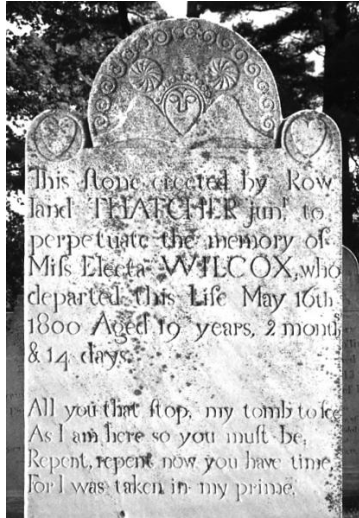




Historical archaeologist Bob Drinkwater will give an illustrated talk, *Local Gravestone Carvers and Their Work (ca. 1720-1850)*, on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Lee Senior Center, 21 Crossway Street, Lee. During this presentation he will share his extensive knowledge about these craftsmen who worked in Lee and vicinity and the local marble industry.

Bob Drinkwater is a charter member, former Board member and past President of the Association for Gravestone Studies and currently chairs the Western New England Chapter of AGS. For much of the past 50 years he has been studying and photographing 18th and early 19th century gravestones in western Massachusetts, as well as researching the people who made them. He is the author of *In Memory of Susan Freedom: Searching for Gravestones of African Americans in Western Massachusetts* (2020) as well as a new book to be released later in 2026, *Keeping Memory Alive in Western Massachusetts*, a regional guide to more than 100 of the men who made gravestones in Western Massachusetts ca. 1720 to 1850.

This presentation is free and open to the public and is part of the Lee Historical Society Speaker Series. Look for the lanterns near the Senior Center entrance. Parking is available along the North entrance to Crossway Village as well as on Academy Street. Refreshments will be served.