

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The byline of Ellen Knight first appeared in a local newspaper on Feb. 23, 1989. First written for *The Winchester Star*, since May 10, 1991, Knight's articles have been printed in the Winchester Edition of the *Daily Times Chronicle*. In addition to reporting on current events, she has written hundreds of articles about local history.

These articles cover a range of studies, including new research into African-American history, Jewish immigration, women's suffrage and other women's issues, religious intolerance and other cultural issues, the impact of war, industrial development, arts and crafts, and individual biographies of remarkable people.

Dr. Knight is also the author of books on Winchester Hospital, the En Ka Society, Wright-Locke Farm, Winchester Public Library, and co-author of *A Children's History of Winchester*. Her latest book is *500 Sheets: Lt. Col. John Hanlon's Debt of Honor*, copies of which were presented to the Mayor of Bastogne, Belgium, by the U.S. Ambassador to Belgium on behalf of the Winchester Board of Selectmen in 2015.

Knight is not only a local historian but also a specialist in the history of the arts of the Boston area at the turn of the twentieth century. Her major work has been centered on the life and works of Charles Martin Loeffler, a remarkable Boston composer and a violinist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra during its early decades.

After beginning her professional career as a musicologist, she moved into an antique farmhouse in Winchester in the 1980s, began researching Winchester history and accumulated a vast knowledge of that history. A past president of the Winchester Historical Society, Dr. Knight is currently the town's reference archivist. In 2018, she was honored by the League of Women Voters with its Civic Leadership Award.

ABOUT THE PROJECT - SHAPING WINCHESTER'S FUTURE BY UNDERSTANDING ITS PAST

Winchester History Online was designed to make Knight's newspaper articles accessible to the public to meet the following goals:

- help residents become familiar with the history and heritage of the town and, with the ever increasing diversity in the national origins of students, help educate newcomers about what the town was like, how it has changed, and how it continues to change.
- give researchers with similar interests access to written histories
- help fill a void in local history materials to complement middle- and senior-high American history studies.

In addition, the site may be used to

- provide a site for valuable work of other local historians, including the possibility of hosting cooperative projects with students on the site.

The project has been organized by theme. For each theme, there is a summary overview, providing background and context for the linked in-depth articles. More articles may be posted over time, and posted articles may be revised and updated.

COMMENTS

Any suggestions, questions, or comments may be addressed to archives@winchester.us.