

## Saturday, August 12th Activities

Nathaniel, Nathaniel and Joseph Atkinson sold their respective interests in this property to John Noyes in 1770 and 1773. The house subsequently passed to the latter's daughter, Abigail (Mrs. David) Little, and then to her lineal descendants, Stephen William Little and Miss Lucy Jane Little. The home has been beautifully restored and we will be welcomed by the current owners, Mr. & Mrs. Lesley Atkinson.

### **Cushing House Museum & Garden 98 High Street, Newburyport**

The Historical Society of Old Newbury opens the elegant federal period mansion, the Cushing House, to the public to offer a glimpse at life in 19th century Newburyport. The collection includes furnishings from the pilgrim era through the Victorian era. See finely crafted Newburyport furniture, teak and ivory curios in the Oriental Room, the canopy bedroom and the sampler room, an extensive clock collection, 19th century dolls and toys in the children's room, notable portraits and the Florence Bushee paperweight collection.

There are a number of Little Family objects on view at the Cushing Museum including:

- Portraits of Henry Bailey Little and Jacob Little of Wall Street fame
- Communion table ca. 1700, given by Henry Bailey Little
- Child's dress of Edward Henry Little, ca. 1795
- Photographs of homes and families

Also on the grounds, is an impressive 19th century garden, an herb garden, fruit trees, a summer house, cobbled yard and carriage house. The garden plan for the Federal-style Cushing House has similarities with a traditional 19th century French: small pear trees serve as focal points for formal patterns of boxwood, rose beds and raised flowering beds. Unique architectural features include the graceful latticed arch of the entrance gate and the pagoda-roofed garden house.

William Little (1825-1916) served as president of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Old Newbury which was organized in 1877 and then as first president of the Historical Society of Old Newbury when it was incorporated in 1896 until 1903.

Open Tuesday to Friday 10 to 4, Saturday 11 to 2 (currently by appointment only)

Closed Sunday, Monday and holidays

Admission: Adults \$4.00, Children \$1.50

Courtesy of Jay Williamson, the Cushing House Museum & Garden visit will be available from 2-4 for the George Little Family Reunion attendees.

### **Newbury Perennial Gardens & Nursery 65 Orchard Street, Byfield**

George Little Family members are invited to visit twelve beautifully landscaped areas featuring 24 theme gardens.