

The LEWIS Family

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ruthless war waged against Protestantism in the Netherlands by Philip the Second. Sir Francis Drake was the spectacular "pirate" of those days. His greatest exploit was performed in the years 1577-1580, when he sailed round the American continent, through the Straights of Magellan, to plunder the defenseless Peruvian coasts, where the Spaniards had fancied they were safe from attack. Having taken an immense quantity of treasure from a score of Spanish ships, he sailed up the coast to California, or beyond; then crossed the Pacific, passed through the Eastern Archipelago, traversed the Indian Ocean, rounded the Cape of Good Hope, and so returned home, being the next after Magellan to circumnavigate the globe.

CHILDREN

1. WILLIAM b. Jan'y 3, 1594; m. Feb'y 7, 1618, Felix Collins (see below)
2. CHRISTOPHER b. —; m. Nov. 9, 1618, Ann Exton
He removed to St. Andrews, London. Was a tailor.
3. ROBERT b. Jan'y 2, 1603; m. Jan'y 11, 1639, Ann Cosens
Wedding was at St. Mary, London, with consent of her mother, Mary Jacobson, Alias Cosens, wife of Jacob Jacobson.
4. ANN b. —; m. — Stanes; she d. a Jan'y, 1675/6 he d.
Her brother William brings her over to America on his 2^d trip in 1649. Her husband had come in 1642. She died at Farmington, her inventory being £27-02-06.

WILLIAM LEWIS

b. Jan'y 3, 1594

FELIX COLLINS

m. Feb'y 7, 1618

b. —

d. Aug.-Dec., 1683

d. Apl. 17, 1671

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1649/50, Mch. 7. Vol. II, p 2 C C: "John Closett for his felonious taking away of Corne from Goody Leawis is to restow three fould and is fyned 40s: Uppon proof that it was two bush of Barly that Closett stole execution was dd to will: Leawis for 20s the 23d May 1651." The family was now living in Hartford. It is probable that this theft took place in 1649 when Felix's husband was on his return trip to England; hence the theft from "Goody Leawis" instead of from him.

1656/7, Mch. 15. Vol. I, p 4 C R, Farmington: "John Warner and William Smith and the widow Stans, and the wife of William Lewis, and the wife of John North and the wife of Samuel Loomis were joined to the Church March 15th, 1656." This was nearly a year before her husband joined.

1671, Apl. 17. P 530 Hadley Hist (1863): At Hadley, Massachusetts, her life in this world comes to an end. She had attained to an age probably of seventy six or more. In her long life she had lived in at least two towns in Wales; and in two or more towns in England. Then across the Atlantic, she finds a residence in four towns - Cambridge, Mass., Hartford, Ct., Farmington, Ct., and

1594, Jan'y 3. P 4 Lewis Fam (1910): This record of the birth of William Lewis is clearly given in the parish records of Llandough, Wales.

1618, Feb'y 7. P 5 Do: At Cardiff, Wales, the wedding bells ring for William Lewis and Felix Collins. William is twenty four with Felix perhaps a little younger.

1623. Do: William Lewis is said to have moved from his home in Wales to Stanstead, Essex Co., England, with wife and only son William. Mrs. Barnes says there is ample room to doubt the authenticity of the above William being the same as our Farmington William, but gives it until something better is proved. The following deed, however, and court record of him as a Welshman (1645/6 below) is fairly good evidence of the connection.

1624, May 3. Do: By deed, Walter Collins late of Cardiff, Glamorganshire, Wales, now of Stanstead, Essex, conveys "to my son-in-law William Lewys of St. Mesuage," etc., "now in the occupation of John Talcott late of Braintree," etc. John Talcott was a passenger with William Lewis on the *Lion* as shown below.

1632, June 22. P 150 Hotten: In the sailboat *Lion*, under Capt. Mason, comprising 123 passengers, including 50 children, the "Braintree Company" embarks for the New World. In this

Hadley, Massachusetts. Some writers have given her name as Felix Olcott, which comes from Thomas Olcott, in his will at Hartford Nov. 20, 1653, giving to "brother William Lewis Sr one pound." This is no proof, however, since there is record of others calling William Lewis "brother". She in fact was daughter of Walter and Felicia (Bandrib) Collins of Cardiff, Wales.

company were our William Lewis and the Olmsteads; also Elder John White, Wadsworth, Talcott, Goodwin and other settlers of Cambridge and Hartford. After eighty one days on the ocean the *Lion* arrives at Boston (Sept. 16), the company repairing at once to Newtown (Cambridge), where they become original settlers of the place.

1632, Nov. 6. Vol. I, p 367 M B C, Ptd: William Leawis of Newtown is made a freeman of the

Massachusetts Bay Colony. John Talcott, Wm. Goodwin and James Olmstead were made free at the same time.

1632/3, Jan'y 7. Vol. I, p 1 T V, Newtown: Under the heading "Comon Pales devided as ffollo -" there are 42 settlers listed, the figure opposite each name indicating the number of rods of pale (fence) that each one is to build. William Lewis is assigned 10 rods, out of a total of 577 rods.

1633, Aug. 5. P 1 Do: Under the heading "Lotts Granted for Cowyardes," twenty eight settlers participated, "William lewis" receiving "½ akr".

1633/4, Mch. 2. P 2 Do: "Granted William Lewis the swampe by the shipp marsh" "Granted William Lewis the use of the Comon ground between the swampe and the ffeild lane untell they shall desier it."

1635, Aug. 20. P 4 Do: "Att a Generall Meeting of the whole Towne" a Division of Fresh Pond Meadow was ordered "acordinge to every mans severall proportion". Under this distribution we find: "William Lewis 2."

1635, Aug. 20. Vol. I, p 14 P R: Here we have the record of real estate owned by William Lewis. We give it in much abbreviated form. The first item was the home-lot and covers Lot 42 in the first map of Cambridge. The present location of this lot is the N. W. corner of Winthrop and Holyoke streets: "In the Towne (Newtowne) one house with backside aboute half A roode George Stockine one the north east, crooked streete one the south east, Samuell Dudly one the north west, Long streete one the south west.

"moore, In the Cowyard Rowe aboute one acker moore, In ould ffeild aboute two ackers and halfe moore, In wigwame necke aboute fflower ackers more, In the Necke of Land aboute nyne ackers moore, In Ox Marsh aboute one acker moore, In the Long Marsh about two ackers moore, In the Great Marsh aboute eight ackers moore, In the Necke of Land aboute fflower ackers and halfe moore, In the Great Marsh aboute ffive ackers."

1635/6, Feb'y 8. Vol. I, p 6 T V: "It is further ordered that the ground lyeinge between Charis Towne path and the Comon Pales formerly aponted to be measurd as also the Remynder by Watertowne shalbee thuse devided: To William Lewis 2 Ackrs."

1635/6, Feb'y 8. P 6 Do: "The Names of Those men whoe have houses in the Towne at this present as onely are to be accounted as houses of the Towne." In this list William Lewis is credited with two houses. From this and above land holdings it is seen that he came to America with ample means to start on a more or less extensive scale.

1636, June 1. P 25 Stanley Gen (1887): It is presumed at least that William Lewis with wife and son join today the caravan setting out from Cambridge to Hartford, Connecticut, for yet greater liberty of thought, act, and conscience. The party of about 100 all told is under the lead of the famous Rev. Thomas Hooker - "the Light of the Western Churches." The First Church of Hartford, of which Hooker was the first pastor, lists William Lewis among its original members.

1639/40, Jan'y 3. Vol. I, p A, L R, Hartford: "The Names of such Inhabitants as have right In undivided Lands." There are 121 people listed under this heading, against whom are credited 3,281 acres in varying amounts. John Haynes Esq' the Governor heads the list with 160 Ackers which is the highest

allotment. William Lewis stands 26th in this list with "38 Ackers" credit. In the next item we list in abbreviated form his land holdings which rate him as an original founder and enroll him on the Founders Monument which is in the ancient cemetery behind the First Church. The home lot in Hartford as described in the first item was located on present Main street next south of John Talcott. These two it is recalled were together in England.

1639, Feb'y. Vol. I, p 189 L R: "Severall parcells of land in Hertford upon the river of Connecticut belonginge to Willm Lewis & to his heires forever, viz: One parcell on which his dwellinge house now standeth wth other outhouses, yards or gardens therein being contayninge by estimacon two acres (more or lesse) abuttinge upon the high way leading from the Palasado to the Centinell hill on the west & M^r Stones land on the East & Richard Goodmans land on the South & John Talcotts land on the North." The following pieces are also recorded, a paragraph describing each: "one parcel of 3 roods in Little Meadow one parcel of 3 acres on East Side Great River one parcel of 2 acres in North Meadow one parcel of 26 acres in North Meadow one parcel of 16 acres in the ox pasture one parcel of 4 acres in the cow pasture one parcel of 6 acres in the Neck of Land one parcel of 2 roods in North Meadow one parcel of 4 acres in the Neck of Land one parcel of 2 roods on which a tenement stands one parcel of 3½ acres in the West Field"

1639/40, Feb'y 6. Vol. I, p 35 G C: In "a Prticular Court" at Hartford, the estate of Mr. Oldham shows £9-12-3 due William Lewis, out of which he abates £2-16s "for a hogg he bought of Mr. Oldam."

1640/1, Jan'y 11. Vol. I, p 52 T V: Will Lewis, Thomas Scott, *et al*, were made a committee to survey and "estimatte ye ground for ye goodnes & ye equelittye" on "ye east sid of ye greate River."

1640/1, Jan'y 21. P 54 Do: "Ther was then Chosen to order the afaires of the towne for on year william Pantrie, Andrew Backon, John Hopkinse & William Leawes."

1640/1, Feb'y 18. P 55 Do: William Lewes is put on committee with our Mr. Wells, Mr. Steele, *et al*, to lay out the land on the east side of the great river to the various settlers. In this division he received 40 A. on the north side, beginning at Windsor Bounds.

1641, Sept. 2. Vol. I, p 78 G C: Will: Lewis serves as juryman with our John Bissell. One man was fined "Xs for his affront of the watch." Wm Lewis has record of General Court juryman on eight different occasions up to and including Sept. 7, 1648. During these various sessions he sat in turn with our John Stoddard, Anthony Hawkins and John Deming.

1642, Jan'y 12. Vol. I, p 21 T V: In the "Townsmen's acownte" there appears this item: "ther is dew from the towne to brother Pantre £1.9.5, and to brother Lewes £1.9.1."

1643, Nov. 9. Vol. I, p 113 G C: "At Prticular Court, Willi' Lewes his fyne is to be paid at these sev'all tymes, vizt, 5£ the 20th of March and 5£ the 20th of September, and the other X£ three months after." What this fine was for does not appear.

1645/6, March 5. P 149 Do: "The Welchman Lewis, for pilfering Bunces corne is fined 40 s." (In this the "Welchman" sounds right, but not the rest of it.)

1647/8, Jan'y 3. Vol. I, p 39 T V: This item appears in the "townse mens accounts: & Will Lewes doth owe 1647 £1-10-10."

1649, May 16. Vol. I, p 195 G C: This battery of charges and counter charges was presented to the jury but the result is not stated: "William Leawis plt *contra* Thomas Dement defendt, in an action of slaunder, to the dammage of 50£.

"William Leawis plt *contra* Thomas Dement defendt in an action of the case, to the dammage of 3£.

"Thomas Dement plt *contra* William Leawes defendt, in an action of slaunder, to the dammage of 51£.

"Thomas Dement plt *contra* William Leawis defendt, in an action of the case, dammages 10s."

As though the above were not enough we find on June 7th next this further suit without apparently any counter suit: "William Leawis plt *contra* Thomas Dement defendt, in an action of slander 50£."

1649. Vol. III, p 151 G C: William Lewis in 1649 returns to England and on returning to America brings Mrs. Ann Stanes his sister with him. Her husband had come over in 1642, all as per Court record in Hartford. He says, "Respecting my sister Stanes her selfe, I going to England in ye year 1649, found her there in a very mean & low Condition, made her a tender of going to New England & live with me & I would take Care of her"

1650, May 18. Vol. II, p 20 C C: Mr. John Beebe, seaman, and husbandman, says in his will: "I doe deseyer my Loveing ffrriends, Mr. William Lewis and John Cole, be overseers of this my last Will and, that all my sayd Children be advised and Counsell'd by my sayd overseers for their future dispose by marriage or otherwise."

1650, Sept. 5. P 12 Do: Will: Leawis is on the County Court jury, and every year for the next five years he is called for service here.

1650/1, Feb'y 4. Vol. I, p 69 T V: "At a towne Meetinge upon the 4th day of ffebruary 1650 there is chosen to order the affayers of the towne on the North side of the riverett for this next ensewinge yeare William Lewes & John Pantrie and for the south side of the riverett John White & Gregory Wolterton." (Note how at the end of the fiscal year accounts are rendered in "wompon".)

1650/1, Feb'y 20. Vol. II, pp 17-20 C C: Will: Lewis sits on the jury to consider the famous witchcraft case of John Carrington and wife. Our Edward Griswold and Steven Hart were on the same jury. Our Governor Welles sat as a Magistrate. The jury considered the two to be "in league with satton". and therefore "worthy to dye." (See witchcraft discussion under Welles.)

1651/2, Mch. 22. Vol. I, p 72 T V: "Accotts: given in by: Jo^a White, Gregory Wilterton, William Lewes, Jon Pantry: in wompon William Lewes & Jo^a Pantry: £02-00-00; this paid by will lewes to will gibines."

1653/4, Feb'y 7. P 76 Do: "Att A Generall Meeteinge of ye Towne the 7th of ffeburay 1653, chosen ffor Cunstables for ye yeare Insueinge: Gregory Wilterton, William Lewes."

1654/5, Feb'y 13. Vol. II, p 98 C C: William Lewis inherits £1 from the estate of Thomas Olcott of Hartford in these words: "to my Brother Will Wadsworth, one pownd; to Brother Will Lewis Seniore, one pounce."

1654/5, Feb'y 28th. Vol. I, p 327 G C, Ptd: John Cullick gives William Lewis and Gregory Wilterton receipt for £60-5-0, Hartford's "tax for the yeare of their constablenesship" for the Seabrooke Fort.

1654/5, Mch. 15. Vol. I, p 81 T V: "At a towne meating; it was also agreed and voted that Goodman Lewes shall sue to the Generall Court to hav all the accountes Concerning the rivers mouth cleared up and a man chosen to keap the receipts this he is chosen to follow till he Se accomplished." The Colony had bought the Seabrook Fort and patent rights of George Fenwick, agent, in 1644; but as yet the accounting had not been concluded.

1655, approx. Vol. II, p 92 C C: William Lewes Sen'r is residuary legatee of Est. of Giles Whiting of Hartford, in these words: "My debts being discharged I leave the remainder of my Estate to my brother William Lewis, to himself and his children at his discretion." Total inv'y was £26-15-06.

1655/6, Jan'y 7. Vol. I, p 83 T V: "At the same Towne meating ther was granted a Rate of Fowerscore Pounds: also Mr. Wyllys, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Lord and W^m Lewes are to make this Rate and all other Rates for this year."

1655/6, Jan'y. Vol. I, p 5 L R: "Land in ffarmington In the Jurisdiction of Conecticut beellonging to William Lewis, senior:" Six parcells are recorded here: One in the Great Meadow of one hundred acres on the River south; one on the River west of twenty acres; one of upland of ten acres; all of these three bought of John Pratt, "all which he gave to his sone William Lewis."

William Lewis Junior had been established in Farmington for some years now so that when the Church trouble began in Hartford the father, perhaps desiring to be free from it, followed the natural inclination and bought this land near to his only son. The last sentence in the land item above was probably added later by the clerk after the father decided to join forces with the Hadley company and then turned his Farmington property over to the son. The item of Mch. 12th following, shows the firm intention of a strong minority, to whom history awards the balance of right in the matter, to withdraw from the Hartford First Church and form a communion of their own.

1655/6, Mch. 1st Thurs. Vol. II, p 84 G C: "In the action of slaunders bet. Will: Lewis plt and Tho: Dement defendt the Jury findes for the plt dammages 5 pounds and Cost of Courte which is for 3 witnesses 3 days 2 of them & 2 days one 13s-4d."

1655/56, March 12. P 24 Second Church Hist (1892): William Lewis and Andrew Warner, who was the first deacon of the First Church, are among the 21 members who sign a letter requesting dismission from the First Church and asking for "an able and Indifferent Councill." This move completed the resolve to leave Hartford for within a year William Lewis had established a home in Farmington though he does not appear to have given up his Hartford home for some months later. His wife joined the Church in Farmington on Mch. 15, 1656/7, with his sister, the Widow Stans, while two months thereafter he is still active in the Church dispute at Hartford. Moreover it was almost a year after wife Felix joined the Farmington Church before he joined it.

1657, May 3. P 14 Hadley Hist (1863): A "Pacification" was now reached by the Council of ministers from Massachusetts with the majority and minority parties in the Church dispute at Hartford. But a relapse soon followed and the minority were about to withdraw and form a union with the Rev. John Russell Church in Wethersfield. Before this was done, however, the Church in Hartford tried to deal with the principal men in the minority; viz., Gov. Webster, William Lewis and Andrew Bacon, but without result. Meanwhile the dispute at Hartford was intensified by further and deeper troubles of Rev. Mr. Russell with his Wethersfield Church. Finally in the summer of 1659 Mr. Russell left for Hadley, Massachusetts, with about 80 followers from both Hartford and Wethersfield and the soreness wore away. The Lewises, however, preferred a quicker move and since the son William was well established in Farmington it was no doubt the deciding factor why the parents chose this town.

1657/8, Jan'y 25. Vol. I, p 5 C R, Farmington: "On January 25, 1657 Anthony Howkins and William Lewis were joined to the Church." The move to Farmington proved to be very short lived for when the meeting was held at Hartford to plan the Hadley enterprise both father and son Lewis were on hand to sign as below.

1659, Apl. 18. P 19 Hadley Hist: The first book of Hadley shows how the town began: "At a meeting at Goodman Ward's house in Hartford" some 59 people engaged themselves to remove to Hadley. Both William Lewis senior and William Lewis junior were signers; but it appears that only the senior actually went. Our "Widow Watson" was a signer also, but she did not go. At this meeting Wm. Lewis was named on committee of five to go above Naponset, on east side of Northampton, and lay out 59 home lots, allowing eight acres for each, with a street 20 rods broad betwixt. Hadley today is a beautiful ideal country town of New England, due largely to the vision of these early settlers in laying out such wide spacious streets. William Lewis' house was on east side of Main st. facing west, the plot being one of eight acres. The plan is shown in the Hadley History.

1659/60, Feb'y 13. Vol. I, p 546 T V, Hartford: Under "a Cobby of ye Mill Rates" Wm Lewes appears on the North side as follows: "In 1655 £2-05s-00d; in 1656 £3-03s-07d; in 1657 £2-15s-05d; whole sum £8-04s-00d."

1660, Mch. 28. P 102 Do: "At ye same meeting ye Towne appoynted" a committee "to veiwe the way that goeth down to Sarg: Spencer & Isack Graves land in the long mead: & agree wth G: Leawes wt he Shall have for the use of ye Sd waye: & wt this Comite Shall doe the Towne doth agree to stand to."

1660, Oct. 8. P 22 Hadley Hist (1863): At a meeting held at the house of Andrew Warner in Hadley, William Lewis was one of twenty-eight persons who signed an agreement to be "inhabiting there (on the West side of River) in houses of their own by Michaelmas next" (Sept. 29, 1661).

1660, Dec. 14. P 77 Do: At Norwottuck, as Hadley was first known, five Townsmen (afterward called Selectmen) were chosen. These were the first to be chosen in Hadley, the first five in Nov., 1659 having been selected from three places. William Lewis and Andrew Warner were two of the first for Norwottuck independently. Lewis was again elected in 1669 and Warner in 1668 and 1674. For about a century none were elected for two years in succession.

1661, Mch. 26. P 24 Do: Jurors from the New Town attended the Court at Northampton for the first time. Among these four is William Lewis.

1661, May 11. P 24 Do: "At a meeting it was voted that all the freemen should meet at the house of Goodman Lewis upon the next second day" (2^d day or Monday of next week) to consider some things to present to the General Court at Northampton. The petition related to Jury trials, etc.

1661, Dec. 12. P 50 Do: "The Town have ordered that they will build and erect a meeting-house to be a place of public worship," 45 ft. long by 24 ft. wide with lean-tos on both sides to make 36 ft. wide. "For the aforesaid occasions" a committee of seven is named, Goodman William Lewis being one of them.

1662, May 7. Vol. IV, pt II, p 40 M B C, Ptd: Mr. William Lewis is sole representative for Hadley at the General Court, at Boston, in session today. Next year he was elected jointly with Samuel Smith to represent the town at this Court.

1663, Mch. P 34 Hadley Hist (1863): The 48 proprietors of Hadley, on the east side of the River, draw lots for the distribution in Hockanum Meadow. William Lewis drew Lot No. 10. He had a £150 interest out of the total of £6,145, which entitled him to 6 acres, 2 qrs. and 23 rods.

1663, Mch. P 227 Do: Divers persons of the soldiery meet at Northampton and "there listed themselves into a Troope" under the command of Capt. John Pynchon. Among them were ten troopers from Hadley, William Lewis being one, and Andrew Warner another. The importance of the matter in this new wilderness as well as the physical stamina and quality of these old settlers is seen in the fact that Lewis was now 69 years of age and Warner 68 years.

1664, May. Vol. IV, part II, p 100 M B C, Ptd: Mr. William Lewis is credited at the General Court at Boston as representative for Northampton. The Northampton History, however, thinks the deputies from Hadley were in error assigned to Northampton. We find as one item of business at this session of the Court, that Samuel Porter of Hadley assigned his right in his servant Rob't. Williams "to William Lewis to serve in husbandry for five years."

1664, Sept. 1. Vol. III, p 19 C C: Wm Lewis Sen'r sues Mr. Thom. Welles "for not acquitting him the sayd Lewes from a certain debt made by him for & In behalfe of the Company who were owners & adventurers In the ship entrance of Hartford to the damage of £300." The jury find for the defendt cost of Court.

1665/6, Feb'y 16. Vol. I, p 62 L R, Hartford: "It was testified by the Committee that the names of the persons mentioned and the number of acres there set to them is the true division of the uppland on the East side the great river . . . it being allso testified that the Length of the said Lotts was to bee three miles and that thereby the number of acres above said are trebled." William Lewes is credited with a proportion of 40 in this division out of a total of 3,872.

1666, March. P 71 Hadley Hist (1863): William Lewis and Samuel Porter of Hadley were both presented for selling strong liquors without a license and fined. It appeared that they were induced to do this because no one in Hadley had liberty to sell liquors.

1667, Oct. 10. Vol. II, p 252 G C: The Court "appoynts Mr. W^m Wadsworth and James Steele to divide unto John Allyn, Wm Lewes and the Widow Lord their proportion of land (acording to record &

grant of the Towne of Hartford) in the North Meadow, and to bownd it out to them." These three could not agree on the division made so the General Court on Oct. 8, 1668 appointed an arbitration committee of three to settle the matter.

During the year 1667 the Lewises moved back to Farmington; but they returned to Hadley and after a few years more, in 1675, the wife having died there in 1671, he did move permanently to Farmington.

1668, Vol. I, p 155 T V, Northampton: William Lewis was one of a committee of three appointed "to attempt to bring the Indians to a sense of their responsibility."

1668, Apl. 22. P 89 Hadley Hist (1863): A Committee of five citizens of Hadley, all of East side, William Lewis one, sent to General Court another answer to the complaints of those on West side. "We are about 46 or 47 families," says the paper. The trouble was the difficulty of providing convenient meeting-houses and ministers for both sides.

1668, May 14. Vol. II, p 259 G C: "This Court Doe grant W^m Lewes Sen^r that the lawe made about cleareing of titles of land w^{ch}in twelve moneths & a day, shall be no prejudice of the sayd W^m Lewes his title to his land which he hath in the Long meadowe, although any person should controvert his right."

1668/9, Feb'y 19. P 84 Hadley Hist (1863): Early Tariff Kick: Thirty-four citizens of the East side, Hadley, including our William Lewis, 30 citizens in another East side group, and 28 West side citizens sign a protest to the General Court at Boston against a tariff ordered by it on imports of horses, cattle, grain, merchandise, etc.

1669, Mch. 30. P 97 Do: "Att a County Corte holden at Northampton," William Lewis appeared to answer for Mr. Goodwin who was sick. Goodwin's dog had frightened a mare of Timothy Nash on which his little girl was riding and the result was "the untimely death of his child ye last summer." The court finally fined both Goodwin and Nash 10s apiece - a legal curiosity, says the History.

1671/2, Feb'y. Vol. I, p 581 L R, Hartford: "The Proprietors of the undivided Lands in Hartford with each their proportions In one division as followeth according to which proportions they payd for the purchase of Sayd lands: Feb:1671." In the list there are 89 people with total proportions of 3,109, William Lewis having a proportion of 38, the same as that of 1639/40.

1672, Oct. P 193 H Hist (1863): Thirty-eight people of Hadley, including William Lewis, petition the General Court at Boston for an addition to their plantation to make it equal eight miles square. They said the greater part of their woodland was "barren, pine plain, capable of very little improvement."

1675, May 18. Vol. III, p 59 G C: The Gen'l Court of Connecticut "grants Mr. William Lewis Sen^r 200 acres of land for a farme provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant or new plantation. One hundred acres of land of this grant, Mr Wm. Lewes granted to his grandson Phillip Lewes, and desired soe it might be recorded wth the grant." Was this one of the conditions on which he would return to Connecticut? No one knows, we suppose, but at any rate this marks the time when he moves from Hadley, Mass., to Farmington, Ct., he now being in his 81st year. His wife had died at Hadley four years before. He arrives at Farmington just too late to have acquired an interest and be counted among the 84 proprietors who make up the standard list of 1674.

1675/6, Jan'y ye 26. Vol. IV, p 151 C C: "To ye honered Court, Now Sitting at hartford, William Lewis sienor humbly presents these considerations as followeth, representing my Sister Stanes Will, who is Now deceased: First, yt my brother stanes her husband came over into this Country a Servant to Mr. Taps of Milford about ye yeare 1642, and, building of his masters house, resaived a blow with a Laver and broake ye rim of his body, & had a bunch as big as a mans duble fest on his side, & was wholly unfitted for service. And his master, being mutch troubled he could not Labour, my brother, prsaiving yt, tould his master if he would please to dismis him he would go to his brother at hartford and see what he would doe for im, which his master readily acsepted, & so he came to me in sutch a mean habit, being So nearly related to me, I could not Let him go forth to meting til I had first cloathd him from top to toe:

"8 yds. of Carsey to make him large Coate & Sute, yt cost 8 shillings pr yd, & is	£ 3-04-00
For Lynings of hose & buttens, silke & making	1-04-00
pr Gloves, stockings, £0-09; pr a hatt, £0-14; & is	1-03-00
pr 4 Shirts at £0-08 apiece & is	1-12-00
And in this posture continued with me for neare 2 years and his Dyet for ye time I account	15-00-00
pr the Expenses of his funeral and coffin & Grave	02-00-00

£24-03-00

"Respecting my sister Stanes herselfe, I going to England in ye year 1649, found her there in a very mean & low Condition, made her a tender of going to New England & live with me & I would take Care of her, but yt she was not able to do, but I was forced to let her ave to cloathe herselfe,

5-00-00

as also paying for passage over ye Sea, pd in Nw England

6-00-00

pr a peck and Chest, freight 30 shillings, & is

1-10-00

for passage for herself & things from Boston to Hartford

1-10-00

Wood & 2 Bushels of baryl Malt

10-00

£15-01-00

"Besides divers other things, as Sugar & Spice and Wine yt I mention not in above, and yet had she herselfe needed this & as much more I should endeavoured to supply; but hereby to be inabled to give to other prsons, I am yet to see the reason of, but shall humbly leave It to your honors to consider and determine as God shall guide & rest.

"Yours to serve WL by Total

£39-04-00"

1677, Nov. 14. Vol. I, p 47 C R, Farmington: Captain William Lewis here confesses that in a controversy with John Judd he had "spoken to the dishonor of God." (see below under Capt. Lewis). On Nov. 29th, however, "the Church met again," presumably on the request of "old father Lewis" with the result that "they did not see cause to retrace their conclusion concerning the case: - none opposing but old father Lewis, (as I remember), only Thomas Judd junior, declared himself non actable or neutralizing."

1678/9, Mch. 14. Vol. IV, p 26 C C: "I entreat my loving friends W^m Lewis Senr and Lt. Steele to be my overseers," says John Warner of Farmington in his will. The inventory was £123-03-00, taken in 1679.

1679/80, Mch. 1. Vol. I, p 17 C R: William Lewis Senior is 38th on the list of 42 heads of families who were members "in full communion" of the Farmington Church. His wife Felix had died nine years before so of course is missing.

1683, Aug. 30. Vol. IV, p 152 C C: "The Last Will & Testament of W^m Lewes the aged. I Wm Lewes being stricken in years & yet by the good hand of God upon me though very weak yet having at this present my perfect understanding doe thinke it meet to set in order that estate which it hath pleased God to Lend me. Item I commit my Body to a comefy Buriall in farmington in the place appoynted for that purpose & my soule into the hands of the glorious God which gave it in hope of a glorious resurrection. Item I doe will & bequeath to my Grand Child Ezekiaill Lewes all my Estate at Hadley. I say my house & Land which of right belongs to mee as purchaser of that place all the Land which is divided or yet undivided as allso all my Land on this side the River on Hatfield side I doe give to my Grandchild Ezekeill him & his heirs for ever he paying to his brother Nathaniel the full & Just sume of six score pownds when he comes to the age of one & twenty yeares. And in case my Grand child Ezekiel deceases my will is that my Grand child Nathaniel Lewes shall possesse it him & his heirs forever. And in case both my Grand children Ezekiel & Nathaniel deceasse my will is that my Grand child Abigalle Lewes shall possesse it her & her heires forever.

"It. I doe give to my Grand child Abigail Lewes on piece of land at Hartford containing fower acres lyeing within the Meadow gate that leads to the neck of land Bownded upon High way on the West, Mr. John Allyns Land on the North & upon Richard Goodman's on the East & Bartholomew Barnards on the Sowth. It. I doe moreover give to my Grandchild Abigail Lewes one parcell of Land Lyeing towards the Sowth end of the Longmeadow Bownded on the North by Land that Bartholomew Barnard possesses butting on the great river on the east & on my own land on the South & the riverett on the West containeing by estimation halfe an acre. These Two parcells of Land I give my Grand daughter

Abigail Lewes with this provision: in case my Grand child phillip Lewes which hath had the Improvement of it many years & is a convenience that belongs to my house there that he cannot well be wthout it, therefore if my child phillip Lewes will pay to my Grandchild abigall Lewes forty pownds or cause to be payd I say forty pownds in current pay of the Country that is to say within the space of sixteen yeares that is to say Two pownds Ten shillings pr yeare which shall be payd yearly to the overseers of this my will at or before the Midle of January for the use of my Grandaughter abigall Lewes & in case he doe fayle of payment my will is he shall have no more to doe with it but my overseers shall have power to take it from him; and my minde is that at the end of the sixteen yeares of payment of the rent that my Grand Child abigaile Lewes she & her heires for ever.

"Item I give & bequeath to my Grand child Ebenezer Lewes the smiths tooles which I bought of John Hathway in case that he be faythfull & dilligent & paynefull & behave himselfe well. If he doe not my will is that my overseers of this my will shall have power to take them away from him at the end of seven yeares. The Executor of this my estate I doe desire my son William Lewes, & I doe desire my Loveing friends Lieuteunt Samuel Steele of Weathersfield & Samuel patrick of Hadly to be the overseers of this my will.

Witness: ROBERT PORTER
THOMAS X NEWEL SEN^r

WILLIAM LEWIS"

1683, Aug. 30–Dec. 3. Between these dates somewhere "William Lewis, the aged," within a month of four score and ten, dies at Farmington and goes to his reward. The date is not of record.

1683, Dec. 3. Vol. IV, p 153 C C: "An Inventory of the Estate of M^r William Lewes Senr deceased at Farmington sometimes Liveing in Hadley as followeth:

Imprim It p the houseing & Lands at Hadley on both sides of Connecticutt river belonging to the foresayd Lewes & his assignes forever which we whose names are here after Incerted have being desired apprizd at Two hundred & Eighty pownds, I say.. £280-00-00
prized by us this 3^d of december 1683; AARON COOKE Sen, SAMUEL PORTER Sen"

Note that the inventories at Hartford and at Farmington do not appear.

1683, Dec. 4. P 153 Do: "Capt:William Lewes made oath that this is a true Inventory of all his father W^m Lewes estate at Hadley to the best of his knowledg and If anything farther appeare he will present the same to the County Court as attest Peter Tilton, Assist."

1683, Dec. 18. P 77 Do: "A Speciall Court held at Hartford. The Last Will & Testament of Mr W^m Lewes Sen^r of Farmington was exhibited in Court & oath made by Captn Wm Lewes & Robert Porter that the sayd William Lewes signed & declared sd will to be his Last will & Testament. Robert Porter also declared that he understand that Mr W^m Lewes by his will wherein he declares his disspose of his Lands at Hadly & Hatfeild should be to his grandson Ezekiel he attayning Twenty one years of age & paying six score pownds to Nathaniel it should be his & his heirs forever. But he not attayning that age that there it should fall to Nathaniel & in case the sayd Nath: should not attayn that age then to fall to abigail & no otherwise & If the will carryed it it might be his weaknesse in writeing of it. As also an Inventory of his estate was exhibited in court & oath made that there was a True presentment of the estate of the deceased to the apprizers so far as at present is known his wearing cloathes excepted & if more come to knowledge it shall be added to the Inventory."

1690/1, Mch. 7. Vol. IV, No. 144 P C: Statement of James Steele Sen^r: "This may Satisfi this honored Court, or whom els it may consarn, that I being ocasionally at Capt. Laweses hous sum time be fore old Mr. Lawes died, sd Mr. Lawes falling in to sum discors with me about his gransone philip Lewes at Hartford, amongst other discours he said that sd philip owed him a considerable sum for rent. I do not remember the particular quntyty how much, but I know it was a great deele, and hee desired me to tell sd philip that he must provid to pay him. I toald him he had best to wrighte to him, and so he did and sent the letter by myself and prayd me to deliver it to his gran son and so I did. Capt. Lawes red the

leter to his father in my hering. I do not remember the particklers of the sd leter, but the substance of it was respecting what we had bin speking of respecting philip Lawes above sd."

1691, May 25. No. 146 Do: "These may certifye all concerned, that I having occasion to visit Mr. Will Lewis ffather to Capt. Lewis, a little before his death, That according to the best I know or remember, I found and left him *compos mentis* as composed and serene, in minde and spirit, as can well be expected of a sick man so neare his change. This was I suppose ye last time I saw him and take yt for granted he had made his will some time before. When I toke leave of him (having prayed with him) he gave mee such a word as this: you have sene kindly to come. Help put mee to bed.

(REV.) SAMUEL HOOKER SEN."

1691/92, Feb'y 16. No. 163a Do: John Pynchon of Springfield, Massachusetts, testifies that W^m Lewis came down from Hadley to Springfield to settle matters with Robert Ashley, whose daughter Philip Lewis married, "& settled on his said grandson Philip his estate in Hartford."

CHILDREN

(only one known)

1. CAPT. WILLIAM b. Aug. 19, 1620; m. 1644, Mary Hopkins (see below)

CAPT. WILLIAM LEWIS	b. Aug. 19, 1620
MARY HOPKINS	m (1) 1644
b. —	Mary Hopkins
d. a 1669	m (2) Nov. 22, 1671
	Mary Cheever
	he d. Aug. 18, 1690, æ 70

1645, Apl. 26. Vol. 44, p 386 N E H & G: From the will of Richard Whitehead of Windsor, Conn., proved June 26, 1645: "Whereas there is or was lately due and owing unto my daughter in law Mary Lewes the sum of £100 being a portion given unto her by my wife, hereafter named whilst she was sole & unmarried, which money was entrusted with my brother in law Hugh Hopkins and by him delivered unto me for the use of my said daughter . . . I do therefore bequeath unto the said Mary Lewes the sum of £30." He gives her also £30 worth of goods already given her by his wife and also "my messuage lying in Knoll in Warwick, England, . . . which is known by the sign of the Crown which I conceive are of the value of £40 more which I give towards further satisfaction of her said portion."

Mary Hopkins was a young lady, of eighteen perhaps, living in Stratford, Ct., at the time her father, who was the first Commissioner there, died in 1643. In 1644, when she married, she was probably living in Windsor with her mother and new father Richard Whitehead whom her mother

1620, Aug. 19. P 10 Lewis Fam (1910): William Lewis was born in Wales, but whether at Llan-dough where his father was born, or at Cardiff where his parents were married, or at some other place, the writer has not discovered.

1632, June 22. P 150 Hotton: William was twelve years old when the *Lion* made its notable start for the New World. He was a passenger thereon with his father and mother - one of the 50 children who are credited with having been aboard on that trip. The next four years were spent in Cambridge, Mass., so that he was sixteen when the memorable overland trip to Hartford was made in the summer of 1636. During the next eight years, being the only child, he was probably living at home, and was we believe an additional right arm for both mother and father.

1640, June 15. Vol. I, p 45 G C: "The prticular Courte" is here ordered by the General Court "to conclude the conditions for the planting of Tunxis." Rev. W. S. Porter rates William Lewis Jun'r as one of the twenty original proprietors and settlers thereof and no doubt he is right. Whether he moved there before his marriage is not known, but probably he had everything ready there in time for the wedding.

1644. The marriage of William Lewis and Mary Hopkins is not recorded, but circumstances indicate that it was in this year, following her father's

had lately married. Before the wedding and before the daughter Mary was married the mother had settled on Mary £100 as shown in above will. From marriage until death all of her busy days, with ten children, were spent in Farmington.

1669. We take the mean between the birth of her tenth child (July, 1667) and her husband's 2d marriage (Nov., 1671) as the approximate date of Mary Lewis' death. She was probably close to 45 at the time.

1670, Sept. 2. Vol. III, p 101 C C: "Thomas Hancock of Farmington, aged 25 years, & James Bement of sd Farmington, age 18 years appeared in Court & upon their oath testified that Mary Whitehead, the known Mother of Mary the wife of Lt. William Lewis of Farmington, in Connecticut, in New England, was the 2d of September, 1670, alive, and they had discourse with her in her son William Lewis House."

held office: "Its Ordered, that the plantation cauled Tunxis, shalbe cauled Farmington And Mr. Steele is intreated for the present to be recorder there, untill the Townie have one fitt among themselves."

1649, May 17. P 194 Do: "At a Meeting of the Freemen of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, for the choyce of Magistrates, William Leawis and Isaack More are presented for Sergeants, by the Deputyes of Farmington, as chosen by the souldgers; and are approved by the Courte: and are to call forth and traine the souldgers at the dayes appoynted."

1650/1, Feb'y. Vol. II, p 68 L R: "Land in farmington Belonging to Mr. Lewis, Viz., one p'sell on which his dwelling house now standeth with other outhouses containing eleven acers; one p'sell Lying in the great meadow of 100 acres; one p'sell of medow in the great medow of 20 acres; one p'sell bought of Isack More of 20 acres; one p'sell in little meadow of nyne acres; one p'sell of woodland of ten acres."

1651, Oct. 6. Vol. II, p 21 G C: "William Leawis Junior is confirmed Leiftennant to order the souldgers at Farmington: John Steele Junior, Ensigne, and Thomas Barnes, Serieunt."

1656, June 6. Vol. II, p 104 C C: The Court makes Lt. Wm Lewis and Gregory Woiterton executors of the estate of Ezekiel Banckes of Hartford, "they to give an account to the Court when called for." Inventory was £29-18-00.

1657, Aug. 12. Vol. II, p 84 G C: The Gen'l Court orders "Leiftent Wm Lewis to go to Guilford tomorrow" and bring Thomas Staunton to Court at Hartford on Tuesday next to answer charges.

1657, Aug. 18. P 86 Do: During the year the Indians of Tunksis Sepus were very troublesome and among other depredations, the houses of William Lewis and Francis Browne were burned by them. For this the General Court fined the Indians and they agreed to pay the Court "for the terme of seaven years 80 faddome of wampum" and a committee was appointed to distribute payments to these men to make up their loss.

1657/8, Feb'y 8. Vol. I, p 17 L R, Farmington: Here is a deed made by three Indians, Kepaquamp, Querrimus & Mantaneage, conveying to William Lewis and Samuel Steele a "trackt called Matetacoke, that is to say the hill from whence John Standley and John Andrews brought the black lead and all the land within eight myle of that hill on every side to dig and carry away what they will, and to build on

death. William has reached the age of 24 and we figure that Mary is about 19. The first three children are recorded at Hartford, but that does not mean necessarily that they were living there up to 1648. Captain Lewis became a very prominent citizen of the town and Colony. As longtime chief military officer of Farmington, as first elected and longtime town clerk, and as one of Farmington's deputies to the General Court for some ten years, he had every opportunity to serve his constituents, and the record shows that he did so with steadfastness and wisdom.

1645, Dec. 1. Vol. I, p 147 G C: It has been shown through the papers he signed, that William Lewis Junior was the first recorder of Farmington after it was so named in 1645, and he held the office for many years. No town meeting records of elections, &c., are extant up to about 1690. On Dec. 1, 1645 the General Court passed the following vote, so that it was in 1646 or later when he

yt for ye use of them that labor there, and not otherwise to improve the land." This land is now in Harwinton, Plymouth and Litchfield.

1659, Apl. 18. P 19 Hadley Hist: William Lewis junior is one of the sixty one signers, his father also being one, of an agreement to go to Hadley, Massachusetts, to settle; but William 2^d must have changed his mind for in fact he did not leave Farmington. He must have put money into the venture, however, for he shared in the division of land in Hadley. One historian says that Captain William built about this year or next a house in Farmington at the head of Main street facing south, which is where the Elm Tree Inn is located. A part of the Inn today has in its central part some of this old original house. See description under year 1704 under son William below.

1663, Oct. 8. Vol. II, p 190 G C: "L^o Lewis doth request this Court for a Farne." This terse request savors of the good American diplomatic practice of being brief and to the point. We wonder, however, if it really did take the Court five years to a day to think it over. It would seem so from the 1668 item below; and they were then just as brief and to the point.

1665, Feb'y. Vol. I, p 8 L R: "Land in farmington bellonging to William Lewis, viz: One p'sell on which his dwelling hows now standeth with other outhouses yardes & gardens therin being given him by his fathier William Lewis containing eleven acres." Fifteen parcels follow in detail aggregating over 270 acres.

1668, May 5. Vol. I, p 14 T V: William Lewis heads committee of four for Farmington to sign agreement "betwixt Hartford and Farmington respecting ye bound line betwixt the two towns."

1668, Oct. 8. Vol. II, p 268 G C: "This Court grants Lnt Wm Leawes a farne of 200 Acres of Land."

1669, Oct. 12. Vol. II, p 521 G C, Ptd: Lieftenant W^m Lewes is fifth on the freeman's census list of Farmington as ordered taken at this time by the General Court of all the Connecticut Colony. Only 42 men are on the list and there were only 787 reported for the whole of Connecticut.

1670, Sept. 2. Vol. III, p 101 C C: Thomas Hancock testifies, as under wife Mary, that "Mary Whitehead the known Mother of Mary the wife of Lt. William Lewis was alive on 2d of Sept., 1670." This testimony was given after the daughter Mary's death. This sad event is not recorded, but is supposed to have been in the year 1669 sometime.

1670, Dec. 24. P 147 Do: Excerpt from will of his aunt Ann Stains of Farmington: "This prasant desamber 24, 1670, I an stans of farmingtowne being stricken in yers . . . the rest of my istate I bequeath Too Lt. William Lawis, and doo mack him my holl and soule axsackitary." At the probate in Jan'y, 1675/6 he declines to serve, probably because his father's claim to the whole estate was allowed.

1670/71, Jan'y 18. Vol. I, p 15 T V: The "pertikaler persons" who were to receive land "in the swamp lyinge one the branches of Mattebesit River" are here listed. Among them is: "Leut. Lewis 20 acres."

1671, Nov. 20. Vol. I, p 5 rear L R, Farmington: "William Lewis was maryed to Mary Chever in boston the two and twentieth of November one thousand six hundred and seventy and one." Boston society no doubt was astir over the wedding of the doughty Lieutenant now 51 years of age, and Mary Cheever twenty years his junior, daughter of the famous Master of the Boston Latin School, Ezekiel Cheever, who was born in London Jan'y 25, 1614. She had lived ten years in New Haven, then eleven years in Ipswich and Charlestown, Mass., then ten years in Boston and now she goes to Farmington for some 57 years more. Before the wedding she required a special contract by which £100 was to be paid and was paid to her at his death. They lived for nineteen years together when he died and she became the wife of Deacon Thomas Bull (Jan'y 3, 1692) of Farmington. He died May 13, 1708, age 62, while she died Jan'y 10, 1728, age 87.

1673, Nov. 25. Vol. III, p 134 C C: Lnt. Wm. Lewis sits today on the Jury at Hartford.

1673/4, Jan'y 8. Vol. III, p 366 L R: Among the 84 proprietors of this year Left. Lewis is 5th in the

list and is rated at £187, the third in size in Farmington "by which ye Common Lands shall be devided by." He was also one of the committee of five which fixed these values.

1674, Oct. 8. Vol. III, p 52 G C: "Wm Lewes is by this Court approved Captn of Farmington Traine Band and Samuel Steele, Lieut, and John Standly Ensigne."

1675. P 468 Badge's Soldiers of King Phillip's War: Here we find Captn William Lewis listed as a probable soldier of said war. We have not seen this referred to elsewhere, but being the head military man in Farmington it would be quite natural for him to go on some service connected with it.

1675, Oct. 3. Vol. I, p 38 C R: "Capt. Lewis and Le^t Steele haveing twice forsaken the Assembly, and turned away from the Church, when celebrating the Lord's Supper, and Mr. Wrotham once, - the Pastor commended it to the consideration of the Church, what was duty in the case. The same day it was voted, that in case a member in full communion shall turn away from the Supper, and the Church in the celebration of it, that such a member be accountable, or shall be held bound, when called on, to give the reason of his so doing. From this vote none dissented by voting the negative, (to my observation) except Capt. Lewis. At the same meeting the Pastor declared his judgment concerning such as turn away unnecessarily from the Lord's Supper, namely, that he judged them to sin dangerously." (Here follow four reasons why; all based on Scripture.)

1676/7, Jan'y 29. Vol. I, p 50 T V: "The same meting, there was chosen a Cornitty viz Mr. Wadsworth, Captaine Lewis, Lieut Steele, Thomas Hart," and three others, "to determine the longitude of the Fences for the security of Ffarmingtowne meadowes."

1676/77, Mch. 10. P 51 Do: "For the proportioning of the Fence on the West side of the Great Meadow as followeth: begining by the River at John Warners farme." In this fencing apportionment we find: '3ly William Lewis for Crane Hall farme Sixty Rod; 4ly For Mr. Goodwin farme William Lewis Fifteen Rod."

1677, Nov. 12. Vol. I, p 47 C R, Farmington: "At the same meeting, Captain Lewis acknowledged himself, in the matter which happened between John Judd and him, to have spoken to the dishonor of God, and of his profession; and that his language was of an evil tendency, - and consented, that his so doing, should be published to the Congregation."

1679, Dec. 4. Vol. IV, p 18 C C: "Captn Lewes being presented for not Building upon a Home lott at farmington the Court Grants him Two years time to Build upon it, & If he doe fayle therein he is to pay forty shillings."

1679/80, March 1. Vol. I, p 16 C R: "William Lewis jun and his wife" (second wife) stand eleventh on the list of forty two heads of families who were members of the Farmington Church in full communion.

1680, May 13. Vol. III, p 111 G C: "Capt^a William Lewes and Capt^a John Standly" appear among the deputies to the General Court for Farmington, our John Loomis for Windsor and Edward Griswold for Kenilworth, being in the same Court. From this date Capt. William attends twenty one sessions of the Court, nearly every one of them in fact, up to May 8, 1690, within less than four months of his death.

1680, May 13. P 113 Do: "This Court appoynts Capt^m Lewes and Capt^a Standly to lay out to Daniel Porter his former grant of land according to his grant."

1680, Oct. 14. P-120 Do: "This Court appoynts Capt^a W^m Lewes to lay out to Deacon Jud his grant of land according to his grant, in roome of L^a Steele."

1681, May 18. P 126 Do: "Mr. John Brockett and Mr. John Moss are appoynted to lay out to Capt^a W^m Lewes his grants of land, according to his grants."

1682, Sept. 7. Vol. IV, p 57 C C: "Capt W^m Lewis being returned upon the Jury & not appearing is fined five shillings."

1682, Dec. 27. Vol. I, p 17 T V: "Att the same meeting their was chosen Raettmakers for ye year

insuing, Mr. John Wadsworth and Capt William Lewis, Capt John Standly and Ensign Thomas Hart." Also, "it was voted to pay ten pownds for a Skooll for ye year ensuing" and Capt Lewis was one of a committee of five to hire a school teacher.

1683, Aug. 30. William Lewis Sen'r makes will today, saying: "The Executor of this my estate I doe desire my son William Lewis." All the property was left to the grand children, William Jr. having received generous gifts during his lifetime.

1683, Dec. 26. Vol. I, p 21 T V: "Att a Town Meeting held att farmington there was chosen for Ratemakers Capt. John Standly, Capt. Lewis, Thomas Hart, John Thompson," and two others. Also a committee of three, Capt. Lewis chairman, were with the townsmen's help, to "choose a School Master."

1683/4, Feb'y 19. P 24 Do: "At a town meeting there was chosen for listers Capt. William Lewis, Ensi Thomas Hart," and two others. In December following Capt. Lewis "was chosen to make the rates" again.

1684/5, Jan'y 1. Vol. IV, p 97 C C: "At a speciall courte Capt. Wm Lewes is plaintf, Jared Spencer defendant for unjustly detaining of a mare of his to such damage as he shall make appeare. In the action I find for the plaintife a surrender of the mare in controversie."

1684/5, Mch. 5. P 102 Do: At A County Court held at Hartford, Cornet John Bissell and Samuel Bissell being on the jury, many cases of debt and broken contracts are considered. Among these cases is one just the reverse of the above: "Jared Spencer complaines of Capt^a William Lewes for unjust detaining of a mare to a surrender of the sayd mare. In this action the Court finds for the sayd Jared Spencer the Mare in controversy & cost of Court for Two witnesses 3 day, Twelve shillings. The defend-ant reveiwes to the Court September next."

1685, Aug. 24. Vol. I, p 29 T V: "At a meting of the inhabitants there was voted and chosen for to make the Grand Levy for the year insuing Mr. Wadsworth, Capt. Lewis, Capt. Standly, Ensigne Thomas Hart."

1686, April 26. P 31 Do: "At a towne meeting there was chosen Capt William Lewis and John Norten Senr and Thomas Newell Senr," and two others, "to laye out the highways formerly graunted by the towne."

1686, Aug. 23. P 32 Do: "Att a town meeting," John Thomson and Capt William Lewis were two of five men chosen "to make the Grand levey for the year insuing."

1686, Dec. 27. P 34 Do: Capt Lewis, Ensign Hart, and four others, were chosen a committee "to lay out the uplands ajoning to the Great Swamp." The town voted this year also "that highways should be layd to and through the Great Swamp." Thus the first roads through New Britain came into being. The Indian name for the Great Swamp section was "Pagonchamischaug" and the first white settler known there was Jonathan Gilbert who had a farm at Pagonchamischaug with buildings thereon, in 1682 when he died.

1687, Dec. 27. P 36 Do: "Att a town meeting their was chosen for Townsman Captn William Lewis."

1688, May 21. P 41 Do: "At a meting of the inhabitants thear was chosen for the school Committy Capt William Lewis, Insign Thomas Hart," and four others.

1688, Oct. 15. Vol. III, p 451 G C, Ptd: In a letter of John Allyn, Sec'y of the General Court, to Andros, the Royal Governor, he makes recommendations respecting the organization of the militia. "Allso," he says, "or companies are not yet stated as to their places, & I humbly propownd that Col. Tallcot's company be the first, & Capt Newbery's the 2d, Capt. Caleb Stanly's the 3d, Capt. Chester's the 4th, Capt. Fitch's of Windsor the 5th, Capt. Lewes of Farmington the 6th, Capt. Harris of Midleton the 7th, L^{at} Terry of Simsbury the 8th, Ensign Georg Gates of Hadum the 9th, and Watterbury the Tenth Company. If your Excelency approve of this, I will order them to put balls in their colours accord-

ingly, that so they may be distinguished each from other, or otherwise as your excellency shall direct. Your humble servant John Allyn."

1689, May 23. Vol. I, p 41 T V: "Att a towne meting thare was chosen Tounsmen Captn William Lewis," and two others. At the same meeting Capt Lewis was chosen a ratemaker and also a lister. This is an unusual combination of honors to be granted in one meeting.

1689, Dec. 5. P 42 Do: "Att the same meetting their was aded to the Comitty yt do yet remain who were chosen May 22, 1684 to seatt the people in the meeting House, Capt Lewis, Ensi Hart, Isaac More," and three others.

1689/90, Mch. 24. P 43 Do: "Att the saem meeting the toun vorted yt they would have a Comittye to determine how many houses shall be fortified and which they shall be and ye comitty chosen for the work are Capt. Lewis, Capt Standly, Ens. Heart," and four others.

1689, July 16. Vol. IV, No. 146 P C: "The Laste Will of William Lewis seinior of farmingtowne as followeth: *Imprimis* I constitute & apoynt my deare & Loving wife whole and soale executrix To all my p'sonall & reall estate whatsoever and doe herby give unto her my Loving wife the thirds of my Land during her naturall Life and then to be devidid amongst ye surviveing sons. I also give her the negar man and woman as also the still & all the ap'turances belonging therto equally, that Is to say, Sam, John, William & James Lewis, Ezekiell & Nathaniell Lewis sons, that Is to say the third Left to my Loving wife to be devidid as above.

"It. I doe give unto my sonn phillip a full confirmation of the Living he Liveth upon at hartford aCORDING to ye tenor of my honored fathers will. I also give him 40 shillings of currant country paye to be paid within twelwe months after my decease.

"It. I give unto Samuuell Lewis: the full consomating of his deed drawne Respecting his howse Loot with that addition at pond thereof as I shewed as also halfe Crane Hall Loot equally devidid for Quantity and Quallity as also a third yt of that cald of Meadow Lot as John, James and himselfe may agre to devide yt.

"It. I doe also give unto William Lewis that Land which I formerly bought of Issack More unliet that allready sould to Thomas Orten which Lyeth In three p'sells: that cald Mores corner southerly butting on Thomas Orten Land easterly on the top of ye bank betwixt the swamp and meadow as yt was Laid out by brother More & my seife and the other 2 p'sells as he knoweth how to find them In that which was Mr goodwins farme.

"It I doe give unto John Lewis the one halfe of Crane hall Lot equally devidid for Quantity & Quallity betwixt sonn Lewis & him as also a 3d yt of that cald ye meadow Loot with halfe my pt of ye saw mill and half the Land belonging therto and also that whole devition of Land belonging to me against Wethersfield cald 58 acres be yt more or Less:

"It I do give unto James Lewis the howse and Loot he liveth upon also ye 20 acers of Land belonging to ye ould saw mill & allsoe ye eight acers given me by the towne Lying without ye tomson farme by ye uper dam as also a third pt of that cald ye meadow Lot and that devetion of Land belonging to me against hartford and a third of my pt of ye saw mill & a 3d pt of ye Land belonging therto as also the remainder of that Loot I bought of david carpenter when the proportion Is Layd out that we Intend to Ly In p'tnership with ye mill.

"It I give unto Ebenezer Lewis the Thre hundred acers of ye farme Lying som pt of yt In Wallingford bownds begining at ye northwest corner and from thence to that cald Captin Nasheses tre and from thence as far more eastward keping ye bredth at ye West end till his 300 acers Is made up keping ye breadth I meane to take halfe ye meadow ass may so be equally devidid as also 10£ of currant country pay as sone as my exekitrix can acomplish within two years at most after my decease."

(no signature)

1689, Oct. 10. Vol. III, p 208 G C: "Capt. W^m Lewes and Captain John Stanly are chosen commissioners for Farmington and Waterbury, and Mr. Henry Woolcot for Windsor and Simsbury." Commis-

sioners represented the General Court in the exercise of Majesterial powers arising in their own towns between General Court sessions.

1689/90, Feb'y 7. Vol. V, p 54 C C: John Hooker of Farmington made oath before William Lewes, Commissioner, in regard to Thomas Barnes' will.

1690, May 8. Vol. III, p 213 G C: This is the captain's last living record of service, being now elected both as deputy and as Commissioner of the General Court, only three months before death.

1690, Aug. 18. Vol. I, p A rear L R, Farmington: "Captn Willia Lewis Departed his natrall Life ye 18th August 1690." And the Captain's sword is sheathed and its rattle from his busy life will be heard no more. Kipling reminds us:

"The tumult and the shouting dies -
The Captains and the Kings depart -
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart."

He was Captain yet he knew how to confess his faults and be humble. He died in the best way to die, as it were, in harness; only three months intervening since his election to Colony offices. He was doubtless buried in the old colonial burying ground in Farmington but no stone is erected to mark the spot. For forty one years at least his name lingered upon the records, as shown by what follows.

1690, Aug. 28. Vol. V, p 65 C C: "In farmington the Inventory of the estate of Capt W^m Lewes Deceased:

wollen & wearing clothes 16£ 18s, Hat & hose 1£, 18 gloves 10s, lining & silk sash, Staff & Tuck 10s, box & Hammer, spectacles, knife & Tongs total	£029-02-00
House & Home Lott 200£, Twenty acres of upland 60£ 14 acres in the litle meadow 100£	360-00-00
14 acres Land in the great meadow 65£, 4 acres of Land joyning to the Indians Land 16£, six acres of Land in the farme 15£	096-00-00
one fower acre Lot 2£, 58 acres at the Saw Mill 10£, & sun'd Lands Lyeing in the severall divisions in the Bownds of farmington Layd out & not Layd out 40£	052-00-00
Hors kind 28£ 10s, neat cattle 43£ 5s, sheep 20£, swine 10£	101-15-00
chault mill 2£ 10s, cyder mill press & Traffe 2£, Hair cloth 1£ 5s, cart and Tackling for a Team 5£ 18s, great plow & Irons 18s, Iron tooles & old Iron 4£ 12s, chaines Chape & Hook 14s, Horse plow & Iron 10s	018-07-00
Hay 11£ 10s, wheat & pease & Rye in the Barn 23£ 10s, Indian Corn in the feild 15£, Indian Corn 1£ 10s, wheat 2£ 4s, Mault 1£ 10s, cheese 12s, Rye 9s, wch meale 10s, Indian Meale 5£, oat meal 3£, aples & hops 1£ 12s 6d, meat 10s, bacon 5s	059-05-06
six gunns & one sword 6£, powder & lead 2£ 6s, belt & bandileers 6s	008-12-00
Nayles 14s, suger 1£ 15s, stiliards 20s, Iron Croup 5s, spade grindstone & foreck 12s 6d, Fetters 3s, a still 8£, cob Irons, Tonga, slice Tranelis, Tosting Iron, 1£ 7s	013-06-06
Boots, shoes & heather stockings 1£, porte mantle 1£, saddle & bridle 1£ 19s	003-19-00
Crane hill Land 25£, part of a saw mill & gears 25£, crosscut saw 8, Timber Chaine 20s, a Harner & old Iron 5s, leather 8s, a fan 6s, 2 botles 3s, spoone & Trenchers 6s, a wicker chayre 2s, 2000 bowrd 14£, Nayles & rule 5s-4d, Calfe 8s, Wood Land bought of david carpenter 20s	058-11-00
Two Truncks & one Looking glass 30s, negro man & woman 50£	051-10-00
20 other lines of house hold things, &c	520-19-09
apprized by us: THOMAS BULL	Total £973-07-09
THOMAS PORTER	
"Aded: 24 lb of woosted yarne	006-00-00
28 lb of carded yarne	004-18-00
Silver money 44s	002-04-00
	Total £013-02-00
"The Names of the Children:	
Phillip Esekiel	a barell of porck 014-00-00
Samuel Nathaniel	2 Indian servants 013-00-00
William Mary Judd	a farm at or near Wallingford 010-00-00

Ebenezer	Sarah Boltwood	3 sheepe	£001-10-00
John	Hannah Marsh	1 great stilyards	000-10-00
James	Felix Selding	& a Hatchert	000-10-00
	Abigail —		<hr/>
			£1,025-19-09"

1690, Sept. 14. P 18 Do: "An Inventory of the Estate of Capt^a W^m Lewes was exhibited in Court and oath made by the relict & John Lewes that they have preserved to the apprizers the relict the household stuffe or whar with in doers & the son the stock & land so far as at present is known & If more comes to knowledge they will cause it to be aded to the Inventory the Court for the present to Leave the estate in the hands of the relict & John Lewes to preserve the Estate untill the court shall make distribution of the estate & all the Children are to have notice of appearing & making good their claimes to the estate the first Wednesday of November next."

1690, Nov. 5. P 20 Do: "At an adjourned Court held at Hartford: This Court appoynt Phillip Lewis & W^m Lewes to Administer upon the estate of Captn Wm Lewes deceased & they are to give an acco^t of the debts & credits that belong to the Estate & of what each of their fathers children have received of his estate in way of portion & to prisent the same to the Court in March next when the Court will make distribution of the Estate.

"Mrs. Lewes haveing by Joynture haveing an Interest in the Estate of her deceased husband it was mutually agreed that deacon Hosmer, Bevell Waters & John Thomson doe set out to the sayd Mrs. Lewes what is due her by her Joynture in the most Just & Equall way they can & what any Two of them agree too to be an Issue of that mater Deacon Hosmer is chosen by the Court & the other Two one by the widow & the other by the children."

1690, Nov. 20. Vol. I, p 94 L R: "Mrs. Mary Lewis of Farmington having by Right £100 sterling of her late husband's estate as may appeare by an Instrument of agreement made betwixt Mr. Cheever & Mr. Hewerd of Boston and Captaine William Lewis of farmington," the executors Phillip & William Lewis now set out to her 14 acres in the Great Meadow, "as also on Neagro man and on neagro woman, with a negro child in Lue of on hundred pownds sterling before mentioned."

1690/1. March 5. P 26 Do: "This Court being moved to make distribution of the estate of Captn Wm Lewes deceased doe distribute his estate as followeth the widowes Joynture being first or all ready set out the remaynder of the estate of Cap^a Lewes after Just Debts & funerall charges are payd the remaynder of the estate is to be divided amongst the children of Capt Lewes to phillip the eldest son a double portion, & to the rest of the children equall portions & what even any child hath already received of his sayd Captn Lewes his estate it is to be allowed as part of his portion & this Court appoynts deacon Stephen Hosmore & Thomas Bunce to distribute the estate to them & Mrs Lewises Joynture in Land & Negroes the reversion thereof is to be accounted part of the Three youngest children's proportions in this distribution that is to say to the value of one hundred pownds money."

1690/1, March 5. P 26 Do: "Nathaniel Lewis, son of Capt. William Lewis, made choyse of Capt. John Stanly to be his Guardian which the Court approves of."

1690/1, March 6. P 27 Do: "By the request of the sons of Capt. William Lewes, John Lewis was Joyned to Phillip & Wm Lewes as administrator of the Estate of Capt^a Lewis."

1691, Apl. 8. Vol. IV, No. 150 PC: "To the Honoured Ajured Court sittinge in Hartford Apr^{il}: 8: 1691: I understand that in the Distribution of my Honoured Husband, Capt. William Lewis Deceased His esstate, made by the County Court March 5, 1690, your worshipec have seen meete to dispose of my Esstate or that part of it viz: the hundred pound sterlinge expressed in the joynture made to my Honoured ffather: Ezekiel Cheever for the only use of me my heirs and Asignes: by which act of Distribution I doe apprehend that either myself or the three youngest children of the forsd Capt William Lewis or each of us is wronged. Therefore haveing this oppertunity I doe see meet by my petition to move the Honoured Court to consider the Case & to act & doe in it accordinge as the rules of equity Law and reson

Doth Require: In case my request be not considered & my expectation ansered hear in I doe Declare my selfe justly Agreved & dissatisfied & doe purpose in my own intention to make my applycation to the Court of Assistants for Reliefe accordinge as the Law Doth Direct: Your humble petitioner

MARY LEWIS, April 7, 1691."

1691, May 25. No. 152 Do: "To the honord Cort of asistants to be holden maye 26, 1691: I doe humbly Request the honored Cort to grant that my children maye have an equall porsion of my Loving and kind husband's estate with the Rest of there brothers and sisters; and that what falls to them maye by the honored Cort be Left in my hands untill they be of age to Resarve ther porsions and I will give good security that thay shall have it when thay shall be of age to Resarve it; and doe the Rather Request this favor because I greatly need it. I know not why I may not have what profit maye be garnre by there Estate whilst they are in there nonage as well other wimen that have there children in nonage to nurture and educate and bring up in ther younger years:

May 25:1691
farmingtown.

By your humbell peticiner,
MARY LEWIS."

1691, Oct. 6. No. 155 Do: "The testimony of Jonathan Smith of ffarmingtown aged about 40 years. Sumtime that summer before the last siknes of Capt. Lewes of which hee departed this Life I ware traveling with him in the woods betwixt Wethersfield and farmingtowne and amongst other discors that past betwixt us Capt Lewes spake of the solemnity of the time and the unsartainty of our aboad here and then hee spake to me about the method hee Intended in making his own will and Related to me sumthing what hee had dun for his children which he had by his first wife, and he said as for philip hee Intended him no more onely that which hee had already at Hartford.

JONATHAN SMITH"

1691, Oct. 6. No. 156 Do: "The Testimony of Mary Lewis as followeth, viz: that not long before my Husband died he was Looking upon a Joyntor that was given to his first wife which had Reference to the Land of old Mr. Lewis att Hartford and he said it did belong to his aires and all his sons had a Right their one as well as another.

MARY LEWIS

"I Being present att the same time doth testify to the above written with Mr. Lewis upon my office oath.

JOHN STANDLY"

1691, Oct. 11. No. 154 Do: "For settlement of the estate of Capt Wm Lewis late of Farmington, dec'd, upon application made to this Court by the Relict & children the Court approves the Joynture settled upon the widow before marriage, and gives Philip £30 out of moveable estate in addition to the estate which came to him through his grandfather. Ezekiel is awarded five pounds only since he had had so much already and Nathaniel is awarded 15 pownds for like reason. As for the rest the distribution is as follows: To Samuel £72; to William £61; to Ebenezer £69; to John £117; to James £87; to Mary Judd £59; to Sarah Boltwood £67; to Hannah Marsh £67; to felix Seldin £82; to Abigail Lewis £77." This distribution to 13 children totals £808.

1691/2, Mch. 3. Vol. V, p 38 C C: "Wm Lewes platf as he is administratr to the estate of his father Capt^a W^m Lewes contra Nathl Stanly defendt for unjust detaining of a steer of his of about fower years." The jury find for the defendant while the plaintiff appeals to the Court of Assistants.

1695, May. P 24 Josiah Wolcott's Booke of Windsor: "Capt W^m Lewis is Dr. vzt: To pd: Dibble pr his noat £0-5-0."

1698, Aug. 1. Vol. IV, p 37 C C: "To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come: Know ye that I, Ezekiel Lewis of ffarmington, in consideration of the fidelity and good service, to gather with those sums of money and reasonable satisfaction that I have Received from Sampson, Negro, heretofore Servant to my Father William Lewis deceased, and of late in my hands and belonging unto me, until this time, under the abovementioned consideration have relinquished, acquitted and discharged the sd.

Sampson, Negro, his wife and Children, from my service and all manner of right, Claim, Challenge and demand that I ever had or may hereafter have by virtue of any writing or Instrument made over unto me or in me, I say I do set at liberty and grant freedom to the aforementioned Negroes from my heirs and assigns forever. Given under my hand and seal this first day of August, in the year of our Lord 1698.

Witness: ISAAC MECHAM SEN.

EZEKIEL LEWIS Ls."

CALEB STANLY JR.

Commenting upon the above release in the N. B. *Herald* of Dec. 30, 1919 Mr. James Shepard, New Britain's leading living historian and antiquarian, says: "This is the first emancipation of a slave by an instrument in writing other than a will, so far as I know. William Lewis of Farmington, father of Ezekiel above, was one of the first slave holders of record in that town and the Lewis family is to be commended for being the first in ancient Farmington, to liberate its slaves. We may also commend Isaac Lee, as the only resident of this town of New Britain, so far as we know, to emancipate a slave. There were not more than two slaves owned within our boundaries in the year 1790 and it is probable that Negro slavery ended here in 1807 when Isaac Lee emancipated his servant Joseph."

1707, June 7. P Ct, Dist. on File: To Samuel, to William, to John and James (both deceased), to Mary Judd, to Sarah Boltwood, to Hannah Marsh, to Felix Selden. By John Wadsworth, Samuel Newell sen.

1708, June 7. Vol. VII, p 112 P Ct, Hartford: "This Court do order and appoint Samuell Newell and John Wadsworth of Farmington to divide and actually sett out upon the ground all the Lands of or belonging to the Estate of Capt William Lewis, late of Farmington Decd, (which together were valued in the Inventory at £40) unto and among the Children of the said William Lewis Decd, or their Legall Representatives, according to the intent, meaning and direction of the distribution made of the Estate of the sd William Lewis and his sonn John Lewis deceased, together considered and make return of their doings therein to this Court on or before the first monday of November next ensuing."

1710, May 1. Vol. VIII, p 12 P Ct: "A Distribution or Division of the Out Lands of or belonging to the Estate of Capt. William Lewis late of Farmington decd, made by Samuell Newell and John Wadsworth of Farmington pursuant to an order of this Court made June 7, 1708, was now exhibited in this Court and the same is allowed & approved and ordered to be kept on file."

1718, July 1. Vol. IX, p 69 P Ct: "James Lewes of Jamaica, Long Island, appeals from a Decree of the Court, 17 March 1709/10, allowing a Distribution of the Estate of William Lewis of Farmington made under the hands of John Wadsworth and Samuel Newell Senr, and William Lewis is ordered to appear in Court on the First Tuesday of August next to show cause why the appeal of James Lewis should not be granted."

1718, August 5. P 75 Do: "Upon the Motion of James Lewiss to this Court the first day of July Last a writt was Issued to Cite William Lewiss and Nathaniel Lewiss of Farmington to appear before this Court and to object, if they see Cause, why the sd James Lewis might not have an Appeal from the Judgment of the Court of Probate held at Hartford 17 March, 1709/10, Receiving and allowing a certain Distribution. This Court having heard and considering the Pleas of the Parties, do not see Cause to grant the sd. James Lewis Liberty of an Appeal from the aforesd Judgment and therefore order that he pay Costs which is £0-7-6 paid in Court."

1718, Aug. 27. P 77 Do: "Upon the Motion of James Lewiss of Jamaica in the Province of New York a writt was Issued dated August 19, 1718 declaring that his father Capt William Lewiss deceased dyed seized Intestate of Sundry Out Lands in this County whereof there has been no Legale Settlement: 1st because the appraisment was Unequal; 2nd because the division was made by persons not sworn; 3^d because the division was notoriously unjust and wrong William Lewis appeared and Exhibited pleas in barr of the Suit which this Court do Judge they are sufficient, to barr the motion and James Lewis is ordered to pay cost which is £0-7-8." James Lewis appeals from this Judgement to the Superior Court and puts up a £10 bond to appear in Court in September next.

1722, June 12. P 389 S'th'n Hist: "Capt Lewis" is one of the heaviest drawers of land in the "South Division," Southington, distributed this date to the 84 Proprietors of Farmington, as listed in 1672 when same was surveyed. He receives lot 64 of 341½ acres, same being 412 Rods long east and west and 132½ Rods wide.

1728, Oct. 10. Vol. V, p 670 G A: The Gen'l Assembly appoints a committee of three to "enquire into the circumstance of a certain tract of land lying partly in Wallingford and partly in Durham, formerly granted by the Assembly to Mr. William Lewiss."

1728, Dec. 15. P 391 S'th'n Hist: In the "Shuttle Meadow" Division, Capt. Wm Lewis receives his due share as one of the same 84 proprietors. He drew lot 57 which was 65 rods 8 feet broad with c'nt's of 142½ acres - the largest of our 13 participants.

1729, May 8. Vol. V, p 690 G A: The above committee of Oct. 10, 1728, not having report completed, the Gen'l Assembly appoints another committee of three, of which our Col. David Goodrich is chairman, to report in full at October session.

1731, May 13. Vol. VI, p 24 G A: The above case is now settled by the Assembly which discovers that the two grants of Oct. 8, 1668 and May 13, 1675 had descended "through Captain William Lewis of Farmington, only son and heir of said W^m Lewis," to Ebenezer Lewis of Wallingford who had in turn sold both grants to John Hubbard of Jamaica. The Hubbard heirs prove faulty title through failure to record all of above and now pray for and receive a new grant instead. Thus for 41 years after death have the affairs of Capt. William Lewis persisted in the Colony records.

CHILDREN

(first three recorded at Hartford; the rest born at Farmington; first ten by first wife; last six by second wife)

1. MARY b. May 6, 1645; m. a 1667, Benjamin Judd; she d. a Feb'y, 1691/2, æ 47 he d. a Feb'y, 1691/2, æ a 50 7 ch
They were of Farmington. Note that they died about together. His inventory was £292-13-07. These are Lena Candee Bassette's ancestors.
2. PHILIP bp. Dec. 13, 1646; m. Sarah Ashley
He lived in Hartford and is the one about whom his grandfather Lewis had a lot to say in his will. In 1690 he was made executor with brother William of their father's estate.
3. SERGT. SAMUEL b. Aug. 18, 1648; m (1) Elizabeth Judd; he d. a Jan'y, 1725/6, æ 78 she d. 8 ch
They lived in Farmington. He m (2) Mary —. His inventory amounted to £894-09-00.
4. SARAH b. 1652; m. Sergt. Samuel Boltwood; she d. Aug. 10, 1722, æ 70 he d. Feb'y 29, 1704 10 ch
They lived in Hadley, Mass. A man of remarkable strength and bravery, he was killed in the Deerfield massacre by the Indians.
5. HANNAH b. —; m (1) May 17, 1761, Samuel Crowe; she d. — he d. May 18, 1676 3 ch
They lived in Hadley. He was killed in the Falls fight in Hadley and she m (2) Nov. 5, 1676, Daniel Marsh.
6. WILLIAM bp. Mch. 15, 1656/7; m. a 1678, Sarah Moore (see below)
7. FELIX bp. Dec. 12, 1658; m. Thomas Selden; she d. — he d. Nov. 24, 1734, æ 89 3 ch
They lived in Hadley, Mass. She was alive in 1738. One child Thomas was slain at Deerfield Feb'y 29, 1704.
8. EBENEZER b. —; m. Dec. 2, 1685, Elizabeth Merriman; he d. 1709 she d. 9 ch
His grandfather Lewis wills to him in 1683 his "smiths tooles". They settled in Wallingford, Conn., her home, where he was the village blacksmith. She was married at 16.
9. JOHN b. May 15, 1665; he d. a Oct., 1694, æ 29
He died unmarried at Farmington, leaving inventory of £157-06-02.
10. JAMES b. July 10, 1667; m (1) Mary Meekins; he d. 1728, æ 61 she d.
He did not like the settlement of his father's estate and brought several petitions to General Court to have it changed, but without result. He moved to Jamaica, L. I. In 1696/7 Mary his wife tells the Court he "has escaped out of the Colony" and asks for and receives his "small estate." He m (2) —; name not known.

11. ELIZABETH b. Oct. 28, 1672; she d. 1674, æ 2 years
12. EZEKIEL b. Nov. 7, 1674; m (1) Mary Braden
He graduated 1695 from Harvard College; and preached occasionally in 1698 after death of Rev. Sam'l Hooker. Later he became teacher in Westfield and Boston, Mass., where he was asst. teacher in his grandfather's Latin school. Still later he was a successful business man in Boston. He m (2) Abigail Kilcup.
13. ENS. NATHANIEL b. Oct. 1, 1676; m (1) Nov. 25, 1699, Abigail Ashley; he d. Feb'y 24, 1752, æ 76 she d.
He m (2) July 4, 1726, Thankful Lyman of Northampton. They lived in Farmington. Their grandson kept the Elm Tree Inn in Revolution days.
14. ABIGAIL b. Sept. 19, 1678; m. Dec. 10, 1696, Sergt. William Wadsworth; she d. 1707, æ 29 he d.
They lived in Farmington. In 1713 he was a selectman.
15. JOSEPH bp. Mch. 14, 1679/80. "Born a few days before," says the Church record.
16. DANIEL b. July 16, 1681
One son (name obliterated) died in March, 1681/2; and another in August, 1679. These probably were Joseph and Daniel.

WILLIAM LEWIS bp. Mch. 15, 1656/7
SARAH MOORE m. 1678
b. Feb'y 12, 1661/2 d. a Jan'y, 1737
d. Aug. 19, 1725, æ 63 æ 80

1661/2, Feb'y 12. Vol. I, p 13 C R: "Sarah Moore born February 12, 1661 baptized at Farmington." This means that she was born and baptised on the same day. It was in the early days when the town was hardly twenty years old. She was the Deacon's daughter and we may believe that she was carefully brought up.

1678, Aug. 4. Sarah was only sixteen years old at this time of the marriage agreement concerning her. Some people have claimed that it was Phebe Moore, Sarah's sister, who married William Lewis; but the claim becomes absurd when it is seen that Phebe was only ten years old at the time of William Lewis' marriage. Moreover this marriage agreement of the father's makes it clear that Sarah is the happy girl. This agreement was made shortly prior to the wedding. We cannot tell whether the provisions in regard to Sarah were all carried out or not for her father died without leaving any will or probate record apparently. At least there is none of record to tell the story.

1685, Sept. 2. Vol. IV, No. 272 P C: Ruth Moore aged 56 and her daughter Sarah Lewis, now 23, testify in Court in regard to the friendship of the Indians, Sansetoes and Peniroot, for Sarah's father, Isaac Moore, the Indians being often at their house. See full statement under Moore.

1725, Aug. 19. Vol. IV, p 396 L R: Sarah wife of William Lewis dies today at Farmington. If she had lived two years longer they could have cele-

1656/7, Mch. 15. Vol. I, p 5 C R, Farmington: "William Lewis, the son of William Lewis and Joseph Smith, son of William Smith, and Sarah Warner, daughter of John Warner, were baptized March 15, 1656."

1676, May 1. Vol. II, p 439 G C, Ptd: 'The Council orders volunteers, raised in Farmington to march to Hadley, Mass., at once. The reference in item of Dec. 17, 1695 below to "his solger lott" is plain evidence that William was one to answer this call against King Philip. William is now 18 which is a common age for soldiers in every war of history.

1678, Aug. 4. P 67 Lewis Fam (1910): "Among the Lewis papers," says Mr. Julius Gay of Farmington, "which came down to me from my great grandfather Col. Fisher Gay who married Phebe Lewis (Oct. 29, 1761) is the following interesting document which shows, among other things, that William Lewis married Sarah Moore and not Phebe Moore." The marriage took place shortly after the agreement was made, but it does not appear to have been recorded. William is now 21. They were to spend their entire lives in Farmington: "Agust ye 4th 1678. Articles of agreement betwixt William Lewis of Farmington on ye one pty & Isack Moore of ye same towne on ye other pty: witnesseth that upon ye consomation of a maridge betwixt William Lewis & Sarah More we the fathers of the said William & Sarah doe mutually ingage ourselves each to other as ffolloweth.

"Viz the aforesaid Lewis to give unto his sonn William that whole tractt of land which he sum-times bought of ye aforesaid More only that which was formerly sould to Thomas Orten and allso ye

brated their golden wedding. As it was she died at sixty three, having had eight children all now of age except two who had died in their youth.

acomidate him with a dwelling place & other nesysary tooles for husbandry use.

"and also ye said Isack More doth promis and ingage to give to his daughter Sarah upon acownt above exprest ye vallue of thirty pound for ye present and doth also hereby ingage that what psonall or reall estate in chattell or whatsoever shall be left after ye decease of himselfe & wife yt ye aforesaid William & Sarah or their children shall not have less thn a fourth pt thereof & to ye true intent & meaning hereof we enter changyby set our hands the daye and year abovesaid

WILLIAM LEWIS"

The reference to "husbandry tooles" in above agreement might indicate that William was to turn at once to farming and perhaps he did, but the fact is he became a schoolmaster and he continued the profession even, as Camp says, until after sixty years of age. Just where the residence was which his father gave them I cannot answer, but twenty six years later (see 1704 below) they were living on the site of the Elm Tree Inn in a house built by his father about 1660. William came to own several houses in Farmington, indicating prosperity in the teaching profession.

1679/80, Feb'y 2. Vol. I, p 215 T V: This is the date of a meeting which follows this old entry: "Att the same meeting there was granted to William Lewis junr yt liberty to take up a foure acre lott."

1681, May 14. Vol. III, p 125 G C: W^m Leawes is one of thirty young men to be "presented for freemen" at the General Court. Age twenty four must be attained in these days before being eligible for freedom, and he loses no time after attaining it.

1681, Oct. 13. P 131 Do: William Lewis is now moved to the next stage in freedom under this blanket rule passed today in the Court: "Those nominated for freedom May last are now accepted to be sworne in their respective plantations." No doubt he speedily presented himself before the Farmington Commissioner and was duly "sworne."

1686, Oct. 21. Vol. IV, p 122 C C: "Deacon Langton was presented for not recording the death of his daughter Mary. Wm Lewis for not recording his child's birth & Ephriam Smith for not recording his Marriage were called."

1686. Vol. I, p 33 T V: "Att a towne meting in ye year 1686, the town graunted to William Lewis junr, a liberty of relinquishing ye fouer acors of land pitcht upon by Isaac More upon the Wood Hill . . . and to take it up in another place."

1687, Dec. 27. P 38 Do: "At the same metting there was granted to William Lewis junr four acors of land where he could find it in the Commons provided it doth not prejedish by ways and former grants."

1688, May 23. Vol. I, p 19 C R: William Lewis, now thirty one, joins the Church at Farmington.

1689, July 16. Capt. Lewis, his father, says in his will: "I give to William Lewis that Land I bought of Isaac More, unlest that already sold to Thomas Orton, which lyeth in three p'sells." William the beneficiary is now 32 years old.

1690, Nov. 5. Vol. V, p 20 C C: William Lewis sits today on the jury at Hartford. Other tours of the same service were on Sept. 5, 1704 and on Apl. 2, 1706.

1690, Nov. 5. The Court at Hartford grants administration of the Estate of their father to Philip and William Lewis, sons of the deceased.

1690, Dec. 8. Vol. I, p 45 T V: "At a meaten held at Farmingtoun their was chosen for Fence vewers William Lewis and Steven Heart, Samuel Wadsworth and Thomas Barnes."

1690/91, Mch. 5. Vol. V, p 23 C C: "Franck Freeman pln'tf contra W^m Lewes defendant upon com-

plaint that the sayd Lewes did violently in an unjust Illegal seizing or takeing out of his possession a certain parcell of cloath or druggets about 44 yardes which violent action was don at or near the house of Thomas Newell to such damage as the Law allowes."

1691/2, Mch. 3. P 39 Do: "Whereas, the Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin Judd is deceased, administration is granted to Benjamin Judd his son & to John Judd, who with William Lewes, are to take Care for the dispose of the children." In March, 1696/7, "the administrators request that William Lewes be joyned with them in the distribution. This Court do ad him to them to do that work, and do fully impower them to put out the youngest son to good service." There were seven children 21 to 6, and the estate totalled £292-13-07.

1693, Dec. 7. Vol. V, p 60 C C: "Dan^d Pratt & Timothy Loomys pntf W^m Lewes & John Lewes defendants for unjust seizing & takeing about a thousand & od clabordes of theirs wrought up by them to a surrender of them with necessary costs."

1693, Dec. 18. Vol. I, p 61 T V: "At the same meting it was voated the controvary that was between Leften Hart and William Lewis concerning a peic of land and by the voat carried is that William Lewis had the best right to it."

1693/4, Jan'y 10. Vol. I, p 99 L R: "Ye 10th Jenewary, 1693, Land in farmington belonging to William Lewis & to his aighers: One parcell on which his Dwelling house now standeth wch he bought of Thomas Judd by estimation five acors Abutting south on Benjamen Andrus his land, north on Will Judd his Land, east on ye high waye leading through ye town west upon ye River.

"One p'cell of meddow Land convaiane by his father Will Lewis of 14 acres in a place called Mores corner; one p'cell in ye greatt medow of five acres; one p'cell of six acres in a swamp att turkey hill layd out the 24 of Dec., 1698 as appears by a certificate Recorded this 20th of febay 1704/5; one p'cell granted to him by the town Dec. 27, 1704 in way of exchange on the north side of the highway leading to Hartford."

1695, Dec. 17. Vol. I, p 67 T V: "Att the same meeting the towne granted unto William Lewis a libertye to take up and laye out his Solger lott att the swamp comonly called Robbert Portters Swamp beyond Turkey Hill Southward of Daniell Androus his lott."

1696, Dec. 21. P 72 Do: "At a Toune meeting their was chosen for Tounsmen, John Hart, Daniell Androus senr and William Lewis."

1701/2, Jan. 30. P 92 Do: "Att the same meeting the town made choise of sergt Thomas portter & William Lewis as their committy to order the prudentials of the schools for the year insuing."

1702/3, Feb'y 26. P 89 Do: William Lewis is one of a committee of four to "demollish ye Boxes in ye pines". In June they voted that the same committee "let ye pines boxed for ye best advantadge for ye town."

1704, Mch. 31. P 99 Do: "The town agreed by voat to have seven houses fortified, the hous of William Lewes" being one. He was now living in the house built by his father in 1660 at the head of Main street facing south where the Elm Tree Inn now stands. The order was issued as a measure of defense against the French and Indians who were committing depredations in western Massachusetts and Connecticut, events which in time led to the French and Indian War of 1755-58. This house is now a part of the Elm Tree Inn, which has been used as an Inn since before Revolution days, being kept in 1776 by a descendant of Nathaniel Lewis son of William 2d. "The house is concealed at the center of the mass of buildings which forms the present hostlery. At the end of the long hall which runs back from the entrance we come upon the stairs - of comparatively modern date - just in front of which runs a passage at right angles to the entrance hall. These stairs occupy exactly the place of those in the ancient house. The present smoking room is the original hall, as the summer overhead and the oven (probably built into an older fireplace) still proclaim. The parlor is now absorbed in the dining room of the inn, but the summer still traverses

a part of the ceiling of the new room. As you stand in the passage in front of the stairs, you are in the entry of the original house; and if you face toward the door, with your back to the stairs, you will see above you, with its soffit flush with the rest of the ceiling, the ancient overhang, which shows even the edges of the bottom board of the second story front. There is also an end overhang, as the plan shows, which can be seen on the outside of the present smoking room. It is small, however, and there are no brackets now remaining under it."

1704, Dec. 27. Vol. I, p 100 T V: "Att the same meeting ther was graunted libertie to William Lewis to exchange a graunt of a four acre Lote formerly taken up Northwarly of the highway leading to Hartford and to take it up under the mountain against Orton's paster."

1705, Apl. 9. Vol. VI, No. 104 P C: Will Lewis at £14-5-0, Samll Lewis at £27-8-6 and Samuel & Nathaniel together at £54 are the only Lewises in the list of 101 taxpayers of Farmington who share in a division of the meadows in Farmington.

1706, Dec. 30. Vol. I, p 107 T V: "Att the same meetinge there was chosen for Rattmakers for ye year ensewinge William Lewis," and three others. Again on Dec. 21, 1709 he was chosen.

1707, Dec. 18. P 109 Do: "Att the same meetinge there was chosen for listers for the year ensewinge William Lewis," among four. William Lewis Sen'r was chosen on Dec. 11, 1711, son William Jun'r now being 24. William Sen'r served yet again, being elected on Dec. 10, 1716.

1713, Dec. 14. P 131 Do: "Att ye same meeting ye town made choyce of Sargt William Wadsworth, Left. John Stanley and William Lewis for selectmen or Townsmen for ye year ensuing."

1715/6, Mch. 14. P 136 Do: "Att the same meeting the Town granted to William Lewis four or five acres of Land lying upon the side hill adjoyning to his own land against second meadow, so as to enclose A pond at ye bottom of the hill."

1717/18, Jan'y 8. P 21 Julius Gay Address to Conn. Hist. Society, on Schools & Schoolmasters in Farmington in the Olden Time (Jan'y 5, 1892): The Ecclesiastical Society of Farmington "voted to pay William Lewis, schoolmaster, for teaching School the past year, also voted him five shillings for collecting the rate bill and wood tax for the schools."

1719, May 14. Vol. V, pp 159-160 G A: "At a General Assembly holden at Hartford, in His Majesties Colony of Connecticut, in New England, on the 14th Day of May, in the fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, King of Great Britain, &c., *Annoque Dom.* 1719: This Assembly having considered the petition of James Lewiss v. William Lewiss, &c., the question being put, whether the prayer of the petition shall be granted: It was resolved in the negative."

1719, Aug. 5. Vol. IX, p 75 P Ct, Hartford: William and Nathaniel Lewis are cited into Court to answer why James Lewis should not have an Appeal from the Judgment of the Probate Court held 17 March, 1708/09, and the Court denies to James the Liberty of an appeal.

1730, Apl. 27. Vol. I, p 216 T V: "An enrollment of ye Names of ye Freemen in Farmington made In ye open Meeting of ye Freemen ye Day abovesd." Willim Lewis and son Jonathan Lewis both appear in this list of 132 names.

1733/4, Jan'y 7. Vol. XIII, p 46 P Ct, Hartford: "In the Name of God Amen this seventh day of January 1733/4 I William Lewis of the Town of Farmingtoun in the County of Hartford & Colony of Connecticut in New England being stricken in years, tho: at this time in Bodyly health & of sound mind & memory thanks be to God therefor but calling to mind the mortallity of my Body & knowing that it is appointed unto men once to Die, Do make & ordaine this my last will & Testament. That is to say first of all I Give & recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it & my Body I Commit to the Earth to be buried Decently at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named. Nothing Doubting but at the Generall Resurrection of the Just I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God as touching

such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life: I do Give and Dispose of the same in the following maner & form: that is to say first it is my Will that all those Debts and Duties which of right or Consicous I Do owe to any maner of person or persons whatsoever, shall be satisfied & paid out of my Estate by my Executors In a Convenient Time after my decease. Item unto my Son Isaac Lewis besides what I have formerly given him I give & bequeath unto him all my right to Lands in ye Division of lands in Farmingtown Laid out in the rang of blew mountains. Also all my right to lands in sd Town in the Division of Land laid out between Southington and Waterbury bounds Contained in three Lots about 150 acres in the whole.

"Item unto my son Daniell Lewis, besides what I have formerly Given him, I give him all my Lands in the common field In Farmingtown, and all the lands I have neare home at a place called New Field, about 4 or 5 acres; also all my land that I have at or near a place called ye Great Hill in sd Town, containing about 13 acres; also all my right to Land that I have at a place called the Great Brook in sd Town. The $\frac{1}{2}$ that I here give to my son Daniell Lewis Is by way of portion to him; the other half is on the account of what support and sufferance I expect from him in my old age, if needed.

"Item Unto my two sons, Daniell Lewis and Jonathan Lewis, besides what I have formerly given them, I give them my lott in the North Division on the West side of the river, containing 130 acres and three roods.

"Item Unto my abovesd three sons, and to their heirs and assigns forever, I Give and bequeath all my Right in the several divisions of land in sd Farmingtown accrewing to me from my father-in-law dec'd Isaac More.

"Item My Will further is, that in Case my abovenamed sons shall neglect to settle their Estates by deed or by will, or Either of them shall so neglect as to Die Intestate, then in that case the younger sons of him or them so neglecting, their heirs and assigns shall have hold and Enjoy In Fee simple the Lands that In this Will I have given to him or them that shall so neglect to settle his Estate.

"Item Unto my Daughter, Mary Lewis, single Woman, besides what in time past I have given her, I Give to her the sum of £14 as money, to be paid out of my personall Estate by my Executors.

"Item Unto my daughters, viz., Ruth Brownson and Sarah Smith, I give unto each of them the sum of £3 in money or as-money to be paid to them out of my personal Estate by my Executors.

"Item All the residue of my personall Estate I give unto my aforementioned son Daniell Lewis whom I do hereby constitute my sole executor of this my last Will & Testament.

Witness: JOHN HOOKER SENR,

WILLIAM LEWIS L S"

ASAHELL STRONG, ASAHELL STRONG JR.

1736/7, Jan'y. P 14 Lewis Hist (1910): The death of William Lewis 3d does not seem to be recorded. No doubt he was at home in Farmington when death overtook him at 80 years of age.

1736/7, Feb'y 1. Vol. XII, p 54 P Ct, Hartford: "The Last Will & Testament of William Lewis Late of Farmington Decd was now Exhibited in Court by Daniell Lewis of Farmingtown son & executor Named in sd Will, who accepted the Trust thereof in Court which will being proved is by the Court approved & ordered to be Recorded & kept upon file."

CHILDREN

(all born at Farmington and on the town record there)

1. RUTH b. Sept. 12, 1679; m (1) June 8, 1710, Samuel Gridley
She was bp. in 1686. She m (2) — Brunson. Her father in will of 1733/4 calls her Ruth Brunson.
2. SARAH b. Apl. 13, 1682; m. Aug. 15, 1706, Samuel Smith; she d. — he d. May, 1735 6 ch
He was a tanner and a cordwainer of Kensington, Ct; his inv'y, £2,124-03-00. She was bp. in 1685; on July 6, 1742 she as executor petitioned the Court for distribution.

3. ENSIGN ISAAC b. Apl. 26, 1685; m (1) May 4, 1710, Abigail Curtis; he d. Apl., 1761, \approx 76 she d.
Like the first two he was baptised in 1686. He m (2) Jan'y 29, 1728/9, Phebe Wiard. Both wives were of Wethersfield. He lived on South Street in Great Swamp parish, his house being the seventh to be built within limits of New Britain. Before 1727 he moved to Southington and died there.
4. WILLIAM b. Aug. 31, 1687; he d. Jan'y 17, 1712/13, \approx 26
5. DANIEL b. Dec. 10, 1691; m. May 1, 1718, Mary Strong; he d. Apl. 9, 1751, \approx 60 she d.
He lived at the homestead and took care of father in his old age. He was executor also of his estate.
6. PHEBE b. Sept. 3, 1694; she d. Jan'y 11, 1712/13, \approx 19
7. CAPT. JONATHAN b. June 2, 1697; m. Jan'y 28, 1719/20, Elizabeth Newell (see below)
8. MARY b. Mch. 31, 1700. She was "a single woman" in father's will of Jan'y 7, 1733/4.

CAPT. JONATHAN LEWIS b. June 2, 1697
ELIZABETH NEWELL m. Jan'y 28, 1719/20
b. Nov. 29, 1694 he d. Jan'y 15, 1788
d. July 10, 1773, \approx 79 \approx 90

1694, Nov. 29. Vol. II, p 91 L R: "Elizabeth Newel Daughter of Thomas Newel of ffarmington Born Novembr 29, 1694." Six brothers and sisters are here recorded together. Elizabeth's birth followed shortly after the return of her parents from Waterbury to Farmington to live. She was fifth of seven children and it is to be noted that she was nearly three years older than her husband - a circumstance not very common in these early days when the men generally exceeded the women and consequently bid strongly for the girls before the adolescent period was ended.

1693, Dec. 31. Vol. I, p 33 C R: "Elizabeth Newell, daughter of Thomas Newell, baptized December 31, 1693." Note the conflict in dates as between this church record and the town record.

1739, Dec. 19. Vol. XIII, p 201 P Ct, Hartford: Widow Elizabeth (Wrotham) Newell in her will says: "I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Lewis alias Newell all my Wearing cloaths." These included "3 gowns 3£; 1 ridinghood 17s 9d; petticoats 4£ 6s; 11 laced caps 2£ 4s; 3 shirts 28s."

1741, June 2. P 90 Do: Distribution of the above Estate is now made "to Elizabeth Lewis alias Newell;" to Joseph Newell, to Simon Newell, to Thomas Newell and to Easter Newell.

1769/70, Jan'y 28. Golden Wedding: Elizabeth Newell Lewis and her husband lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with over three years to spare and at four score she was called

1697, June 2. Vol. IV, p 395 L R: Jonathan Lewis was born at Farmington today probably in the Lewis homestead which stood on the site of the Elm Tree Inn and which, in his childhood days, at seven years of age, was ordered fortified by the town against possible attack by the French and Indians.

1719/20, Jan'y 28. Vol. II, p 104 L R: "Jonathan Lewis and Elizabeth Newel both of ffarmington were joynd in marriag January 28th, Anno Dom 1719/20." He is 23 while the bride has reached 26. They were more favored than most young married folk in one respect, for they start out with a farm and new house all ready and presented to them by father William Lewis. The next item treats of this at length for the very beginning days of New Britain are of unusual family interest. The interest is intensified in this case, too, because the "Great Swamp" section of Farmington where they located was referred to by writers at that time as "that desolate corner of the wilderness."

Jonathan became one of the leading men of the Great Swamp settlement, or the Kensington Society, and later one of the prime organizers of the New Britain Society to the north. He was particularly skilled on property values and operations and used this knowledge with unselfish generosity in both the Kensington and New Britain Churches and as appraiser on some of the biggest estates in these parishes. As chief military officer also he was a power for good order and he carried the title of Captain which the State gave him for fifty years or until his old age, because it fitted him so appropriately.

1719/20, Jan'y 27. Vol. III, p 489 L R, Farmington: "To all Christian People to whome these

home. Her entire life had been spent in Farmington with 63 years in the New Britain section thereof.

1773, July 10. G S R: At almost four score years Elizabeth Newell answers the great summons. Of her six children only two of them outlived her. The burial was in the New Britain cemetery, then a section of Farmington. A stone marks the spot with inscription as follows. (Note the error in her age): In Memory of | Mrs. Elizabeth | Consort of Capt. | Jonathan Lewis | who died July 10th | A. D. 1773 | In the 75th year | of her age.

This stone is broken in two (1920) and is lying flat on the ground. It stands some 50 feet nearer the highway than that of her husband which is close to the Richards plot. Her stone is close to those of daughter Lucy, son Thomas and daughter-in-law Hannah.

to be the oldest house in New Britain." Again on page 16 he says: "the house of Isaac Lewis (where now 1862 John Ellis lives), is said to be the oldest within the present limits of the town of New Britain."

The writer and wife visited this ancient location on the beautiful Good Friday morning of April 14, 1922 and enjoyed a most pleasant call on the J. W. Holmes family, recent owners of this ancient Jonathan Lewis property, which had passed through Col. Wright to one Goodale, to one Osborn, and then to Michael Holmes, their uncle. At that time the farm contained 68 acres and had come down intact undivided from the ancient Lewis holdings. It comprised the land bounded by present Rocky Hill Avenue East, South street South, Stanley street West and as far North as the town farm property. They explained that the old house, which stood on old East street some 300 feet North of South street, facing East, was as they understood "the first house built in New Britain outside of the old stockade." The house was remodelled many years ago, but the front of the present house is a part of the ancient house with the old hand hewed hard beams and the hand made nails intact. It would appear that Andrews is right in placing Jonathan's son William in this homestead rather than Camp who places son Adonijah here. William occupied this homestead for some 22 years after his father's death in 1788. Adonijah's house was around the corner on the North side of South street some 500 feet from the corner of Rocky Hill Avenue. His house was on a high knoll and commanded a beautiful view of the landscape in every direction. Isaac Lewis, Jonathan's brother, mentioned above, had built and occupied it first before he moved to Southington.

Mr. James Shepard, dean of New Britain's careful historians, disagrees with what he calls "hearsay evidence" of Andrews and Camp, as to the first house, and gives this interesting order of erection of houses in New Britain, only ten of which were built in thirty years. In the absence of other data it is assumed, as was the common custom, that settlers built homes and occupied them about the time of marriage:

1. Stephen Lee, grandfather of Col. Isaac Lee, who named New Britain, received land grant on East street, corner Smalley, in January, 1689/90. He married Oct. 1, 1690 Elizabeth Royce and presumably built and set up housekeeping there - two miles from the nearest house in Great Swamp. This was eight years before the first house was erected in Southington; thirty years before the first house in Bristol and twenty five years before the first house in Stanley Quarter. Stephen Lee and his wife lived for 63 years together at that corner. This was the N W corner, the S W corner being occupied in 1776 by our John Richards.

presents shall Come Greeting: Know ye that I William Lewis of Farmington, In consideration of my Love & parental affection which I have & do bare unto my son Jonathan Lewis of ye same town & by way of portion from me his father to him my sd son do give to him three certain pieces of land in ye Great Swamp one of which is a Lott containing 60 acres on which I have erected a New House." The second piece was of 16 acres adjoining above; the third a piece of 9 acres adjoining the 16 acres. This is the day before Jonathan was married and it was, as probably intended to be, a handsome wedding present. Camp says, referring to this house: "The house occupied by Adonijah Lewis, and previously by his father, Jonathan Lewis, is supposed to have been the first house of the Great Swamp Parish within the limits of New Britain." Andrews however says that "Jonathan's son William occupied the old homestead of his father just south of the town-house on the West side of East street said

2. Benjamin Judd married a daughter of John North June 8, 1694 and built on East street about half a mile north of the Lee's. They lived together for 70 years at that place.

3. Daniel Dewey married Catherine Beckley on Sept. 27, 1706 and located on Stanley street opposite Ellis. He died in 1717, aged 37, the first of New Britain's men to die.

4. Deacon Anthony Judd married Susannah Woodford on June 26, 1707 and settled on Stanley street a little north of Dewey. She died before 1712, the first adult woman in New Britain to die.

5. Joseph Smith married January 17, 1708 Mary Royce, sister of Elizabeth above. He located on East street a little south of Stephen Lee. Five generations of Joseph Smiths occupied this place.

6. John Woodruff married Elizabeth Thompson about 1696. She died in Farmington Dec. 30, 1705, and he married (2) Mary —. He sold in January, 1708, and moved to a place on a hill east of the Town home. Three children by the first wife were the first step-children in New Britain.

7. Isaac Lewis, older brother of Jonathan, married May 4, 1710 Abigail Curtis and located on the north side of South street near Christian Lane. Prior to 1730 he removed to Southington, the first family to remove from this place.

8. Robert Booth married Anna Hollister on Nov. 27, 1712 and located on South street a little westerly from Isaac Lewis on the opposite side of the road. He came from Stratford in 1713 — the first to come from elsewhere in the state than Farmington.

9. Thomas Stanley married Esther Cowles on January 2, 1718 and located in Stanley Quarter, then in Farmington Parish. His house was the first within New Britain limits, outside of the Great Swamp parish.

10. Now comes our Capt. Jonathan Lewis who married Elizabeth Newell January 28, 1719/20 just one day after his father had deeded to them a farm of 60 acres with a new house on it. He located on present Rocky Hill Avenue, west side, about 300 feet north of South street, and he was probably the first in New Britain to acquire land with a house already upon it.

From 1719 to 1756 there are no records extant that reveal the membership or officers of the Church at Kensington. For the whole of this period there was no other minister than the first one — Rev. William Burnham who began November 11, 1707; was ordained December 10, 1712, and died Sept. 23, 1750. Nevertheless we are quite sure that Jonathan Lewis, though active in its affairs, was not a member; even as in the New Britain Society where he was prominent in church building and pastoral affairs from the first, and a Society member, yet was not a Church member.

1722, Dec. 11. Vol. I, p 158 T V, Farmington: "Jonathan Lewis his ear mark for cretures is a Crop on ye Right Ear and A hole In ye same eare, and A half penny on ye undersid of ye Left Ear."

1723, Dec. 9. P 162 Do: "Att the same meeting Jonathan Lewis and John Hooker Jun' were chosen surveyers for ye Highways for ye year ensewing, whose office is confined to ye Limmits granted to ye Great Swamp Society."

1726, July 17. Vol. XII, p 372 P Ct, Hartford: Jonathan Lewis is one of the appraisers of the Estate of Ebenezer Gilbert of Farmington, totalling £3,824-12-08.

1730, Apl. 27. Vol. I, p 216 T V: Jonathan Lewis is enrolled with his father in the list of 132 freemen of Farmington, "made in ye open meeting ye day abovesd."

1730, Dec. 7. P 35 Andrews: "At a meeting of the Society of Kensington Nath'l Cole, John Standley, Sarg. Geo. Hubbard & Jonathan Lewis were chosen a committee to order the prudentials for a school for this society for the year ensuing." At the same meeting, "the society agreed by vote to give the Rev. Mr. Wm Burnham for his labor in the Ministry the year past, the sum of £100 in Bills of public credit, or in grain at the market price in May next."

1731, Sept. 22. P 37 Do: "At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Society of Kensington the society made choice of Thos. Hart for Clerk and also made choice of Nathl Cole, John Standley,

Sargt. Geo. Hubbard & Jonathan Lewis a committee to order the prudentials of the School for the remainder of the year."

1731, Dec. 13. Vol. I, p 218 T V, Farmington: "There was Chosen for survayers of Highways for Kensington Society Jonathan Lewis," and one other.

1733/4, Jan'y 7. William Lewis 3d in his will says: "Unto my two sons Daniel Lewis and Jonathan Lewis, besides what I have formerly given them, I give them my lott in the North division on the West side of the river, containing 130 acres and 3 roods Unto my aforesd three sons, and to their heirs and assigns forever, I give and bequeath all my right in the several divisions of land in sd Farmingtown accruing to me from my father-in-law Isaak More." Jonathan is now 37.

1735, Apl. 27. Vol. I, p 225 T V: "Att ye same meeting ye Toun made Choyce of Decn Thomas Hart, Jonathn Lewis," and five others, "to vlv such places or highways as are thought by perticuler persons not to be necessary to Lye for highways & are minded to make exchange for other Land." On Dec. 11, 1738 a committee reported that "ye town accept of ye Doings of ye Committee."

1735, May 27. Vol. XII, p 310 P Ct, Hartford: Jonathan Lewis is appraiser of estate of Samuel Smith, tanner & cordwainer of Kensington. The amount was £2,124-03-00. On July 6, 1742, on the prayer of the widow, the Court appointed him a distributer of the same.

1738, May 11. Vol. VI, p 357 G C: "This Assembly do establish and confirm Mr Jonathⁿ Lewis to be Lieutenant of the fifth Company or trainband in the town of Farmingtown, and order that he be commissioned accordingly."

1739, May 9. P 102 Camp: Jonathan Lewis is the seventeenth signer among twenty six who petition "the Hon. Gen. Assembly of his Majesties Eng. Colony of Connecticut," showing under what "great difficulty we attend the public worship of God, by reason of the length & badness of travel, especially at some seasons of the year. We humbly pray that we may be released from paying one-third part of the year to our present minister, provided we procure some suitable person to preach to us the time above specified". This petition was presented next day to the "Hon. Gen. Assembly" but it was not granted.

1739, Dec. 10. Vol. I, p 233 T V: "There was Chossen for Listers for ye year ensuing Jonathn Lewis," one of nine.

1740/1, Mch. 3. Vol. XIII, p 83 P Ct, Hartford: "Jonathan Lewis of Farmington in right of his wife, a daughter of Elizabeth Newell, deceased, now appeals from a decree of this Court granting administration to James Newell on sd estate to the Superior Court Recog. £10." Just what his or her objection to James Newell was does not appear, though it is a fair question why the Court should appoint a cousin when there were capable and unobjectionable sons or sons-in-law available.

1741, Oct. 8. Vol. VII, p 1 G A: "This Assembly do establish and confirm Mr. Jonathan Lewis to be Captain of the Second Company or trainband in Kensington parish, and order that he be commissioned accordingly." He had been Lieutenant of the company for three years; then it was the "5th company in Farmingtown." This company of which he is now Captain was, says Camp, formed principally from New Britain, the three officers all living in the eastern part of New Britain. John Paterson was Lieutenant and Daniel Dewey, Ensign.

1741, Dec. 14. Vol. I, p 238 T V: "Att ye same meeting Sergt. Wm Porter & Left. Joyles Hooker were Impowered to Confirm Those deeds of exchang that they with Dec. Samuel Woodruff & Capt Jonathan Lewis made with divors persons at ye West Mountain about & above Poland"

1741, Dec. 14. P 239 Do: "The town made choyc of Dec. Thomas Hart & Capt. Jonathan Lewis & Mr. William Burnham," a committee to sell "ye highway fouer rods wide lying on ye Northwesternly side of Lamentation mountain."

1743, May 26. P 47 Andrews: Capt. Jonathan Lewis and David Sage are two of a committee of seven to seat at their discretion all males above eighteen and all females above sixteen in the meeting house

in Kensington. Rev. William Burnham, first pastor since 1707, was still in active command and so continued for seven years more when death called him home.

1745, Oct. 10. P 43 Do: The General Assembly meets at New Haven today and they consider the memorial sent to them by fifty residents of Kensington who desire to be "set off as a parish by ourselves," saying they are three, four and six miles from the Church and have had to spend "hundreds of pounds to hire preaching among themselves." Jonathan Lewis is the fortieth to sign. The lower house concurred, but the upper house "voted Nay."

1746, Dec. 8. Vol. I, p 243 T V: "At ye same meeting Decon Thomas Hart of Kensington Capt Jonathan Lewis & Nathanel Hart were chosen a Com^{tee} to sel to ye highest bidder ye highway east from Jonath Edwards house to Lamentation."

1749, Aug. 1. Vol. XV, p 316 P Ct, Hartford: The Inventory of the Estate of Sergt. Samuel Seymour of Kensington is taken today, Jonathan Lewis being one of the appraisers. The inventory totalled £575-08-08, but in the distribution £1,353-03-06 was divided among eight heirs.

1749/50, Feb'y 1. Vol. XVI, p 202 Do: The big estate of Joseph Steele of Farmington is inventoried, and Jonathan Lewis signs it as an appraiser. The total was £6,355-19-02.

1749/50, March 6. Vol. XV, p 121 Do: "Elizur Steele age 18, and Lucy Steele age 13, children of Joseph Steele chose Capt. Jonathan Lewis to be their guardian. Recog. £300 for each minor."

1751, May 10. Vol. I, p 251 T V: Capt. Jonathan Lewis & Thomas Hart are named a committee for Kensington who are "by all fitting ways and means to Remove all such encroachments as are made on the Highways or Commons."

1752, Apl. 27. P 46 Andrews: This time forty two inhabitants, "some of us living in the southwest part of the parish of Kensington, and others of us living in the north part of said parish of Kensington, humbly sheweth" to the Hon. Gen. Assembly that "for a great part of the year they can not without the utmost difficulty attend the public worship" and they pray once more for a separate division, but it was "negatived". Both Jonathan Lewis and son Adonijah are signers of this petition, and both are of the southwest section.

1753, Jan'y 3. Vol. XV, p 82 P Ct: On the move of Widow Elizabeth Steele, the Court appoints Capt. Jonathan Lewis chairman of a committee of three to set to the Relict her share of real estate in the above £6,355-19-02 inventory.

1753, May 8. P 51 Andrews: The Kensington society appoints a committee of two to "Remonstrate against the Memorial of Capt. Jonathan Lewis and others which may be presented at the May session of the General Assembly." This petition failed also but the next effort was successful, for the New Britain Ecclesiastical Society was incorporated at the May session of the General Assembly, 1754. The name New Britain was not used before this time, this name being suggested by Col. Isaac Lee in honor of the Mother Country, to distinguish the new society from that of Kensington.

1753, Dec. 10. Vol. I, p 256 T V: "Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Farmington, there was chosen for Selectmen" seven men, Capt. Jonathan Lewis being one.

1753, Dec. 10. P 258 Do: Capt. Jonathan Lewis is one of a committee, "to exchange Highways in Kensington and on Shuttle Meadow Mountain as they judge it best for publick advantage."

1754, June 13. P 121 Camp: The first meeting of the new New Britain Society is held today. Some of the former leaders are gone but, says Andrews, "they left still living Serg. Benjamin Judd, active in both Church and Society, and Capt. Jonathan Lewis, prominent in military, town and society affairs, with a goodly number of younger men, with stout hearts and strong arms."

1754, Oct. 25. P 122 Do: A New Britain Society meeting was held and Capt. Jonathan Lewis was chosen moderator. "At the same meeting it was agreed by vote to chuse a number of men to assist ye

Survaier to make a map of this Society & find the Senter of the same as Nigh as they can. Att the same meeting, Capt. Jonathan Lewis & Sergt. Ebenezer Smith & Isaac Lee were chosen for the service afor Said."

It would be a delight to all New Britain if a copy of this old map were now extant. Mr. James Shepard has constructed one as of 1758 using Prof. Camp's record of roads in his history, together with a map of New Britain made in 1850 when it was set off as a separate town. This map appears in the 150th anniversary history of the First Church.

1754, Dec. 2. P 123 Do: At the first annual meeting of the Society, held a few weeks after the site for the meeting-house had been determined, we read: "Capt. Johnathan Lewis was Chosen Moderator to Moderate in said Meeting."

"At the Same Meeting Capt. John Paterson and Insgn. Elijah Hart & Capt. Johnathan Lewis were Chosen A Comtt. to order the Prudentials of the Society for the Year Insuing.

"At the Same Meeting Capt. John Paterson & Capt. Jonathan Lewis & Insign Elijah Hart were Chosen Rate Makers for the Year Insuing.

"At the Same Meeting it was Voted that Capt. Johnathan Lewis & Capt. Jno. Paterson be a Comtt. to procuer som suitable Candidate or Candidates to preach the Gospel Amongst us and to call in A Man on Probation, as the Society shall Direct.

"At the same meeting it was Voted & Agreed that Capt. Jonathan Lewis & Capt. John Paterson be Directed to use all Proper Endeavoures to Procuer Mr. John Bunnell to Com into this Society as a Probationer, in order to Settll in the Work of the Ministry Amongst us.

"Voted that Capt. Johnathan Lewis and Sergt. Ebenezer Smith & Mr. Noah Stanley be a Commit. to aply themselves to the Townd of Farmington in behalf of this Society to Desier them to apoint a Commtt. fully Impowered to Lay out Highways by exchanging or otherwise, as they can agree, with the oners, and where they judg most convenient for ye accommodating ye Inhabitants of this Society to travail to ye Place Apointed by ye County Court to build a House for Religious Worship."

1754, Dec. 16. P 125 Do: The following vote was taken at the house of Uriah Judd, close to the proposed site of the Meeting House: "Att the Same Metting itt was voted to Build a Meeting House for Religious Worship at the Place whare the County Court have afixed the Stak in this Society, fourty five feet in Length & thirty-five feet in Wedth & twenty-two feet High Between Joysts; and also that Capt. Johnathan Lewis & Sergt. Ebenezer Smith & Lieut. Josiah Lee and Mr. Ladwick Hotchkiss & Mr. John Judd be a Comt. to carry on the Same so far as to Git the Timber for said House & Bring it to said Stak, and also Bords Sufficient for floors & Bording the outsid in order for Clabording & Shingling & also two thousand of white pine Bords & also the said Comtt. are Directed to Alow every man in this Society to work in proportion to their Lists, if they see caws, and that the value of Each Man's work be computed by said Comtt." As finally built, it was 80 by 64 feet or more than three times as large as ordered above.

1755, Apl. 13. Vol. IX, p 10 C H S: "Jonathan Luis" is in the Roll of Major Robart Denison's Third Company in the First Regiment. commanded by Maj.-Gen Phineas Lyman. Two regiments of six companies each were ordered raised by the General Assembly in March to defend the Country against the encroachments of the French. Under the heading "Dead and Captivated" the date "Nov. 12" is entered against Jonathan Luis indicating that he was actually captured that date. He was however soon released as is evident.

1756, Apl. 25. P 133 Camp: Capt. Jonathan Lewis is one of a committee of twelve "To present the vots of this Society to Mr. Amos Fowler and use their Influence with him to Tary amongst us, & if the Terms proposed appear Insufficient, to Endeavor to Acquaint themselves with what will be, as also Receive his Answer and Mak Report to this Society, at their next Meeting." Rev. Mr. Fowler agreed to all the terms and the Society to all of his terms, but yet he finally went to Guilford as colleague of Rev. Thomas Ruggles.

1756, Oct. 5. P 134 Do: At a meeting of the Society held today, Sergt. Judah Hart, Mr. Noah Stanley and Capt. Jonathan Lewis were chosen a committee to supply the pulpit. Rev. James Taylor was at length secured and preached for some nine months during 1756-57.

1756, Dec. 13. Vol. I, p 265 T V, Farmington: "Att the same meeting Capt. Joseph Portter was by a major voate Released from his office of Selectman and Capt. Jonathan Lewis was chosen in his Room." On Dec. 12, 1757, the Captain was regularly re-elected.

1757/8, Mch. 6. P 138 Camp: A committee of five, Capt. Jonathan Lewis, chairman, was chosen "to assist Mr. John Smalley in gathering ye Rev'd South Association of Hartford County in order for his Examination, and if approved by sd association, then to appoint a day of Fast, and ye Ordination day, and every thing else Necessary previous to or on his ordination day."

1758, Dec. 4. P 142 Do: From minutes of the Annual meeting of the Society: "Att the same meeting Capt. Jonathan Lewis, Lieut. Elijah Hart and Lieut. Daniel Dewey were chosen a comitt to prepare a Memoriall to ye Inhabitants of the Town of Farmington, praying them in their Wanted Goodness to Grant to Mr. John Smalley our Rev'd Pastor about twelve acres of land in ye 40 Rod Highway, or in some such Place or Places as a comitt. appointed by ye Inhabitants of Farmington shall Judg most Convenient for ye said Mr. Smalley, and Least Detrimentall to ye Publick." The town acquiesced [Vol. I, p 269, Farmington] and voted to give him land on the present west side of Main street, which extended from Broad street southerly nearly to the railroad crossing. Dr. Smalley sold it to Col. Isaac Lee, and bought on East st., the former plot becoming known as "Colonel Lee's old field."

1758/9, Jan'y 8. P 143 Do: At a meeting of the Society, Dr. Smalley now being installed, steps were taken to finish the meeting-house, which though incomplete had been used for two years and a half for services and town meetings. "Att the same meeting Cap^t Jonth^a Lewis Cap^t Josiah Lee & M^r Tho^s Stanley were chosen Com^o to Underpin the Meeting House."

1760, Dec. 8. Vol. I, p 273 T V, Farmington: Capt. Jonathan Lewis is elected one of seven selectmen for the year.

1762, Dec. 13. P 281 Do: Capt. Jonathan Lewis was chosen a committeeman "for the procuring of Highways by way of Exchang and for Remouving Nusencys of Highways." He was also made chairman of a committee to "remove nusancys from the Highways in the Society of New Brittain", but he declined this office and another was elected "in his room."

1763, Apl. 13. P 148 Camp: The Society considers the matter of helping Mr. Smalley, who was now getting ready to marry, to get his house built. Hence, "At the same Meeting Capt. Joh^a Lewis, Chm., and seven others, "ware chosen a Commit to Repare to the Rev^d Mr. Smalley & with him make a Computation what his House will cost and what Mr. Smalley can Disburse towards the same, and say how much the remainder, how best to be paid and in How Many Rates; and when each rate must be paid."

1768/9, January. P 144 Do: At a Society Meeting, it was "Voted that Capt. Jonathan Lewes, Moses Andrews & Tim^r Stanley be directed to employ Capt. Judah Woodruff or some other workman to finish the unfinished work of the Meeting House, viz: the Plastering the Walls and overhead, besides the making the seats provided he will undertake and completely finish the same for 41/ 10s, or under that sum."

1772. P 75 Andrews: On the "Tax List of New Britain Parish, 1772", taken from the Farmington Records, we find: "Capt. Jonathan Lewis £30-10-00; Adonijah Lewis £54-06-00; William Lewis £69-06-00." There are 111 names on this list, Nathan Booth having the highest assessment at £172-10-00. It is evident that Jonathan had already given to his sons the bulk of his property.

1776, Aug. 25. Vol. III, pp 100-101 P Ct, Farmington: "In the Name of God Amen this 25th day of August 1776 I being advanced in age and infirm in body though of a sound mind and memory blessed be God and being willing seasonably to settle such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with do make and Publish this my last will & Testament that is to say first of all I will that all my debts and

duties that I do Owe to any manner of Person or Persons should be contented and paid out of my Estate by my Executors hereafter Named.

"Item I will and bequeath to my two Sons Adonijah and William all my Estate both real and Personal forever wherever it may be found to be equally divided between them after my Debts and funerall Charges are paid And I do hereby Constitute and appoint my two Sons Adonijah and William to be my Executors to this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking, disallowing and disannulling all former Wills & Testaments in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal and declare & publish this my Last Will and Testament.

JONATHAN LEWIS & Seal

"In presence of us the subscribers who was desired by the Testator to be witnesses to this his last Will and Testament who did witness the same in presence of the testator and heard him declare the same to be his last Will & Testament.

JOSEPH WOODRUFF, ISAAC LEE, JOSEPH WOODRUFF JUNR"

1781, Mch. 10. Vol. I, p 40 L R, Berlin (filed at New Britain): "We Jonathan Lewis, Adjonijah Lewis & William Lewis all of Farmington, for one hundred & sixty Pounds Lawful money do sell unto Rev'd John Smalley one certain piece of Land in the Society of New Britain, & is south of the Dwelling house of Leuit Elisha Boothe, & contains twenty eight Acres as it is Butted & bounded North part on Highway, part on Jedediah Goodrich & part on John Hollister, East on Elisha Booth South on Asahel Goodrich & part on Elijah Hooker West on John Lee."

1788, Jan'y 15. G S R: At the ripe age of ninety one Jonathan Lewis dies at home in the New Britain parish of Berlin, which had been set off from Farmington in 1785. A headstone in the New Britain cemetery marks his grave as follows. Note error in the age. He was 91, not 94: "In Memory | of Capt. | Jonathan Lewis | who died Jan'y 15th | A D 1788 | in the 94th year | of his age."

1788, Mch. 16. Vol. I, p 101 P Ct: "At a Court of Probate holden at Farmington for the District of Farmington the 16th Day of March A D 1788, the foregoing Will and Testament was Exhibited in Cort being duly proved was approved and ordered to be recorded and kept on file, the Executors not accepting the trust." No inventory is referred to or recorded. Only two children survived him and the greater part of the estate had been given to them before he died.

Camp has this short appreciation of his career in his New Britain History: "Jonathan Lewis was one of the prominent members of the Kensington Society for nearly thirty years before the division and the organization of the New Britain Society; and after the division he was one of the leaders of the latter Society. He was married to Elizabeth Newell about 1720, and soon after had his home at the South end of East Street, near Christian Lane. The house occupied by him, and later by his son Adjonijah is supposed to have been the first house of the Great Swamp Parish within the limits of New Britain. His farm, after his death, passed into the hands of his son Adjonijah. He was prominent in military and civil affairs, holding various offices in the military company until he was commissioned Captain. The title was afterwards associated with his name. He was a member of the school committee of Kensington in 1730 and 1731, was one of the petitioners for relief to the north or New Britain part of the parish in 1739, and yet was appointed by the Kensington Society one of the committee to seat the new or second meeting house in Kensington in 1743. He was a petitioner for a division of the society from 1745 to 1752, and strongly advocated the measure. After the New Britain Society and Church were organized, he was, in 1758, chairman of the Committee that as agents of the parish memorialized the town of Farmington for a grant of land to Rev. John Smalley, pastor of the Church. He was much respected and esteemed."

CHILDREN

(all born in Kensington parish of Farmington on south end of East street)

1. PHEBE b. Dec. 5, 1720; she d. Jan'y 17, 1724/5, æ 4 years

2. CORP'L ADONIJAH b. July 12, 1722; m. July 31, 1760, Mary Brunson (see below)
3. JONATHAN b. Apl. 17, 1725; he d. Sept. 30, 1727, \approx 2 years
4. WILLIAM b. 1727; m (1) Oct. 1, 1767, Hannah Mather; he d. 1820, \approx 93 she d. Feb'y 15, 1773, \approx 28 2 ch
He was forty before he married, similar to brother Adonijah who was thirty eight, and each had wives about 20 years younger. Wife Hannah has stone in New Britain cemetery. He m (2) Oct. 20, 1774, Azuba Gridley, 4 ch
22 years his junior, who died in 1836, \approx 87. Andrews says, "they lived on old homestead of his father, just south of the Town House, on the West side of East street, said to be the oldest house in New Britain, built near the present (1862) house erected by Edwin Belden."
5. THOMAS b. 1729; m. Anna Andrews; he d. Mch. 4, 1758, \approx 29 she d.
His wife was from Glastonbury. He has stone in the New Britain cemetery. She died in child bed.
6. LUCY b. 1730; she d. Nov. 20, 1757, \approx 27
She was unmarried; has stone in New Britain cemetery.

CORP'L ADONIJAH LEWIS b. July 12, 1722
 MARY BRONSON m. July 31, 1760
 b. Feb'y 8, 1742/3 d. Dec. 22, 1799
 d. Feb'y 8, 1790, \approx 47 \approx 77

1742/3, Feb'y 8. Vol. VII, p E, L R: "Mary Bronson Daughter to James Bronson & Hannah his wife Born Feb'y 8th, 1742/3." Sisters and brother, Lydia, Eldad, Sarah and Rozanna are recorded with her at Farmington.

1743, May 13. P 212 Southington Hist (1875): Mary Brunson is baptized today at the Church in Southington, by Rev. Jeremiah Curtiss.

1761, Oct. 18. P 126 Andrews: The New Britain Society Church is now three years old and we find "Mary, wife of Adonijah Lewis," owning the covenant there today. She is thirteenth on the roll of Covenanters and is but eighteen years old as yet. Her husband on the other hand is thirty nine and on the same day he joins the Church with her but in full communion.

1768, July 3. P 167 Do: Seven years after owning the covenant, "Mary wife of Adonijah Lewis," joins the Church in full membership and is the one hundred and eleventh to join same.

1790, Feb'y 8. G S R: It is an unusually sad birthday when the death angel calls, and this is what happened on the forty seventh birthday of Mary Bronson Lewis. A headstone marks her grave in the New Britain cemetery. The inscription reads: "In memory of | Mrs. Mary | Consort of Mr. | Adonijah Lewis | who died Feb. | 8th A D, 1790. | in the 48th year | of her age." This stone (1920) lies flat on the ground broken in two pieces.

1722, July 12. Vol. II, p 104 L R: "Adonijah Lewis son to Jonathan Lewis Born July 12th *ano Dom* 1722." He was born in the new house which his grandfather William had built for Adonijah's parents near the south end of old East street, New Britain, only two or three years before. A part of this old house "still lives" as the front part of the modernized house which stands some 300 feet north of South street facing East on present Rocky Hill avenue. Since this was the tenth house to be built within New Britain limits, it is seen that Adonijah was numbered among the first few children to be born in this city. He was 26 when the town drafted him for service as follows:

1748, Dec. 12. Vol. I, p 245 T V, Farmington: "Att the same meetting there was chosen for surveyer of Highway Adonajah Lewis for Kensington Society."

1752, Apl. 27. P 46 Andrews: Ever since 1739 Adonijah's father Jonathan had, with other residents of East street and the northern part of Kensington parish, been petitioning the General Court for a separate Church, at least during a part of the year. On a petition of this date Adonijah appears for the first time in addition to Jonathan, being among those "from the southwest part of the parish of Kensington." As with all the others, however, it was "negatived" by the General Assembly. Adonijah was now thirty years old. Probably he had already learned the blacksmith trade and possibly had set up his shop which, according to Camp, was located at the extreme south end of old East street near its junction with Christian Lane. His shop was the first one in South end of New Britain and probably antedated the shop of our Thomas Richards which was the first in the

north end. Both shops compete for the honor of being the very first within the confines of New Britain. As yet Adonijah has not married and until he does he probably lived with his father who had his house close by the shop around the bend. Camp says, "He worked the farm for a part of the time and spent part of the time at the blacksmith shop. His name is in the public records as a man of public spirit and business and was especially active in the welfare of the new Society of New Britain."

1753, Dec. 10. Vol. I, p 257 T V, Farmington: "Att the same meeting there was chosen for Listers Adonijah Lewis," among the nine.

1754, Dec. 9. P 260 Do: Adonijah Lewis is elected one of eight constables, and for the next five successive elections, he was voted into the same office.

1755, April 7. P 236 Do: "Att a freemens meeting Adonijah Lewis & Selah Hart" are two of the 15 made free.

1757, August. Vol. 7, p 34 Rev. War: In the French & Indian War, in which his father was likewise engaged, Adonijah Lewis was a Corporal in Major Elizur Talcott's company, Sixth Regiment, Conn., called for services on an alarm for relief of Fort William Henry. He was among the nine who rode horses from Farmington, there being 62 in the company, and his service, like that of most of them, was for 17 days.

1759, Dec. 18. Vol. I, p 271 T V, Farmington: "Att the same meeting there was chosen for Colectors to gather the Town rate for the current yeare Adonijah Lewis," with five others.

1760, July 31. Vol. XI, p 592 L R, Farmington: Now a veteran of the war and thirty eight years old he takes Mary Bronson for his bride at seventeen and one-half years. Rev. Benjamin Chapman tied the wedding knot at Southington, probably at her home there. The Town record reads: "Adonijah Lewis and Mary Brownson were Joyned in marriage July 31, 1760." Andrews says Adonijah had house where now (1862) John Ellis lives. He says the same thing also about Isaac Lewis. But Isaac Lewis, who was Adonijah's uncle, had moved to Southington before 1727, and it was thus quite possible for both to have occupied the same house. Between Isaac's removal and Adonijah's marriage it may have been either sold or rented or idle until Adonijah's family revived it. The site was beautifully located on an elevation which commanded a splendid view of the surrounding country in every direction. It faces south on South street about 500 feet from the corner of Rocky Hill avenue.

1761, Oct. 18. P 160 Andrews: Adonijah Lewis joins the new Church at New Britain, and is No. 88 on the New Britain First Church roll of members. His young bride on the same day owned the covenant.

1763, Dec. 12. Vol. I, p 284 T V, Farmington: "There was chosen for Listers Adonijah Lewis," among ten; but he declined the office.

1772. P 75 Andrews: On a "Tax List of New Britain Parish 1772," Adonijah Lewis is one of the 111 citizens taxed. His assessment was £54-06-00. This was close to the Revolution. The entire assessment for New Britain was £6,183-00-00.

1776, Aug. 25. His father makes will in these words: "Item I will and bequeath to my two Sons Adonijah and William all my estate both real and Personal forever wherever it may be found to be equally divided between them after my Debts and funeral Charges are paid . . . and I do hereby Constitute and appoint my two sons Adonijah and William to be my Executors to this my last Will & Testament."

1778, Mch. 16. At a Court of Probate held in Farmington the father's will was approved; but it is added, "the Executors (Adonijah & William) not accepting the trust." The cause of this refusal does not appear nor can we imagine it unless both were under long-time sickness. No other executors seem to have been appointed, hence they probably did carry out the trust.

1785, May 9. Vol. I, p 246 L R, Berlin, & Vol. III, p 338 L R, Berlin: Adonijah and William Lewis sell to Thankful Booth $9\frac{1}{2}$ acres, on "Walnut Hill so called," for £57; and on same day to Elijah Dickinson, one acre "on Walnut Hill so called, on the North-westerly part of our land in Farmington," for £6.

From this date down to 1794 Adonijah gives 13 warantee deeds for various amounts of land. Records of two of these follow. The first one would indicate that he was disposing of the homestead to son Seth with the idea of retiring from active business and spending his remaining days with Seth's family. His wife had died before the 1791 deed was drawn.

1790. P 33 Conn. Divn, U. S. Census: Under "Berlin Town", 447 heads of families are recorded. "Adonijah Lewis" appears with "2 free white males of 16 years and upward, including heads of families," one "free white male under 16 years," and two "free white females including heads of families." Of the 12 children five at least have died by this time, perhaps six. All the rest are now single and are living at home except one or two who are teaching perhaps or working away from home.

1791, Apl. 27. Vol. III, p 50 L R: "I Adjonijah Lewis of Berlin for the consideration of £27 Lawful Money received of Seth Lewis of sd Berlin do sell to him my lot of land in New Britain Society in sd Berlin, on which my dwelling house stands, containing five acres & one half acre, with the Buildings thereon and is butted South on highway, West on John Andrus's land, & part on Samuel Whittlesey's land, East on Abel Allis land; reserving the improvements of the premises three years from the date hereof."

1794, Sept. 25. Vol 5, p 49 L R: "We Adnojah Lewis and Seth Lewis, both of the town of Berlin, for £140 Lawful money received of Ebenezer Bishop of sd Berlin, do sell to him our Homelot lying in New Britain Society, in sd Berlin containing seventeen acres of land together with the Buildings thereon standing and is butted East on Abel Allis's land, South on highway in part, North on Lemuel Whittlesey's Land, West part on Thos. Booth's land, and part on Asahel Deming or John Goodrich's land and South part on sd Deming's or Goodrich's land."

1799, Dec. 22. G S R: Seventy seven years have been reached and Adonijah Lewis is called home. He lived thirty more years than his wife, but only ten years after her. He died intestate at the home of Dr. John Andrews, his son-in-law - just eight days after the death of George Washington, the Father of his Country. He lies buried in the New Britain Cemetery and a headstone marks his grave reading: "In Memory of | Mr. Adonijah Lewis | who died | Dec. 22, 1799."

Camp says, "The early settlers of New Britain were many of them heads of large families. Seth Stanley and wife had sixteen children; Ebenezer Steele Jr., fifteen; Benjamin Judd, Lemuel Hotchkiss and Adonijah Lewis, all living on East Street, and Nathaniel Churchill, twelve each; Colonel Gad Stanley, Benjamin Hart, Jehudi Hart, and Ebenezer Steele, each eleven." On page 412 of his history, Camp gives this biographical sketch: "Adonijah Lewis, son of Captain Jonathan, had home at the south end of East street, on the farm inherited from his father. He worked upon the farm a part of the time, but he had learned the blacksmith's trade, and this occupied a portion of his time. He was active in public matters and especially interested in the Welfare of the new Society of New Britain. He had a large family, several members of which became residents of the centre of the Society.

"Three of the sons of Adonijah Lewis, having learned the tinner's trade, (which was first started in the U. S. at Kensington, Conn., in 1740), established shops in the New Britain parish. The business was at first conducted on East Street by Seth Lewis before 1800. A few years later, his brother Erastus Lewis, had his tin shop on the West side of Main street near where George Hart's house now stands (1889). Another brother, Isaac Lewis, about the same time, established the tin business in Stanley Quarter. Erastus Lewis, after manufacturing tin ware for some years on the west side of Main street, commenced making clock weight's and bells, and it was not long before these clocks and bells were sold in the Southern and Western States with the brass goods and tinware. Erastus eventually moved his business to Waterbury."

1800, June 19. Vol. 5, p 162-3 P Ct, Farmington: "An Inventory of the Estate of Mr. Adonijah Lewis late of Berlin dec'd taken by us the subscribers under oath:

Hat .50, blk coat 2.50, do vest 1.00, old coat .44, great coat 1.00	\$ 5.44
velvet breeches 1.50, blue do .34, leather do .59, old do .17	2.60

woolen trousers 1.00, linin do .44, silk h'd'k'ff .40, vest .12	\$ 1.96
old do .08, 2 linin shirts 1.00, old do .13, 2 old hhm do .25	1.46
worsted hose .75, blue do .50, old do .25, white do .09	1.59
linin do .12, old blk do .08, boots 2.00, shoes .80	3.00
leather gloves .25, silver knee buckles .42, feather bed 4.00	4.67
under do .20, bolster .34, bed quilt 3.00, blkt .40, old do .08	4.02
2 white do .50, 3 linin sheets .75, bedstead & cord 1.00	2.25
large pewter bason .50, 3 pint do .17, pint cup .2592
teapot 20, salt tumbler .03, bed pan .68, Belamy's Sermt .09	1.00
books by J. Lawrence .09, Gun with small bore 2.50	2.59
bone .22, Gun with large base 1.25, sword .06, do .09, sheers .12, ½ lb. indigo .50	2.24
Desk 3.00, case & 4 bottles .50, 1 chair .12, do .06, crobar 1.17, addzs .34	5.10
Iron fitters .50, old ax .25, steeyds .40, iron wedge .22, ladle .09, Cow & calf 19.00	20.46
Weavers loom 4.00, salt mortar .25, saddle 3.50, right in library 2.67	10.42
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Test: THOMAS HART } appraisers	\$76.81"
JONATHAN BELDEN }	

No land is mentioned. It had all been given to the children.

1800, July 21. Vol. 5, p 94 P Ct: "At a Court of Probate holden at Farmington in the district of Farmington on the 21st day of July A D 1800, Letters of Administration are granted on the estate of Adonijah Lewis late of Berlin dec'd to Seth Lewis of sd Berlin bond taken & on file.

"At the same Court Seth Lewis Adm' on the estate of Adjonijah Lewis late of Berlin dec'd now in Court suggests & represents the estate of sd dec'd to be insolvent and insufficient to pay all the debts Justly due from sd estate. Whereupon this Court do appoint Messrs Jonathan Beiden & Thomas Hart both of sd Berlin Commissioners as the Law directs on the estate of sd dec'd to receive examine & adjust the claims of the creditors of sd estate and see they are evidenced & made out & a true list thereof on Oath make & return to this Court within six months from the date hereof."

1800, Aug. 15. P 163 Do: "The foregoing Inventory approved by the Court August 15, A D 1800."

1801, Feb'y 2. P 124 Do: "Addition to the Inventory of the estate of Adonijah Lewis dec'd, viz., debts collected into money \$17.68." This is the last probate item recorded apparently.

CHILDREN

(all born in Farmington, present New Britain Section; the seven sisters
all died of consumption between ages 20 & 34)

1. LUCY b. Dec. 18, 1761; m. a 1781, Noah Stanley; she d. July 24, 1784, a 23 he d. May 4, 1829, a 70 2 ch
He was a light horseman in the Revolution; he became a substantial farmer, a man of scrupulous honesty and firm integrity. His father kept the Stanley Quarter tavern adjoining Thomas Richards' blacksmith shop on the north. He m (2) Experience Welles who d. Aug. 9, 1789, a 31, leaving two children. He m (3) Sept. 1790, Naomi Burritt who d. Jan'y 12, 1853, a 92. Six children blessed this third union. 2 ch
6 ch
2. LYDIA b. 1763; m. Meh. 23, 1780, Amos Richards (see below)
3. POLLY b. Nov., 1765; m. 1786, Nathaniel Andrews; she d. Jan'y 1, 1789, a 24 he d. Sept. 27, 1845, a 83 1 ch
She was No. 184 and he No. 251 on New Britain First Church Roll. She joined Oct. 3, 1784 during the only revival of any note in Dr. Smalley's ministry of over half a century. He was in the Revolution at sixteen. He m (2) Oct. 3, 1790, Jerusha Sage of Berlin, Ct., No. 250 on 1st Church Roll, who bore nine children and d. Dec. 9, 1857, a 86. With second wife he removed to Whitestone, N. Y. Both d., however, at Flint, Mich. He was of a kind and conciliatory spirit greatly beloved and respected. 9 ch
4. PHEBE bp. May 15, 1768; m. May 10, 1792, Dr. John Andrews; she d. Nov. 13, 1797, a 29 he d. June 19, 1839, a 82 1 ch
He was No. 197 and she No. 249 on New Britain 1st Church Roll. A stone is erected to her memory in N. B. cemetery next to Amos Richards' monument. Dr. John taught school for several years. He then became a physician and was in the Revolution. He lived in New Britain parish on West Main street, one mile west of village. He m (2) Meh. 16, 1800, Caroline Brunson who bore 5 children and d. Dec. 25, 1846, a 77. He was kind hearted and a good Christian. 5 ch

5. ELIZABETH bp. July 1, 1770; she d. Apl. 2, 1790, a 20
A stone to her memory is erected in N. B. cemetery.
6. SETH b. May 3, 1772; m. Feb'y 15, 1795, Lydia Wright; he d. Feb'y 2, 1849, a 77 she d. Aug. 17, 1858, a 86 2 ch
He was No. 439 and she 440 on New Britain First Church Roll. He was a tin smith on East street - the first in New Britain. His wife was a woman of great intelligence and fine mind. She could at 86 stoop and pick up a pin from the floor without bending her knees. Late in life they moved to Philadelphia. They are ancestors of Mrs. Harriet Southworth Lewis Barnes who wrote (1910) the attractive little Lewis History with collateral lines, many of them being close to us. She presented a copy to the writer. Both Seth and Lydia are buried in Monument Cemetery in Philadelphia, where their stones are standing.
7. ERASTUS b. June, 1774; m. May 28, 1801, Salome Booth; he d. May 21, 1826, a 52 she d. Sept. 3, 1866, a 81 12 ch
He is No. 567 and she 568 on New Britain First Church Roll. He had tin shop on Main street near Y. M. C. A. corner. Later he made clock weights and bells; and eventually he moved his business to Waterbury - "a pious good man."
8. SALLY b. Sept. 15, 1776; m. Nov. 6, 1796, William Smith; she d. Feb'y 4, 1810, a 34 he d. Nov. 2, 1838 4 ch
She was No. 337 on N. B. 1st Church Roll. He was partner of North, Lee, Smith & Shipman manufacturing jewelers (org. 1807). Was in General Assembly, justice, etc. He m (2) Feb'y 10, 1812, Lucretia Moore who bore five children and died Mch. 17, 1866, a 77, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Harriet Brown (mother of Katherine M. Brooks) 5 ch
9. GAD bp. July 9, 1779
10. ISAAC bp. Aug. 13, 1780; he d. young
11. ISAAC bp. Oct. 13, 1782; m. Oct. 28, 1804, Ursula Francis; he d. Oct. 20, 1837, a 55 she d. Sept. 2, 1850, a 70 6 ch
He is No. 458 in N. B. First Church Roll. She is No. 957. He was a conscientious Christian. He was a tinner with shop in Stanley Quarter, N. B. They were parents of Charles M. Lewis, manfg. jeweler on Main St., N.B.
12. ABI bp. Mch. 20, 1785; m. Nov. 5, 1802, Thomas Eddy; she d. May 6, 1814, a 29 he d. May 28, 1830, a 52
She was playmate of Polly Richards who was niece of Abi of same age. See Polly's memoirs. They lived in New Britain. He m (2) Sept. 18, 1814, Nancy Hamblin, No. 419 on First Church Roll. She d. Sept., 1852, a 63, at Lama, Penn.

LINE OF DESCENT

Amos Richards b. 1759 m. Lydia Lewis b. 1763 —
 Salmon Eno b. 1779 m. Mary Richards b. 1785 —
 Ozias Buell Bassette b. 1807 m. Emeline Eno b. 1805 —
 Frederick Henry Bassette b. 1839 m. Margaret Anderson b. 1844

Child.

William, b. England.

II. WILLIAM LEWIS (s. of the emigrant William, who came in the ship *Lion*), b. England. —; m. (1) Mary Hopkins, dau. of William Hopkins of Stratford and (Widow Whitehead) Hopkins; (2) Mary Cheever, Nov. 22, 1671; she was bap. New Haven Nov. 29, 1640; d. Jan. 19, 1728. She was the dau. of Ezekiel Cheever, of New Haven and Boston, the celebrated schoolmaster. His widow, Mary, m. (2) Jan. 13, —, Deacon Thomas Bull of Hartford. He lived in Farmington. Mr. Lewis was the first recorder of Farmington, which was incorporated in 1645. He had 16 children, and 13 were living at his death.

Children, by first wife, born Farmington.

Mary, b. May 6, 1645; m. Benjamin Judd.
 Philip, bap. Dec. 13, 1646; m. Sarah Ashley.
 Samuel, b. Aug. 18, 1648; m. Elizabeth Judd.
 Sarah, b. about 1652; m. Samuel Boltwood.
 Hannah, b. —; m. (1) Saml. Crow; (2) Danl. Marsh.
 William, bap. Mar. 15, 1656; m. Phebe Moore.
 Felix, bap. Dec. 12, 1658; m. Thos. Selden.
 Ebenezer, b. —; m. Elizabeth Merriman.
 John, b. May 15, 1665; d. 1694, unm.
 James, b. July 10, 1667; m. Mary Meekins.

Children, by second wife.

Elizabeth, b. Oct. 2, 1672; d. 1674.
 Ezekiel, b. Nov. 7, 1674; m. (1) Mary Braden; (2) Widow Abigail (Dudson) Kilecup.
 Nathaniel, b. Oct. 1, 1676; m. Abigail Ashley.
 Abigail, b. Sept. 19, 1678; m. William Wadsworth.
 Joseph, bap. March 15, 1679; d. Aug., 1679.
 Daniel, b. July 16, 1681; d. March 16, 1682.

III. Sergeant SAMUEL LEWIS (s. William and Mary (Hopkins) Lewis, William), b. Aug. 18, 1648; d. Nov. 25, 1725; m. (1) Elizabeth, dau. of John Judd; (2) Mary —. (See below.)

Children, born Farmington.

Hannah, bap. Oct. 4, 1691; m. Joseph Gridley.
 Samuel, b. March 29, 1692; m. Aug. 11, 1720, Mary, widow of Samuel Cole.
 John, b. Sept. 25, 1703; m.
 Nehemiah, b. May 3, 1705; m. (1) Jerusha Gridley; (2) Experience Strong.
 Nathan, b. Jan. 23, 1707; m. Mary Gridley.
 Ester, b. Nov. 8, 1708. (Record says, "Ester, bap. Sep. 9.")
 Abigail, b. Dec. 31, 1709; m. Phebe Gridley.
 —, b. Jan. 13, 1713.

See if over
 W and Bull

Bull

Note Mr. Early Benjamin - in Wallingford 1670 of
 H. He and Hannah / Curtis & 1654 D. 1728. (Ester of John)



From church records, Farmington: "Mary Lewis, wife of Samuel," joined church by letter April 21, 1707. From Private Controversies, in State Library, Hartford, say May 20, 1714: "Samuel Lewis, of Farmington." His w. Mary and s. Samuel say he is "bereft of reason," and they petition for leave to sell land. According to that he had a wife Mary at that time, and she was not Mary Cole, who m. Samuel, his s., in 1729, the latter being brother to Josiah and Job.

III. WILLIAM LEWIS (s. William, William), b. Farmington; bap. March 15, 1656; m. Phebe Moore, b. April 25, 1669; d. Aug. 19, 1725; dau. Isaac and Ruth (Stanley) Moore of Farmington.

Children, born Farmington.

- Ruth, b. Sept. 12, 1679; m. Samuel Gridley.
- Sarah, b. April 15, 1682.
- Isaac, b. April 26, 1685.
- William, b. Aug. 31, 1687; d. Jan. 17, 1713.
- Daniel, b. Dec. 10, 1691; m. Mary Stroug.
- Phebe, b. Sept. 3, 1694; d. —, 1712.
- Jonathan, b. June 2, 1697; m. Elizabeth Newell.

III. EBENEZER LEWIS (s. William, William), b. Farmington about 1660; d. 1709; m. Dec. 2, 1685, Elizabeth Merriman, b. Sept. 14, 1669; dau. of Capt. Nathaniel Merriman. He removed to Wallingford about 1684 and lived in the east part of the town. He was a blacksmith. His son Caleb was appointed guardian, 1713, to Benjamin, Malachi, and Agape; and Capt. John Merriman to Elizabeth, Barnabas, and Hannah.

Children, born Wallingford.

- H Ezekiah, b. Oct. 12, 1686; m. Abigail —.
- Caleb, b. Oct. 15, 1691; m. Widow Sarah (Clark) Cook.
- Felix, b. Oct. 25, 1693; (called "Selekey" in His. Wallingford).
- Elizabeth, b. Oct. 15, 1695.
- Barnabas, b. Nov. 4, 1697; m. Elizabeth —.
- Hannah, b. Oct. 10, 1699; m. Samuel Cook.
- Benjamin, b. Sept. 25, 1701; m. Esther Matthews.
- Malachi, b. Oct. 4, 1703; settled in Middletown.
- Agape, b. Jan. 10, 1705.

III. NATHANIEL LEWIS (s. William and Mary (Cheever) Lewis, William), b. Farmington Oct. 1, 1676; d. Feb. 24, 1752; m. (1) Nov. 25, 1699, Abigail, dau. of David and Hannah (Grover) Ashley, b. Westfield, Mass., April 27, 1681; d. April 11, 1723; (2) July 4, 1726, Widow Thankful (Pomeroy) Lyman, b. Northampton, Mass., May 31, 1709; d. Sept. 18, 1733; dau. of Medad and Experience (Woodward)

Pomeroy and widow of Lieut. Benjamin Lyman, by whom she had 12 children. She returned to Northampton after her husband's death, in 1752. Mr. Lewis owned the covenant May 9, 1708, and, with his wife, joined the church March 19, 1710.

Children, born Farmington, by first wife.

- Abigail, b. Nov. 15, 1701; m. Joseph Lyman.
- Nathaniel, b. Jan. 1, 1703; m. Rachel Kelsey.
- Elisha, b. Dec. 3, 1705; d. April 28, 1708.
- Noadiah, b. April 27, 1708; m. Elizabeth Smith.
- Elisha, b. July 23, 1710; m. —.
- Sarah, b. May 8, 1712; m. Joseph Hooker.
- Mary, b. Dec. 18, 1714; m. (1) James Stimson; (2) Ellahaz Andrews.
- Mercy, b. April 16, 1717; d. Aug. 2, 1718.
- Ezekiel, b. Nov. 19, 1718; m. (1) Sarah Wait; (2) Widow Anne Porter.
- Phineas, b. April 11, 1722; m. Sarah Norton.

IV. SAMUEL LEWIS (s. Serg. Samuel, William, William), b. Farmington, March 29, 1692; m. Widow Mary Cole Aug. 11, 1720.

Children.

- Samuel, b. Aug. 16, 1721; m. Ruth Yale.
- Hannah, b. Sept. 23, 1724.

IV. NEHEMIAH LEWIS (s. Serg. Samuel, William, William), b. Farmington May 3, 1705; d. at Goshen July 10, 1779. Buried in East St. cemetery. He m. (1) Nov. 21, 1728, Jernsha Gridley, b. Feb. 6, 1711-12; d. Bethlehem, Conn., Sept. 25, 1745; dau. of Samuel and Ruth (Lewis) Gridley. Her mother was the oldest child of William and Phebe (Moore) Lewis. He m. (2) Sept. 19, 1749, Experience Strong, b. April 10, 1714; d. Bethlehem Nov. 28, 1805; dau. of Jonathan and Mehitabel (Stebbins) Strong of Northampton, Mass. He joined the church in Farmington in 1734, and his children were baptized. He was a member of the church in Goshen prior to the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Hooker. His wife, Experience, was converted at Northampton during the pastorate of the Rev. Jonathan Edwards. He probably removed to Goshen about 1748, as this was his residence at the time of his second marriage. Was representative from G. in 1767. His children received part of the estate of their uncle, Elias Strong, of Northampton.

Children, by first wife.

- Ruth, b. Sept. 1, 1729; m. (1) James Davis; (2) Ebenezer Buell.
- William, b. Dec. 7, 1736; m. Mary Buell.
- Jernsha, b. Jan. 15, ; m. John Hill.
- Nehemiah, b. Dec. 13, ; m. Esther Lyman.
- Mercy, b. —; m. Dea. Neah Porter.

(Above may not be in correct order.)

Step to a better Benjamin

*Wrong
was the Sarah Lewis to Wallingford (m. Stratford) 1670 soon after sold & returned to earlier Benjamin*

(over for Benjamin)

*Medad 1757-06
Hannah Buell
1757-06
7-8-1790
Benjamin's children
May 4-11-1691
Sarah 9-25-1692
Ezekiah 10-1-1693
Caleb 10-15-1695
Felix 10-25-1693
Elizabeth 10-15-1695
Barnabas 11-4-1697
Hannah 10-10-1699
Benjamin 9-25-1701
Malachi 10-4-1703
Agape 1-10-1705*

Buell

Benjamin Lewis - fr. Stratford to Wallingford, Conn.

1670. ~~and~~ 1675 one of 13 men who estab. the Church

Md - Hannah ¹⁷²⁸ Curtis b 1654 -
Dan of famer of John Curtis
Wallingford, Conn.

first 2 of 10 child. b. Wallingford

When he ret. to Stratford (when d 1700) he exch.
properties w John Hull who became Wallingford's
1st Dr. (Lewis home now Russell Beavers keep)

Also "Ode to The Old Elm" written about ^{one of} Wallingford
beautiful elms - it give Benj. Lewis credit for
planting it -

Children

John - 1672

Mary - 1674 (d. Wallingford)

James - 1677

Edmund 1679 - d 1757 @ 78 and Hannah Beach -

Joseph 1683

Narral 1685 and Joseph Jones -

Mary 1688 " Sam Fairchild

Murtha 1691 and James Judson 1712

Benj - 1696 v Eunice and Judson Buxton 1721

Handwritten notes in red:
This son - Edmund Jr.
had 3 on with
was father of
Benj's and
Judson (Hallow
Wells)
15-21-1700
(See Beach charts)
son of
Richard Beach -
Cath. Cooke - wife
of Andrew Hull

By second wife.

Experience, b. ———, 1751; m. May 4, 1769, Ebenezer Norton; d. Oct. 30, 1781.

Olive, b. June 20, 1754; m. (1) Abraham Parnesse; (2) Dr. Titus Hull.

IV. Sergeant ISAAC LEWIS (s. William, William, William), b. Farmington April 20, 1685; d. Southington, Conn., April —, 1761; m. (1) May 4, 1710, Abigail Curtiss of Wethersfield; d. Aug. 3, 1727; (2) Jan. 29, 1728-9, Phebe Ward of Wethersfield; d. Feb. 12, 1758. He was a petitioner Oct. 11, 1765, for a society at Great Swamp. He lived for a time in New Britain and removed to Southington, south end.

Children, born New Britain and Southington.

Eldad, b. Feb. 15, 1711; m. (1) Sarah Ward; (2) Widow Jerusha Cowles.

Medad, b. Sept. 8, 1712.

William, b. Dec. 24, 1714.

Phebe, b. Oct. 16, 1715; d. Sept. 27, 1719.

Isaac, b. Sept. 11, 1719; m. Keziah ———.

Gideon, b. Jan. 3, 1720-1; m. Rachel Woodruff.

Jahn, b. Oct. 2, 1722; d. June 1, 1741.

Abigail, b. Aug. 25, 1725.

Charles, b. June 12, 1727; d. Dec. 17, 1727.

Charles, bap. Southington May 30, 1731.

IV. DANIEL LEWIS (s. William, William, William), b. Dec. 6, 1691; d. ———; m. May 1, 1718, Mary Strong, dau. of Asahel and Margaret (Hart) Strong, b. Farmington Jan. 22, 1692-3; d. April 9, 1751. He was a farmer, resided in Farmington; joined the church there in 1734, and his children were baptized.

Children, born Farmington.

Elizabeth, b. May 23, 1719.

Daniel, b. Sept. 24, 1721.

Ethan, b. July 27, 1724; m.

Sarah, b. Dec. 22, 1726; m. Lieut. Ellsha Strong.

Mary, b. Jan. 25, 1728-9.

Abigail, b. June 8, 1731.

Seth, b. Nov. 14, 1733; d. 1750.

Phebe, b. Dec. 14, 1735; m. Fisher Gay.

William, b. about 1738; d. 1749.

IV. Captain JONATHAN LEWIS (s. William, William, William), b. June 2, bap. June 6, 1697; m. Jan. 28, 1720, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wrotham) Newell, b. Farmington Nov. 1, 1689. In 1739 he was one of a committee in Kensington. He was moderator of the first meeting of the First Ecclesiastical Society, New Britain, Dec. 2, 1754.

Children.

Adonijah, b. Farmington July 12, 1722; m. July 31, 1760, Mary Bronson; had 12 children.

Phebe (may have been the first born).

Jonathan, b. ———; d. Sept. 29, 1727.

William, b. Kensington, 1737; m. (1) Hannah Mather; (2) Azubah Gridley.

Thomas, b. Kensington; m. Anna Andrews.

IV. CALER LEWIS (s. Ebenezer, William, William), b. Wallingford Oct. 15, 1691; d. ———; m. Nov. 28, 1713, Widow Sarah (Clark) Cook; b. Aug. 20, 1681; dau. of Ebenezer and Sarah (Poock) Clark and widow of Isaac Cook, who d. 1712, s. of Samuel and Hope (Parker) Cook. Isaac and Sarah (Clark) Cook had Sarah, b. July 20, 1707; Amos, d. in childhood; Mindwell, b. May, 1700; m. Caleb Evarts of Guilford; and Isaac, b. July 22, 1710.

Children, born Wallingford.

Ichabod, b. April 13, 1714; d. March 1, 1718.

Ebenezer, b. April 14, 1715; m. Sarah Everett.

Caleb, b. Feb. 28, 1717; m. Eunice Welton.

Ichabod, b. ———, 1718; m. (1) Sarah ———; (2) Esther ———.

Hezekiah, b. Oct. 14, 1720; m. Abigail Chamberlain.

V. Ensign NEHEMLAH LEWIS (s. Nehemiah, Serg. Samuel, William, William), b. Dec. 13, ———; d. ———; m. Dec. 31, 1767, Esther Lyman, dau. of Ebenezer Lyman of Torrington.

Children, born Goshen.

Miles, b. Feb. 18, 1769; m. Rhoda Swift.

Elisba, b. Jan. 18, 1771; m. Sally Marsh.

Mery, d. about six years old.

William, b. ———; m. Sarah Ann Calhoun, dau. of John Calhoun of Cornwall, Conn. They had eight children.

Harry, b.

V. EXPERIENCE LEWIS (dau. of Nehemiah, Sgt. Samuel, William, William), b. ———, 1751; d. Oct. 30, 1781; m. May 4, 1769, Ebenezer Norton, b. Goshen April 12, 1748; d. Sept. 24, 1795; s. of Col. Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Norton he m. (2) June 5, 1782, Charity Mills, b. Norfolk, Conn., May 4, 1759; dau. of Dea. Joseph and Sarah (Lewis) Mills. Sarah Lewis was second cousin to Experience.

Children, born Goshen.

Lucy, b. Feb. 25, 1770; m. William Stanley, Jr.

Sybil, b. Aug. 14, 1771; m. Gen. David Thomson.

Abraham, b. June 1, 1773; m. Rhoda Thomson.

Theodore, b. Feb. 17, 1775; m. Mary Judd.

Note: Grand alderman needs a Lucy Lewis *and* Job Phelps *9-5-10-1727* *Their dau. Tabitha*

and Timothy Alderman to Ohio 1804

1. WILLIAM LEWIS, b. England; d. Farmington, Conn., Aug. 2, 1683; m. Felix ———; d. Hadley, Mass., April 17, 1671.

He came in the ship *Lion*, landing in Boston, Sept. 16, 1632; was admitted freeman Nov. 6, 1632, and joined the Braintree company, which removed to Newtown (Cambridge), in Aug., 1633. He was in Cambridge, Mass., in 1635, and lived at the northwest corner of Winthrop and Holyoke Streets. In 1636 he came with a company to Hartford, Conn., and in 1659 again removed and became one of the founders of Hadley, Mass., and represented the town in the General Court in 1662. He also lived in Northampton in 1664, and was representative from there. Previous to 1667 he removed to Farmington, Conn., where he was a member of the church, March 12, 1679-80. The will of Thomas Olcott of Hartford, Nov., 1653, leaves one pound to "brother Will Lewis, Sen." That might indicate that his wife "Felix" was Felix Olcott.

*Please Rat'd try to
me. Prob not mother
since they may be Lewis
line*

*Note: Sent this to
Grace Alderman
127 Tilden ave - Chardon,
Ohio 44024.*

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Lewis family

The Tri-State PACKET – March 2006

**The Will of Thomas Lewis of Nelson County,
Kentucky**

*From the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society Collection, Willard Library
Submitted by Patricia Sides, Archivist*

Know all men by these presents that I, Thomas Lewis, being of sound mind but of advanced age, do think it proper to make and ordain this my last will and testament, towit:

1st. I consign and direct that my body be decently interred.

2nd. To my wife, Judith, I give and bequeath the Plantation whereon I now live, together with all the improvements on the same, and one third part of my farming tools, together with one third part of my Household and Kitchen furniture for and during her natural life. I further give and bequeath to my wife, Judith, one third part of my negro slaves for and during her natural life, she having her choice, at a price fixed by appraisers.

3rd. On the decease of my wife, Judith, it is my will that my Plantation and land be sold and the proceeds of the sale to be equally divided between my six children, John Lewis, Sarah Weller, Elizabeth Tonge, Catherine Protzman, Juliet Remy and Fannie Jones.

4th. To the children of Moses Harrold, deceased, by my daughter, Ann, I give and bequeath one eighth part of my personal estate, and the same proportion of my negroes, not heretofore disposed of, and at the decease of my wife the same proportion of the negroes and effects she may leave.

5th. I give and bequeath unto Butler Remy of Nelson County in trust for the benefit and use of the children of William McAhron, by my daughter Jane, now dead, named Felix, Elisha, James, William, Julia Ann and Laura, the one equal part of all my negroes and personal property not heretofore disposed of, and at the decease of my wife, Judith, the same proportion of the negroes and effects she may leave, to be paid them as they respectively become of age or are married, deducting therefor[e] the value of a negro man named Daniel heretofore delivered to their father to their use under contract, which has never been complied with.

6th. It is my will that my old negro slave, Rebecca, after the decease of my wife, or sooner if she choose, may choose which of my children she will live with.

7th. I give and bequeath until William McAhron, the former husband of my deceased daughter Jane, the sum of Five Dollars, to be paid out of the sale of my effects.

I do further ordain and appoint my son-in-law, Butler Remy, to be Executor and my wife, Judith, to be Executrix to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th March, 1820.

(Signed) Thomas Lewis

Witnesses present:

Cyrus Talbert,
Oliver Howard,
Wilson L. Ferguson,

Probated 19th August, 1822. Recorded in Liber D, page 102, Nelson County, Ky.



OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

James Lewis (continued)

Margaret McCarty \$182.96

Louisa(Lavinia)Lewis \$182.96 Receipt from guardian Hugh McDonald

all daughters of James Lewis

Evidently all the land owned by James Lewis was sold,except for the bequest to Andrew J. Lewis, at the time of final settlement to pay out distributions. Negroes given to sons and money to daughters, is all that's noted except these final amounts.

*Minerva is listed on the 1860 census of Noxubee County, Mississippi as Mrs. M. Lyon and at some time her children by Mizzell were known as Lyon other than this census.

Records received July 20 1993 from a descendants spouse Cathron Davis, are from JOHN SKELTON OF GEORGIA by Retired Colonel John Skelton of Virginia and from THE NEVILL FAMILY by Ivan B. Nevill of Houston Tx. Also from family records of Mrs. John Clay Lewis, Mrs. Evelyn Lewis Robinson, and various county records in the county mentioned, also state census.

Received in Feb. 1994 from another descendant, Charles Germany who had additional information from the family Bible which had belonged to Mrs. Pam McWilliams of Winnsboro, La. who is now deceased since she sent him records in 1989.

There is a record of marriage of a James Lewis to Nancy Thralkill in Bibb County, Alabama 11 May 1826. There is a gap of 4 years between last child of James and Sarah till he married Martha E. Flemming in 1828, so it is possible this could be another wife. Evidently there were no children by her, as none listed in family Bible. Neither is the marriage of Martha Ervaline Flemming and the birth of her two children, Martha and George Wright Lewis, but these two are mentioned in James Lewis will.

James Lewis (continued)

same	Andrew J. Lewis	\$222.00
	Total	\$1126.50
Intrest on above notes from 28 Dec.1837-8 Nov.1852		28.17
		\$1154.61
	Payments	822.34
	Total	332.27
Paid Minerva Lyon	\$100.00	
Martha Parker	\$202.36	
Margaret Lewis	\$167.96	
Lavinia Lewis	\$167.96	
Est. A. Foster ?	\$91.81	
Dr. Reuben Searcy	\$1.50	
Judge of Probate	\$9.50	
Martin & Son (printing)	\$5.00	
Edmond Parker medicine	\$4.25	
C.M. Cook	\$25.00	
Allowed Admr.	\$28.00	
Court cost	\$16.00	
Total	\$822.34	

The \$1500.00 due Martha Parker paid, \$600.00 due Minerva Mizzle paid
Mortgage for William and Mary Weatherford paid as of November 1852.

Orphans Court Minutes Book 6 page 43-44 dated 28 August, 1854
on 12 July 1854, Admr. filed account and vouchers for annual settlement.
Admr. chargable with sum of \$1030.80
entitled to \$159.20
Subject to distribution \$871.60

Pay to Catherine Lewis (Moon?) 1/5 part \$174.32
Pay to each child of James Lewis before mentioned \$58.10

Orphans Court Minutes Book 6 pages 488-490
dated 27 April 1857 cont;d from 1st monday in April
Admr. filed vouchers and accounts...appear correct.
Admr. chargable \$3,138.50
Admr. account \$393.97
To be distributed \$2744.53
Pay Catherine Lewis \$248.91
remaining to distribute between 12 children
Charles A. Lewis \$182.96
James Lewis, Jr. \$182.96 receipt for \$125.00
Andrew J. Lewis \$182.96 same
George W. Lewis \$182.96
Wiley Lewis \$182.96 receipt from guardian Hugh McDonald
Thomas Lewis \$182.96 same
all sons of James Lewis
Mary Weatherford \$182.96 receipt for \$125.00
Manerva Lyon \$ \$185.00 note excess of \$2.04
Sarah Williams \$185.00 same
Martha Parker \$185.00 same and received by husband Edmond

James Lewis (continued)

2 March 1825	W1/2 of NW1/4 S9 T23 R5E	79.35	#4562
12 September 1835	E1/2 of NE1/4 S10 T23 R5E	79.35	#15915
21 May 1836	N1/2 of SE1/4 S9 T23 R5E	79.35	#19314
13 June 1835	W1/2 of SW1/4 S4 T23 R5E	81.06	#14876
8 December 1837	W1/2 of SE1/4 S10 T24 R5E	79.45	#23294

Tuscaloosa Co. A1 Deed Book A, pp676-678 John Harper sold to James Lewis on February 1826, for \$900.

E1/2 of SW1/4 of S3 T23 R5E

W1/2 of NW1/4 of S3 T23 R5E

E1/2 of SW1/4 of S4 T23 R5E for a total of 242.13 acres.

Deed Book R, pp 85-87

William Braly, Sheriff sold to James Lewis for \$392., on 1 Monday in July, 1840, the NW1/4 of S6 T23 R5E. This property is known as the John McCain property.

**Note: this gives him a total in the tract books of 636.51, from DB A 242.13 and from DB R 160 acres for a grand total of 1038.64 acres.

From Orphans Court Minutes Book 5, 1850-1854

Several entries as to money paid out (but no listing as to whom) pp 516 November 8, 1852 William Weatherford in right of his wife, Mary Weatherford, vs James C. Spencer, admr. of James Lewis who died in September 1842. Weatherford states that Lewis had around 30 slaves which are hired out, and a large real estate holdings. This was filed in Court on August 19, 1852.

*Note: These 30 slaves mentioned are besides the ones named in the will. The land mentioned is located near the present town of Moundville near the middle of county and top edge of present day Hale County.

Catherine is listed as wife in will— on 1830 census oldest female is 20-30. Minerva's age from the 1850-1860 census would be about this, or this is Catherine. Either way she couldn't be mother to most of the children. (unless census taker missed writing her age?) Found 1850 census of Catherine Lewis in 1850 Neshoba County, Mississippi and she is 35 years old, being born in 1815. Surely she did not marry till past 1830, so only last four children are hers.

Orphans Court Minutes Book 3 pages 311-312, dated 22 December 1845 mention Charles A., James, Mary Weatherford and Manerva Lyon as living in Mississippi and Sarah Williams and Andrew J. in Pickens, Alabama, and perhaps Martha Parker in Tuscaloosa and George W., William Lesley (Wesley), Margaret, Thomas and Lavinia as minors.

Orphans Court and Inventory Book 1852-1854 page 119 dated 24 November, 1852. James C. Spencer Administrator in account with Estate of James Lewis Descd, to cash collected for hire of the negros year 1851, \$717.05
Also remaining due on C.A. Lewis note for negro hire \$107.45
same George W. Lewis \$ 80.00

James Lewis (continued)

together until my youngest children shall come to the age of twenty one years; it is my further will that out of the proceeds arising from their labor shall be paid the several sums of money herein bequeathed to my daughters as soon as a sufficient amount shall have been received by my executor.

It is my further desire that all my landed estate shall remain in the possession of and use and benefit of my wife during her life. That one certain tract of land only, known as the McCain tract shall be reserved from the the above bequest to be sold if necessary for the payment of my debts.

And it is my further desire that at the death of my wife all my landed estate and negros as herein bequeathed to her for the purposees mentioned and for her use and benefit with the exception of the above named negros shall be equally divided among my sons, Charles, James, Andrew Jackson, George W. Wesley and Thomas.

It is my desire that my son Charles A. and Andrew Jackson Lewis act as executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness of the above I have hereunto set and subscribed my name and affixed my seal James Lewis

In presence of:

Josiah Hollis

A.P.Few

M. Quarles

CODICIL: It is my desire that my son Andrew Jackson Lewis shall hold and have in his own right that certain tract of land whereon he now resides, containing three hundred and twenty acres. This is my first codicil subscribed to as above. James Lewis

In presence of same witnessess as before.

James Lewis dies 2 days after his will is made, by records from his family Bible.

The State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County: Orphans Court Special Term
February 4 1843

This day Charles A. Lewis produced in court the foregoing will and codicil of James Lewis desceased, which was duly proven by the testimony of Josiah Hollis, A.P. Few and M. Quarles subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered by the court to be recorded as the last will and testament of said James Lewis, desc'd Test Mades McGuire Clerk

There is a James Lewis on the Bibb Co. Alabama 1820 census and it's possible it is the same. Have not checked as of date 1 May 1993. He has a land record in Tuscaloosa County Al. in the Tract Book and must write to Virginia, Eastern States Land office for copy of deeds but what is in the Tract Book is sufficient for my purpose at present.

29 January 1822	W1/2 of NE1/4 S10 T23 R5E	79.45 acres	#2636	
29 January 1822	NE1/4	S9 T23 R5E	158.70	#2637

James Lewis (continued)

By this my last will and testament being in my proper mind, I do bequeath and dispose of my property as follows to wit:

To my wife Catherine Lewis, I do bequeath all the following named negroes to wit: one negro man by name of Big Jim and Rose his wife, a negro boy by name of Lias, a girl Josephine and a yellow girl by name of Harriett.

To my son Charles A. Lewis two negroes given him some time since, by name Jake and Joe and at my death it is my will he shall have one other negro by name Jim, the brother of Joe.

To my son James Lewis, two negroes given him some time since by name Orange and Isaac and at my death it is my will that he shall have one other negro by name Perry.

To my son Andrew Jackson Lewis two negroes given him some time since by name George and William and at my death it is my will that he shall have one other negro by name Wiley.

To my son George W. Lewis three negroes given him some time since but not delivered, by name Mase, Marcus and Noel and it is my further will that he shall have at my death three other negroes name Charles, Abram and Sally.

To my son Wesley Lewis three negroes by name Lock, Shelby and March.

To my son Thomas Lewis, two negro boys by name Anderson and Henry and a girl Jude.

To my daughter Mary Weatherford I bequeath the amount of certain notes, drawn by her husband William Weatherford and myself in favor of James Duncan for one thousand five hundred dollars, of which two hundred dollars have been paid.

To my daughter Manerva Lyon I have given nine hundred dollars and it is my will that at my death she shall receive the sum of six hundred dollars from my executor to be collected as hereinafter directed.

To my daughter Sarah Hudson I have given three cows and a mare and it is my will that she receive at my death the further bequest of one dollar.

To my daughter Martha Lewis, I bequeath the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars.

To my daughter Margaret Lewis I bequeath the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars.

To my daughter Lavinia Lewis I bequeath the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars.

It is my desire and I do hereby enjoin it upon my executor that all of the remaining negroes which have not been herein bequeathed shall be kept

Lewis family

James Lewis

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1781-1843

Deed Book AA page 324-325 Fairfield County, South Carolina
James Lewis buys 64 acres from Jesse Ellman for 124 (dollars or pounds?)
on Hog Fork Branch of Wateree River in Fairfield county, being part of a
grant of 200 acres to George Lott and the 64 acres left to Jesse Ellman
by Geo. Lott, his grandfather. Deed made 30 December 1816. Witnessed by
John Woodward and George Lott. John Woodward made oath in Chester Co. SC
4 June 1819 that he did witness the signing of this deed. This is
probably date of filing on record.

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James Lewis buys from Paul Anthony and wife Edy for \$642.00 , 107 acres,
all excepting 1/4 acre which is family graveyard. The land originally
granted to John Tidwell 19 Nov. 1772, it being the place where our father
George Lott last lived. It lies on the west branch of Hog fork and is
bounded on the south and east by land belonging to John Watson, and on
north west by Thomas McCullough. Signed on 28 August 1815 and witnessed
by John Woodard, Jr. and John Morris
continued on to pg 327... for dower rights

Deed Book AA pages 327-329

Fairfield District, South Carolina James Lewis sells for \$1200. to Thomas
McCullough the tract of land of 107 acres and 40 acres of Ellmon tract
which also had belonged to George Lott, description as above. Signed 8
February 1819, witnessed by George S. Coomb and Morris Graham.
Saray/Sarah Lewis made her mark releasing dower right and George Combs
made a oath to court 4 June 1819 that he did witness signing.

Fairfield District S.C Deed Book BB pages 216-217

James Lewis sells to Thomas Nickey of Chester District for \$1000., 200
acres More or less, on deputation Branch waters of Rocky Creek, butting
and bending NE by land belonging to William Lewis, by James Picketts land
, west by Alexr Roses land being part of land granted to William Sanders
in 1772 to heir Sarah Baker, then to Moses Paul, to me. Signed 10
February 1820, witnessed by George L. Peay and Arther Westbrook. Arthur
Westbrook made oath he saw James Lewis and George Peay sign as
described. Sally Lewis wife of James Lewis makes her mark to release
dower right.

This land is not covered in the 2 deeds above which he bought except for
the 40 acres noted. There must be an earlier deed for this land from
Moses Paul.

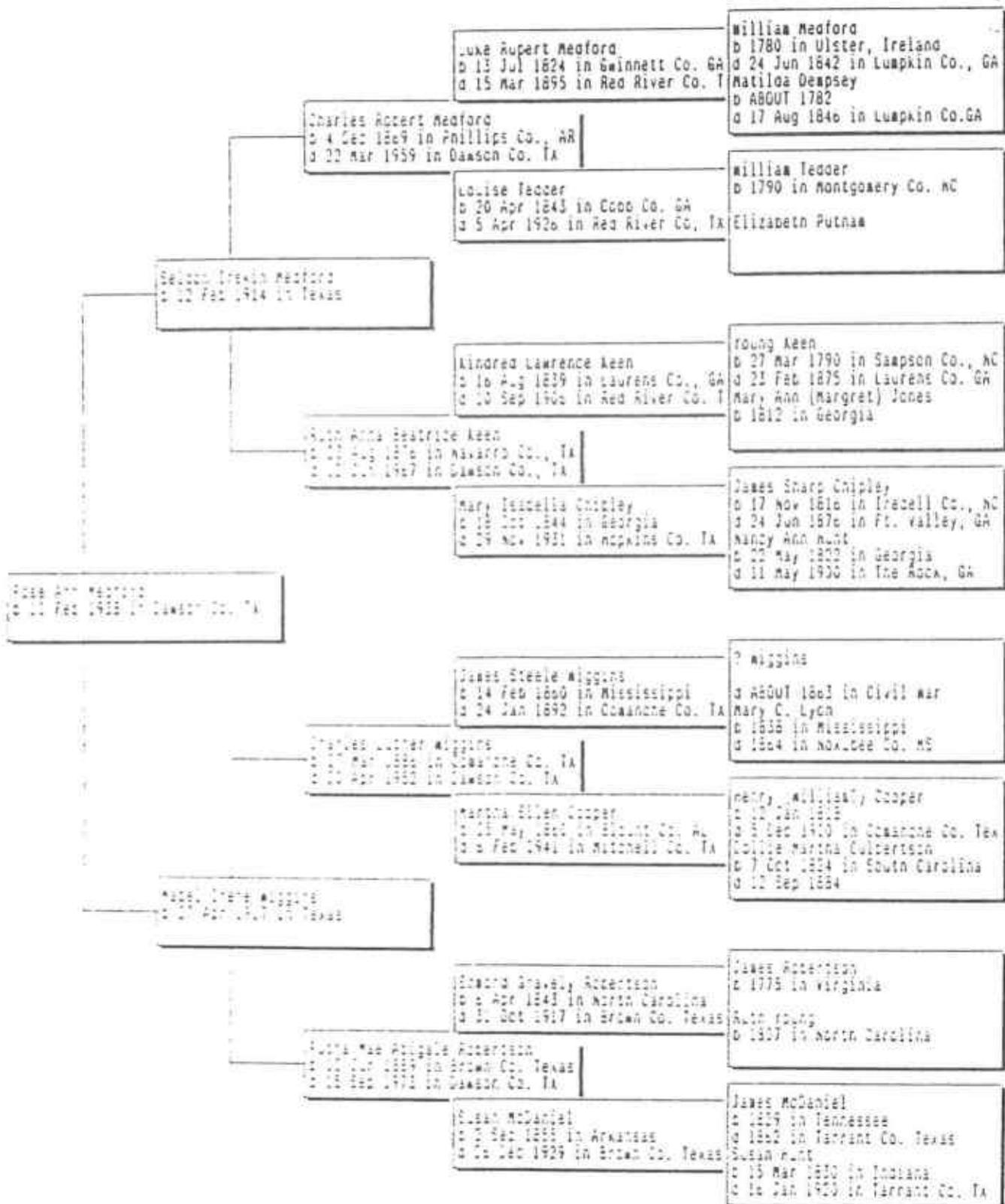
This land was evidently sold in preparation to moving to Tuscaloosa
County, Alabama. This still leaves 2 years vacant before the same James
Lewis buys land in Al. (at least now known by me, 3-1994)

Book pages 181-183 gives the will of James Lewis dated 15 October 1842
State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County.



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Ancestors of Rose Ann Meaford



Levenia Lewis was bornd october 30 1841

*Charles M. McCarty was bornd June the 4, 1854
Dorothy Lavinia McCarty was born March 18th 1856
Olivia Catherine McCarty was born*

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Family Record

Deaths

left column

*Ann Lewis Departed this life the 20th Day of September 1808,
William middleton Lewis Departed this life the 27th day of September
1807*

James Lewis departed this life October the 18 1842

right column

frances Marion Lewis departed this life september 25 1841

There are 2 distinct handwritings here. The Bible was not bought until 1807 and maybe not until Sarah (Sally) Coats and James Lewis were married in June 1809, but in a Land Deed in Fairfield County, South Carolina in 1819 and 1820, Sarah in one and Salley in the other, made her mark, but James Lewis could write, so I am assuming it is his hand which wote the first part. The latter handwriting must be Catherine's, his last wife.

Note also that two of the known children of James Lewis mentioned in his will of 1842, Martha and George W. Lewis are not listed here. It is believed there was another wife Martha Evaline Flemming, married August 1827, and these are her two children. It is not known why this marriage and the children would not be listed.

None of the marriages for James children are listed, although half were married by time of his death.

Rose Parks

Rt.1 Box 119B

Avery, Texas 75554

Child of DR LEWIS and MARY VERTREES is:

- i. EULA⁶ LEWIS, m. FRANK M GRAY.
Friday, November 1, 1895
Frank M. Gray & Miss Eula Lewis will be married Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Christian Church at Glendale. Gray is the son of John P. Gray and the bride is the daughter of Dr. C.A. Lewis.

Frank Gray & Miss Eula Lewis were married at Glendale Christian Church on Wednesday. Bride is the daughter of Dr. C.A. Lewis of Glendale. The groom is the son of John Gray, west of Glendale.

7. DR JAMES CLIFFORD⁵ LEWIS (*DR DAVID BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴, MAJ DAVID JACKSON³, JOHN², DAVID¹*) was born January 29, 1845 in Hardin County, Ky., and died February 13, 1908 in Hardin County, Ky. with burial in the Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky.
He married LAURA K. She was born September 04, 1846, and died March 14, 1885 in Hardin County, Ky., with burial in the Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky.
Wednesday, December 31, 1890

Dr Lewis of served testimony in the the inquest for the poisoning of the Higbee children by their mother began Friday. The inquest was held in the school building at Muldraugh, Meade Co., near where the 4 children died. (Muldraugh was near Tip Top, home of Dr Lewis at the time. Newspaper accounts also stated he was the family physician for the Higbee's).

Wednesday, December 25, 1896

Dr. James Lewis of Tip Top will move to Big Spring with his family. (also listed in another newspaper abstract as JC Lewis).

Friday, September 23, 1898

Tip Top is located in the northwest part of Hardin Co., 28 miles from Louisville, on the summit of Muldraugh Hill. Is an excellent fruit growing section. Going south on the I.C. Railroad, Dr. J.C. Lewis' peach orchard of 2,000 trees can be seen.

Friday, August 4, 1899

Walter Morrison, son-in-law of Dr. D.B. Lewis, died Saturday of consumption at the home of Dr. James Lewis of near Tip Top. Leaves a wife and a child.

Wednesday, February 14, 1908

Dr. J.C. Lewis died last night at this home at Tip Top in Hardin Co. of pneumonia. Was the son of Dr. David Lewis. Was 63 years old and leaves a wife and 7 children, 4 by his first wife and 3 by his second. Member of Methodist Church. Funeral at Blue Ball.

In the same newspaper:

J.C. Lewis of Tip Top died of pneumonia. Burial at Blue Ball on Sunday in the family burial ground. (Mays Grove News)

Friday, February 21, 1908

The funeral of Dr. James C. Lewis was conducted on Saturday at the home of the deceased. The remains were taken to Rineyville for burial in the family burial ground near Blue Ball. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson of Henderson, daughter and son-in-law of Dr. Lewis, were with him when he passed away. His son, Jas. Lewis, were present but Sterret and Percy Lewis were in Ca. and could not come. (Stitton News)

Children of DR LEWIS and LAURA K are:

- i. ROY LESLIE⁶ LEWIS, b. November 22, 1879, Hardin County, Ky.; d. February 17, 1881, Hardin County, Ky., with burial in the Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky.
- ii. VIVA AUGUSTA LEWIS, b. November 20, 1871, Hardin County, Ky.; d. March 30, 1876, Hardin County, Ky., with burial in the Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky
- iii. JAMES LEWIS.
In 1808 James Lewis is a candidate for Constable in Dist. No. 1 composed of E'town East and South and Glendale. He is a Democrat. He is a resident of Glendale and is the son of Dr. James C. Lewis of Tip Top but was reared by his uncle, the late Dr. Gus Lewis of Glendale.
- iv. STERRET LEWIS.
- v. PERCY LEWIS.

8. ADA⁵ LEWIS (*DR DAVID BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴, MAJ DAVID JACKSON³, JOHN², DAVID¹*) was born Abt. 1857 in Hardin County, Ky.. She married (1) W J MOORMAN. She married (2) WEBB.

Children of ADA LEWIS and W MOORMAN are:

- i. IVEY OWEN⁶ MOREMAN, b. March 29, 1846; d. July 23, 1903.
- ii. JAMES WALTER MOREMAN, b. March 29, 1846; d. July 28, 1899, with burial in the Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky.

5. DR JESSE PITTMAN⁴ LEWIS (*MAJ DAVID JACKSON³, JOHN², DAVID¹*) was born January 18, 1818 in Albemarle County, Va.. According to a biography on Dr Jesse Lewis he was the 7th of 11 children born to David and Martha Lewis. Jesse was but 7 years of age when he became an orphan. His parents died from "milk sickness." He was then taken and reared by James F. Clarkson with whom he lived until he attained the age of 22 years, receiving a very limited education in consequence of the poor school facilities of those days. Some time prior to leaving the home of Mr. Clarkson, he went to live with an elder brother, who was a practicing physician in Lexington, Ky., for a time. While there he commenced the study of medicine and took a partial course at Transylvania Medical College. The winter following he took a full course at the Louisville Medical School. For several years subsequent he was engaged in the practice of his profession in Meade County, Ky.

Reference: Kentucky Genealogy and Biography Vol. 1, editor Thomas W. Westerfield, 1970.

He married (1) ELIZABETH MOORMAN December 1842, daughter of J MOORMAN. He married Elizabeth's sister (2) ADELIA MOORMAN in 1852. She was also the daughter of J MOORMAN.

Children of DR LEWIS and ELIZABETH MOORMAN are:

- i. JOHN TERRELL⁵ LEWIS, b. 1844; d. April 03, 1862, Burnsville, Tishamingo, Mississippi..
- ii. JESSE TAYLOR LEWIS, b. 1847; d. 1851.
- iii. ELIZABETH BUNCH LEWIS, b. 1849; d. 1850.

Child of DR LEWIS and ADELIA MOORMAN is:

- iv. WILLIAM C.⁵ LEWIS, b. 1854.

Generation No. 5

6. DR CLINTON AUGUSTUS⁵ LEWIS (*DR DAVID BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴, MAJ DAVID JACKSON³, JOHN², DAVID¹*) was born January 20, 1843 in Hardin County, Ky., Dr Lewis "was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He joined the army in August, 1862, and the third day after he joined he was captured and taken to Johnson's Island and was exchanged about Christmas at Vicksburg, where he was detained awhile on account of sickness. On his way to join his command at Chattanooga he spent a very sick night in a stable-loft in the city of Jackson, Miss. He was shot through his clothes and his horse fell under him at Farmington, Tenn. He had the reins of his bridle cut by a ball and his hand slightly wounded in North Carolina, and came near dying of typhoid fever just after the battle of Chicamauga. Vivian and Augustus both belonged to the Second Kentucky Cavalry, first under Forrest, then under General Williams, to the close of the war." Source: Lewis, William Terrell of Perryville, Miss. 1893., Lewis Family in America, Genealogy of the (From the Middle of the Seventeenth Century Down to the Present Time), Higginson Publishing in Salem, Massachusetts, 334.

Dr Lewis died May 02, 1896 in his home at Glendale, Ky. with burial on May 03, 1896, in the Glendale Christian Church Cemetery, Glendale, Ky He married MARY D VERTREES December 23, 1873 in William Vertrees home. She was born June 10, 1848, and died December 20, 1943 in Hardin County, Ky. She is buried in the Glendale Christian Church Cemetery, Glendale, Ky..

Hardin County Newspaper Abstract: Friday, April 3, 1891

Dr. C.A. Lewis of Vine Grove has moved to Glendale to practice his profession.(EN)
Friday, April 24, 1891

Dr. D.B. Lewis of Rineyville, visited his son, Dr. C.A. Lewis of Glendale.(EN)
Friday, November 1, 1895

Frank M. Gray & Miss Eula Lewis will be married Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Christian Church at Glendale. Gray is the son of John P. Gray and the bride is the daughter of Dr. C.A. Lewis.

Frank Gray & Miss Eula Lewis were married at Glendale Christian Church on Wednesday. Bride is the daughter of Dr. C.A. Lewis of Glendale. The groom is the son of John Gray, west of Glendale.

Friday, May 8, 1896

Dr. C.A. Lewis died Saturday at his home in Glendale of paralysis. Was 53 years old. Was the son of Dr. D.B. Lewis of Blue Ball and has been practicing physician at Glendale for several years. Left a wife and 2 children. Funeral was Sunday at the Christian Church in Glendale with burial there.

1808 - James Lewis is a candidate for Constable in Dist. No. 1 composed of E'town East and South and Glendale. He is a Democrat. He is a resident of Glendale and is the son of Dr. James C. Lewis of Tip Top but was reared by his uncle, the late Dr. Gus Lewis of Glendale.

Notes for SARAH CLARKSON ROBINSON:

Friday, September 15, 1905

Mrs. Sarah Lewis died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Loura Colwell of Stithton of consumption on the 5th. Was 74 years old and was born in Lynchburg, Mo. Her maiden name was Clarkson. Married early in life to Dr. Robinson who lived only few months. Later married to Dr. David B. Lewis of Hardin Co. who died some years ago. Member of Methodist Church. Burial in Big Spring.

Children of DR LEWIS and LUCY MOREMAN are:

- i. VIVIAN IRVING⁵ LEWIS, b. Abt. 1841.
According to William Terrell Lewis of Perryville, Miss. 1893., Lewis Family in America, Genealogy of the (From the Middle of the Seventeenth Century Down to the Present Time), Higginson Publishing in Salem, Massachusetts, 334.
"He belonged to the Confederate Army and fought faithfully throughout the war, and when Johnson surrendered his command was comprised in the escort of President Davis. He was wounded at Fort Donelson and sent to Nashville just before the surrender of the former. At Dug Gap in had his gun cut in two by a ball just in front of his hand when in the act of firing."

In the 1880 Hardin County census, Vivian is listed as 38 years old, divorced and a farmer living in the household of his father.
6. ii. DR CLINTON AUGUSTUS LEWIS, b. January 20, 1843, Hardin County, Ky.; d. May 02, 1896, his home at Glendale, Ky..
7. iii. DR JAMES CLIFFORD LEWIS, b. January 29, 1845, Hardin County, Ky.; d. February 13, 1908, Hardin County, Ky..
- iv. JESSIE WINFIELD LEWIS, b. June 03, 1847; d. March 04, 1864. with burial in the Lewis Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky.
- v. JOHN THOMPSON LEWIS, b. 1850.
Friday, February 21, 1908
John T. Lewis was at Tip Top a few days ago as administration of his brother, Dr. J.C. Lewis, deceased. (Stithton News)
1908
Miss Florence Lewis of Tip Top visited her aunt, Mrs. John Lewis of Blue Ball.
Florence Lewis of Tip Top visited her uncle, J.T. Lewis at Blue Ball. (Mays Grove News)
- vi. ELIZABETH ENFIELD LEWIS, b. Hardin County, Ky.; d. Abt. 1897, Hardin County, Ky.; m. WESLEY VIERS. According to the Elizabethtown News issue of May 30, 1890, Bettie Viers lived in Indiana.
Friday, May 28, 1897
Cyrus Viers has returned from Urbana, Ill., where he was called to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wesley Viers, who was killed in a runaway accident last Friday. Mrs. Viers was the daughter of Dr. D.B. Lewis of Blue Ball, who attended the funeral.
- vii. LUCY L. LEWIS, b. Abt. 1854.
- viii. MARTHA ELLA LEWIS, b. 1854; d. 1907, Leitchfield, Grayson County, Ky. with burial in the Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky. She married GEORGE HEYSER. Wednesday. February 13, 1884 (Breckinridge County Newspaper abstracts)
Miss Ella Lewis of Moorman's Valley in Hardin Co., visited her brother, Dr. Jas. C. Lewis of Tip Top. Wednesday, November 8, 1893
Dr. D.B. Lewis of Blue Ball visited his daughter, Mrs. Heyser of Constantine.
Wednesday, April 24, 1895
Mrs. Dave Heyser visited her father, Dr. Dave Lewis of near Blue Ball, Hardin Co. (Constantine News)
Tuesday, June 11, 1907
Mrs. Ella Lewis Hiser died at her home in Leitchfield on Thursday with cancer. Burial in family cemetery on Blue Ball, Friday. Was 50 years old. Member of Methodist Church. Survived by husband and 4 children. Those attending the funeral from a distance: Mrs. Chas. Drury of Bewleyville, Mrs. Anna Darling of Carrolton, Mrs. Gus Lewis and daughter, Mrs. Frank Gray and children of Glendale, Chas. Hiser of Leitchfield, Mrs. Minner Weller of Colorado and Mrs. Ada Moreman of Maitland, Fl. (Mays Grove News)
8. ix. ADA LEWIS, b. Abt. 1857, Hardin County, Ky..
- x. MINNIE O LEWIS, b. Abt. 1859, Hardin County, Ky. According to the Elizabethtown News issue of May 30, 1890, Minnie Weller lived in Colorado. She married a man named WELLER.
- xi. VIRGINIA LEE LEWIS, b. February 03, 1863, Hardin County, Ky.; d. March 03, 1863, Hardin County, Ky. with burial in the Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky.

Notes for DR DAVID BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEWIS:

The obituary dated Friday, August 26, 1898 stated:

Dr. D.B. Lewis, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Hardin County died Wednesday night about half past eight o'clock quite suddenly at his home at Blue Ball. He had been sick for some time but his condition was not regarded as serious. He was eighty-two years old and leaves a large family.

Dr Lewis made his home in the Blue Ball area of Hardin County, Kentucky.

Wednesday, June 15, 1881 (from the Ancestral Trails Historical Society publication Breckinridge County Newspaper Abstracts, compiled by Carolyn Wimp) describes the Blue Ball community as follows: Blue Ball is a hill 11 miles west of Elizabethtown and 9 miles east of Big Spring. It is owned by Dr. D.B. Lewis. On the eastern point of the Blue Ball is his residence. Around his house is his orchard of fruit trees. He has another on top of Blue Ball. From the top of the hill, when the trees are bare of leaves, anyone can have a nice view of the surrounding country. You can see the smoke of the cars as they move on the E. & P. extension. The south side and west end of Blue Ball is rough and rocky and thinly set with scrubby trees. The north side is rich soil, thickly set with young timber. East of Blue Ball is a beautiful valley called Nall's Valley. North and west is Moreman's Valley, separated from Nall's Valley by the Brandenburg and Stephensburg Road. The land of these valleys will grow corn, wheat, tobacco and vegetable equal to any land in the state.

The landholders of Nall's Valley are: L.F.G. Cann, James Nall, Charles Nall, David Whitehead, Slaughter Nall, Tom Nall, Cyrus Nall, Green Harris, Luke Miller, Gabe Nall, Rufus Halbert (Holbert?), W.H. Hobbs, John M. Nall and John Creager.

The landholders of Moreman's Valley are: Dr. D.B. Lewis, Moses Klinglesmith, J.H. Carman, J.C. Stith, R.M. Moreman, W.N. Phillips, Edmond Stone, Widow Whalen, Frank French, A.M. Stith, John Wortham, Jerry Stone, L.S. Board, A.B. Skillman, John D. Skillman, J.C. Allison, M.J. Stith.

Newspaper excerpt from Wednesday, September 25, 1889

Dr. D.B. Lewis of Rineyville visited his nephew, Dr. J.T. Owen.

This was probably John Thomas Owen (born 1839), the son of Dr. William David Owen (born- 10 Apr 1811) and Martha Jane Washington Lewis (born 30 Aug 1822), both of Breckinridge County, Ky.

Friday, April 24, 1891

Dr. D.B. Lewis of Rineyville, visited his son, Dr. C.A. Lewis of Glendale.(EN)

Friday, August 26, 1892

The Hardin Co. Horticultural Society held its 7th annual fruit show at the Fair Grounds on Thursday and Friday of last week. A feature of these annual fruit shows is the free dinner given to all the old folks in the county of 70 years and over. Among the 57 present included the following: D.B. Lewis born in Breckenridge Co., age 72;

Newspaper excerpt from Wednesday, November 8, 1893

Dr. D.B. Lewis of Blue Ball visited his daughter, Mrs. Heyser of Constantine.

Wednesday, April 24, 1895

Mrs. Dave Heyser visited her father, Dr. Dave Lewis of near Blue Ball, Hardin Co. (Constantine News)

Friday, September 2, 1898

Dr. D.B. Lewis of Blue Ball, was more than 80 years old. Descended from the family of Col. Fielding Lewis, who married the sister of George Washington. His ancestors came to Ky. in the early part of the century and his kinspeople are scattered throughout Hardin, Meade, Breckenridge and Carroll Counties. Was married twice, his first wife being Lucy Moorman. Some of the surviving children from this marriage are: Dr. James Lewis of Tip Top, Mr. Vivian Lewis of Fl., Mrs. Minnie Weller of Co., Mrs. Ada Moorman of Fl., Mrs. Ella Hyser of Grayson Co. and John Lewis of Vine Grove.

Quite a bit about Dr David Benjamin Franklin Lewis and his ancestors can be found at Terry Mason's family website.

<http://www.tmason1.com/>

Generation No. 1

1. DAVID¹ LEWIS was born in Wales. He married ANNE TERRELL.

Child of DAVID LEWIS and ANNE TERRELL is:

2. i. JOHN² LEWIS, d. Albemarle County, Va.,

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN² LEWIS (DAVID¹) was a farmer and an officer in the Revolutionary War, he died in Albemarle County, Va.,. He married (1) SARAH TALIAFERRO March 03, 1749/50 in Albemarle County, Va, daughter of ROBERT TALIAFERRO and ANN PITTMAN.. He married (2) SUSANNAH (SUSAN) CLARKSON 1769 in Albemarle County, Va.

Child of JOHN LEWIS and SUSANNAH CLARKSON is:

3. i. MAJ DAVID JACKSON³ LEWIS, b. December 14, 1774, Albemarle County, Va.; d. August 11, 1826, Breckinridge County, Ky..

Generation No. 3

3. MAJ DAVID JACKSON³ LEWIS (JOHN², DAVID¹) was born December 14, 1774 in Albemarle County, Va., and for a number of years was High Sheriff of that county. He was also a member of a company that was engaged in the suppression of the great whisky insurrection of the west. In the Fall 1819 brought his family to Breckinridge Co., Kentucky where he died August 11, 1826 "milk sickness." He married MARTHA BAKER about 1802 or 1810 depending on source. She was the daughter of GLOVER BAKER. She was born about 1782 in Virginia, and died October 05, 1826 in Breckinridge County, Ky..

Children of MAJ LEWIS and MARTHA BAKER are:

4. i. DR DAVID BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴ LEWIS, b. July 20, 1820, Breckinridge County, Kentucky; d. August 24, 1889, Hardin County, Ky..
5. ii. DR JESSE PITTMAN LEWIS, b. January 18, 1818, Albemarle County, Va..
- iii. THOMAS J LEWIS, b. April 21, 1824, Breckinridge County, Ky. Was listed in a biography as "the youngest of a family of 11 children" However I have only been able to account for ten at this time.
- iv. DR JOHN TERRILL LEWIS, b. May 12, 1803; d. 1875, Carrollton, Carroll County, Ky.; m. LETITIA GARDNER DOWNING, April 24, 1826, Lexington, Ky.
- v. MARY OR POLLY TERRELL LEWIS, b. July 08, 1804.
- vi. SUSAN CLARKSON LEWIS, b. January 29, 1806; d. February 18, 1826.
- vii. ELIZABETH BUTTS LEWIS, b. December 01, 1808, Albemarle County, Va.; d. February 21, 1832, Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County, Ky.; m. SAMUEL ALGEO, January 07, 1827, Breckinridge County, Ky..
- viii. JAMES HARVEY LEWIS, b. January 29, 1810; d. September 08, 1831, Lexington, Fayette County, Ky..
- ix. JULIUS OVERTON LEWIS, b. March 22, 1812; d. December 22, 1831, Died while on his way to Texas, near the line between Mississippi and Louisiana.
- x. MARIA MADISON LEWIS, b. April 15, 1816; d. Bef. 1851, Orleans, Orange County, Indiana; m. ROBERT RILEY.

Generation No. 4

4. DR DAVID BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴ LEWIS (MAJ DAVID JACKSON³, JOHN², DAVID¹) was born July 20, 1820 in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, and died August 24, 1889 in Hardin County, Ky. With burial in Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky. He married (1) LUCY A MOREMAN December 16, 1839, daughter of ACHILLES MOORMAN and ELIZABETH. She was born July 25, 1822 in Kentucky, and died July 28, 1880 in Hardin County, Ky., with burial in the Lewis Family Cemetery on Hwy 220 on Blue Ball Hill, Hardin County, Ky. He married (2) SARAH CLARKSON ROBINSON. She was born about 1831 in Lynchburg, Mo., and died September 1905 in Stithton, Hardin County, Ky, with burial in Big Spring, Ky.

Lewis Family

Ancestors and Descendants of Dr. David Benjamin Franklin Lewis

Prepared for Ancestral News magazine by Paul W. Urbahns

The story of Dr. David Benjamin Franklin Lewis could well be called a lesson in Genealogy 101. I have been saying in these pages for over a year what a wonderful resource the Ancestral Trails Historical Society Research Library is to the membership and the general public. If you have not visited there on a research trip then you are the one missing out.

Case in point is a framed picture of a stately gentleman that attracted the eye of ATHS member Steven Wright of Hardin County. Steven wrote in an email, "I just noticed in the Winter 2003 Ancestral Trails an article by Dr. David Lewis. This caused me to recall the fact that a few years ago I purchased a photograph in an antique mall of an elder Dr. Lewis. There is a piece of masking tape on the image that says, "Dr. David Benjamin Lewis, Born 1820, father of C. Augustus Lewis, and Great-grandpa of Lewis Gray."

We are fortunate that the picture was so well identified. I dare say few of us today can say the same about the pictures hanging on our walls.

I immediately contacted our Dr. David T. Lewis to see if there was any family connection. There was no connection that he was aware of, but he did provide me a copy of his direct line going back to Richard Lewis born in 1609 in Wales.

Deciding that a genealogy of Dr. David B. Lewis (as he was known in our area) would be of benefit to quite a few members, I embarked on the first of several research trips to the ATHS research library in Vine Grove.

Through the use of the census books, cemetery books and newspaper abstract books published by Ancestral Trails, I was able to assemble the descendents part of this chart. The newspaper abstracts are quoted in the chart below. Ann Sipes, a volunteer at the ATHS Research Library checked the 1880 Hardin County census on line to confirm some of what I knew. Information on Dr Lewis' ancestors was provided by two sources. Carolyn Wimp provided excerpts from biographies on two of Dr. Lewis' brothers and information was obtained from the family history site maintained by Terry Mason. In fact, due to research time I spent at the ATHS Library, I was



DR DAVID BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEWIS



TERRY MASON'S LEWIS FAMILY WEBSITE

able to provide Mr. Mason quite a few corrections.

This is by no means, all the information on the Lewis family in the ATHS Research Library, nor should it be considered representative of what is possible. But if you have family from the ATHS area of concern, you need to visit the ATHS Research Library.

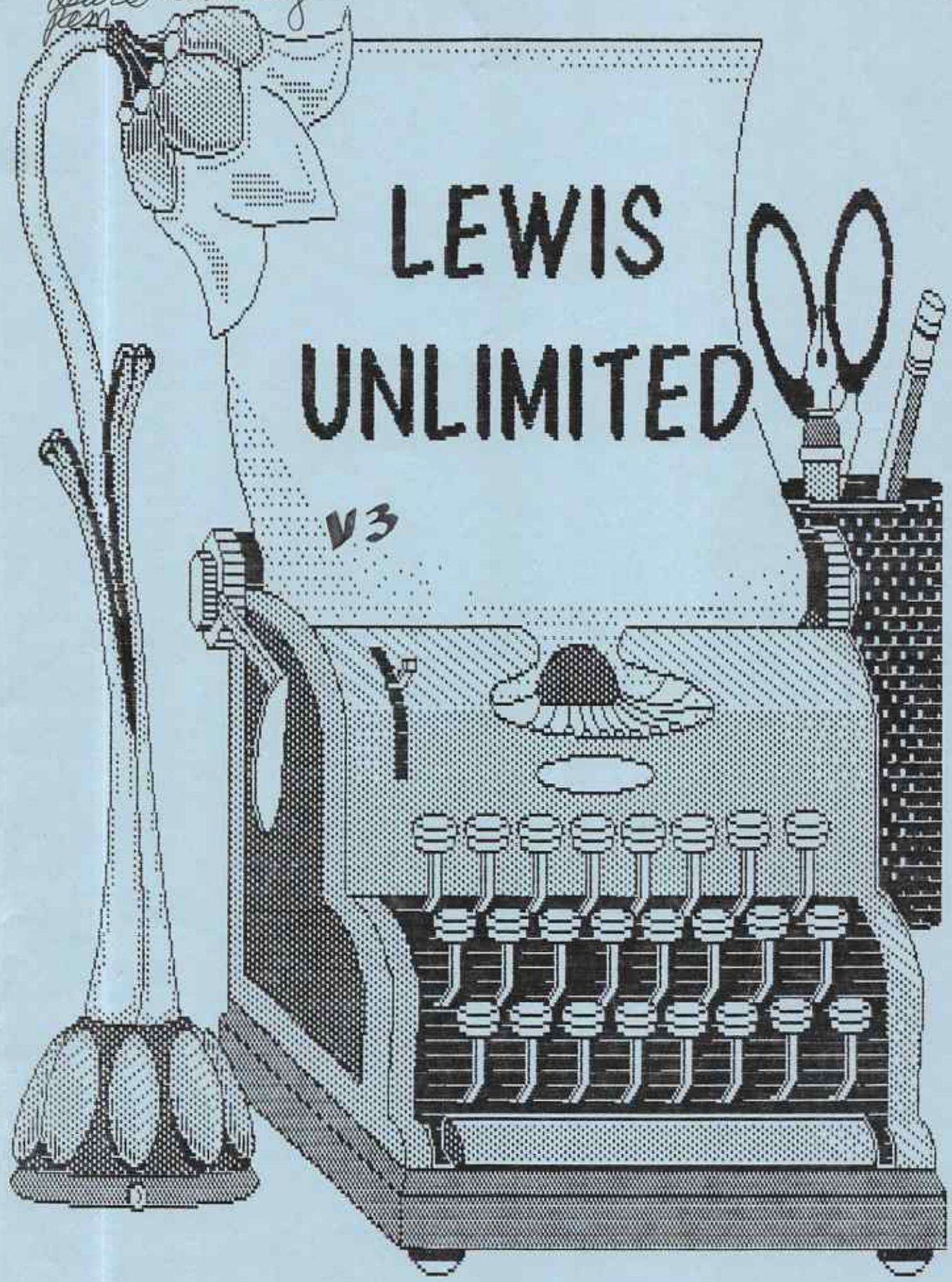


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**COLORADO**Portrait and Biographical Record of the State of Colorado  
Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls, MT.

**JOHN D. LEWIS**, who has resided in Monte Vista since 1888, was born in Jackson, Ohio, May 17, 1845, a son of Rodman and Mary A. (Alderman) Lewis. His father, a son of Thomas Lewis, a native of Connecticut, was born in Pennsylvania, of Welsh extraction, and in early life engaged in farming. Afterward for several years he followed merchandising and the sawmill business in Iowa. He is now living retired in that state, and is about eighty-five years of age. Our subject has in his possession an old-fashioned Queen Anne musket that his great-grandfather, Ezra Lewis, carried through the Revolutionary war.

The family of Rodman Lewis consisted of five children, three of whom are living: John D., the eldest, William C., of Fairhaven, Wash.; and Lillie, who keeps house for her father at Farmington, Iowa. In 1846, when our subject was one year old, he was taken by his parents to Iowa, they settling near Keokuk, in Lee County, where he remained until he was ten years of age. His father then traded his farm for a stock of goods near Farmington, in a little village named Plymouth. From there, at fifteen years of age, he went to Story county, Iowa, where his uncle, Theodore E. Alderman, was a pioneer and prominent citizen. During his stay with his uncle, in February, 1863, before he was eighteen years of age, he enlisted in Company A, Seventh Iowa Cavalry. He was assigned to duty on the frontier under General Curtis, his first post of duty being at Fort Kearney, and afterward he was stationed at Forts Laramie, Sedgwick and other points on the Platte River. He also accompanied the expedition that pursued Price in Missouri. Both on the frontier and as a scout he saw active service. While at Julesburg he was one of the command of one hundred and fifty men who were enticed from the fort and surrounded by more than thousand Indians. Only by the most heroic effort and desperate fighting did the little band of men save themselves. They literally cut their way through the Indian ranks by means of their sabres, after having emptied their revolvers in self-defense. At Fort Laramie he assisted in the execution of three Indian chiefs, Two Face, Black Kettle and Little Thunder. On that day that he was twenty-one years of age, May 17, 1866, he was mustered out of the service at Fort Leavenworth.

After his return to Story County, Mr. Lewis engaged in the hardware and tinware business with his uncle at Nevada. In 1871 he came to Colorado and during the three following years was engaged in prospecting and mining at Central City. Thence he went to Boulder, where he not only mined, but also worked at the tinner's trade. Returning east in 1877, he was married in Wisconsin, in August, to Annetta, daughter of L.C. Hill, and a descendant, through her mother, of the well-known Curtis family of Pennsylvania. For three years after his marriage he worked at

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his trade in the east, mostly in Ames, Iowa. Returning to Colorado in 1880 he located the mining camp of Bonanza, where he remained until 1886. He then worked at his trade at Leadville. In 1888 he came to Monte Vista, where for five years he was employed by Clark, Hammond & Co., and since then has conducted business for himself. He carried a line of stoves, hardware and tinware, and manufactures stove finishings, repairs stoves and hardware, etc. He has visited almost every mining camp in the state and has spent considerable time in searching for the hidden mineral wealth of the mountains.

During his residence in Bonanza Mr. Lewis held the office of county commissioner, to which he was elected by a large majority. He also served for a number of years as justice of the peace and police magistrate, both in Bonanza and Monte Vista. In 1893 Governor Waite appointed him a commissioner of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home of Colorado, and since 1896 he has been secretary of the board. Upon the organization of the People's party he transferred his allegiance to it from the Republican party and has since given his influence toward its principles. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodsmen of the World and the Fraternal Aid Association. He is past commander of Joe Hooker Post, G.A.R., of Monte Vista, and has been connected with the order since 1883. He and his wife have an only child, Leon E.

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| Martha    | RICH | 888  | Robert P.H.  | BIBB | 433 |
| Martha A. | HOUS | 1004 | Ruffin       | COLU | 629 |
| Martha J. | BIBB | 642  | Sallie       | FLOY | 204 |
| Mary      | FULT | 758  | Sampson      | DEC  | 240 |
| Mary      | FULT | 808  | Samsu        | HARA | 366 |
| Mary      | CARR | 511  | Samuel       | CAMP | 69  |
| Mary      | HENR | 934  | Sarah        | MORG | 962 |
| Mary      | CALH | 137  | Sarah        | RAND | 676 |
| Mary      | JEFF | 98   | Sarah        | UNIO | 493 |
| Mary      | EMAN | 29   | Sarah        | HENR | 911 |
| Mary      | WLKN | 911  | Sarah        | HANC | 264 |
| Mary      | GORD | 387  | Selana       | SPAL | 228 |
| Mary A.   | CHAT | 274  | Shadrach     | CAMP | 51  |
| Mary A.   | BURK | 900  | Stephen      | SCRE | 135 |
| Mary A.   | LIBE | 752  | Stephen      | RAND | 671 |
| Mary Ann  | FLOY | 231  | Stephen      | BERR | 384 |
| Mary J.   | CHAT | 272  | Stephen      | EMAN | 87  |
| Mary S.   | RAND | 671  | Steven D.    | MUSC | 245 |
| Mason     | EARL | 631  | Sucky        | DEKA | 278 |
| Matilda   | MUSC | 225  | Susan        | WASH | 247 |
| Mattie    | COLU | 600  | Susan        | BRDD | 688 |
| Miles W.  | MURR | 53   | Susan        | WAYN | 342 |
| Milly     | WAYN | 346  | Susan        | GORD | 392 |
| Milton H. | BURK | 965  | Susannah     | SPAL | 214 |
| Nancy     | TATT | 749  | T.           | HANC | 232 |
| Nancy     | EARL | 608  | T.J.         | CLYT | 79  |
| Nancy     | GREE | 557  | T.W.S.       | PUTN | 428 |
| Nancy     | LAUR | 639  | Talton       | CASS | 875 |
| Nancy     | HANC | 273  | Taylor       | GORD | 355 |
| Nathan    | FAYE | 23   | Theopholis   | MURR | 53  |
| Nathaniel | CHAT | 211  | Thomas       | DOOL | 418 |

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| Thomas     | DOOL | 488  |
| Thomas     | FULT | 834  |
| Thomas     | CRAW | 874  |
| Thomas     | BURK | 965  |
| Thomas     | SCRE | 100  |
| Thomas     | UNID | 493  |
| Thomas     | HENR | 934  |
| Thomas     | MILT | 586  |
| Thomas J.  | WLKS | 771  |
| Thomas M.  | BURK | 878  |
| Thomas M.  | EMAN | 41   |
| W.         | HANC | 235  |
| W.A.       | FULT | 812  |
| W.F.       | WARR | 94   |
| W.G.       | THOM | 56   |
| W.R.       | DOOL | 418  |
| W.S.       | SPAL | 214  |
| W.W.       | GREE | 526  |
| Warner     | BIBB | 490  |
| Warren     | STEW | 418  |
| Wiley      | BULL | 863  |
| William    | HOUS | 1047 |
| William    | PAUL | 742  |
| William    | CLAY | 22   |
| William    | MORG | 939  |
| William    | WALK | 734  |
| William    | GILM | 21   |
| William    | STEW | 416  |
| William    | CALH | 137  |
| William    | EMAN | 91   |
| William    | MILT | 601  |
| William    | HANC | 246  |
| William    | RICH | 791  |
| William    | HANC | 292  |
| William    | HARA | 377  |
| William    | DEKA | 278  |
| William    | GORD | 307  |
| William    | DECA | 234  |
| William A. | EARL | 607  |
| William A. | HENR | 824  |
| William B. | WASH | 298  |
| William H. | WASH | 310  |
| William H. | MORG | 946  |
| William J. | CARR | 620  |
| William M. | MUSC | 157  |
| William M. | COLU | 645  |
| William M. | SPAL | 228  |
| William N. | WAYN | 346  |
| William S. | CALH | 135  |
| Willse     | HANC | 294  |
| Wyatt      | HARA | 330  |
| Zacary     | FANN | 1000 |
| Zachariah  | EMAN | 89   |
| Zachariah  | HOUS | 964  |
| Zachius E. | EARL | 640  |

**WASHINGTON**

Spokesman-Review Newspaper, May 11, 1993 - Spokane, WA

**GRACE LEWIS**

Spokane - Spokesman-Review Newspaper, May 11, 1993

A private cremation service was planned for Grace Lewis. Burial was conducted at the Almira (Wash) cemetery. Riplinger Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Lewis, 91, died April 26. Born in Ames, Okla., she moved to Coulee City, Wash., in 1960. She graduated from Coulee City High School and also graduated from Cheney Normal school. She taught in a one-room schoolhouse for a few years near Coulee City.

She married Arthur Lewis in 1923 and they owned and operated a cattle ranch in the Grand Coulee area. They were bought out in the late 1940's.

They later bought a ranch in the Coulee City area and operated it until retirement in 1967.

Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Duplicate Bridge Club.

Mr. Lewis died in 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Billie Jean Scott of Spokane; a son, Charles R. Lewis of Yakima; five grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

[Editors note: the year 1960 appears as date moved to Coulee City.]

**MERLE LEWIS**

Spokane - Spokesman-Review 9-25-1993

Service for Merle S. "Red" Lewis was Monday at Thornhill Valley Funeral Home. Private inurnment was at Fairmount Memorial Park.

Mr. Lewis, 74 died Sept 17

He was born and raised in Spokane, where he attended West Valley High School.

He served in the Army in the European Theater during World War II.

He was a mechanic for Boeing, working on the flight line from 1958 to 1981.

Mr. Lewis was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1435 of Spokane and the Aerospace Workers Union. He was also a volunteer for the Sunshine Stoke Association.

He married Janet Neal in 1946.

Survivors include his wife, at the home; a daughter, Janet Lewis of Spokane; three sons, Tom Lewis of Spangle, and James Lewis and Scott Lewis, both of Spokane; a sister, Jean Lockwood of Vancouver, WA; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 89 Washington, Suite 215, Spokane, 99204.

**MONTANA**

Cascade County, Montana Marriages 1887-1910

| BOOK | NAMES                                 | PLACE       | DATE        |
|------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 6    | Lewis, Cal<br>Murphy, Grace           | Great Falls | 15 Oct 1907 |
| 2    | Lewis, Elmer<br>Crane, Stella E.      | Great Falls | 22 Jul 1897 |
| 3    | Lewis, W.M.<br>Morant, Jennie         | Great Falls | 5 Nov 1897  |
| 6    | Lewis, Elmer Ray<br>Frewers, Margaret | Great Falls | 25 Nov 1909 |
| 1    | Lewis, Frank<br>Dockery, Susan        | Belt        | 13 Apr 1890 |
| 2    | Lewis, Nathan A.<br>Fleme, Mary       | Great Falls | 19 Jan 1893 |

## NEW ENGLAND

Genealogical Dictionary of The First Settlers of New England  
by James S. Savage, v.3 1861.

**LEWIS, PHILIP**, Portsmouth 1665; prob of Dover 1672, rep, 1680, at the first assemb. under Provinc. gov. His will was of 1 Nov 1700.

**LEWIS, PHILIP**, Falmouth 1669, s. of George of the same, was, in 1676, a soldier of Turner's comp. serv. on Conn Riv.

**LEWIS, PHILIP**, Farmington, s. of the sec. William, props. as freem. 1669, had 100 arces given 1675 by his gr.f. William at F. with wh I suppose he liv, as both their names are sign. to memor, from Hadley, against impost, some yers. earlier, but liv. cheief. at Hartford until he rem, to Fairfield.

**LEWIS, ROBERT**, Newbury, came from Bristol to Salem, says Coffin, and d. aft rem. to N. 4 Mar 1644. His inv. is of 6 Jul 1644. I suppose he emb. in the Blessing at London, 1635, aged 28, with, perhaps, w Eliz. 22; and the custom -ho. list, that there may be no mistake, repeats the names in a few lines.

**LEWIS, ROBERT**, Charlestown, spelt Luist in the rec. by w. Rebecca had Robert, bapt. 11 Feb 1683; Thomas, 5 Apr 1685; and David, 30 Jan 1687; perhaps re, to Boston.

**LEWIS, SAMUEL**, Malden, perhaps s. of John, by w. Sarah had Hannah, b. 12 Dec 1689; and he d. 1 Feb 1699.

**LEWIS, SAMUEL**, Farmington, s. of William of the same, freem. 1676, by w. ELIZ had Hannah bapt 4 Oct 1691, his w. hav. join. the ch. Dunday preced; and Samuel, 29 May 1692, and he d. 1725.

**LEWIS, SAMUEL**, Westerly, s. of John of the same, by w. Joanna had Samuel, Jonathan, and d. Joanna Tanners as nam in his will of 5 Aug 1734.

**LEWIS, THOMAS**, Saco, bef 1630 had prob ranged the cost to ascertain the most agreeable spot for his patent, was assess. L3 quarterly for support of min. d. bef 1640. Willis, I. 16. Belk I. 9.

**LEWIS, THOMAS**, Lynn, s. of Edmund, m. 11 Nov 1659, Hannah Thomas, 29 Apr 1668, was freem. 1690.

**LEWIS, THOMAS**, Barnstable, s. of the first George, b. prob in Eng. m. 15 Jun 1653, Mary Davis, d. possib. of the first Dolor. d. had James, b. 31 Mar 1654; Thomas, 15 July 1656; Mary 2 Nov 1659; and Samuel 14 May 1662; rem to Swansea, of wh. he was one of the first sett. and was a selectman there, by w. Hannah had Samuel, again 23 Apr 1673; and Hepzibah, 15 Nov 1674.

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EARLY SETTLERS

LEWIS, THOMAS, Northampton, had Mary, b 1663; Esther 1665; and Thomas 1666. On 11 Jan 1667, Thomas d. but it is not certain wh of the two, prob it was the ch. was then taken. No more is heard of the fam.

LEWIS, WALTER, Wethersfield 1648.

LEWIS, \*WILLIAM, Cambridge, 1632, came in the Lion, with Wadsworth, Talcot, Goodwin, Olmstead and others, arr. at Boston 16 Sep and adm freem. 6 Nov foll. rem. 1636 to Hartford, and was of orig. props. selectman 1641, rem a. 1659 to Hadley, for wh. he was rep 1662, for Northampton 1664; his w. Felix d. 1671 at H. and he finally rem. a. 1675 to Farmington there d. 1683, at gr. age. His only ch. was William, b. in Eng. and the mo. is call. Felix.

LEWIS, WILLIAM, Roxbury, in absured fam. tradit. by wh. Farmer was misled, oft, made the same as the foregoing, adm. freem. 18 May 1642, brot. it is said, John, b. 1 Nov 1635; and Christopher, 1636, both in Eng. and the town rec. has Lydia, b. 25 Dec 1640; and Josiah, 28 July 1641; so careless was that leeping that we willingly miss the later ch. Perhaps he rem, to Boston 1644, and contin. to worship with apostle Eliot; at least we find a R. bapt. Isaac, 14 Apr 1644; tho. a rec is found of his b. 15 Apr.; Mary, 2 Aug 1646; and Hannah, 18 Mar 1649; and may be that propr. of Lancaster 1654, wh. d. 3 Dec 1671. His will of 21 Nov preced, names w. Amy who with Isaac made excors. Other ch. were John, Lydia, Mary, and Hannah.

LEWIS, WILLIAM, Farmington, s. of the first William, b. in Eng. m. 1644 (in conform with a contr. betw. his f. and Mary Whitehead of Windsor, w. of Richard, mo. prob of) Mary Hopkins prob. d. of William, Esq. a few yrs earlier of Stratford, had Mary b. 6 May 1645; Philip, bapt. 13 Dec 1646, bef. ment; Samuel, b. 18 Aug 1648, bef ment; Sarah; Hannah; William, bapt 15 Mar 1657, d. 1737; Felix, 12 Dec 1658; Ebenezer, sett. at Wallingford; John, 1665 d. at 19 yrs; and James, 1667; liv. at Jamaica, L.I. d. 1728. He m 22 Dec 1671, sec w. at Boston, Mary d. of clebr. Ezekiel Cheever, had Eliz b. 1672, d. young; Ezekiel, 1674, H.C. 1694; Nathaniel, 1 Oct 1676, wh. d. 24 Feb 1752; Abigail, 1678; Joseph, bapt. 14 Mar 1680; and Daniel, 16 Jul 1682. The last two d. young. He had milit. office in the war, ranks from serg to capt. and d. 1690, when of his 16 ch 13 were liv. Mary m. Benjamin Judd; Sarah m. Samuel Boltwood of Hadley; Hannah m. first, Samuel Crowe of Hadley, had two ch. and sec. in 1676, Daniel Marsh; and Felix m. Thomas Selden of Hadley. Some times the termist, is es, but it would be vain to attempt to disting

**LEWIS**

Need help on locating the maiden name of Jane, who married Thomas Lewis. He died abt Apr 1805, Orange co. NC.

Looking for the vital records of daughter, Elizabeth Lewis, who md 24 Dec 1784, Orange co. NC to Nicholas Durning. She died 10 Apr 1835, Hickman co. TN. She was the daughter of Thomas and Jane ? Lewis.

--Amy Clemens, Box 354, Lucile, ID 83542.

**LEWIS**

Requesting additional information on the father, Caleb Lewis, b. 29 Dec 1789, RI. It is listed as Abraham Lewis.

What is the marriage date of Caleb Lewis and Joanna Wade?

--Fred J. Bauer, 166 El Pajaro, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

**LEWIS LOWREY PORTER**

Need marriage and death information for Lois Lowrey ( of Samuel Lowrey and Sarah Porter, early pioneers of Trumbull co, OH). She married Abraham Lewis before 1803, and died about 1814, probably Trumbull co, OH. Did they have any descendants?

--Debra Eddy, 2590 West Needmore, Charlotte, MI 48813-8634.

**LEWIS RAY CROMMETT**

Searching for proof of parents of William Lewis, born ca 1762/1772 (Boston Transcript 27 Dec 1934 -- states parents could be William and Sarah (Ray) Lewis, a farmer of Waterville, ME, probably from Cape Cod.) William married Abigail P. Crommett, 8 Sep 1787, Winslow, ME.

[Editors Note: The date read 27 Dec 1934 as submitted, should it have read 27 Dec 1834?]

--Bonnie R. Wynne, 127 Fairview Ave., Westwood, NJ 07675-2223

**LEWIS TALBOT MEWS SHARP**

Requesting all vital on William Lewis who married Ann \_\_\_\_\_. Their daughter, Katherine, Born ca 1665 married/1 William Talbot son of William Talbot and Mary Sharp, born ca 1660-65, died ca 1713 Sittenbourne Parish, Richmond, VA. Ann married/2 \_\_\_\_\_ Mews. I have know information on this Lewis line.

--Ruby Simonson McNeill, P.O.Box 779, Napavine, WA 98565-0779

**LEWIS TERRELL MABRY MABARY MAY PEAVEYHOUSE**

Requesting the parents of Lewis Terrell Lewis born ca 1820 TN; died ca 1865 Washington co. AR; married/1 Isobel Ethel May, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ May and \_\_\_\_\_ Peaveyhouse(?) in a 1840 Barry/Taney co. MD; married/2 Jane Mabry/Mabary.

--Helen I. Lewis, 13631 26th Pl., SW, Seattle, WA 98168-3807

QUERIES

LEWIS GORE

Who are the parents of Henry Lewis born 1840 in Miss. His wife was Mary ?, born 1844 in Miss. Both of these people died after 1912 in Chester, Tyler co. TX. Their daughter Mary Elizabeth Lewis, born 1867, Jones co., MS, married Jefferson Lee Gore, born 9 Dec 1867, Clark co. MS.

--Eddie Josey Wilson, 901 36th Street North, Great Falls, MT 59401-2272

LEWIS WATSON GOODWIN HERVEY

Requesting more information on Calvin W. Lewis, son of Wm "Yankee Bill" Lewis and Mary Carina Goodwin.

Calvin W. Lewis married Katurah Watson, and they were the parents of Frederic Z. Lewis, born 6 Aug 1869 Hastings, MI, died 5 Jan 1959, md ca 1925 Eaton, Rapid, MI to Elsie J. Hervey.

--Lionel C. Lewis, 247 E. Birdsall Dr., Battle Creek, MI 49017

LEWIS DIAMOND

Need parents, siblings of John Lewis d. 16 Nov 1647. Who was his wife? Twins were born to this man and his wife, Peter and Andrew born 11 Sep 1644. Peter Married Grace Diamond.

--Ralph A. Lewis, 2111 Olympic Ct., Richmond, VA. 23235

LEWIS FIFE WEIR

Need proof that James W. Lewis and ? Cassany? is the parents of Norris Clark Lewis, born ca 1822 AL/NC; married 1855 Margaret Evaline Fife; died Sep 1864, Pickens, AL.

Margaret is the daughter of James P. Fife and Jane M. Weir.

--Lisa R. Franklin, P.O.Box 241154, Montgomery, AL 36124-1154

LEWIS GRAY

Looking for information on Nathaniel Lewis and wife, Sarah Gray, married 1726, York, ME. Their children were Sarah, Jeremiah, Abigail, Elisabeth, Nathaniel, Abigail, Mary and Morgan.

--Jay Ciampi, P.O.Box 634, Lake Placid, FL 33852

LEWIS FLINT

Need the parents of Charles Laban Lewis, born ca 1807 VT, who later married Mary Flint. Was his father, Laban Lewis?

Who are the parents and siblings of Mary Flint?

LEWIS GILSOUL

Need the marriage date and place for Marion Theodore Lewis and Annon Gladys Gilsoul. Their first child, Marion Theodore, Jr was born 8 Nov 1928, Portland, OR. No record in Portland.

--Shirley Penna-Oakes, P.O. Box 397, Black Eagle, MT 59414-0397



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BRANCHES

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Branch # 3 Cont'd....

Children: **DURNING**

2. Twin girls, b. 2 Dec 1876, Franklin co. AR; d. 2 Dec 1876, Franklin co. AR.

6. George Lewis Durning & Maude Rogers - infor at \* above

Children: **DURNING**

1. Lilly Clay, b. 1900 Collin co. TX; d. 1901 Collin co TX.
2. Willie May, b. 1902 Collin co TX; d. 1902, Collin co TX.
- \*3. George William, b. 3 Oct 1903 Franklin co, AR; md 23 Sep 1936, Smith co. TX to Sally May McGraw, b. 25 Nov 1918, Gillett, AR, d/of Justin Aubrey McGraw and Lura Lillian Elliott.
4. Alice, b. 1905, OK.
5. Clemance, b 1907, OK.
6. Tommy Lewis, b. 14 Feb 1912, Franklin co AR; d. 1992.

7. George William Durning & Sally May McGraw - infor at \* above

Children: **DURNING**

- \*1. Amy Jo, b. 23 Aug 1938, Tyler, Smith co TX; md 23 Aug 1958 Skellytown, Carson, TX to Caryle Dwaine Clemens.
2. Becky Jean, b. 16 Nov 1948, Pampa, Gray, TX; md 7 Jan 1970, Ely NV to Frank William Hobson.

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**SOURCES:**

1. Will of Thomas Lewis, Abstracts of Wills Recorded in Orange co NC 1800-1850.
2. Marriage Bond between Nicholas Durning & Betsey Lewis.
3. Marriages of Orange co. NC 1779-1868.
4. Headstone of Lewis William Durning.
5. Census records of 1850, 1860, Franklin Co Ar.
6. Welton Family History.
7. 1910 OK census.
8. Marriage license
9. Interview with Clemance Durning.
10. Correspondence from Alice Durning.
11. Birth Certif.

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RECAP BRANCH #3

1. Thomas Lewis & Jane ?
2. Elizabeth (Betsey) Lewis & Nicholas Durning
3. Lewis Durning & Candess Barbee
4. George William Durning & Margaret ?
5. John Lewis Durning & Polly Welton
6. George Lewis Durning & Maude Rogers
7. George William Durning & Sally May McGraw

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BRANCH # 3 Submitted by: Amy Clemens, Box 354, Lucile, ID 83542

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BRANCHES

BRANCH #4 Abraham Lewis

1. Abraham Lewis

Children: **LEWIS**

- \*1. Caleb, b. 29 Dec 1789, RI; d. 1 May 1856, Farmersville, Cattaraugus, NY; md. Joanna Wade, b. 1 Jan 1800 Sangerfield Oneida, NY, d/of Jacob Wade and Sarah Jones; d. 7 Dec 1862 Farmsville, NY.

2. Caleb Lewis & Joanna Wade - infor at \* above.

Children: **LEWIS**

- 1. Mary, d. infancy.
- 2. Jacob, d. in Civil War.
- 3. Caleb, b. Stafford, Allegany, NY; d. 1891; md 1856, Genessee, Allegany, NY to Elizabeth Babcock.
- 4. Lovica md George Swift.
- 5. Oliver, b. 1825; md. Clarissa Norton.
- 6. Joanna, b. 1827; md Orzo Wilson.
- 7. Eliza, b. 1829; md John D. Badger.
- \*8. Guy C., b. 13 Jun 1833, Farmersville, Cattaraugus, NY; d. 17 Oct 1908, St. Maries, Benewah, ID; md. 16 Sep 1859, Aurora, Cayuga, NY to Sarah Marie Farrington, b. 21 Feb 1841, Farmersville, NY, d/of George Farrington and Lydia Hayford; d. 10 Apr 1912. St. Maried, ID.
- 9. Mary E., b. 1835, Farmersville, NY; md De Alton Swift.
- 10. Ralph, b. 3 Apr 1842 Farmersville, NY; d. 7 Mar 1921, Burton, NE; md. 3 Apr 1866 to Emma Otto.
- 11. Stillman, b. 25 Feb 1845, Farmersville, NY; m/1 Julia Huntley, m/2 Jennie M. Hastings

2. Guy C. Lewis & Sarah Marie Farrington - infor at \* above

Children: **LEWIS**

- \*1. Adeline "Addie". b. 16 Jul 1860, Farmersville, Cattaraugus, NY; d. 27 May 1913, Spokane, Spokane, WN; bur St. Maries, ID; md 26 Sep 1877, Harrisville, Alcona, MI to Joseph Fisher, Jr., b. 25 Dec 1856, Harrisville, MI, s/of Joseph Fisher, Sr and Rachel Taylor, d. 23 Mar 1924, Seattle, WA, bur, St. Maries, ID. He married/2 Emma Billings.
- 2. Grant B. b. 5 Dec 1865, Farmerville, NY; d. 4 Jul 1932, Portland, OR, bur St. Maries, ID; md. Lulu HALL.

3. Adeline "Addie" Lewis & Joseph Fisher, Jr. - infor at \* above.

Children: **FISHER**

- 1. Mary Alice, b. 3 Oct 1878, Harrisville, MI; d. 3 Mar 1962, St. Maries, ID; md 27 Apr 1902 Harrison, ID to Alfred Lindstrom.
- 2. Sara Maria "Satie", b. 18 Jul 1880 Harrisville, ID; d. 26 Dec 1910, St. Maries, ID; md 8 Jun 1899, St. Maries, ID to Oscar Brown.
- 3. Guy, b. 18 Jun 1882; d. 8 Dec 1892, bur Harrisville, MI.

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BRANCHES

BRANCH #4 Joseph Fisher, Jr. & Addie Lewis -- cont'd

Children: **FISHER**

- \*4. Ethel Pearl, b. 4 Apr 1884, Harrisville, MI; d. 27 Apr 1959, Portland, OR; md. 25 Jan 1904, Spokane, WA to Joseph Augustus Day, b. 17 Nov 1885, Antioch, WI., s/of Patrick A. Day and Annie M. Keller, d. 29 Aug 1960, Portland, OR.
5. Birt Farrington, b. 21 Feb 1886, Harrisville, MI; d. 16 May 1961, Seattle, WN; md. 6 Jul 1910 to Amy Cleary.
6. Sherman, b. 31 Dec 1887, Harrisville, MI; d. 25 Mar 1888, bur Harrisville, MI.
7. Grant, b. 23 Jul 1890, St. Maries, ID; d. 24 Apr 1970, Coeur d'Alene, ID.; md 10 Jan 1912 to Gladys Foley.
8. Edna Blanche, b. 20 Mar 1892, St. Maries, ID; md. 15 Apr 1913, Spokane, WN to John Steinat.
9. Addie, b. 31 Aug 1894, St. Maries, ID; d. 25 Jun 1917, Spokane, WA; md 19 Oct 1914, Spokane, WA to Rod Sutton.
10. Josephine, b. 9 May 1879, St. Maries, ID; md 25 Sep 1914 to Fred Farnia.
11. Harold "Bruz", b. 28 Sep 1897, St. Maries, ID; d. 14 Feb 1957, Spokane, WA; md 22 Sep 1923 to Yvonne Lazrine?
12. Rachel Taylor, b. 26 Jul 1899 St. Maries, ID; bur St. Maries, ID; md/1 31 Aug 1918, Spokane, WA to Morris Gilmore
13. Frances Fern, b. 25 Oct 1900, St. Maries, ID; md. Bud Winchell.
14. Florence Ruth, b. 19 Oct 1902, St. Maries, ID; d. 11 Jan 1981. md. 24 Jun 1925, Seattle, WA to Paul Tuthill.

4. Ethel Pearl Fisher and Joseph Augustus Day - infor at \* above  
Children: **DAY**

- \*1. Irene Vivian, b.4 Jul 1904, St. Maries, ID; d. 4 Jul 1959, Oakland, Alameda, CA; bur 8 Jul 1959, Oakland,CA; md. 31 Oct 1923, Portland, Mult., OR to Frederick Jacob Bauer, b. 24 Jun 1901, The Dallas, Wasco, OR, s/of Venzent Bauer and Julia Ann Neabeack, d. 17 Jan 1955, Oakland, CA.
2. Velma Pauline "Peg", b. 21 Nov 1906, St. Maries, ID; d. 25 Apr 1969, Vancouver, Clark, WA; md. Fite Blake Scott.
3. Edna Agnes, b. 5 Jul 1907, St. Maries, ID; d. 23 Jan 1989, Portland, OR. bur 26 Jan 1989, Portland, OR; md 29 Oct 1928, Vancouver, WA to Charles Manford Welker.
4. Marion Bernidene, b. 2 Jun 1909, St. Maries, ID; d. 10 Sep 1910, St. Maries, ID.
5. Doris Addie, b. 21 Oct 1911, Spokane, WA; d. 19 Dec 1989, Portland, OR; md Jan 1940, Norman Lyle Croston.
6. Geraldine Ann, b. 20 Aug 1915, St. Joe, ID; md 7 Sep 1936 Portland, OR to John Joseph McDonnell.
7. Joseph Patrick, b. 23 Dec 1916, Spokane, WA; d. 4 Jul 1935, Portland, OR.
8. Baby Day, b. 8 Sep; d. 11 Sep; Portland, OR.
9. Jackie, b. 21 Jul 1922, Portland, OR; d 4 Jul 1923, Portland, OR.
10. Roy Henry, b. 6 Jan 1924, Portland, OR; md/1 Caroline Coryell, m/2 29 May 1963 Kay Starr.

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5. Irene Vivian Day & Frederick Jacob Bauer - infor at \* above

Children: **BAUER**

- \*1. Frederick James, b. 15 Jun 1924 Portland, OR; md 15 Oct 1966, Los Angeles, LA, CA to Nancy Lee Davisson, b. 20 Aug 1929, Columbus, Franklin, OH, d/of James Elvin Davisson and Anna Catharine Pargeon.
- 2. Robert Vincent, b. 12 Jun 1928, Hollywood, CA; md. 7 Mar 1947, Oakland, CA to Alice Marie Bundy.

6. Frederick James Bauer & Nancy Lee Davisson - infor at \* above

Children; **BAUER**

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- 11. State Of Idaho Death Certificate.
- 12. State of Oregon Birth Certificate.
- 13. State of California Death Certificates.
- 14. Ohio Birth Certificate.
- 15. Marriage licence.

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BRANCH # 4 RECAP:

- 1. Abraham Lewis
- 2. Caleb Lewis & Joanna Wade
- 3. Guy C. Lewis & Sarah Marie Farrington
- 4. Adeline Lewis & Joseph Fisher, Jr.
- 5. Ethel Pearl Fisher & Joseph Augustus Day
- 6. Irene Vivian Day & Frederick Jacob Bauer
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BRANCH #5 Eleazer Lewis & Sarah Stanton Rood-Rude

1. Eleazer Lewis md Sarah Stanton Rood-Rud

Children: **LEWIS**

- 1. Stanton Rood, born 12 Feb 1798; md Renna Jacques.
- 2. Daniel, born 14 May 1799; md/1 Loranna Perkins, md/2 Carrie Way.









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highest office in the nation was continued in bonds of intimacy until the tragic death of the latter. It was the proudest boast that Thomas Lewis made that he often championed the cause of Abraham Lincoln, when the latter was laying siege for the heart of Mary Todd. "Mary was a good deal as other young girls had been before her, and always will be, said he in referring to this one day when he was in a reminiscent mood. She had an ideal, and Lincoln fell farther short of it than almost any man in the world. When she announced one day to my wife and me that she had determined when she was a little lass, that she would never marry unless she could marry a handsome man, but that it seemed to be her fate to marry the homeliest man in the world, we knew that handsome Mary Todd was to be Lincoln's wife."

### AN INCIDENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE

It was while Lincoln was occupying the White House that one of the happiest incidents in the life of Mr. Lewis occurred. He used to tell the story himself with almost boyish pleasure. "I visited Washington in 1862, he would say, to visit my friend Lincoln. I arrived at the White House about 9 o'clock at night, thinking that the president would then be at leisure. To my surprise, there were a dozen people ahead of me, waiting to see him. The door keeper told me I would have to wait my turn. I asked him

to take my card, which he did. Immediately he came back and ushered me into the presence of the president. Lincoln was engaged, but as he shook hands with me, he said "You see there are a number of people waiting to see me. Go to Mary's room and keep her company until I come and then we'll talk old Springfield over. It may be midnight before I can get away from here." I was taken to Mrs. Lincoln apartment. At 11 o'clock the president came and we talked about affairs at home until 2 o'clock in the morning. That was the last time I ever saw Lincoln alive."

Mr. Lewis lived in Springfield until 1892, when he came to Kansas City. He accumulated considerable property in the Illinois city, and when he left there, he was quite wealthy. He was one of the promoters of the Sagamon and Alton railroad and was for many years public administrator of Sagamon County.

Thomas Lewis was the father of three children. His daughter, Mrs. Adeline Ayers is a resident of this city. The other two are Albert Lewis, a grain dealer in Cairo, Ill., and William T. Lewis of Americus, Kansas. All of the children were notified in time to reach the bedside before the end came. They will accompany the remains back to Illinois.

*This article on Thomas Lewis was contributed by Betty Lewis, Fernandina Beach, Fla..*

## SHORT BIO

**William Berkely Lewis  
(1784 - November 12, 1866),  
planter and politician.**

William was the son of John Lewis of Loudoun County, Va. He removed to Tennessee early in life and settled near Nashville, where he died.

He eloped with the young daughter (Margaret) of William Terrell Lewis, a prominent planter and land speculator. The two Lewis families were not related.

William was quartermaster under General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. He remained friends with Jackson and influenced his candidacy for President in 1821. On his election, Lewis accompanied Jackson to Washington, prepared in part his inaugural address and held the office of Auditor of the Treasury.

After his first wife died, he married Mrs. Adelaide Stokes Chambers.

Lewis was a Union man. He lies in an unmarked grave in Mount Olivet cemetery at Nashville.

**END.**

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# THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES LEWIS

The following will for James Lewis was dated October 15, 1842, and filed in Tusaloosa County, Alabama:

By this my last will and testament, being in proper mind, I do bequeath and dispose of my property as follows to wit:

To my wife **Catherine Lewis**, I do bequeath all of the following named negroes to wit: one negro man by name of Big Jim and his wife Rose, a negro boy by name of Lias, a girl Josephine and a yellow girl by name of Harriett.

To my son **Charles A. Lewis**, two negroes given to him some time since, by name Jake and Joe. At my death, it is my will he shall have one other negro by name of Jim, the brother of Joe.

To my son **James Lewis**, two negroes given him some time since, by name Orange and Isaac. At my death, it is my will that he shall have one other negro by name of Perry.

To my son **Andrew Jackson Lewis**, two negroes given him some time since by name of George and William. At my death, it is my will that he shall have one other negro name Wiley.

To my son **George W. Lewis**, three negroes given him some time since, but not delivered, by name of Mose, Marcus and Noel. It is my further will that he shall have at my death, three other negroes name Charles, Abram and Sally.

To my son **Wesley Lewis**, three negroes by name of Lock, Shelby and March.

To my son **Thomas Lewis**, two negro boys by name of Anderson and Henry and a girl Jude.

To my daughter, **Mary Weatherford**, I bequeath the amount of certain notes, drawn by her husband William Weatherford and myself in favor of James Duncan for one thousand five hundred dollars, of which two hundred dollars have been paid.

To my daughter, **Manerva Lyon**, I have given nine hundred dollars and it is my will that at my death, she shall receive the sum of six hundred dollars from my executor to be collected as here in after directed.

To my daughter **Sarah Hudson**, I have given three cows and a mare and it is my will that she receive at my death the further bequest of one dollar.

To my daughter **Martha Lewis**, I bequeath the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars.

To my daughter **Lavinia Lewis**, I bequeath the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars.

It is my desire and I do hereby enjoin it upon my executor that all of the remaining negroes which have not been herein bequeathed shall be kept together until my youngest children shall come to the age of twenty one years. It is my further will that out of the proceeds arising from their labor shall be paid the several sums of money herein bequeathed to my daughters as soon as a sufficient amount shall have been received by my executor.

It is my further desire that all my landed estate shall remain in the possession of and use and benefit of my wife during her life. That one certain tract of land only, known as the McCain tract shall be reserved from the above bequest to be sold if necessary for the payment of my debts.

And it is my further desire that at the death of my wife, all my landed estate and negroes as herein bequeathed to her for the purposes mentioned for her use and benefit, with the exception of the above named negroes shall be

equally divided among my sons, Charles, James, Andrew Jackson, George W., Wesley and Thomas.

It is my desire that my sons Charles A. Lewis and Andrew Jackson Lewis act as executors of this, my last will and testament.

In witness of the above, I have here unto set and subscribed my name and affixed my seal **JAMES LEWIS.**

*In presence of:*  
*Josiah Hollis*  
*A. P. Few*  
*M. Quarles*

Codicil: It is my desire that my son Andrew Jackson Lewis shall hold and have in his own right that certain tract of land where he now resides, containing three hundred and twenty acres. This is my first codicil subscribed to as

above  
**JAMES LEWIS.**

In presence of same witnesses as before.

*Note: On February 4, 1843, Charles A. Lewis produced to the Orphans Court, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, this last will and codicil of James Lewis.*

**END**

*Submitted by*

*Rose Parks*  
*Rt 1, Box 1198,*  
*Avery, Texas 75554*

## LEWIS OUTLAWS

### ALEXANDER LEWIS

Alexander Lewis was prominent from 1888-92. On the evening of June 15, 1888, a gang of outlaws held up the Missouri-Kansas-Texas passenger train. Benjamin C. Tarver, a cattleman from Rose, Texas, was a passenger. He was on his way home from Chicago. Tarver was shot and killed and the four gunmen made their escape.

Two of the gang members, Kelp Queen and John Barber were later killed in a shootout with deputy U.S. Marshalls. A third man, Jim Johnson, was arrested in Texas on an unrelated charge and was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of 25 years.

A fourth member of the gang, Alexander Lewis, was apprehended in December 1890, after a youth who had once lived with Lewis confessed that he had overheard the gang planning the train robbery. His testimony was supported by a mass of evidence assembled by Railroad Detective J. J. Kinney, who brought the felon to justice at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Lewis was tried and convicted, but on appeal from Defense Attorney J. Warren Reed, Judge Isaac Parker's sentence was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court on the grounds that he had directed "secret challenges" to be made away from the jurors.

Reed was equally brilliant in the second Lewis murder trial. He assailed the integrity of the government witnesses under cross-examination, and his unvarnished

courtroom theatrics helped win his client a verdict of Not Guilty. At no time, he maintained, could anyone place Lewis at the murder scene. It was an argument the jury found difficult to refute and Lewis was acquitted.

### ELMER LEWIS

Elmer Lewis (AKA Slaughter Kid and Mysterious Kid) was born in 1877 and died in 1896.



Outlaw Elmer Lewis, dead.

At nineteen, Elmer Lewis was working on a ranch in Henrietta County, Texas. He met Foster Crawford and decided to rob banks. The two outlaws held up the City National Bank in Wichita Falls, Texas, on Feb 25, 1896. They killed the cashier, Frank Dorsey and wounded a clerk. They fled with about \$2,000.

Lewis and Crawford then raided the town of Electra, Texas, robbing two stores and the post office. Marshall W. D. McDonald finally caught up with the outlaws and returned them to Wichita Falls, Texas. Both men were jailed pending trial, but a mob broke into the jail, dragged Lewis and Crawford outside and hanged them from a telephone pole. **END**

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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HUSBAND Edward LEWIS-16400

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BORN: Abt 1531 PLACE: Cardigg,,WAL  
 CHR.: PLACE:  
 DIED: Abt 1591 PLACE: Cardigg,,WAL  
 BUR.: PLACE:  
 MARR: 8 May 1550 PLACE: Cardigg,,WAL  
 FATHER:  
 MOTHER:

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WIFE Margaret JONES-16401

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BORN: Abt 1536 PLACE: Cardigg,,WAL  
 CHR.: PLACE:  
 DIED: Abt 1596 PLACE: Cardigg,,WAL  
 BUR.: PLACE:  
 FATHER:  
 MOTHER:

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CHILDREN

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1. NAME: William LEWIS-16394

--- BORN: 4 Apr 1561 PLACE: Penarth,,WAL  
 \* CHR.: PLACE:  
 DIED: Abt 1621 PLACE: Penarth,,WAL  
 BUR.: PLACE:  
 SPOUSE: Sarah CATHCART-16395  
 MARR: 3 Aug 1592 PLACE: Penarth,,WAL

NRIN: 6000

2. NAME:

--- BORN: PLACE:  
 CHR.: PLACE:  
 DIED: PLACE:  
 BUR.: PLACE:  
 SPOUSE:  
 MARR: PLACE:

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3. NAME:

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## DAVID ANGUS LEWIS

David Angus ("ANG") Lewis was the fourth child of James and Duck Lewis. He was born Aug 17, 1885 in Moscow, Texas. At twenty-four, he married Ida Eugenia Saxon in New Williard, Texas. They were "shivereed" on their wedding night by their young friends. This involved the frenzied beating of the sides of the house with long pieces of lumber.

Ang was employed at several saw mills. One of these mills was in New Willard, Texas and was owned by John Henry Kirby, who was raised with Ang's father. He was also known to be one of the best dancers in East Texas and Ida and Ang were popular guests at parties and dances. The couple had five children. Ang was thirty-two years old, when World War I broke out in 1917. He did not enlist.

## ROBERT BENTON LEWIS SR.

Robert Benton Lewis was born on Sept 14, 1923. He was their fourth son. Bob remembers taking lunch to his father at the saw mills and even though he loved playing

in the mountains of saw dust, he didn't like what he saw in the mills and promised himself he would leave as soon as he could. Events occurring on the other side of the world would insure that he would.

In December 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and we were at war. Bob joined the Army, thinking he would fly airplanes, but ended up piloting a landing craft in the coastal waters of the Phillipines.

After the war, he settled in Houston where he married Dolores Derlene Presley on Nov 29, 1947. He attended the University of Houston and obtained a degree in Business Administration. Bob and Dolores had three children and lived in the Clear Lake area between Houston and Galveston. Many of their neighbors were engineers and astronauts from NASA.

In 1974, Bob was transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio. His children were in college and the family lived in Ohio for several years. Since retirement, they have moved back to Texas and are enjoying grandchildren, golf and life in general. **END.**

*Extracted from Family News,  
published by Robert Benton Lewis Sr.*

## SHORT BIO

**Thomas Cotton Lewis Sr.**, was born in Llandaff, Wales on Mar 31, 1776. He was the son of Lewis Lewis and Ann Cotton Lewis. He married Mary Watts in Wales and had at least one son, Thomas Cotton Lewis Jr., who was born on Jan 25, 1805. On Jun 19, 1815, the family arrived in America.

He served apprenticeship in Merthyr-Tydvil, South Wales, to become a machinist, draughtsman and millwright. Thomas was a master mechanic, responsible for the construction of numerous blast furnaces and iron rolling mills, some of which were located in Fayette County, Butler County and Centre County, Pa. With his son, Thomas, he built and operated a foundry in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1842.

About 1850, he retired and settled on a farm near Wheelersburg, West Virginia, where he died Oct 19, 1853. He was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery. **END.**

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# THE LAST WILL OF COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS

Charles Lewis, son of Pioneer John Lewis, was born in Virginia in 1736. He was known to be very gallant and fearless. He was once captured by the Indians and doubtless would have been put to death had he not made his escape by out-running the savages. He commanded a regiment at the battle of the Point, on October 10, 1774, where he was killed. Virginia perpetuated its remembrance by naming a county after him. He married Sarah Murray and left the following issue:

Elizabeth Lewis, born 1762. She died unmarried.

Margaret Lewis, born 1765. She married Major Prior.

Captain John Lewis, born 1766. He married Rachel Miller of Augusta County, Va. John died on Cow Pasture River, in Bath County, in 1843, leaving issue.

Mary Lewis, born 1768. She died unmarried.

Thomas Lewis, born 1771. He died unmarried.

Colonel Andrew Lewis, born 1772. He married Margaret Struat in 1802 and died in 1833, leaving issue.

Charles Lewis, born 1774. He

married Jane Dickerson on 1799. Charles died in 1803, leaving issue.

*This is the last Will of Colonel Charles Lewis, who fell at the Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774.*

"In the name of God. Amen". I, Charles Lewis, of the County of Augusta (Virginia) being of perfect and sound mind and memory, but calling to mind the certainty of death, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this, my last Will and Testament.

Principally, and first of all, I recommend my soul to the Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent manner, at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named: and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose of in the following manner:

I give and devise to my dear and beloved wife, Sarah Lewis, her equal part of all my estate, with her horse, saddle and all her other furniture.

I give and devise to my son, John Lewis, the middle part of the plantation, whereon I now live, and which shall be bounded as followeth: Beginning half a mile from the house where I now live at, and extending down the river from said line, one mile and a half, then to

run across the bottom of the old line; likewise, one plantation on Greenbrier, known by the name of the Great Glad Survey, containing one thousand acres of land, together with his equal part of all my movable estate.

I give and devise to my son, Andrew Lewis, my plantation which I got from John Lewis, George's son, and from the said line to where his brother's survey begins; likewise, one plantation on Greenbrier, where on William Crane lives, together with his equal part of all movable estate.

I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Lewis, the plantation on Greenbrier, where on George Lewis, now lives, together with her equal part of all my movable estate.

I give and devise to my daughter, Margaret Lewis, a plantation on Greenbrier, whereon William Blake now lives, together with her equal part of all my moveable estate.

And as my wife is now pregnant, in case it should be a boy, I bequeath to him my Lowe plantation, whereon Mr. Cowardon now lives; likewise a plantation on Greenbrier, known by the name of Cubbarts Lick, together with his equal part of my movable estate. But in case my wife should have a daughter, I bequeath to her the said place on Greenbrier, known as

Cubbarts Lick, with her equal part of my movable estate.

Note: Charles Cameron (Lewis) was the heir born 1774.

All my land coming to me as an officer, I give to my sons to be equally divided.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my brothers, Thomas and William Lewis, my sole executors of this, my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 10th day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1774.

Charles Lewis. (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and delivered in presence of:

John Dickinson.

Hugh Hecklin.

Charles Cameron

*Note: This is a extract from the letter of Virgil A. Lewis to Cameron L. Thompson, written October 25, 1882. A note on the back of the Will informs the reader that Col. Charles Lewis, was in his 39th year of his age at the time he made his Will. It will be noticed that just sixty days after its date, he was killed at Point Pleasant.*

## JAMES A. LEWIS ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

James A. Lewis, merchant of West Elizabeth and treasurer of Jefferson township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, descended from English ancestry going back to Tredegar, county of Monmouth, England and in Staffordshire. He is the third generation of his family in Pennsylvania.

### FRANCIS LEWIS

His grandfather, Francis Lewis was born in Staffordshire, England on June 11, 1815 and came to the United States in 1866. He married Mary Nicholas in Tredegar, England. She was born January 1, 1820 and died in West Elizabeth, Pa. in 1909. They first settled in West Elizabeth and soon afterwards erected a log house in Jefferson township, one mile from West Elizabeth. Children were David N., William, Thomas, John and Frank. Francis and Mary were members of the Episcopal Church in their native land, but in this country became connected with the Presbyterian Church. In October 1868, Francis was killed in Walton's coal mines at West Elizabeth, Pa.

### DAVID N. LEWIS

David N. Lewis, eldest son of Francis and Mary (Nicholas) Lewis was born in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, England, July 18, 1841 and died in West Elizabeth, Pa., November 16, 1905. Tredegar, the center of a rich mining district, send her sons early to labor in the coal mines, and as a boy, David began the occupation (coal mining) that he worked his entire life. On March 4, 1865, David married Maria Woodward and a few days thereafter sailed for the United States, arriving in New York City on April 14, 1865, the day President Lincoln was

assassinated. He made his way to West Elizabeth, Pa., where he resumed work as a miner. In 1866, he sent for his wife, built a small home near West Elizabeth and there resided until his death. Maria was born in Tredegar in February 18, 1845. She was the daughter of Richard and Maria (Jones) Woodward. Children of David and Maria were James A., Thomas E., Elizabeth, Catherine and Mary Lewis.

### JAMES A. LEWIS

James A. Lewis, eldest son of David N. and Maria Lewis was born in West Elizabeth, Allegheny County, Pa., on November 9, 1866. He attended school until age 12 and then started working in the coal mines with his father. He continued in the coal mines until 1896, when he devoted his full attention to the general store that he had started five years earlier. This store stood on the hill, one mile from West Elizabeth. In 1901, he rebuild a new store (and residence) on the same site. James was a Republican and served as assessor, school director, justice of peace and the first treasurer of Jefferson township. He was a member of the West Elizabeth Presbyterian Church, where he served as trustee. He was also vice-president and director the the First National Bank of West Elizabeth. James married (first) on October 24, 1889 to Sarah Belle Biddle, who died March 21, 1902. James and Sarah had the following children: Earl Leroy, born September 20, 1890; Iva Belle, born December 4, 1893; James Alvin, born April 19, 1896; Sadie Muriel, born April 22, 1898 and Ira Glen, born June 19, 1900 and died August 4, 1901. He married (second) May 28, 1908 to Mollie (Roesch) Webber, a widow. END.

# Lewis Family

## FAMILY GROUP SHEET

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|                                                                                                           |                                    |
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| Husband: EDWARD (EDMOND?) LEWIS                                                                           |                                    |
| Born: July 6, 1726                                                                                        | Place: GUILFORD, CT                |
| Married: September 7, 1757                                                                                | Place: GUILFORD, CT                |
| Died: July 13, 1810                                                                                       | Place: LENOX, MADISON CO., NY      |
| Father: EDWARD LEWIS                                                                                      |                                    |
| Mother: REBECCA LOTHROP                                                                                   |                                    |
| Other Wives:                                                                                              |                                    |
| Wife: JANE HOTCHKISS                                                                                      |                                    |
| Born: 1738                                                                                                | Place:                             |
| Died: January 3, 1823                                                                                     | Place: LENOX, MADISON CO., NY      |
| Father:                                                                                                   |                                    |
| Mother:                                                                                                   |                                    |
| Other Husbands:                                                                                           |                                    |
| Sex Children                                                                                              | List each child (living or dead)   |
| M/F                                                                                                       | in order of birth                  |
| 1. Name: HANNAH LEWIS                                                                                     | Spouse:                            |
| — Born: September 16, 1761                                                                                | Place:                             |
| F Married:                                                                                                | Place:                             |
| Died:                                                                                                     | Place:                             |
| 2. Name: EDWARD LEWIS                                                                                     | First spouse: OLIVE BARNARD        |
| — Born: June 2, 1766                                                                                      | Place: GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN CO., CT |
| M Married:                                                                                                | Place:                             |
| Died: April 25, 1840                                                                                      | Place: LENOX, MADISON CO., NY      |
| 3. Name: REBECCA LEWIS                                                                                    | Spouse:                            |
| — Born: March 16, 1769                                                                                    | Place:                             |
| F Married:                                                                                                | Place:                             |
| Died:                                                                                                     | Place:                             |
| 4. Name: JOHN LEWIS                                                                                       | Spouse: LUCRETIA BARNARD           |
| — Born: February 19, 1773                                                                                 | Place:                             |
| M Married: 1795                                                                                           | Place: HARTFORD, CT                |
| Died:                                                                                                     | Place:                             |
| 5. Name: SAMUEL LEWIS                                                                                     | Spouse:                            |
| — Born: February 19, 1773                                                                                 | Place:                             |
| M Married:                                                                                                | Place:                             |
| Died:                                                                                                     | Place:                             |
| 6. Name:                                                                                                  | Spouse:                            |
| — Born:                                                                                                   | Place:                             |
| Married:                                                                                                  | Place:                             |
| Died:                                                                                                     | Place:                             |
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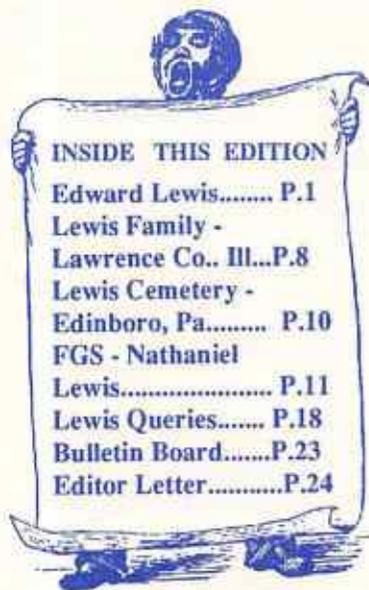
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## EDWARD LEWIS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Compiled by Leroy C. Lewis, deceased.

Edward Lewis of Mecklenburg County, Virginia was born of Edward and Martha Lewis in Prince George County, Va., on October 3, 1728. His birth is validated in the vestry book of the Bristol Parish, Prince George County. He died on August 13, 1780 and his will and other records are on file in Mecklenburg County.

It is not known if Edward Lewis had brothers or sisters. There could have been a



brother Thomas. However, this has not been proven. In the years 1748/49/50, there was a Thomas Lewis on the title list of Lunenburg Co., Va. Edward Lewis appears on that county's title list in 1751 and 1752. In addition, Edward's first son and paternal grandfather were both named Thomas Lewis.

Edward's father died between 1728 and 1733, undoubtedly at a youthful age. Records of Prince George County show that the mother remarried before 1733. Her second husband was John Manson, who had moved to Prince George County from

Elizabeth County, Va. The Bristol Parish vestry book records the birth of a son to the couple on December 24, 1733. He was given the name of Peter Manson. It is not known what happened to the Manson family. However, this is not uncommon, because the records for this county were burned during military conflicts.

The question arises, what happened to Edward Lewis after the death of his father? He was only one or two years old and probably remained with his mother and step-father. Perhaps when older, he went with a brother (Thomas) or maybe with Francis Bressie, when that family moved to Brunswick County in 1745. As mentioned earlier, Edward did appear on the 1751/52 title list for Lunenburg County.

Edward married Mary Bressie around 1750. She was the daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Irby?) and was also born in Prince George County, ca. August 1731.

Her birth is also noted in the vestry book of the Bristol Parish. Mary's brothers and sisters were William, Elizabeth, John, Thomas, Irby, Henry, Samuel and Jane Bressie. When the Bressie's moved in 1745, Mary would have been 14 years of age and Edward, 17 years old. He would have been old enough to make the move and could have worked for the Bressie family until he married Mary.

It is quite possible that Francis Bressie may have given Edward Lewis a wedding present and a start in life by giving him land adjacent to the Bressie plantation. Records indicate that by 1756, Francis Bressie owned 4681 acres. The land that the Bressies and Lewises owned in Brunswick County became part of Lunenburg County in 1746 and then in 1765, became part of Mecklenburg County.

Edward Lewis was a slave owner and planter by occupation.

In 1756, he was granted a patent for 592 acres in Lunenburg County. The records of that county show that he bought and sold several tracts of land between 1756 and 1762. At the time of his death in 1780, he owned 449 acres and 15 slaves.

There is evidence that Edward was a member of the Episcopal Church of England, which was the State Church of Virginia. That church was supported by taxes, called tithes, which were levied upon all

citizens and the law provided punishments for those who did not attend church. The normal tithe was the tenth part of produce of land and cattle paid in form of tax. On November 19, 1776, the Virginia Assembly adopted a set of resolutions to disestablish the England Church in Virginia. This resulted in considerable controversy. Edward Lewis was one of many church members from Mecklenburg County, that signed a petition requesting a return to the pre-revolutionary status for the Episcopal Church. A copy of the petition (signed by Edward Lewis) is on file in the Virginia State Library in Richmond.

There is considerable debate whether Edward Lewis was a Revolutionary War soldier. The lineage book of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume XCVI, show that a Edward Lewis served as a soldier in the Virginia Line, but this is thought to be Edward Lewis Jr. Another researcher has stated that Edward Lewis Sr. of Mecklenburg County was too old to have served in the Revolutionary War. His age coupled with the fact that he had minor children (under age of 16 years) would have precluded him from military service. Additionally, the fact that he probably had sons Thomas, John and Edward serving, would have voided any necessity for his serving. This cannot be

taken for certainty because all males 18-50 were subject to military duty and Edward Lewis was 48 years of age and was indeed vulnerable to duty.

During the period 1751 to 1771, Edward and Mary Lewis had the following children:

## THOMAS LEWIS

Thomas Lewis was born ca. 1751 in Lunenburg County, Va. Nothing is known of his early childhood, but it can be assumed that he grew up on the Lewis plantation, near Butchers Creek and the Roanoke River in the present county of Mecklenburg. There is no indication that he ever married.

The military records of Thomas Lewis indicate that in August 1775, at age 24, he enlisted as a sergeant in Virginia. The unit was commanded by Colonel William Davies and Thomas served in this unit until he was appointed a Lieutenant in the 15th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line in 1776. National Archive records show that he was at Valley Forge in May 1778 and probably suffered the hard winter of 1777-78. On September 14, 1778, there was a reorganization of military units, whereby the 15th Virginia Regiment was renumbered the 11th Virginia Regiment.

Thomas was assigned to the 11th Virginia Regiment about 1780, when several Virginia regiments were captured by the

British at Charleston, South Carolina. Thomas Lewis was captured during this seige and died while a prisoner of war in South Carolina. Many years later, in 1786, Colonel William Davies signed a certificate indicating that Thomas died between the 15th of June 1780 and the 15th of October 1780. He would have been 29 years old.

Following the death of Thomas Lewis in 1780, there appears no court related activity with regard to his estate. He probably did not have a will. On July 1, 1786, Edward Lewis Jr. petitioned to the Mecklenburg County Court that he was the legal heir of Thomas Lewis and that he was entitled to land warrants issued to Thomas for three years of service as a Lieutenant of the Continental Line. On the next day, July 2, 1786, Edward requested that an additional warrant be given to Thomas Vaughan, the brother-in-law of Thomas and Edward. By July 28, 1786, the Mecklenburg County Court acted on the matter and granted Edward Lewis Jr., two warrants for 1333 1/3 acres, located on the east fork of the Miami River in the Northwest Territory. On that same day, Thomas Vaughan was given the balance of Thomas Lewis' military pay in the amount of 214 Virginia pounds, 11 shillings and 11 pence.

## EDWARD LEWIS JR.

Edward Lewis Jr. was born ca. 1752 in Lunenburg County, Va. Like his older brother Thomas, it is assumed that Edward was raised on the Lewis Plantation in the present day county of Mecklenburg in Virginia.

Based on the earlier discussion, there is a good possibility that Edward Lewis Jr. served in the Revolutionary War. He was old enough for military service and his whereabouts between 1776-1779 is unknown. However, it is known that in 1780, he was present in Mecklenburg County, when his father died.

On August 13, 1780, Edward's father died and he was appointed as an executor of his father's estate, along with his mother Mary and brother Francis Lewis. In the settlement of his father's estate, Edward Lewis Jr., received a Negro man named Bozer, a Negro boy name Cato, one bed, all the pewter ware, all the books, a cupboard and a set of shoe maker tools. The inheritance was valued at 134 Virginia pounds, 18 shillings and 6 pence.

In December 1781, his mother Mary Lewis died and Edward was appointed guardian of the orphaned Lewis children, who were Mary, Nathaniel, Ann (Nancy), William and Bressie Lewis.

It is not known when Edward Lewis Jr., married. The

1782 Virginia State Census for Mecklenburg County, shows Edward as head of a household consisting of 10 white persons, probably Edward, his wife Susannah, four of his children and his remaining brothers and sisters. He also owned fifteen Negro slaves, part of which belonged to his wards.

The children of Edward and Susannah were:

**Thomas Lewis**, married March 22, 1806 to Elizabeth Burchett.

**Edward Lewis**

**Abraham Lewis**

**Mary Lewis**

**Alexander Lewis**

**Robert Lewis**, married August 22, 1797 to Nancy Willis.

On January 9, 1807, Edward Lewis Jr. died. At that time he lived in St. James Parish, Mecklenburg County. His will dated October 3, 1806 provided the following: To wife Susannah Lewis, all estate, and at her death, all that I have lent to her, to be divided between my children. Children named were Thomas, Edward, Abraham, Mary and Alexander Lewis. Also grandchildren Frances, Mary and Ellender Lewis, the said grandchildren to have 1/6 of estate. Executor to have power to sell a tract on the Miami River in the Northwest Territory of

1300 acres. Estate was valued at 261 Virginia pounds and 9 shillings. After settlement of debts against the estate, the executor, Thomas Lewis owed 41 Virginia pounds, 19 shillings, and 6 pence more than estate was worth.

## FRANCIS LEWIS

Francis Lewis, called Frank by many, was born ca. 1754 in Lunenburg County, Va.

In the year 1782, there was a state census taken and it listed Francis Lewis as head of a household in Mecklenburg County. At that time he owned two negro slaves. These were probably the slaves inherited from his father, a Negro man named Dick and a Negro woman named Phillis. He also inherited a bay horse name Snip.

Sometime before 1784, Francis was living in Granville County, North Carolina, which adjoins Mecklenburg County. His presence in Granville County was documented in the North Carolina Census for 1784 and the Federal Census for 1790, 1800 and 1810.

On April 27, 1786, a marriage bond was issued in Mecklenburg County to Francis Lewis and Elizabeth Hester and they were married on April 30, 1786, by a minister named Henry Lester.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Abraham and Anne (Ragland) Hester, natives of Louisa County, Va. She had five brothers and sisters: Samuel, Robert, Susannah, Henrietta and Barbara Hester.

Children of this marriage were:

**Robert "Bob" Lewis**, born ca. 1787. Married Charlotte Butler on January 8, 1810. Bob may have married again to Elizabeth Dunkin on May 12, 1834 in Limestone County, Ala.

**Samuel Lewis**, died ca. 1831.

**Polly Lewis**, born ca. 1795. Married Thomas Timmons ca. 1817.

**Bressie Lewis**, born ca. 1796. Married Jane East.

**Henry Washington Lewis**, born ca. 1797-8. Married three times: Nancy Hale in 1824, Emeriah P. Parish, (called Emma) on October 26, 1842 and Mariah A. (Smithhart) Williams on February 10, 1863, probably in Burnett County, Texas.

**Nancy Lewis**, born December 19, 1801. Married William W. Bates.

**Martha Lewis**. Married William M. Sims.

**Edward Lewis**, born ca. 1803 and died ca. 1843. Married Mary Simmons or Mary Franklin.

**Susannah Lewis**, died before 1835. Married James Davidson.

**Barbara Lewis**, born 1809. Married Thomas Timmons.

*All of these children were born in Granville County, North Carolina.*

Sometime during the period 1816-18, Francis Lewis, Nathaniel Lewis and probably Bressie Lewis and their families moved from Granville County, North Carolina to Madison County, Alabama.

On December 25, 1820, Francis and Elizabeth (Hester) Lewis gave their son Samuel Lewis 1/4 quarter of the section of land in Madison County, Al. This land transaction is recorded in Madison County, Alabama - Deed book G, page 279, Dec 25, 1820. This is the only documentation that Elizabeth was still alive in 1820.

Francis Lewis moved to Limestone County, Alabama about 1831. That county adjoins Madison County. He purchased a parcel of land on December 21, 1831 from the United States. The property was about 2 miles west of Morris Crossroads in Limestone County.

In the book *Lore and Lure of Limestone County*, by Faye Axeford and Chris Edwards, the authors indicate that a Francis Lewis married Mary Hudson in Franklin County, Va., and came

to Limestone County, Alabama before 1830. It is not known whether this is the same Francis Lewis.

On July 22, 1835, Francis Lewis signed his will, and he died shortly after. He listed his possessions as: three Negro slaves named David, Adam and Jenny, an old woman; one young mare, stock of hogs and cattle; one yoke and oxen, and the present crop of corn and cotton. Also one thousand dollars in bonds due January 1, 1836. Francis indicated that he wanted all property and possessions sold and equally divided between his children and five grandchildren, who were heirs of his deceased daughter, Susannah Davidson. Henry Lewis, his son and William W. Bates, his son-in-law were appointed executors. Elizabeth Lewis, wife of Francis Lewis died between 1830 and 1835. She was listed in the 1830 census, but not in the will of Francis.

Robert Lewis, son of Francis Lewis sold the estate and settlement was made on December 11, 1837. A total of \$3158.97 was divided among 10 lawful heirs who were: Henry Lewis, Bressie Lewis, Williams Sims (husband of Martha Lewis Sims), William Bates (husband of Nancy Lewis Bates), heirs of Samuel Lewis, heirs of Edward Lewis, heirs of Susannah (Lewis) Davidson, Thomas Timmons (husband of Polly Lewis Timmons), Barbara Lewis and Robert Lewis.

## MARTHA LEWIS

Martha Lewis was born ca. 1756, probably in Lunenburg Co., Va. She died before March 11, 1797, probably in Mecklenburg County.

On Oct 8, 1781, Martha married Thomas Vaughan in Mecklenburg Co., Va. It was his second marriage. Thomas purchased the land on which the Lewis plantation rested. It is not known how many children resulted from this marriage, but one daughter Jane Vaughan was identified through the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was born 1784 in Mecklenburg Co. and later married Samuel Dickens on May 16, 1801. They were living in Madison Co., Tenn., when Jane died on Feb 3, 1825.

## JOHN LEWIS

John Lewis was born ca. 1760 in Lunenburg County, Va., and died after 1832.

When John was 20 years old, his father died. He inherited a portion of his father's estate, including a Negro woman slave named Amy, a bay mare, 13 head of cattle and eight cowhides. The entire inheritance was valued at 135 Virginia pounds.

It is believed that John Lewis was a soldier in the Mecklenburg County militia during the Revolutionary War. There was a John Lewis that served from Mecklenberg

County, and applied for a pension through the Halifax County, Virginia Court on August 19, 1835. His application states that he was drafted into the military service in August 1777 for three months. He served four months under Captain Burton and Colonel Maclin. His company in conjunction with others marched from the Mecklenburg County Courthouse to Norfolk and then to Bay Shore, Virginia. After returning to Norfolk, he was discharged. In the summer of 1781, he was again drafted into the army for three months. His commanders were Captain Graves and Colonel Lewis Burwell. According to the statement, John was at the siege of Yorktown and the surrender of British General Cornwallis.

John married Susannah Hester, daughter of Abraham Hester and Anne (Ragland) Hester. The date and place of their marriage is unknown and it is not known whether they had children.

## NATHANIEL LEWIS

Nathaniel Lewis was born ca. 1766 in Mecklenburg Co., Va.

In 1780, Nathaniel's father died and he inherited a Negro man named Peter and a young gray mare. When his mother died in Dec 1781, he became a ward of his older brother Edward.

Around 1790, Nathaniel moved to Granville County, North Carolina.

On November 29, 1790, he married Sarah Harris, known as Sally. She was a native of North Carolina, being the daughter of Charles and Sarah (Allen) Harris. Sally had eight brothers and sisters: Benjamin, David, William, Allen, Drury, Mary, Martha and Elizabeth Harris.

Following their marriage, Nathaniel and Sally Lewis resided in Granville County where he was a farmer and planter.

During the period 1791-1818, there were fifteen children born of this marriage:

**Edward Lewis**, known as Ned.

**Elizabeth Lewis**, born ca. 1792. Married Stirling Jones.

**Polly Lewis**, known as Mary.

**Martha Lewis**

**William Lewis**, known as Buck. He was born November 17, 1795 and died November 18, 1888. Married Jane H. Rodgers on March 7, 1819.

**Charles Lewis**, born ca. 1799 and died April 21, 1880. Married Malinda H. Whitz on October 20, 1834.

**Sally Lewis.**

**Howell Lewis.**

**Nathaniel Lewis**, known as Nat. Born October 16, 1802 and died October 10, 1852. Married Ruth R. White on Jan 25, 1826

**Thomas Lewis**, born ca. 1804. Married Susan Fletcher on October 26, 1830.

**Washington Lewis**, known as Wash. Born ca. 1807. Married Lucenda Duvall ca. 1842.

**Harriet Lewis.** She never married and died April 21, 1861.

**James S. Lewis**, born ca. 1814. Married Mary Ann Malone on February 8, 1850.

**Francis Wesley Lewis**, born ca. 1816 and died June 26, 1882. He married first to Jane Thompson ca. 1838 and second to Judith Anne Jennings, who was born 1819 in Kentucky.

In the year 1818, Nathaniel Lewis and his family moved from Granville County, North Carolina to Madison County, Alabama. The move was probably prompted by the opportunity to purchase low cost land in Madison County. Francis and Bressie Lewis and their families also moved at the same time.

Nathaniel Lewis died in Madison County in Nov 1847. Sally died sometime between 1840 and 1847. They are said to be buried in the Lewis graveyard at Madison Crossroads.

**WILLIAM LEWIS**

William Lewis was born ca. 1767 in Mecklenburg County, Va.

In 1780, when his father died, William inherited a Negro man named Will and a Negro girl named Doll. Both were valued at 135 Virginia pounds. When his mother died in December 1781, he was made a ward to his older brother Edward Lewis Jr.

Nothing further is known of William Lewis.

**MARY LEWIS**

Mary Lewis was born ca. 1768 in Mecklenburg County, Va.

Her early childhood undoubtedly was spent on the Lewis plantation located near Butchers Creek and the Roanoke River in Mecklenburg County. On August 13, 1780, her father died and she inherited a Negro woman named Ede and a child Pleasant, one bed, forty weight of feathers, 13 head of cattle and all of the kitchen furniture. The value of her inheritance was 134 Virginia pounds, 18 shillings, and 6 pence. When her mother died in December 1781, she became a ward to her older brother Edward Lewis Jr.

On October 21, 1784, she married Clement Blackburn in Mecklenburg County. Clement was born February 11, 1760 and served in the Revolutionary War.

Clement and Mary were the parents of 10 children, all believed to be born in Mecklenburg County, Va:

**Sarah Blackburn.** She married William Clarke in 1818.

**Thomas Blackburn.**

**Francis Blackburn,** who married Nancy O. Roffa on December 17, 1816. He died March 22, 1874.

**Ashley Blackburn.**

**Gray Blackburn.**

**Sidney Blackburn.**

**Alexander Blackburn,** who married Sarah E. Johnson.

**Maria Blackburn,** who married Archibald McRoberts. She died June 10, 1862.

**Mary Blackburn,** who married Samuel D. White.

**Alfred Blackburn.**

After 1840, Clement and Mary moved to Limestone County, Alabama. Mary died there in June 1842 and Clement died on February 7, 1843.

## **ANN LEWIS**

Ann (Nancy) Lewis was born ca. 1770 in Mecklenburg County, Va.

When her father died in

1780, she inherited a Negro woman named Sall and her child, Fanny and a pair of cart wheels. The value of the inheritance was 135 Virginia pounds and 10 shillings. Her mother died in December 1781 and she was made a ward to her older brother Edward Lewis Jr. In 1782, Elizabeth Bressie, Ann's grandmother died and left her a Negro girl named Betty.

On August 20, 1785, Ann married Ingram Vaughan in Mecklenburg County. Ingram was born December 4, 1758. During the Revolutionary War, he served first as an enlisted man and later as an officer.

Records indicate that Ann and Ingram lived in Mecklenburg Co., Virginia, Granville County, North Carolina, Halifax County, Virginia, Madison County, Alabama and finally in Marengo County, Alabama.

The only known child of this marriage was Edward Bressie Vaughan. He was born January 22, 1798 and died February 6, 1868. He married Maria Blackburn.

Ingram died in 1836 in Marengo Co., Alabama. It is not known when or where Ann died.

## **BRESSIE LEWIS**

Bressie Lewis was born ca. 1771 in Mecklenburg Co., Va. In 1780, Bressie's father died and he inherited a Negro man named

Jupiter and a Negro female named Lucy. In addition he received a bed and a desk, all valued at 135 Virginia pounds. A year later, his mother died and he was left a ward of his older brother Edward Lewis Jr. In 1782, his grandmother Elizabeth Bressie, died leaving him a Negro male named James and a Negro female named Judith.

Bressie married his cousin Ann Bressie in Norfolk Co., Va., on Feb 1, 1797. It is not known if there were any children of this marriage.

The War of 1812 Muster of the Militia of North Carolina indicated that Bressie Lewis served as a private in the Second Regiment of the Granville Co., Militia. Other Lewises serving with him were Robert, Samuel and James Lewis Jr.

There is no information indicating what happened to Bressie and his wife Ann, after 1812. It is thought that they migrated to Alabama with his brothers Francis and Nathaniel Lewis. **END**

*Leroy Carlisle Lewis (deceased) wrote this material and several books on this family. If you are interested, please write to his widow:*

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# LEWIS FAMILIES OF LAWRENCE CO., ILLINOIS

For many years one of the prominent and outstanding families of Lawrence County has been that bearing the name of Lewis, members of which have made themselves well known in various lines of endeavor, particularly in farming. Here's their story! *Please note that this material was written in the 1920/30 timeframe.*

## HUGO S. LEWIS

A worthy representative of the Lewis family is found in Hugo S. Lewis, who is carrying on extensive agricultural operations just south of Bridgeport.

Mr. Lewis was born on the home place October 5, 1891, a son of Sigel D. and Elizabeth E. (Seed) Lewis, natives of Lawrence Co., and a grandson of William M. and Catherine (Eaton) Lewis, also of the same county, and of William and Mary (Irwin) Seed, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Lawrence County.

Sigel D. Lewis, who was always a farmer, died in 1898, and his widow now resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

Hugo was reared on the home place and received the benefits accruing from a high school education. When he reached young manhood, he decided to enter upon a mercantile career, but after two years in the hardware business at Bridgeport, he returned to the home farm of 110 acres, just south of Bridgeport, where he carried on general farming with a considerable amount of success. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In 1917, Hugo married Pauline Gee, who was born at Lawrence, Illinois, a daughter of S. J. and Belle (Wile) Gee, natives of St. Francisville, Ill. When this biographical material was written, Hugo and Pauline had no children.

## C. M. LEWIS

C. M. Lewis, an uncle of Hugo S. Lewis, was born near Bridgeport, Illinois, January 22, 1867, a son of William M. and Catherine (Eaton) Lewis and a

grandson of Phillip and Mary (Craven) Lewis, natives of Kentucky, who came to Lawrence County in 1818, and of Caius M. Eaton, a Vermonter by birth, who arrived in the county in 1820.

William M. Lewis was a wheat buyer, who also conducted a hardware store and was engaged in various commercial pursuits. He served as county treasurer of Lawrence County for one term and had the distinction of being the first station agent at Bridgeport of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad. He held that position during the perilous days of the war between the states. He died in 1882, at the age of fifty-three. His widow surviving until 1900, when she passed away at the age of sixty-two years.

C. M. Lewis attended public schools, following which he took his medical degree from the Indianapolis Medical College in 1898 and practiced his profession with success at Bridgeport for fifteen years. In 1913, President Wilson appointed him Postmaster, an office which he filled with conscientious attention to duty for nine years. In 1922, he entered the insurance business, in which he has since been engaged. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Christian Church. He served one term as county coroner and has been a member of the high school board, of which he was president for six years and is now secretary.

In 1911, he was elected mayor and served one term and in May 1925, was recalled to the office, in which he has since served.

In 1895, Doctor Lewis married Bertha Benefiel, who was born in Lawrence County, a daughter of Jesse and Sophia (McLeade) Benefiel. Mrs Lewis died in 1900, leaving one son C. D. Lewis.

C. D. Lewis, who is associated in business with his father, enlisted early in World War I and was attached to the French Army as an ambulance driver. In this service, he saw action in five major engagements of the Eighteenth French Army Corps, and for conspicuous bravery in the face of fire was awarded

the Croix de Guerre. Returning to the United States in 1919, he married Ruth Tracy, a daughter of O. H. Tracy, superintendent of the Ohio Oil Company's interest in Bridgeport.

In 1903, Dr. C. M. Lewis took for his second wife, Anna McNeill, who was born in Lawrence County, a daughter of John and Georgina (Searight) McNeill, natives of Ireland. Doctor and Mrs. Lewis had one son, **William M.**, born in 1904. This boy was a graduate of the Bridgeport High School, and while on a picnic with his former classmates in 1923, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

## BRYON RAY LEWIS

Bryon Ray Lewis, was born in 1880 at Bridgeport, a son of Joseph B. and Mary E. (Lake) Lewis. His paternal grandparents were Perry and Mary Jane (Musgrave) Lewis, natives of Lawrence County. His great-grandparents on the paternal side were Paul and Ann (Stewart) Lewis, the former a native of Guilford Court House, North Carolina, who came to Lawrence County, Illinois in 1814. Paul Lewis married Ann Stewart at Palmyra, Edwards County on March 15, 1820.

The parents of Paul, Isaiah and Nancy (Julian) Lewis had arrived in Edwards County, Illinois as early as 1816.

Another son of Isaiah, **Peter Lewis** entered 160 acres of land from the land office at Vincennes, Indiana, in 1816. This being the first Lewis entry, of which there were more to follow.

**Isaiah Lewis** served on the first petit jury held in Lawrence County, served on the second grand jury, and in 1824, was elected a county commissioner, a position he held for two years.

**Paul Lewis**, a farmer by vocation, was progressive in various ways, building the first flax mill and a mill driven by ox-power, for the making of linseed oil about 1840.

**Perry Lewis**, was a master millwright and the builder of a dam across the Ambrough River, and likewise the builder and operator of a water power flour mill and a constructor of numerous barns and bridges. He served as supervisor of Lawrence Township for two

terms and became a highly influential and greatly respected citizen. He died in 1912, at the ripe old age of ninety-one years, and was laid to rest in the White House Cemetery.

**Joseph B. Lewis**, father of Bryon Ray Lewis, was born in 1850, and in young manhood learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked largely in the construction of the Big Four Railroad and the Tamaroa & Chester Railroad and as a member of construction crews on railroad work in Texas. Subsequently he turned to farming, which he followed until his death on March 24, 1929. Mrs Lewis, who was born in 1853, died January 3, 1927. They were the parents of the following children:

### Byron Ray Lewis

**Cornelia Olive**, who died in 1898, at age 16;

**Whitney Leroy**, who died in 1898 at age 14;

**Lydia Beatrice**, who died in 1907 at age 21;

**Frances**, who died in 1889, at age one;

**Roger Quincy Mills**, born in 1889, now a resident of Bridgeport

**Ruth Ellen**, now the wife of Virden French, of Bridgeport.

Bryon Ray Lewis attended the district schools and the Bridgeport High School and had academic and college training at Vincennes, Indiana. In 1907, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois, and following that had two years of post graduate work. He then taught in the high school at Bridgeport until 1917, when he became principal of the high school. He served in that capacity for four years. Since then he has engaged in genealogical, historical and research work. Mr. Lewis is an elder of the Christian Church and teacher in the Sunday school. He is also a thirty-second and Knight Templar Mason and is a member of many other fraternal, genealogical and historical organizations.

In 1916, Byron Ray Lewis was united in marriage with Miss Luella Eaton, who was born in Christy Township, Lawrence County in 1878, daughter of James and Cynthia (Lewis) Eaton. **END**

# LEWIS CEMETERY, EDINBORO, PA.

The Lewis Cemetery is located on Irish Road in Edinboro, Pa. Edinboro is located near Erie, in Erie County, Pa.

The following burial lots can be found in the Lewis Cemetery:

Row I. West End of Cemetery.  
North side

Wm J. Lewis 1857-1925  
Eva Lewis 1867-1946

Row 8.  
South

Guy M. Lewis 1855-1911  
Josiah Lewis 1852-1925  
Alvina Lewis 1857-1905  
Flossie Lewis 1896-1906

Middle

Otto Glen Lewis 1892  
Mary Lewis 1852-1936  
John Lewis 1845-1893

North

George Lewis 1816-1894  
Laura Lewis 1821-1843  
Lizzie Lewis, died at 22 years. She was wife of George Lewis.

Row 9

Josiah G. Lewis 1818-1894  
Sophia M. Lewis 1822-1898

Samuel T. Lewis 1853-1935  
John D. Lewis 1898-1909

John D. Lewis 1821-1889  
Sally Lewis 1825-1900  
Jacob Lewis 1794-1882  
Elizabeth Lewis 1801-1890

Row 12

??ice wife of K.W. Lewis  
(first two letters were not legible)

Row 13

J. Martin Lewis died 1876 at 25

Row 14

James C. Lewis

Row 15

Elizabeth, wife of George  
Nathaniel Lewis

Row 21  
South

Elton Lewis  
Helen Lewis 1918-1991

Loma Jean Lewis McAtee  
Francis William McAtee

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## John Colter

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Lewis And Clark expedition member. 'Discoverer' of the Yellowstone area.

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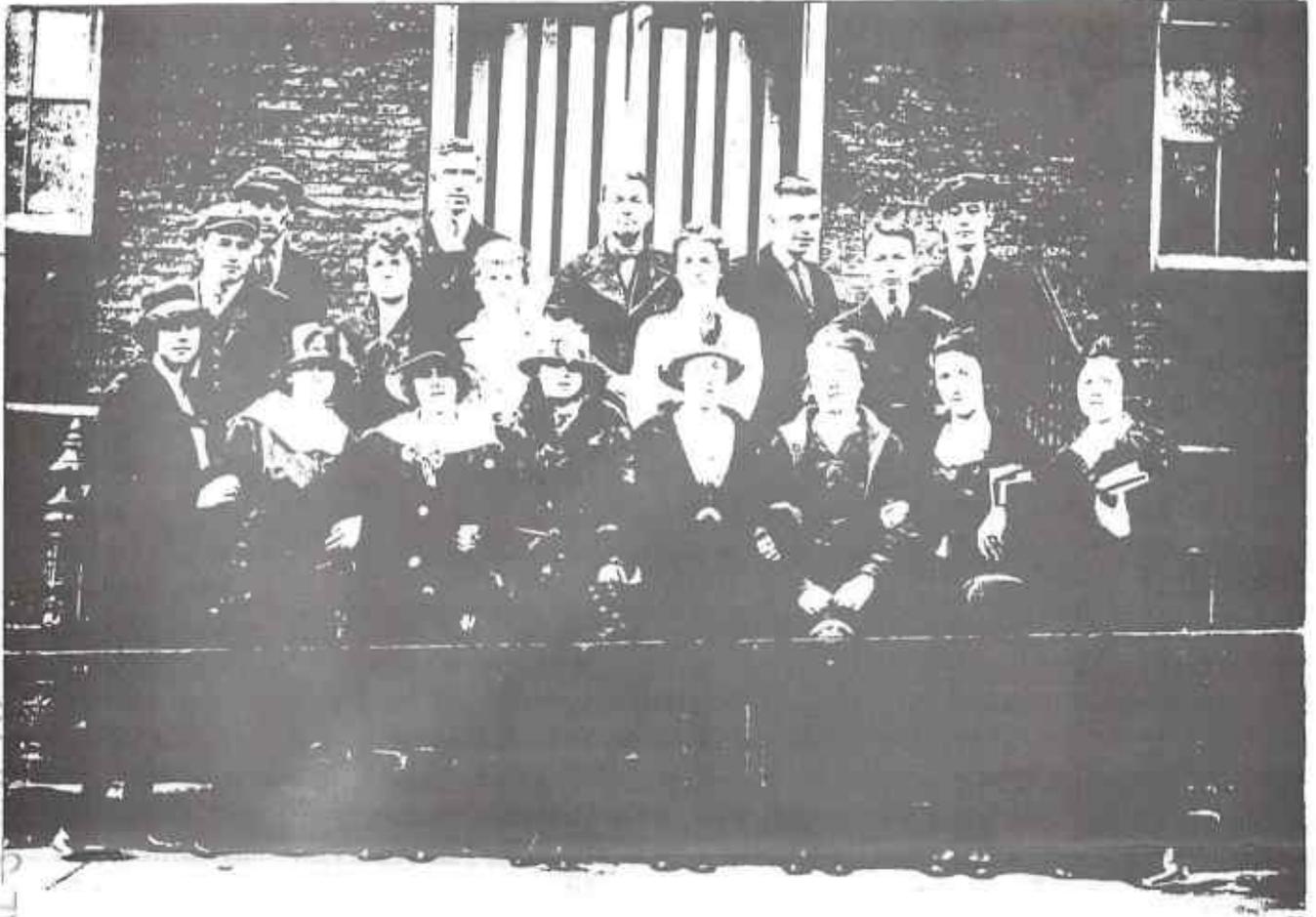
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Family Register

HUSBAND: WILLIAM ARTHUR LEWIS, born Jan. 7, 1873  
son of Wm. Clark Lewis & Eleanor Reed Lewis

WIFE: SARAH ELLEN LONG LEWIS, born Feb. 3, 1875  
daughter of Jacob Long & Margaret Elsass Long

Births

DONALD ALTON LEWIS born Apr. 3, 1904

MARGARET ELLEN LEWIS born June 14, 1906

ARTHUR LONG LEWIS born Apr 14, 1908

HELEN VIRGINIA LEWIS born Apr 5, 1917

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Marriages

DONALD ALTON LEWIS & MARYWOOD HYATT married Aug. 10, 1927.

MARGARET ELLEN LEWIS & WILBUR HIRST married (not given)

HELEN VIRGINIA LEWIS & JOSEPH MARION ROMANO married Apr. 26, 1941.

Deaths

ARTHUR LONG LEWIS, May 24, 1912.

DONALD A. LEWIS b Apr 3, 1904 d Nov 24, 1932.

CARLETON CLARK HYATT LEWIS son of Donald & Marywood died Aug 20, 1941.

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no inquiry about their property, as it mattered not whether they were rich or poor, so they were honest, upright, and bore a good name. We have distinguished the different generations of the family by the letters of the alphabet, thus: A, first generation; B, second, etc.

We hope this little volume may be the means of stimulating the rising generation to noble deeds and save them from degradation; and that some enterprising member of the family may continue the researches after the scattered and lost members of the family and some day publish a new edition of this book, is the earnest desire of the

AUTHOR.

PERRYVILLE, MISS.

I

## CHAPTER I

### GENEALOGY OF THE LEWIS FAMILY.

There is a tradition in the Lewis family in America that the name originated in France, and that it was originally spelled "Louis," meaning strong or brave. After the family settled in Wales, the name being Anglicized, it was changed to "Lewis." All the Welsh Lewises are related, as they sprang from the same original stock.

About the middle of the seventeenth century four brothers of the Lewis family left Wales, viz.:

- A 1. Samuel, went to Portugal; nothing more is known of him.
- A 2. William, died in Ireland.
- A 3. General Robert, died in Gloucester county, Va.; and
- A 4. John, died in Hanover county, Va.

A 2. William, one of the Welsh brothers, died in Ireland. He married a Miss — McClelland and left one son, viz.:

- B 1. Andrew, who married Mary Calhoun, and left issue, viz.:
- C 1. John, born in 1678; married Margaret Lynn.
- C 2. Samuel, born 1680; left no issue.

C 1. John was born in Ireland, and is styled as Pioneer John Lewis by Campbell in his history of Virginia. In 1720 he killed an Irish landlord and fled to America, and finally settled near where the town of Staunton, in Augusta county, Va., now stands. He was tall and of great muscular strength, and was one among the best backwoodsmen of his day. When he settled in what is now Augusta county, the country was inhabited by Indians.

Like all pioneer settlers in a new country, he had to fight his way with the red men of the forest. He built his house with port-holes in it, so that he could successfully contend with the savage tribes that infested the country, and with whom he had many a conflict. When Augusta county was organized, he was the founder of Staunton, the county seat, and was one of the first magistrates appointed in the county by the Governor. The last thirty years of his life were devoted to advancing the interests of the little community he founded. He died in 1762, thirty years after coming to Augusta, and in his

eighty-fourth year. He was buried at Bellefonte, in Augusta county, where a plain marble slab marks the spot where his remains repose, with the following inscription upon it :

" Here lies the remains of  
 JOHN LEWIS,  
 Who slew the Irish lord, settled Augusta county,  
 Located the town of Staunton,  
 And furnished five sons to fight the battles of the  
 AMERICAN REVOLUTION.  
 He was the son of Andrew Lewis, Esq., and Mary Calhoun,  
 and was born in Donegal Co., Ireland, 1678,  
 and died in Virginia Feb. 1, 1762.  
 He was a brave man, a true patriot and  
 a firm friend of liberty throughout the world "

- C 1. John Lewis and Margaret Lynn had seven children, viz:
- D 1. Samuel, born in Ireland, 1716; died unmarried.
  - D 2. Thomas, born in Ireland, 1718; married Jane Strother.
  - D 3. General Andrew, born in Ireland, 1720, married Elizabeth Givens.
  - D 4. Colonel William, born in Ireland, 1724; married Ann Montgomery.
  - D 5. Margaret, born 1726; died unmarried.
  - D 6. Anne, born 1728, died unmarried.
  - D 7. Colonel Charles, born 1736; married Sarah Murray.
- John Lewis' children were all born in Ireland, except Charles, the youngest.

D 1. Samuel was a captain in the war between the English and French colonists. His brothers, Andrew, William and Charles, were members of his company, and all four were at Braddock's defeat and three of them wounded.

D 2. Thomas Lewis was the colonial surveyor of Augusta county, Va; was a member of the House of Burgesses; was a member of the Virginia convention of 1776, and was one of the commissioners of the Confederation in 1777 to treat with the Indian tribes who had been defeated at the battle of the Point. He married Jane, daughter of Wm. Strother, of Stafford county, Va., in 1749, and left the following issue:

- E 1. John, born 1749; died single.
- E 2. Margaret Ann, born 1751; married — McClenahan and Wm. Bowyer.

E 3. Agatha, born 1753 ; married Captain John Frogg and Captain John Stuart.

E 4. Jane, born 1755 ; married Thomas Hughes.

E 5. Andrew, born 1757 ; died single.

E 6. Thomas, born 1760 ; died single.

E 7. Mary, born 1762 ; married John McElhany.

E 8. Elizabeth, born 1765 ; married Thos. M. Gilmer.

E 9. Anne, born 1767 ; married Mr. — Douthat and Mr. —

French.

E 10. Frances, born 1769 ; married Layton Yaney(?) *Yaney*

E 11. Charles, born 1772 ; married Miss — Yaney. " "

E 12. Sophia, born 1775 ; married John Carthrae.

E 13. William Benjamin, born 1778 ; married Miss M. Hite.

Thomas Lewis' three oldest sons, John, Andrew and Thomas, Jr., were officers in the Revolutionary army. John and Andrew were with General Washington at Valley Forge and throughout the Jersey campaign. John and Thomas were at the surrender of Cornwallis, and Andrew was an officer under General Wayne in his expedition against the Western Indians in 1795, and lost an arm.

Captain McClenahan, the first husband of Margaret Lewis, and Captain John Frogg, the first husband of Agatha Lewis, were both killed at the battle of the Point.

From "Georgian," by Governor Gilmer; from the "History of Augusta county, Va.," by J. L. Peyton, and other historical works, we gather the following facts relative to (D 3) General Andrew Lewis, son of Pioneer John, of Augusta county, Va.:

"General Andrew Lewis, son of John, of Augusta county, Va., was born in Ireland in 1720. He emigrated with his father to America, who finally settled in Augusta county. General Andrew was upwards of six feet in stature, of uncommon activity and strength, and of a form of exact symmetry. His countenance was stern and invincible, his deportment reserved and distant. Being among the early settlers of Virginia, he became familiar with danger and inured to toil and hardships in early life. He lived on Roanoke river, in Botetourt county. He took a very active part in the Indian wars. In 1754 he was twice wounded in the battle of Fort Necessity at the Great Meadows, under General Washington, by whom he was appointed Major of his regiment during the French and Indian war, and no officer more fully enjoyed his confidence. Major Lewis commanded the Sandy creek expedition in 1756; was in Braddock's defeat, and was made prisoner at Grant's defeat, where he exhibited

signal prudence and bravery. His fortitude while a prisoner was equal to his courage in battle, and commanded the respect of the French officers.

In 1774 he was a member of the Assembly, and when Patrick Henry's celebrated resolutions were carried a committee was appointed to prepare a plan of defense. That committee consisted of Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, George Washington, Edmund Pendleton, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Lewis and others. An Indian war being apprehended, Dunmore appointed General Andrew Lewis, of Botetourt county, then a member of the Assembly, to the command of the Southern division of the forces raised in Botetourt, Augusta, and the adjoining counties east of the Blue Ridge. The troops rendezvoused at Camp Union, now Lewisburg, in Greenbrier county, where they were joined by other troops.

On the 11th of September, 1774, General Lewis, with eleven hundred men, commenced his march through the wilderness, piloted by Captain Arbuckle—flour, ammunition and camp equipage being transported on horseback. After a march of one hundred and sixty miles they reached, on the 30th of September, Point Pleasant, at the junction of the Great Kanawha with the Ohio river, where he so signally defeated the Shawnee Indians on the 10th of October, 1774.

"The Indians were led on by Red Hawk, a Delaware chief; Scoppathus, a Mingo; Chiyawee, a Wyandotte; Logan, a Cayuga; and Ellinipsico, and his father, Cornstalk, Shawnee chiefs.

"In 1768, when he was a commissioner on behalf of Virginia at the Treaty of Fort Stanwix, in New York, the Governor of that colony remarked of him, that 'the earth seemed to tremble under him as he walked along.' At the commencement of the Revolutionary war, Washington considered him the foremost military man in America, and the one most worthy of the post of commander-in-chief of the American army.

"His first important service, after the commencement of the Revolutionary war, was to drive the Scotch Governor, Dunmore, and his Tory adherents from the State of Virginia.

"Dunmore, with his fleet, left Hampton Roads about the first of June, and entrenched himself with five hundred men, including many runaway negroes, on Gwynn's Island, in the Chesapeake, to the east of Matthews county. On the morning of the ninth of July, General Andrew Lewis with Colonel Adam Stephen opened their batteries upon the ship, Dunmore; she was so damaged that she cut her cables and retreated; Lord Dunmore himself was wounded in

the leg by a splinter, and his chinaware being smashed about him, he exclaimed, as was reported, 'Good God, that I should ever come to this!' A panic seized Dunmore's men, so that they precipitately evacuated the island.

"General Lewis' military services, after driving Dunmore from the State, were confined principally to the defense of the country bordering on the Chesapeake Bay. His mountain constitution gave way from the unhealthiness of the climate. He resigned his office; set out for home, but died in Bedford county before he reached it."

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[From "Washington and his Generals," by Lippincott,  
Grambo & Co., page 333.]

"BRIGADIER-GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS.

"Andrew Lewis, son of a gentleman, who came to Virginia from Ireland whither a Huguenot ancestor had fled from France upon the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, settled in Augusta county in that colony, and was one of six (four) brothers distinguished for their bravery in defending the infant settlement against the Indians.

"He was, with all his brothers, in a company, of which the eldest was captain, at Braddock's defeat, and in October, 1758, acquired much reputation by his conduct at Fort Duquesne, where he saved the Highlanders under Major Grant from being entirely cut to pieces, and with that officer and most of his men was taken prisoner and carried to Montreal. The Scotchman wrote to General Forbes that Lewis had caused his defeat, and his letter falling into the hands of the commander of the enemy, who knew its falsehood, it was shown to Lewis, who challenged Grant, and upon his refusal to fight, gave him such a token of his estimation as could be received only by a lying coward. This was the same Grant who, in 1775, declared in the British House of Commons, that he knew the Americans well, and would 'venture to predict that they would never dare face an English army, being destitute of every requisite to make a good soldier.'

"Lewis was several times in the Colonial Legislature, and was a commissioner from Virginia, with the commissioners of Pennsylvania, New York and New England, to treat with the six Nations at Fort Stanwix in 1768.

"Alluding to his strength, stature, symmetry, and grave and commanding demeanor, the Governor of New York remarked on that occasion that 'the earth seemed to tremble under him as he walked.'

"He was engaged in all the Indian wars of the West, down to the Revolution, and was the commanding general of the Virginia troops at the battle of Point Pleasant, on the 10th of October, 1774.

"General Washington, with whom Lewis had been at Fort Necessity, and under whom he had served in various capacities, had formed a very high estimate of his abilities and character, and it is said that when the chief command of the Revolutionary Army was proposed to him, he expressed a wish that it had been given to his old associate. Lewis, himself, was very much disappointed when placed no higher than a Brigadier in the Continental army, and offended that Stephen, who had served under him, was preferred for a Major-General.

"The chief wrote to him on this subject from Morristown on the 30th of March, 1777: 'I was much disappointed,' he observes, 'at not perceiving your name in the list of Major-Generals, and most sincerely wish that the neglect may not induce you to abandon the service. Let me beseech you to reflect that the period has now arrived when our most vigorous exertions are wanted; when it is highly and indispensably necessary for gentlemen of ability in any line, but more especially in the military, not to withhold themselves from public employment, or suffer any small punctilios to persuade them to retire from their country's service. The cause requires your aid; no one more sincerely wishes it than I do. A candid reflection on the rank you held in the last war, added to a decent respect for the resolution of Congress, not to be confined in making or promoting general officers to any regular line, to the propriety of which all Americans submitted, may remove any uneasiness in your mind on the score of neglect. Upon my honor I think it ought.'

"Nevertheless, General Lewis, on the 15th of April, sent in his resignation, and Congress accepted it.

"He was afterward a commissioner to treat with the Indians at Fort Pitt, and Washington, writing to him in respect to his services here, under date of October 15, 1778, remarks: 'If Congress are not convinced of the impropriety of a certain irregular promotion, they are the only set of men who require further and greater proofs than have already been given of the error of their measure.' On his way home from the Ohio, General Lewis was seized with a fever, Bedford county, about forty miles from his residence, where he died in 1781."

The statue of General Andrew Lewis is one of those to be placed on the monument in the capital square in Richmond, Virginia.

D 3. General Andrew Lewis, "the hero of the Point," married Elizabeth Givens of Augusta county, Va., in 1749, and left issue, viz.:

- E 1. Captain John, married Patsy Love, of Alexandria, Va.
- E 2. Thomas, married Miss Evans, of Point Pleasant.
- E 3. Colonel Samuel, of the United States Army, died in Greenbrier county, Va. (unmarried).

E 4. Colonel Andrew, of the United States Army, of Bent Mountain, Virginia, born 1759; married Eliza, daughter of John Madison, of Montgomery county, now Roanoke county; died 1844.

- E 5. Annie, married Roland Madison, son of John, the clerk.
- E 6. William, born 1764; married Lucy, daughter of John Madison; his second wife was Nancy McClenahan.

E 1. Captain John, son of General Andrew, was an officer under his father at Grant's defeat, when he was made a prisoner and carried to Quebec and from thence to France. After he was liberated he went to London, where he procured a commission in the British army, but at length he resigned and returned to Virginia; married Patsy Love and settled in the western part of Virginia, where he was killed by his own negroes.

E 1. Captain John Lewis and Patsy Love left the following named children: F 1, Andrew; F 2, Samuel, married Miss Whitley; F 3, Charles, married a daughter of General Abraham Trigg, of Virginia; F 4, Elizabeth, married first, Mr. — Luke; second, Mr. — Ball; third, Mr. — Marshall.

(For the issue of Colonel Andrew Lewis and Eliza Madison; of Annie Lewis and Roland Madison, and of William Lewis and Lucy Madison, see the Madison family on another page.)

Roland Madison, Jr., was living at Rushville, Ia., in 1873.

E 6. William Lewis, son of General Andrew, born 1764; married Lucy, daughter of John Madison. His second wife was Nancy McClenahan. He left the following issue:

F 1. Andrew; F 2, Agatha; F 3, Sally, married Mr. — Fleming and died in Huntsville, Ala., in 1865, d. s. p.

F 4. Betty, married Mr. — Beale, whose daughter married Mr. — Norvell, Huntsville, Ala.

F 5. Lucy M., married John Bowyer, of Fincastle, Va.

F 6. Wm. Lewis, Jr., died in Mississippi, leaving six children.

F 7. General John W., married Susan Bowyer, 1831, and moved to Alabama. He lost two sons in the Civil war of 1861. General John W. Lewis was a man of considerable ability—a member of the

Legislature of Alabama and a general of the militia. He moved to Texas in 1842.

F 8. Doctor Charles, was killed in a rencontre in the streets of Mobile.

F 9. Anne, married Mr. — Bradley, and in 1873 lived in San Antonio, Tex.

F 10. Mary Jane, died young.

F 11. Pauline, married Mr. — Christian, and died in Tusculumbia, Ala., 1876.

D 4. Colonel William Lewis, son of Pioneer John, of Augusta county, was an officer under General Braddock and was wounded at his defeat. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church and resided at Sweet Springs, in Virginia. He married Ann Montgomery, had eight children, and died in 1811. They had issue, viz.:

E 1. Margaret, married James McFarland, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

E 2. Major John, son of Colonel William Lewis, was an officer in the Revolutionary war and commanded a company at the battle of Monmouth. He spent the winter of 1777 with Washington at Valley Forge. He was a man of great firmness, ability and patriotism. He married Jane S. Thomson, and Mary Preston; left issue and died at Sweet Springs, in Virginia, in 1823.

E 3. Major Thomas, son of Colonel William Lewis, born 1761. He was appointed as Major of the United States Army by Washington. He was greatly distinguished for gallantry and was called the "modern Chevalier Bayard." He killed Dr. Bell, of South Carolina, in a duel, and died in 1804. He was an officer in Wayne's army.

E 4. Alexander, son of Colonel William Lewis, born 1763; married and left posterity; died in 1804.

E 5. Colonel William T. Lewis, son of Colonel William, born in 1766; married Elizabeth Cabell, of Nelson county, Va. He died childless at Mount Athos, his home, near Lynchburg, Va., in 1828. He was remarkable for his talents, was a member of Congress and came within a few votes once of being elected Governor of Virginia.

E 6. Agatha, daughter of Colonel William Lewis, born in 1774; married Colonel Oliver Towles, of Campbell county, Va., in 1794. She died in 1843, leaving posterity.

E 7. Elizabeth M., born 1777; married Colonel John Trent, of Cumberland county, Va.; died in 1837, leaving posterity.

E 8. Dr. Charles W., born 1780; United States Quartermaster; married Mary B. Irvine—had issue.

D 7. Colonel Charles Lewis, son of Pioneer John Lewis, was born in Virginia in 1736. He was noble, generous, gallant and fearless. He was once captured by the Indians and doubtless would have been put to death had he not made his escape by out-running the savages. He commanded a regiment at the battle of the Point, on October 10, 1774, where he was killed. Virginia perpetuated its remembrance by naming a county after him. He married Sarah Murray and left the following issue:

E 1. Elizabeth, born 1762; died unmarried.

E 2. Margaret, born 1765; married Major Prior.

E 3. Captain John, born 1766; married Rachel Miller, of Augusta county, Va. He died on Cow Pasture river, in Bath county, in 1843, leaving issue.

E 4. Mary, born 1768; died unmarried.

E 5. Thomas, born 1771; died unmarried.

E 6. Colonel Andrew, son of Colonel Charles Lewis, born 1772; married Margaret Stuart in 1802, and died in 1833, leaving issue.

E 7. Charles, born 1774; married Jane Dickerson in 1799, and left issue at his death in 1803.

For a full catalogue of the names, etc., of this branch of the Lewis family, the reader is referred to the History of Augusta County, Va., by John L. Peyton, and published by S. M. Yost & Son, of Staunton, Va., price \$3.50; or to a work entitled "Georgian," by ex-Governor George R. Gilmer, of Lexington, Oglethorpe county, Georgia.

CHAPTER II.

A 2. General Robert Lewis, one of the Welsh brothers, was a lawyer by profession. He resided in Brecon, in Wales, until he located in the city of London, with a view of practicing his profession there, but emigrated in a short time to America and settled in Abington, or Ware Parish, Gloucester county, Va., about the middle of the Seventeenth century.

General Robert had issue, viz.:

B 1. John, Sr., was born in England, where he was educated, and married, in 1666, Isabella Warner, in honor of whom he called his seat in Gloucester county, "Warner Hall." He died in 1725.

B 2. Major William, of Cbemokins, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent county, Va.

B 1. John, son of (General Robert) Lewis, and Isabella Warner, had issue, viz.:

C 1. Major John, Jr., of Gloucester, a member of the Virginia Council, was born November 30, 1669. He married Frances Fielding, she died in 1731, and he died in 1754.

C 2. Warner, married Eleanor, widow of William, son of Sir William Gooch, Governor of Virginia, and daughter of James Bowles, of Maryland.

C 3. A daughter, who married Colonel Willis, of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

C 4. A daughter, who married Francis Meriwether.

C 5. John.

C 6. Isabella, was baptized in 1707.

C 7. Anna, was baptized in 1712.

ISSUE OF C 1, MAJOR JOHN LEWIS JR., AND FRANCES FIELDING.

D 1. Colonel Robert, of Belvoir, Albemarle county, Va., married Jane, daughter of Nicholas Meriwether, and died in 1757. His will is on record in Albemarle county, Va.

D 2. Colonel Charles, of the ~~Band~~ <sup>Cedar Creek</sup>, married Lucy, daughter of John Talliaferro, of the Manor plantation of Snow Creek, Spotsylvania county, Va., about 1750. John Talliaferro, and his son, Lawrence, were buried at Hickory Neck church, near Williamsburg.

as before, but it is John's. Richard Warner had 13 children. His history of why. Every generation  
 was named after the mother of James Fielding was the father of Lewis Lewis. Richard Warner had  
 13 children. Lewis Lewis of the Band, and Robert of Belvoir were the other two sons of John Warner.

*Charles Lewis of the Band married  
 Mary Howell. It was Charles of Cedar*

7th brothers of Fielding, but were his uncles -  
 sons of John Lewis & Elizabeth Warner, while the  
 first of Frances Fielding Fielding was the 3<sup>rd</sup> John Lewis in 1724  
 in 1724. General John Lewis  
 James City county, Va., where their tombstones may be found with  
 the following inscriptions on them: *and Robert of Baltimore and a  
 friend, father of  
 Fielding Lewis.  
 Was 13 6 9. and  
 died 1725. as  
 shown by the tomb  
 stones in the old  
 Lewis Cemetery in  
 Gloucester Co Va*

GENEALOGY OF THE LEWIS FAMILY.

"Here lies interred the body of  
 COLONEL JOHN TALLIAFERRO,  
 of Snow Creek, in the County of Spotsylvania,  
 Who departed this life on the third  
 day of May, Anno Domini,  
 one thousand seven hundred and forty-four,  
 in the fifty seventh year of his age.  
 He left issue, two sons and  
 three daughters."

Here lies the body of  
 LAWRENCE TALLIAFERRO,  
 son of Colonel John Talliaferro,  
 of Snow Creek, in Spotsylvania county,  
 Who departed this life the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1748,  
 in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of his age.  
 He married Susan Power,  
 of James City county, and left issue  
 by her--one daughter."

D 3. Colonel Fielding who first married Catharine Washington,  
 a cousin of General George. His second wife was Betty, a sister of  
 General George Washington.

THE WASHINGTON FAMILY.

- A 1. John Washington married Anne Pope and had issue, viz.
- B 1. Lawrence Washington, married Mildred Warner, daughter  
 of Speaker Augustine Warner, Jr. They had issue, viz.
- C 1. John Washington, married Catherine Whiting, whose  
 daughter, Catherine, married Colonel Fielding Lewis in 1746
- C 2. Mildred Washington, married Lewis Roger Gregory  
 and Haty Willis, of Fredericksburg, Va.
- C 3. Augustine Washington, born 1694, married Jane Butler  
 and Mary Ball, daughter of Joseph Ball.

ISSUE OF AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON AND MARY BALL

- D 1. General George Washington, President of the United States,  
 married Mrs. Custis, nee Martha Dandridge.
- D 2. Charles Washington, married Mildred Th...nton.

GENEALOGY OF THE LEWIS FAMILY.

D 2. Samuel Washington, married Jane Champe and Mildred

D 4. Betty Washington, married Colonel Fielding Lewis—his second wife.

D 5. Mildred, died single.

D 3. Colonel Fielding Lewis settled near Fredericksburg, Va.; was a merchant, burgess, vestryman, etc. He was twice married—first, in 1746, to Catherine Washington, a cousin of General George Washington; she died in February, 1750. His second wife was Betty, the sister of General George Washington, whom he married in 1750.

The following sketch, by Mrs. Ella Bassett Washington, is reprinted by permission from the *Century Magazine* of April, 1892:

The record of marriage upon the page of the old and much-worn family Bible gives the date 1730. The volume is a most quaintly illustrated quarto; time and age have turned the paper to a pale yellow-brown, but the hand-writing of the very brief and simple entry is quite distinct and clear.

"Augustine Washington and Mary Ball were married the sixth of March, 1730-31."

This Bible has been a hereditary relic in the writer's family for five generations, having been given by Mary Ball Washington to her only daughter, Betty, Mrs. Fielding Lewis, and transmitted directly to her descendants. The scribe in the old Bible has given no other detail of the event, not even whether it took place in church or at home.

That the bride was blonde and beautiful both history and tradition tell, and of the bridegroom in his fortieth year a description has been transmitted from one generation to another. Mary Washington's description of her husband is confirmed by the testimony of contemporaries—a noble-looking man, of distinguished bearing, tall and athletic, with fair, florid complexion, brown hair, and fine gray eyes.

The bridegroom's home at this time was in Westmoreland county, on the Potomac. The house, built in pioneer days, was small but substantial, the main building hip-roofed, with dormer windows, and a one-story wing running back, which was used as a chamber; in this room, family tradition tells us, George Washington was born. The long side of the house fronted the river, which was, and is, about three hundred and fifty feet distant. The bank is about fifteen feet high, with, at this date, a depth of water at its base averaging five feet; and here it was that vessels from Europe came laden with supplies for the Washingtons, and, returning, bore away with them the products of the Wakefield and Haywood plantations.

Around the mansion were the fine fields of its owner's broad domain, extending for a mile, and skirted on one side by the Potomac. There was full measure of content in this abode where the first years of Mary Wash-

ington's wedded life were spent, made perfect when, as the old Bible tells us, George Washington, son of Augustine and Mary, his wife, was born "ye 11th day of February, 1731-2, about 10 in the morning, and," the record goes on to say, "was baptized the 3d day of April following, Mr. Beverly Whiting and Captain Christopher Brooks, godfathers, and Mrs. Mildred Gregory, godmother."

Other children came in rapid succession. They were Betty, Samuel, John Augustine, Charles, and Mildred, ~~who died in infancy~~. The second son, Samuel was born in November, 1734, and in the following spring, while the servants, preparing for the planting of early crops, were burning the accumulated "trash," the mansion took fire and was burned to the ground.

When the Wakefield estate was sold many years ago by one of the Washingtons to another of the name, a reservation was made of the spot where the house had stood, and in 1858 this reservation was presented to the State by its hereditary owner, the late Colonel Lewis W. Washington, of Virginia, conditional upon the place being inclosed, and a fitting monument erected upon it, properly inscribed as the birthplace of Washington.

The place to which Augustine Washington removed in 1735, was known to his Lewis grandchildren, who subsequently inherited it, as Pine Grove; it was also called Ferry Farm, from the adjacent ferry over the Rappahannock. The house was small, and stood upon a bank above the river, surrounded by fine orchards, garden, and shrubberies. The Washingtons with their children were regular attendants at the Episcopal church in Overwharton Parish, where their home was situated.

Eight years passed serenely, when suddenly Mary Washington's great sorrow came. Early in April, her husband riding one day over his plantation, was caught in a rain-storm; he took cold, and after a brief illness died of rheumatic gout. The record in the old Bible tells us tersely, "Augustine Washington departed this life ye 12th day of April, 1740, aged 49 years." His remains were taken back to his birthplace on the Potomac, and entombed in the family vault. One clause of his will is a little curious: "It is my will and desire that my said four sons (George, Samuel, John, and Charles) estates may be kept in my wife's hands until they respectively attain the age of twenty-one years, in case my said wife continues so long unmarried."

The provision in case of a second marriage proved unnecessary, for, though left a widow at thirty-seven, Mary Washington was loyal to her husband's memory and to his trust. And now, having to assume her husband's duties in addition to her own, no time for sorrowful brooding was permitted to the widowed mother, upon whom the management of her own and her children's properties devolved; for Augustine Washington bequeathed landed estates to each of his young sons, and made an especial provision in sterling money for his only daughter, Betty. The personal care and training of their children until majority, were left solely to the mother, and of the result able historians have written that in these manifold

## CHAPTER III

## JOHN LEWIS, OF HANOVER COUNTY, VA.

A 1. John Lewis, Sr., one of the original brothers that emigrated from Wales to America, was born about 1640. He resided awhile with the Mostyn family in Denbyshire previous to his emigration to America. It is not known whom he married. He died in Hanover county, Va., in 1726, where his will can be found on record.

The records of Hanover county, Va., were burned during the Confederate war by the Federal army.

This John Lewis, Sr., was the great-great-grandfather of Wm. Terrell Lewis, of Louisville, or Perryville, Winston county, Miss., author of the Lewis genealogy.

The Mostyn family is an ancient and wealthy family, owning extensive real estate in Denbyshire, Wales, which has descended to and been owned by several generations of that family.

The following are the names of said family who have been proprietors of the Mostyn manor from 1649 to 1858:

- 1649, Sir Roger Mostyn, Sir Thomas Mostyn.
- 1701, Sir Roger Mostyn, Sir Thomas Mostyn.
- 1771, Sir Roger Mostyn, Sir Thomas Mostyn.
- 1800, Hon. Edward Mostyn, Lloyd Mostyn.
- 1858, Hon. Thomas Mostyn, Lloyd Mostyn.

In his will John Lewis, Sr., mentions the names of his six children, viz:

- B 1. Mrs. Rebecca Lyndsay, born about 1677.
- B 2. Abraham, born about 1679.
- B 3. Sarah, born about 1681.
- B 4. Mrs. Angalica Fullelove, born about 1683.
- B 5. David, born about 1685, and
- B 6. John, Jr., born about 1687.

John Lewis, Jr., married Elizabeth McGrath, the sister of Mary, the third wife of David Lewis, to be mentioned hereafter.

After the death of John Lewis, Jr., his widow married James Taylor, of Orange county, Va., a relative of Zachary Taylor, President of the United States. She died without issue.

We have not attempted to trace up the posterity of any of the children of John Lewis, Sr., the Welshman, except those of David, his 5th child, from whom this branch of the family is lineally descended.

## CHAPTER IV.

## DAVID LEWIS, SR., OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA.

B. 5. David Lewis, Sr., fifth child of John Lewis, Sr., was born in Hanover, Va., about the year 1685. About the year 1717, he married his first wife, Miss ~~Lewis~~ Terrell, daughter, it is said, of Joel Terrell, by whom he raised eight children; she dying in 1734, he married his second wife, by whom he had no issue, and her name is not known.

William, James and John Terrell were brothers of Anglo-Norman descent. They came to America about 1660 as huntsmen for King James the Second, of England, and settled in Gloucester county, Va. For their dexterity in hunting they were awarded by the King 1,500 acres of land each, to be selected by themselves in the counties of Hanover, Caroline and King George.

According to the best historical and traditional evidence we can get, the family of Terrells in this country is of Anglo-Norman origin, and was founded in England by Sir Walter Tyrell, a Norman Knight, about A. D. 1066, when William the Conqueror took possession of that country. The ancient orthography of the name was Tyrell, Terrail, Tyrrell, Terrill, etc.

General Wm. H. Harrison Terrell, of Indianapolis, Ia., and his brother, Lynch M. Terrell, of Atlanta, Ga., have, for several years, been engaged in tracing up the Terrell family. General W. H. H. Terrell died recently, but his brother, L. M. Terrell, is still engaged in his inquiry after the names of the family and designs publishing in pamphlet or book-form the result of his researches.

About the year 1750 David Lewis moved from Hanover county and settled in Albemarle. (Va. Albemarle was then a new county, having been carved out of Goochland in 1744. In 1753, after he moved to Albemarle county, he married his third wife, the widow of Dr. Hart, of Philadelphia, Pa., whose maiden name was Mary McGrath, by whom he raised three children. After the death of his third wife he was engaged to be married the fourth time, but died very suddenly before the consummation of the nuptials. He, being advanced in life, was quite bald, consequently wore a wig, and retiring at night would hang his wig on the tester over his bed.

He, being subject to nightmares, would often awake during the night after dreaming that the witches were riding him. On one occasion he awoke during a frightful dream that the witches were riding him. He sprang up in his bed, making, at the same time, a desperate effort to free himself from the clutches of the witch. During his struggle to extricate himself from the night fiend he knocked down his wig which fell upon him. He seized it with avidity and tore it to pieces, exclaiming, at the same time: "Oh, I have caught you at last, have I? You have been riding me a long time."

The next morning when he arose and looked on his ruined wig he remarked, dolefully: "There is fifteen shillings gone."

He was once engaged in the mercantile business and had an interest in a cargo of goods then being imported from England. News came that the vessel was wrecked and the goods lost. Upon the reception of this information he started on horseback to Norfolk, Va., to ascertain the fact. At twelve o'clock, when near Norfolk, he called by the wayside at a house to get his dinner and horse fed, when, to his surprise, he found the landlord to be an old acquaintance. After dinner he called for his horse, but the landlord would not bear to his leaving and insisted on his tarrying with him until morning, to which he at length reluctantly agreed to do. At night when the hour for retiring arrived, he was waited on by a mulatto boy, who, with candle in hand, piloted him to a room above stairs. The boy pointed to a bed in the room upon which he could repose for the night and started down stairs with the candle, closing and locking the door after him. Our ancestor called out to the boy to bring back the candle and leave it in the room with him, to which the boy merely replied, that "There is a mug under the bed," and did not return. He suspicioned that all was not right and made an examination under the bed to satisfy himself whether or not the boy had told the truth, when to his utter astonishment he found the body of a dead man concealed under the bed. His worst fears were now excited as to his own safety, as there was no way for him to make his escape from the room. He peeped through an aperture in the wall and descried in the distance men digging a grave by moonlight.

Sleep fled from his eyes. Being unarmed he resolved to watch the movements of the family during the night, lest they might surprise him. He did not undress himself, but toused the bed and so arranged it as to make it appear as though he was asleep upon it. The door opened into his room. After the lapse of a few hours

he heard the sound of footsteps stealthily ascending the stair-steps. He placed himself behind the door as it was opened, when the landlord entered with an ax in his hand and approached the bed where his supposed victim unconsciously reposed, when, with a Herculean blow, he sunk the ax into the bed. At this propitious moment our ancestor made his escape from the room by flight down the stair-steps, at the foot of which he found another door closed with a latch, this he opened with a jerk so hurriedly that the door closed again and latched itself, which he had to open the second time, but eventually made his escape from the house and made his way to Norfolk, where his partner resided. He there reported what had happened, when a posse of men were summoned, who returned, took the landlord and several of his men prisoners. On the trial they confessed that the dead man under the bed was the seventh they had murdered, and that our ancestor would have added one more to that number, had he not made his escape.

After David Lewis, Sr., moved and settled near where Charlottesville now stands, in Albemarle county, he was offered five hundred acres of the best quality of land in Virginia, lying some forty or fifty miles west of the then settlements, for a pair of buckskins, which he could have killed almost any day and dressed the next, but he thought at that time the back country would not be settled in an age, and that the land would be of no value to him.

In his old age he sometimes taught school gratuitously for the benefit of the poor. He never inflicted corporal punishment upon his pupils, but if any of them violated his rules during the week, he would, on Friday evening, tie a bundle of rods to their backs and send them home.

He was a very large man with light hair and blue eyes, of strict integrity, benevolent character, and an exemplary member of the Presbyterian church.

David Lewis, Sr., died in Albemarle county, Va., in 1779, from flux, brought on by over-exertion and drinking too much cold water on a hot summer day, in August, after cutting down a tree in which there was a hawk's nest.

His will was probated at the September term of the Albemarle County Court, in 1779. Stephen Willis, Anna Willis, Morning Clarkson, Robert Lewis, and Wm. Johnson were subscribing witnesses to said will; and Joel Lewis, John Martin, James Lewis, and Taliaferro Lewis were his executors. He gave a certain amount of property to James Lewis, Elizabeth Martin, Miriam Lewis, Han-

nah Hickman, Susannah Mackey, Sarah Musick, and Anna Willis, to make them equal with his other children. The balance of his property he divided equally between his eleven children.

On the records of Albemarle county may be found the following conveyances :

In 1756, a deed of gift from David Lewis, Sr., to William Terrell Lewis, David Lewis, Jr., John Lewis, and Joel Lewis, of lands, all lying on the branches of Moore's creek.

In 1759, a deed of land from David Lewis and Mary, his wife, William Terrell and Frances, his wife, and Joel Terrell, to John Dabney.

About the year 1766, other members of the Lewis family, in Wales, attempted to emigrate to America. The vessel in which they sailed was captured by pirates near the Island of Jamaica, and all the passengers (except a few who made their escape during the capture) were landed on said island, where most of them perished. One of the Lewises who survived remained on the island and afterward communicated this fact to his relatives in Wales. Among those who made their escape from the vessel during its capture were one of the Lewises and a Welsh friend. Both being good swimmers, they swam to an adjacent island. Soon after landing upon this island they beheld a lion, from which they made their escape by climbing a cocoonut tree near by, where they were forced to shelter themselves and to subsist upon the fruit of the tree for two days and nights. There happened to be a nest of young birds in the tree, which they threw down to the lion, and to their great relief he disappeared. As a memento of that event they took from the tree a cocoonut and carved upon it a figure representing the vessel in which they crossed the ocean, a globe, and other designs dated 1766. After the disappearance of the lion an English ship passed and took them back to their native land. The above-mentioned nut was in possession of the descendants of the Lewis family in Wales as late as the year 1857, so the author of this work was informed (during his correspondence with the family in Wales) by Ellis Evans, of Holywell, Flintshire, Wales, a descendant of the Lewis family.

B 5. David Lewis, Sr., the fifth child of John, the Immigrant, was born about the year 1683, in Hanover county, Va. About 1756 he moved to Albemarle's county, where he died in 1779, as above mentioned.

He raised eight children by Miss ~~Anna~~<sup>Anna</sup> Terrell, his first wife, and three by Mary McGrath, his third wife, viz :

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- C 1. William Terrell, born 1718, married Sallie Martin.
- C 2. Susannah, born 1720; married Alexander Mackey.
- C 3. Hannah, born 1722; married James Hickman.
- C 4. Sarah, born 1724; married Abraham Musick.
- C 5. David, Jr. born 1726; married Rebecca Stovall and Elizabeth Lockhart.
- C 6. John, born 1728; married Sarah Taliaferro and Susan Clarkson.
- C 7. Joel, born 1730; married Mary Tureman, Mrs. Gordon, and Lucy Daniels.
- C 8. Anna, born 1733; married Joel Terrell and Stephen Willis.
- C 9. Elizabeth, born 1754; married John Martin.
- C 10. Colonel James, born 1756; married Lucy Thomas and Mary Marks.
- C 11. Miriam, born 1759; married Colonel Gabriel Madison.

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He raised eight children by Miss <sup>Ann</sup> Terrell, his first wife, and three by Mary McGrath, his third wife, viz :

Spartanburg District, South Carolina, in 1822. He was in the Floridian and Mexican wars, but was in no engagement. Although elected as judge of one of the petty courts of Forsyth county, Georgia, he was by profession a farmer. His post-office is Cumming, Ga. He married Martha Ann Hawkins, by whom he has the following named children:

F 1. Celia Octavia; F 2, Franklina Pierce; F 3, James Buchanan

E 4. Harriet, daughter of Captain James Lewis, married Henry Hawkins, resides in Forsyth county, Georgia, and has the following named children:

F 1. Martha V.; F 2, Julia; F 3, Lafayette, died, etc.

E 5. Mary Lewis, daughter of Captain James, married Wm. I. Manning and did reside in Clarke county, Mississippi, but has moved (perhaps) to Louisiana. Their children's names are as follows:

F 1. Harrison; F 2, Andrew, etc.

E 6. John A. Lewis, son of Captain James, married Elizabeth Dickson.

E 7. William W. Lewis, son of Captain James.

E 8. Nancy, daughter of Captain James, married John L. Hawkins, resides in Forsyth county, Georgia, and has children, viz.:

F 1. Claiborne Hawkins; F 2, Alexander Stephens Hawkins, etc.

D 11. 2d Mary Lewis, daughter of David by his second wife Elizabeth Lockhart, was born in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, about 1760. She married a Mr. — Sandford and moved to Tennessee, and settled about eighteen miles from Nashville.

## CHAPTER X.

## JOHN LEWIS, OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA.

C 6. John Lewis, son of David and his wife, Miss <sup>#1009</sup> Terrell, was born in Hanover county, Virginia, about the year 1728, where he was raised. As a citizen he was much esteemed by all who knew him. As a husband, father and brother, he was kind and affectionate, and was a favorite among his sisters; hence, most of them named a son after him. He was twice married; first, to Sarah Taliaferro, in 1750, by whom he raised nine children. His first wife having died in 1769, he married, as his second wife, Susan Clarkson, sister of Manoad Clarkson, of Albemarle county, Virginia, by whom he had three children, but only raised one. It is not known what year he left Hanover county, but it appears that he was living in Amelia county in 1759, as some of his children were born in that county. He afterward settled in Albemarle county where his father, brothers and sisters had previously settled. He remained in Albemarle county until just before the Revolutionary war, when he emigrated to, and settled in, Rutherford county, North Carolina. David, his father, having died in 1779, and after his estate was wound up, John returned to Albemarle county to attend to the division of said estate and died there in 1784.

The name of Taliaferro was derived from the Latin words *talis* and *ferrum*, or from the Italian words *tagliari* and *ferru*; both the Latin and Italian signifying to cut with iron. It would appear from this cognomination that the original stock were great fighters. Two brothers of the Taliaferro family emigrated from Italy to Virginia in the early colonial times, and settled in the neighborhood of Williamsburg. Only one of them left male descendants. Mr. Jefferson describes the family in Virginia as wealthy and respectable. Chancellor Wythe, who signed the Declaration of Independence, married Miss Taliaferro and a Miss Lewis. Sarah Taliaferro, the first wife of John Lewis, of Albemarle county, Virginia, had a sister Margaret who married Hiram Gaines, and David Nimmo, of the same county, married Gaines' daughter. J. S. Pilcher, of Nashville, Tenn., is engaged tracing up the Taliaferro family and designs publishing the result in book form some day.

There were seven brothers of the Gaines family who originally emigrated from Wales to Virginia. The grandfather of General E. P. Gaines married a sister of Judge Edmund Pendleton. The mother of General E. P. Gaines was a daughter of John Strother.

The Gaines, Strothers, Madisons, Lewises, Taliaferros, Pendletons, Taylors and McDowells were all related by marriage.

John Lewis, who married Sarah Taliaferro and Susan Clarkson, raised nine children by his first wife, had three, but raised only one, by his second wife. Their names were, viz.:

D 1. Robert, born in 1752; died single in Kentucky in 1799.

D 2. Taliaferro, born in 1755; died single in Virginia in 1810.

D 3. John, born in 1757; married Ann Berry Earle and died in Georgia.

D 4. Mildred McCoy, born in 1759; married Thomas Rowland and died in South Carolina.

D 5. Charles Crawford, born in 1761; married Elizabeth Russell and died in North Carolina.

D 6. Jesse Pitman, born in 1763; married Nancy Clarkson and died in Virginia.

D 7. Richard, born in 1765; married Sarah Miller and died in South Carolina.

D 8. Henry Graves, born 1767; married Mourning Mills and died in North Carolina.

D 9. Frances Rhodes, born in 1767; married William Twitty and died in North Carolina.

D 10. Susan, born 1772; died in childhood.

D 11. Julius, born in 1774; died in childhood.

D 12. David Jackson, born in 1774, married Martha Baker and died in Kentucky.

The 8th and 9th, 11th and 12th were twins.

D 1. Robert Lewis, son of John and his wife, Sarah Taliaferro, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He was one of a company that went from Virginia to South Carolina during the war against the Tories. Some gentleman came up from South Carolina and offered a negro to each of the Virginians who would go against the Tories. A company was formed of about one hundred mounted men who proceeded to South Carolina and divided into small parties and killed about eighty Tories, mostly at their own houses, under the direction of a committee appointed by the South Carolinians. The company was paid off in negroes taken from the farms of the Tories that were killed. Robert Lewis got a negro girl by the name

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the acts of God. He reminded  
them that they have seen all that

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of Chloe who produced a large family of negroes. He was a member of a volunteer company raised by Captain, afterward General, James Miller, of Rutherford county, North Carolina, and was at the siege of Augusta, Ga. He died, a bachelor, at the house of Major John Martin, in Clark county, Kentucky, in 1799. His will can be found on record in said county. By his will he set eight negroes free and gave one to John L. Martin, one to James T. Martin and one to Robert B. Martin. To John L. Martin, James T. Martin and Robert B. Martin he gave 1,500 acres of land due him by William Lewis, of Nashville, Tenn. To Elizabeth Martin, wife of Major John Martin, he gave the money arising from the sale of his horse, bridle and saddle. To Sally Rowland, daughter of Thomas Rowland, he gave £80. To Polly Lewis, daughter of Jesse Lewis, of Albemarle county, Virginia, the oldest sons of his brother John, the two oldest sons of his brother Charles and the two oldest sons of his brother Henry G. Lewis, he gave 566 acres of land, the hire of certain negroes and some other property. To Polly Lewis, daughter of his brother Henry G. Lewis, he gave that part of his father's estate that fell to him after the death of his stepmother. He left Jacob Fishback, John Martin, John L. Martin and James T. Martin as his executors. He was interred in the family burying-ground of Major John Martin.

D 2. Taliaferro Lewis, son of John, was born in 1754 and died a bachelor, at the residence of his brother, Jesse Pitman, one mile west of the University of Virginia, in Albemarle county, Virginia, where he was interred in the family burying-ground, since which time it has passed to the proprietorship of one of the Randolph family. The graveyard is enclosed with a stone wall, and a plain marble slab, erected by his brother, Jesse Pitman, points out his tomb with the following inscription upon it:

IN MEMORY OF  
TALIAFERRO LEWIS,  
A Veteran of the Revolution.  
Born February 6, 1754,  
And died July 12, 1824.

A brother's love  
Kisses thee with a sigh;  
A brother's hope  
Gilds thy grave with an sigh.

## CHAPTER XII.

CHARLES C. LEWIS.

↳ D 5. Hon. Charles Crawford Lewis, son of John and his wife, Sarah Taliaferro, was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, in 1761. He was a hatter by trade.

He emigrated to Rutherford county, North Carolina, with his father before the Revolutionary war, and settled on Mountain creek, four miles west of Rutherfordton.

At the time of their settlement in North Carolina the country was infested with Indians, bears, wolves, etc., which proved a great source of annoyance to the early settlers.

On one occasion he was out hunting with his dog and gun and unexpectedly came in contact with a large bear on his farm. The dog encountered the bear in a fight and had it over and under for a few minutes, but the bear proved an over-match for the dog on account of the great difference in their sizes and would soon have dispatched him but for the timely aid of Charles, his master, who, to save his dog, fired hastily at the bear, but missed his aim; he loaded again in a great hurry and neglected to ram down a wad on his shot, and by the time he got his gun loaded the bear had the dog in his embrace and was giving him some of his most affectionate hugs. Charles rushed upon the bear with his gun, placed the muzzle against the side of the bear and fired; but having no wad on his shot, as he lowered the muzzle of the gun the shot all ran out; but he fired, notwithstanding, and the burning of the powder set Bruin's wool on fire, which, together with the report of the gun, alarmed him so that the bear let loose the dog and made his escape in double-quick time to the nearest jungle.

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He had often heard the old bear-hunters spin their long yarns about their wonderful adventures, their hair-breadth escapes, their hand-to-hand fights, their shooting and stabbing the bears, but he was always rather incredulous as to the stabbing part, until he had the above-mentioned encounter with the bear himself, which removed all his doubts and feelings of incredulity.

When the Revolutionary war commenced he was only fourteen years of age, but after he arrived at a proper age was in the service.

It is not known how long he served in the army as he never applied for a pension.

After his death the following certificate (now filed in the archives of the War Department at Washington City) was found among his papers, which, together with other living evidence, enabled his widow to prove his services and to draw a pension:

This is to certify that Charles Lewis, Sergeant, has faithfully served out his term of three months, in General Lillington's brigade, to the southward

ROBERT GILKEY, Captain.

ANDREW HAMPTON, Colonel.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 24, 1780.

He acted as a magistrate for some years in Rutherford county, North Carolina, after which he was elected in 1798 as a member in the House of Commons of the State Legislature and only served one term. It was the only time that he ever aspired to that office. His name can be found in Wheeler's History of North Carolina on page 400. He was afterward elected, during life or good behaviour, to the office of register of the county, which office he held upward of thirty years, until about the time of his death, which occurred in 1832.

He was strictly honest and upright in all his dealings with mankind.

In 1786 he married Elizabeth Russell, daughter of George Russell, from Ireland, whose wife was the widow of John Whiteside and whose maiden name was Molly Underwood.

Elizabeth Russell was born in Rutherford county, North Carolina, in 1770. She was about five feet three inches in height, weighing about one hundred and fifty pounds, with black hair and eyes, and dark skin. In 1848 she made a profession of religion and attached herself to the Baptist church at Mountain Creek Meeting-house in Rutherford county, North Carolina, and died in 1851.

She was a descendant of Molly Brown, the widow of John Brown, who emigrated from Ireland to Virginia. John Brown died shortly after his arrival in Virginia, leaving an only son, Richard.

His widow afterward married, in Virginia, Joseph Underwood, by whom she had four more children, viz.: 1, Elizabeth; 2, Letty; 3, Joseph, and 4, Molly.

1. Elizabeth Underwood, first married Matthew Deavenport, by whom she had two sons, Glover and John, of Rutherford county, North Carolina. After the death of her first husband she married Samuel King, by whom she had five children, viz.:

1. Joseph, married a Miss Morgan.

2. Samuel, married a Miss Kelly.
3. Jonathan, married a Miss Taylor.
4. Benjamin, married a Miss Shipman.
5. Elizabeth, married a Mr. Taylor.
2. Letty Underwood, married Mr. Guffy and emigrated to

Missouri.

3. Joseph Underwood died a bachelor in Buncombe county, North Carolina, aged one hundred and six years.

4. Molly Underwood, was born in 1734, and died in Rutherford county, North Carolina, in 1823. She first married John Whiteside, Sr., by whom she had three children, viz.: 1, Thomas; 2, Mary, and 3, John, Jr. John, Jr., was twice married; first to Eleanor Kelly, by whom he raised ten children, viz.:

1. William, married Elizabeth Ledbetter.
2. Mary, married Richard Ledbetter.
3. Moses, married Anna Hemphill, Rosa Mackey and Ann Shackelford.
4. Elizabeth, married John Ledbetter, Gabriel Wilmot and Jones Bradley.
5. Thomas, married Rachel Hemphill and Jane Flack.
6. Nancy, married Johnson Ledbetter.
7. Sarah, married Washington Harris.
8. John U., married Ruth Hemphill and Martha Burns.
9. Aaron W., married Elizabeth Lewis, and
10. Jonathan, married Nancy Lewis, daughter of Chas. Lewis.

Mary Whiteside, daughter of John, Sr., married Henry Kelly and had eight children, viz.: 1, William; 2, John; 3, George; 4, Jacob; 5, Elisha; 6, Mary; 7, Eleanor, and 8, Sarah.

After the death of Eleanor Kelly, the wife of John Whiteside, Jr., he married a Miss Sarah Cook, by whom he had two children, viz.: 1, Eleanor, married Mr. Williams; 2, Joseph, died single.

After the death of John Whiteside, Sr., his widow (Molly Underwood) married George Russell, Sr., an Irishman, who was killed by the Indians while on a bear-hunt soon after the close of the Revolutionary war.

George Russell, Sr., lived about ten miles west of Rutherfordton, N. C., on Broad river, where the Hickorynut Gap Road crosses said river, at a plantation which has since been owned by George Russell, Jr., John U. Whiteside, Elias Lynch and others. The first settlement was made on the west side of the river; at this place George Russell, Sr., was living during the Revolutionary war when Ferguson

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by marched as far west as his house, which they plundered and returned to the East. What money the family had was in their hands when they saw the army approaching the house they threw the money in a little barrel of feathers that stood in the back of the house. When the soldiers entered the house they began plundering and appropriating everything they saw for their own uses; one of them ran his arm down into the barrel of feathers, grabbed the bag of money and left. All the bedding and wearing apparel that the family saved were such as they had in the swamp and were stowed away in a hogshead before the arrival of the army.

Underwood had but two children by Geo. Russell, her second husband, viz.: 1, George, Jr., and 2, Elizabeth Russell.

George married Minta Reavis and had the following-named children to-wit:

1. William, married Rachel Bagwell.

2. Elizabeth, married Joseph Dial.

3. James, married Hannah Reavis.

4. George, married James Dial.

5. Robert, married Robert Neely.

6. John, and

7. Sarah, married Mr. — Brittain.

George Russell, Jr., finally emigrated from Rutherford county, North Carolina, to Missouri, and has never been heard of since.

George C. Lewis and Elizabeth Russell were married in Rutherford county, North Carolina, in the year 1786. They had thirteen children, but raised only twelve, viz.:

1. George Russell, born 1788; died single in Winston county, North Carolina, 1867.

2. John Pitman, born 1789; married Iantha Dalton; died in Rutherford county, North Carolina, 1858.

3. Mary, born 1791; married Moses Simmons; died in Rutherford county, North Carolina, 1877.

4. Sarah, born 1793; married Josua Simmons; died in Rutherford county, Mississippi, 1891.

5. John, born 1795; died a bachelor in Rutherford county, North Carolina, 1883.

6. Mildred, born 1799; married Colonel Ed. Patterson; died in South Carolina.

7. Elizabeth, born 1800; married Aaron W. Whiteside; died in South Carolina, 1862.

E 8. Charles C., Jr., born 1802; married Jane Flack; died in Texas, 1846.

E 9. Nancy, born 1804; married Jon. Whiteside and John Dickey.

E 10. Preston, born 1806; married Martha Blanton; died in Rutherford, N. C.

E 11. Jesse T., born 1808; married Susan Cowart, Rutherford, N. C.

E 12. Wm. Terrell, born 1811; married Eliza J. Steele and Mary Ann B. Norton, Winston county, Mississippi. X

D 5. Charles Lewis, Sr., and his wife, Elizabeth, both died in Rutherford, N. C., on the same farm upon which he settled before the Revolutionary war. He died in 1833 and she in 1851.

E 1. George Russell Lewis, eldest child of Charles, was a blacksmith by trade. After he arrived at majority he located at Pendleton Village, S. C., and worked at his trade a few years. He then engaged in clerking and afterward engaged in farming. He at length became intemperate, spent his property and finally became an itinerant pedagogue. He emigrated to Mississippi, where he made a profession of religion and joined the Baptist church at Antioch, in Winston county. He died a bachelor near Webster, Winston county, Miss., in 1867.

E 2. Pitman Lewis, son of Charles C., Sr., was a blacksmith by trade, but when he became of age he settled on a farm about one mile north of his father's old homestead, where he spent his life in seclusion. He was about five feet seven inches high, with black hair and eyes.

When Pitman made his settlement on his farm game was very plentiful in the country, and like a "nimrod" he spent much of his time in the chase after the deer. During one of his hunting excursions he wounded a very large buck which his dog pursued to the nearest water-course, where he kept the deer "at bay" until he arrived. The deer being badly wounded and tired, he concluded that he had nothing to do but to walk in, take him by the antlers, lead him to the shore and dispatch him, but to his great astonishment the deer was not so docile; he bristled up, turned his hair the wrong way and pitched into him for a fight, but as he made his thrust he seized him by the horns. Then came the "tag of war" with *pugnis et calcibus*; he fought with his hands and the deer with his feet, and by the time the fight was over the deer had torn nearly all his clothes and had cut his flesh considerably. During the scuffle he felt for his knife to cut the deer's throat, but it was lost and he was left in

rather an awkward predicament, for it appeared that if he held on the deer would kill him with his feet and if he let him go he would probably gore him to death with his horns; so he was at a loss whether to "hold on" or "let go." Fortunately, he found a pin in the lapel of his coat; with this he pricked out the deer's eye and stealthily made his escape, until he found a pine knot with which he knocked him on the head.

He married, in 1837, Iantha, daughter of Wm. Dalton, in Rutherford county, North Carolina, where he died of dropsy in 1858, leaving four children, viz.:

F 1. Elizabeth, born 1838; married Wm. H. Cantrell in 1862. He was a lieutenant in the Confederate war. He raised eight children and died near Boiling Springs, Spartanburg county, S. C., where his wife and children were residing in 1891. His children are:

G 1. Eliza Lavinia, born 1863, and married Coatesworth Wall near Brannon, Spartanburg, S. C.

G 2. Louisa Jane, born 1864.

G 3. Sallie Iantha, born 1866.

G 4. Albert Sydney, born 1870; married Dora Clement, Brannon, S. C.

G 5. Stella May, born 1874.

G 6. Leola, born 1875.

G 7. Charles T., born 1877, and

G 8. Victoria Carolina, born 1879.

The family are Baptists. Their membership is at Boiling Springs, S. C.

F 2. Charles Rufus, son of Pitman Lewis, born in 1840.

F 3. Mary Louisa, born 1843; post-office, Rutherfordton, N. C.

F 4. Pinckney Pitman, born 1847 in Rutherfordton, N. C. In 1891 he married Hattie Boatright, of Mecklenburg, N. C. His post-office is Rutherfordton, N. C.

Charles Rufus was in the Confederate Army stationed at Goldsboro, N. C., and finally committed suicide by hanging himself. He never married.

E 3. Mary Lewis, daughter of Charles C., Sr., was born in 1791 in Rutherford, N. C. She was about five feet eight inches high, weighing about one hundred and eighty pounds, with black hair, blue eyes and dark skin. She was a very pious woman, devoted to the service of God and was an exemplary member of the Methodist-Episcopal church.

In 1811 she married Moses Simmons, son of James and brother

of Joshua. Moses was also a member of the Methodist church. They lived some three miles below Island Ford on Broad river, in Rutherford county, North Carolina, where he died very suddenly in 1856. Mary, his wife, died in 1877. They raised twelve children, viz.:

- F 1. John Drayton, born in 1812; married Mary Ann Riley.
- F 2. Charles Lewis, born in 1814; married Hulda Williamson and Mary Harrison.
- F 3. Mary Mansfield, born in 1816; married Joseph Howell; died.
- F 4. Mildred, born in 1818; married Warner Hyder, Belton, Ga.
- F 5. Myra, born in 1820; married Richard Hicks, Hicksville, N. C.
- F 6. Moses Waters, born in 1823; married Myra J. Thorn.
- F 7. Richard Lewis, born in 1825; married Margaret Cobb and Mrs. Bryan, *née* Mary C. Hunter, Yorkville, S. C.
- F 8. James Overton, born in 1827; married Myra Kemp, Island Ford, N. C.
- F 9. Elisha Taliaferro, born in 1829; married Mary Ann Petty.
- F 10. Jane Elizabeth, born in 1832; married Thos. J. Campbell, Gafney, S. C.
- F 11. Wm. Schieffelin, born in 1834; married Sarah Brooks, Atlanta, Ga.
- F 12. Joshua Sylvanus, born 1838; married Miss — Armstrong, Belton, Ga.

F 1. John D. Simmons, son of Moses, born 1812; married Mary Ann Riley, daughter of James, of Hall county, Georgia. They reside near Gainesville, Ga., and have fourteen children, viz.:

- G 1. Elizabeth Jane, born 1837; married Jas. M. Chamblee, son of Elisha, and has children, viz.: H 1, Mary Mildred; H 2, John Drayton; H 3, Lucintha; H 4, Elisha Taliaferro; H 5, George Lee, etc.
- G 2. Moses Taliaferro, son of John D., born 1839; died.
- G 3. Laura Louisa, born 1841; married Alonzo Brooks, son of Alfred, and has children, viz.: H 1, James Moses; H 2, Mary Elizabeth, etc.
- G 4. James Overton, son of John D., born 1843; is in Atlanta, Ga.
- G 5. Mary Mildred, born 1845; married Wm. R. Chamblee, son of Elisha, and has children viz.: H 1, Julia Laura, etc.
- G 6. Nancy Eveline, born 1847; married Berrien Brooks, son of Alfred, and has children, viz.: H 1, Alfred Cicero, etc.
- G 7. Martha Sapsony, born 1849; died.
- G 8. Susan Adeline, born 1851; G 9, Sarah Ann, born 1853;

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G 0, John Robert, born 1855; G 11, Julia, born 1857; G 12, Isaac vanus, died; G 13, Florence Eugenia, born 1862, and G 14, Virginia Ladora, born 1864; all in Hall county, Georgia.

The oldest sons of John D. Simmons were in the Confederate war were in the battles of Manassas, Seven Pines, Yorktown, Gettysburg, Leesburg, Chilesville, Goldsboro, etc.

F 2. Charles Lewis Simmons, son of Moses, was born in 1814, died in Hall county, Georgia, in 1887. He married Hulda Dlamson, daughter of Adam, of Hall county, Georgia. After death he married Mary Harrison. He left children, viz :

G 1. Vestal Lewis, is in the Rocky Mountains.

G 2. Augusta Ann, married Thomas Brooks, son of Alfred, and 1.

G 3. Moses Sylvanus; G 4, Ophelia; G 5, Mary; G 6, Adam; Florida; G 8, Ella, and G 9, died—no name.

F 3. Mary Mansfield Simmons, daughter of Moses, born in 1816; married Joseph Howell, of York county, South Carolina. After his marriage he settled in Hall county, Georgia, where Mary M., his wife, died in 1842, leaving three children, viz :

G 1. Mary Mansfield, married Thomas Dickson, of Spartanburg, C.

G 2. Miriam Mildred, married William Dickson, of York county, South Carolina.

G 3. William Joseph, died in childhood.

After the death of his wife Joseph Howell married, as his second wife, Mary Waters, daughter of Joshua Simmons, of Hall county, Georgia. She died without issue. The wives of Joseph Howell were first cousins.

F 4. Mildred Simmons, daughter of Moses, born in 1818; married Warner Hyder, son of Benjamin Jr., and grandson of Benjamin, Sr.; all of Rutherford county, North Carolina.

Benjamin Hyder, Sr., had a brother, Jacob, who died single. The name of Jacob can be found in "King's Mountain and its Heroica" his sister married reel-footed Jonathan Hampton, whose name can be found in "King's Mountain and its Heroica," by I. C. Cooper.

Warner Hyder lives near Belton, Banks county, Ga., and has children, viz :

G 1. Adam, was killed in Virginia during the war of 1861.

G 2. James; G 3, Moses; G 4, John; G 5, William; G 6, Charles; G 7, Dr. Garrett Sylvanus, and G 8, Mary.

F 5. Myra Lewis Simmons, daughter of Moses, born in 1820; married Richard Hicks, son of Rev. Berry Hicks. He merchandized many years at Hicksville, Rutherford county, N. C., where he died in 1863, leaving eight children, viz.:

G 1. Romeo, is a physician, practicing at Hicksville, Rutherford county, N. C. He was a member of the 1st North Carolina Cavalry the last year of the war, and was in a battle on the 27th of October, 1863, near Burges' Mills, in Virginia. He married Miss C. O. Dickerson, of Rutherford county, North Carolina.

G 2. Volney, was a member of the Junior Reserves, and was engaged in a fight at Morganton in the latter part of the war. He married Miss Abi Carpenter, and is now (1890) a merchant at Rutherfordton.

G 3. Wellington, is single, and is a cotton buyer.

G 4. Junius, married Ann McCraw, of South Carolina; is a farmer, and his post-office is State Line, S. C.

G 5. Leonidas, married Sady Burton, of New Prospect, S. C., where he is engaged manufacturing shoes.

G 6. Zeno, married Nancy McKenney, of South Carolina; is a farmer, and his post-office is Ezell, S. C.

G 7. Myra Leonora, and

G 8. Theodore.

The family are all Methodists that belong to the church.

F 6. Moses Waters Simmons, son of Moses, born in 1823; married Myra J. Thom, and resides near Hicksville, Rutherford county, N. C.

F 7. Richard L., son of Moses, born in 1825; married Margaret Cobb and Mrs. Mary C. Bryan, *née* Hunter, daughter of Dr. John Hunter. He had only one child by his first wife, and several by his second. He resides in Gaston county, North Carolina. The names of his children are as follows: G 1, Clementine; G 2, John Hunter; G 3, Mary, etc.

F 8. James Overton, son of Moses Simmons, born in 1827; married Myra Kemp, daughter of Joshua, near Island Ford on Broad river, in Rutherford county, N. C. He has children, viz.: G 1, Madora; G 2, George; G 3, Louisa; G 4, James, died; G 5, Susan; G 6, Anna, etc.

F 9. Elisha Taliaferro Simmons, son of Moses, born 1829; married Mary Ann Petty, daughter of George, of Spartanburg, S. C., and has children, viz.: G 1, Mary Jane; G 2, Nancy McCoy, and G 3, George Elisha.

Elisha T. Simmons died in the hospital at Richmond, Va., during the Confederate war.

F 10. Jane E., daughter of Moses Simmons, born in 1832; married Rev. Thomas Jeff Campbell, a Baptist minister at Gafney City, S. C. They have children, viz.: G 1, Moses Sylvanus; G 2, Thomas Jefferson, Jr.; G 3, Mary Elizabeth; G 4, James Richard, etc.

F 11. William Sylvanus, son of Moses Simmons, born in 1834; married Sarah Brooks, in Hall county, Georgia, where he resides.

F 12. Joshua S., son of Moses, born in 1838; married Miss Armstrong, of York county, South Carolina, in 1860. He lost a leg in the Confederate war, and resides in Rutherford county, North Carolina.

E 4. Sarah, daughter of Charles Lewis, Sr., of Rutherford county, North Carolina, was born in 1793. She was a very pious and exemplary member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1814, she married Joshua Simmons, brother of Moses. Joshua weighed about two hundred and twenty pounds, and Sarah, his wife, about one hundred and sixty pounds. They lived in Hall county, Georgia, for many years, where Joshua died in 1861. In 1872 Sarah, his widow, moved to Marshall county, Mississippi, and resided with her son, Richard O., where she died January 13, 1891, in her ninety-eighth year. She had eleven children, sixty grandchildren, one hundred and fifty great grandchildren and fifteen great great grandchildren at the time of her death.

Issue of Sarah Lewis and Joshua Simmons:

F 1. Elizabeth L., born in 1815; married Wm. C. Chambers.

F 2. Dr. James Waters, born in 1816; married Mrs. Henry, *nie* Angeline Elrod.

F 3. Mary Waters, born in 1818; married Jo. Howell, and died without issue.

F 4. Nancy Lewis, born in 1820; married A. T. Garrison.

F 5. Dr. Charles Lewis, born in 1822; was killed; never married.

F 6. Rhoda Emiline, born in 1824; married Burwell F. Wells, of Sharon, Tenn.

F 7. Didama McKenney, born in 1825; married John F. Hudson and A. W. Collins.

F 8. Emily-Eliza, born in 1827; married Ellison E. Crow.

F 9. Richard Omero, born in 1829; married Mary Ann Buffington and Mrs. Gill.

F 10. John Taliaferro, born in 1832; died single.

F 11. Martha Jane, born in 1833; married Jonathan J. Bowen and James M. James.

Issue of Elizabeth L. Simmons and Wm. C. Chambers, viz.:

G 1. Joshua Sylvanus, born in 1839; was killed at Gettysburg in 1863.

G 2. Mary Jane, born in 1841.

G 3. James Thompson, born in 1844.

G 4. John Richard, born in 1846.

G 5. William Lafayette, born in 1848.

G 6. Henry Smith, born in 1851.

G 7. Charles Simpson, born in 1855, and

G 8. Thomas, born in 1858.

G 1. Joshua Sylvanus Chambers, married Mary E. Scales in 1859, and has children, viz.: H 1, Sarah Frances; H 2, Joshua Sylvanus, born 1866.

F 2. Dr. James W. Simmons, son of Joshua, born in 1816; is by profession a dental surgeon. In 1854 he married Mrs. Henry, *nee* Angeline Elrod, daughter of George. James W. died in 1868 from the effect of a wound received below the cap of his knee from a scythe blade while cutting wheat in Banks county, Georgia. He left children, viz.:

G 1. Rosa Lee, born in 1854.

G 2. Charles Crawford, born in 1856, and died 1860.

F 3. Mary Waters, daughter of Joshua Simmons, born 1818; married Joseph Howell in 1844, the same man who married Mary, the daughter of Moses Simmons. Mary died childless in Hall county, Georgia, in 1845.

F 4. Nancy Lewis, daughter of Joshua Simmons, born 1820; married Allen T. Garrison, of Jackson county, Georgia, in 1839, and died in Marshall county, Mississippi, in 1874. They have issue, viz.:

G 1. Sarah Eliza, married Wm. J. Hardin and resides near Lebanon, Marshall county, Miss., and have children, viz.: H 1, John Allen; H 2, Thomson Bascomb; H 3, Nancy Jane; H 4, Dougherty Virginia; H 5, Robert Didama; H 6, Wm. Jackson; H 7, Austin Moore, etc.

G 2. Mary Emeline, daughter of Nancy L. Garrison, born 1843.

G 3. Hannah Angeline, born 1846; G 4, Andrew Soule, born 1848; G 5, Nancy Ann, born 1850; G 6, David Bascomb, born 1853; G 7, Martha Virginia, born 1856; G 8, Margaret Didama, born 1859.

F 5. Dr. Charles Simmons, son of Joshua, born 1822; was a

dental surgeon, and was killed by Dr. Mayfield at Plum Bayou, Jefferson county, Ark., in 1871. He never married.

F 6. Rhoda Emeline, daughter of Joshua Simmons, born 1824; married, in 1840, Rev. Burwell F. Wells, of Jackson county, Georgia, and now (1885) resides near Sharon, Weakley county, Tenn. They have issue, viz.:

G 1. John T., born 1841; died 1856.

G 2. James F., born 1843; married Elizabeth Freeman and Beanna Fowler, Veal Station, Parker county, Tex.

G 3. Sarah E., born 1845; married Wm. Gallaher, Shiloh, Denton county, Tex.

G 4. Mary E., born 1847; married B. C. Freeman, Waterford, Marshall county, Miss.

G 5. William G., born 1848; married Mattie J. Sigman, Sharon, Tenn.

G 6. Nancy V., born 1851; married James Gilmore, Ennis, Ellis county, Tex.

G 7. Joshua T., born 1853.

G 8. Martha J., born 1856.

G 9. Amanda C., born 1858; married Austin Evans, Waterford, Marshall county, Miss.

G 10. Charles W., born 1860, Pott's Camp, Marshall county, Miss.

G 11. Susan A., born 1863; married Rob. Marshall, Richmond, Fort Bend county, Tex.

F 7. Didama McK., daughter of Joshua Simmons, was born in 1825. In 1843 she married John F. Hudson, by whom she had three children, viz.: G 1, Dr. George Wesley; G 2, Wm. Fletcher; G 3, Martha Jane.

Mr. Hudson died in Pulaski county, Arkansas, in 1853. In 1856 his widow married J. W. Collins, of Saline county, Arkansas. They resided near Camden, in Ouachita county, Ark., where she died in 1891. She was a very pious woman and a devout member of the Methodist-Episcopal church. Her funeral was preached by Rev. J. F. Carr and Rev. E. M. Munroe.

Mr. Collins was a gallant soldier, and was wounded in the shoulder while fighting for the rights of the Confederacy.

F 8. Emily E., daughter of Joshua Simmons, born 1827; married Ellison Crow in 1855. He resides near Ponceana, Orange county, Fla. They have issue, viz.:

G 1. John Randolph, born 1856.

G 2. Joshua Thomas, born 1859

G 3. Samuel Jefferson, born 1862.

G 4. Braxton Bragg, born 1863.

G 5. Alvin Benson, born 1865.

F 9. Richard Omero, son of Joshua Simmons, born 1829; married Mary Ann Buffington in Hall county, Georgia, in 1852. They resided near Waterford, Marshall county, Miss. They had eight children. Mary Ann, his wife, died in 1887, after which he married Mrs. Gill, as his second wife, in 1888. The names of their eight children are:

G 1 and G 2, Emily Eliza and Joshua, both died in childhood.

G 3. Sarah Elizabeth, born 1855; married Willis Henderson near Waterford, Miss. They have children, viz.: H 1, Mary; H 2, John, etc.

G 4. Mary Savannah, daughter of R. O. Simmons, born 1857; married Henry Gill. They have children, viz.: H 1, Mamie; H 2, Mattie; H 3, James, etc.

G 5. Julia Clare, born 1860; married John Gilmore at Waterford.

G 6. Richard Filoe, born 1861.

G 7. Joshua Thomas, born 1864, and

G 8. Charles Lewis, born 1866; married, in 1887, Miss — Barber.

F 10. John Taliaferro, son of Joshua, born 1832; died single in Auburn, Ala., in 1861.

F 11. Martha Jane, daughter of Joshua Simmons, born 1835; married, first, Jonathan Bowen, of Campbell county, Georgia, in 1850, by whom she had two children, viz.: G 1, Nancy Didama, born 1852, and G 2, Joshua Thomas, born 1854, who married Gertrude A. Dickerson and died without issue.

Mr. Bowen was a Confederate soldier and sacrificed his life in defense of Southern rights. He was killed near Atlanta, Ga., in 1864. After his death his widow married John M. James, who lost a leg in the same war. They have issue, viz.:

G 3. Lewis Washington James, married Kate Rousseau.

G 4. Sarah E., married John S. Bowden.

G 5. Flora Ann, married John C. Smith, and

G 6. Mary Lee, married Thomas Blair.

Their post-office is Lithia Springs, Douglas county, Ga.

E 5. John Lewis, son of Charles Lewis and Elizabeth Russell, of Rutherford county, North Carolina, was born 1795. He was a soldier in the War of 1812; went as a substitute for William White-side, under John Carson, to fight the Indians, and was stationed the most of his time at Wadesboro, N. C. He was allowed a pension by

the United States Government for his services. He was about five feet eight inches in height, weighing about one hundred and fifty pounds. He died an eccentric bachelor, four miles west of Rutherfordton, N. C., in 1883, in the house built by his father.

E 6. Mildred McCoy, daughter of Charles C. Lewis, Sr., was born in 1799; married Colonel Edward Patterson, of Spartanburg, S. C., son of Wm. Patterson, of Bedford county, Virginia. He served a twelve months' tour in the War of 1812, and was stationed the most of his time on Bull's Island, near Charleston, S. C.

He was a merchant and farmer, and resided on Pacolet river, opposite the celebrated Pacolet Springs, until about the year 1837, when he moved and settled within one mile of Spartanburg C. H., S. C., where he died in 1842. His mother resided with him and lived to be one hundred years of age. A short time before her death she was preadmonished in a dream that she would die on a certain day and that her son, Edward, would die within a month afterward. When that day arrived she actually died, and exactly one month from that day her son died, also, though not without being also forewarned of his approaching dissolution. As he was shaving himself one morning he ceased suddenly, wheeled around, manifesting great perturbation of mind. His wife, discovering his emotion, inquired of him as to the cause. He replied that "he had that moment been warned of his death, which would take place within a few days."

He made his will; his wife took charge of all his business, and he died within a few days from constipation of the bowels.

He was about five feet five inches high, with light hair and blue eyes, weighing about one hundred and twenty-five pounds.

A few years before his death he made a profession of religion and attached himself to the Methodist-Episcopal church and, like his aged mother, "prayed without ceasing."

He was an affectionate husband, an indulgent father, a kind master, an humble Christian and an honest, upright man in all his dealings.

After the death of Colonel Patterson the cares and responsibilities of his wife became so great that within a few years her general health declined so much that she paid a visit to Epps' Springs, in North Carolina, owned by her son, Wm. G., with a view of improving her health, where she died in 1856. Her remains were deposited by the side of her husband at their old homestead near Spartanburg C. H.

In the *Carolina Spartan*, a paper published at Spartanburg C. H., S. C., the following obituary appeared September 18, 1856:

## OBITUARY.

Died at the residence of her son William, at Epps' Springs, Shelby county, N. C., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., Mrs. Mildred Patterson, widow of the late Edward Patterson, of Spartanburg, S. C., in the fifty-fifth year of her age, after a short illness of five days.

Mildred Lewis was born in Rutherford county, North Carolina, on the 7th day of May, 1799, at a time when virtue, industry and economy were regarded as the only sure and safe roads to happiness and prosperity. At the age of nineteen she married Edward Patterson, then a resident of Pacolet Springs, in Spartanburg District, where they lived until about the year 1837, when he bought land and built near Spartanburg C. H., where he died shortly after, leaving Mrs. Patterson and twelve children—none of whom were grown. Shortly after his death her responsibilities were increased by the birth of another daughter, making eight daughters and five sons, all of whom were young and dependent upon her.

Such was the confidence which her husband had in her energy and discretion that he bequeathed to her absolute control during life, or widowhood, over his entire estate, both real and personal, consisting of several plantations and a number of negroes, and the faithful and successful discharge of her trusts for fourteen years of toil and responsibility, as the sole manager and head of a large family, proved that the unlimited confidence of her husband was not misplaced. She raised and educated all her children without detriment to the estate, the most of whom are now grown and married, and all live to cherish and honor the memory of their noble mother.

A member of the Methodist church for many years previous to her death, she practiced in the fullness of human perfection all the cardinal virtues of that faith. A devoted and affectionate mother, she was no less a kind and prudent mistress. As a neighbor she was, emphatically, the good Samaritan. All were her neighbors, and all shared alike her bounty and her kindness. As a friend and companion, frank, cheerful and happy, she was always the life and soul of the social circle. It was impossible to be otherwise than pleasant and happy in her company. In fine, she was the purest model of a Christian, a mother, a mistress and a friend. "None knew her but to love her"—the rich and the poor, the bond and the free, delighted to love and admire her general and noble impulses. And hence, pride, selfishness, envy, moroseness and their concomitants fled from her presence as from the glance of destiny.

But alas! mysterious Providence, not all the virtues of the just on earth can secure us against the shafts of the fell destroyer directed by Thine inscrutable hand. Dreadful, indeed, is the warning when the gay and thoughtless drop into the silent tomb; but equally solemn and impressive is the lesson to the living when the pure and lovely of earth are borne to the grave. Such, nevertheless, is the will of God, and although Mildred Patterson no longer lives to aid us by her counsels or cheer us with her smiles, yet we know that her sainted voice swells the chorus of heaven in songs of eternal joy, and it is our duty to submit without a murmur to the will of Him whose will is the law of the universe.