*