

## THE MASS. MEMORIES ROAD SHOW in WALTHAM

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q. Why are you collecting photos of Waltham residents?

A. **Our goal is to create a digital portrait of the Commonwealth**—in all its rich diversity—for students, scholars, community organizers and residents of the 351 cities and towns that make up our state. We hope this digital portrait will serve as **an educational resource for future generations, as the photos, stories and memories contributed today become tomorrow's history.**

Professional archivists are helping to organize road show events in every Massachusetts city and town. As of January 2011, the project had gathered more than 2,500 photographs and stories from across the state. You can see them at [www.massmemories.net](http://www.massmemories.net).

**We hope that both the event and the digital collection will help build and strengthen connections in the community.**

#### Q. What will you do with the photos?

A. All of the photos and videos collected at Road Shows are processed by UMass Boston and professional staff and **made available to the public on the MMRS website** [www.massmemories.net](http://www.massmemories.net) hosted by the Archives & Special Collections Department of the Joseph P. Healey Library at UMass Boston.

Digital copies of all photos and videos collected in Waltham will also be available at the local sponsoring organizations listed below. In addition, we plan to make **a printed booklet** available containing all the Waltham photos and stories, to be presented at a reception later in the year.

#### Q. What kind of photos are you looking for?

A. Anyone with ties to Waltham is invited to go through their photo albums and scrapbooks and bring to their local Road Show **two or three photographs that they believe represent themselves, their families and/or their communities.** Contributed photos range from those of immigrant ancestors to snapshots taken at recent family gatherings.

#### Q. Who is organizing the Mass. Memories Road Show?

A. It's an initiative of the **Massachusetts Studies Project in the University Archives & Special Collections Department of the Joseph P. Healey Library at University of Massachusetts Boston** and is cosponsored by **Mass Humanities**. Local sponsors include:

- The Friends of the Waltham Public Library
- The Waltham Historical Society
- The National Archives
- Waltham West Suburban Chamber of Commerce Foundation