



Finding William Lewis

On Tuesday, August 25, the Friends of the Asa Waters Mansion will proudly host "Finding William Lewis" chronicling the life of a 19th century New Englander. A dedicated record keeper, William Lewis left an extraordinary account of 59 years of his life through three hundred documents which he penned between 1836 until a few months before his death in 1897. These historical primary sources include journals, account books, and farm records which survived to tell the detailed story of a young man who worked as a tanner and currier in New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts (including residing and working in West Millbury for a brief time). A peddler of books and Yankee notions from his home in Barre, Massachusetts, William Lewis would enjoy his final years on his farm dairying, raising poultry, growing and selling greenhouse plants, fruits, vegetables, hay, and grains. Hear the fascinating story of how these precious documents were fortuitously discovered. The presentation by Ms. Christie Higginbottom and Mr. Bruce Craven, staff members of Old Sturbridge Village, will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by light refreshments. Guests will have a unique opportunity to enjoy a display of some of William Lewis' original documents and artifacts. Admission is \$10; reservations and prepayment may be made by contacting the Asa Waters Mansion at 508-865-0855 or emailing watersmansion@aol.com. *The Asa Waters Mansion, located at 123 Elm Street in Millbury, Massachusetts, is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.*