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gansett Register has the records of  
all the R. I. families taken from  
town records.

HON. WM. LEWIS, of Hamden,  
Del. Co. N. Y., is the Republican  
nominee for State Senator for this  
24th district. Congratulations are  
extended.

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**Lewis Association No. 2 Ulysses,  
Pa.**

**Lewis Reunion.**

The Lewis Reunion Thursday, Aug. 25th, 1887, called out a large number of people. Owing to the cool weather it was held in Gridley's Theater. It was one of the most enjoyable occasions within the recollection on any of those who participated. No attempt was made at display or formality, but each seemed intent on making the most of the occasion for social enjoyment. The tables were spread at about 1 P. M., and eighty-seven sat down at once. All joined in singing the

"Doxology" before partaking of the refreshments. A few came in a little later, making the entire number present about one hundred. While the tables were being cleared, Messrs. John and O. A. Lewis and Wm. Suhr gave some fine instrumental music. Then the whole party grouped themselves north of the Baptist church and Mr. L. R. Bliss, of Condersport, took a photograph of them.

The following officers were re-elected for ensuing year:

Mrs. M. Lavina Lewis, Pres., of Condersport, Pa.

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Lewis Family association No. 2. Register of attendance at second reunion, Thursday, August 25th, 1887, Ulysses, Pa.

**ULYSSES, PA.**

Lucy L. Lewis, Ella M. Lewis, Caroline Lewis, John Lewis, Carlos A. Lewis, Kate E. Lewis, Irving Lewis, Archie Lewis, Louesa Brigham, Perry Brigham, Jane Brigham, Ann Brigham, Burt Brigham, Grace Brigham, Willard J. Easton, Letta M. Easton, Alanson Burt, Anna Burt, Wm. Seehr, Mary J. Seehr, Fred Seehr, Wm. Daniels, Ellen H. Daniels, Nina M. Daniels, Henry Daniels, Seth Lewis, Sarah E. Lewis, George A. Farnsworth, M. Eloise Farnsworth, Lewis Farnsworth, Benton Lewis, Caroline E. Lewis, Arthur H. Lewis, Alice Lewis, Walter D. Lewis, Titus W. Burt, Elizabeth L. Burt, Charles E. Hoseley, Marion B. Hoseley, Mand F. Hoseley; Harry H. Hoseley, Arthur S. Burt, Addie G.

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RUSHFORD, N. Y.

Lydia P. Thurston, Mary Thurston.

ANDOVER, N. Y.

Anna Maria Brigham, Ellen R. Brigham.

**Armorial Bearings.**

CHAPTER I.

The name of Hon. Hezekiah Lewis is to be found in a long list of Esquires in 1736 published in the *Heraldic Journal* for Jany., 1865. pp. 14-16. The supposition is that they were in the habit of using Coats of Arms, or held high official positions.

In speaking upon this subject the *Journal* says :

Since the time that Coats-of-Arms became hereditary they have been concise and intelligible assertions of the pedigree of their bearers. Notwithstanding the common error, Coats-of-Arms, do not belong to all the bearers of the name, but are a species of personal property inherited by the lineal descendants of the first owner and belong solely to them. These insignia were originally granted to individuals who occupied a certain position, and their use is a distinct claim to a descent from the grantees.

**Books of Reference.**

CHAPTER III.

BY MYRON S. LEWIS, PROVIDENCE,  
R. I.

To the list of reference books found at pages 12 and 23 are added :

Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of R. I., Fultrey's History of Chester, Pa., 628-36, Howe's Historical collections of Virginia 181-3.

Meade's Old Churches and Families of Virginia Vol. II. p. 231-3, 325-6.

N. E. Hist. and Genealogical Register, vol. XVII. p. 162-6.

Paytons History of Augusta Co., Va. 285-301.

Ridlon's Harrison, Me, settlers 93-5. Smith's History of Delaware Co., Penn., 478-80. Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, vol. III, p. 841-90. Virginia Historical Register vol. V. 24-5. Young's History of Wayne Co. Ind. 229-30.

Credit is given to "Daniel S. Durrie's Alphabetical Index to Am'n Genalogies and Pedigrees.

#### Lewis Fragment.

##### No. I.

Any one who can show the date, and place of birth, with the parentage of this William Lewis will confer a favor upon Rollin H. Cooke, Pittsfield, Mass. :

William Lewis, of Lyme, Conn. married there, 23 Feb., 1715-16, with Elizabeth Borden. Their children were :

- I. Hannah Lewis, b. 26 Nov. 1716 ; married 18 March, 1735, with Jonathan Beebe, of New London, and settled at Lyme, where the town record erroneously gives the date of marriage as 12 March, 1731-32.
- II. Joseph Lewis, b. 1 (name of month omitted) 1718.
- III. Jane Lewis, b. 10 Feb, 1720-21 ; m. Jonathan Smith.
- IV. Elizabeth Lewis, b. 12 Jan., 1722-23.
- V. Borden Lewis, b. 14 Jan., 1725-26.
- VI. William Lewis, b. 11 June, 1727.
- VII. Ely Lewis, b. 9 March, 1729-30.

#### GENEALOGICAL RECORDS.

##### Book I.

RANDALL LEWIS, Exeter, R. I.

##### CHAPTER VII.

BY FRANK P. LEWIS, LISLE, N. Y.

He whose name heads this book is at present the earliest known ancestor of this branch. The growth and full measure of our knowledge respecting him is to be seen at pages 12, 35, 41, 51 and 79 of this paper.

1. Randall, m. by Stephen Richmond, J. P., at Exeter, R. I., Thursday, Nov. 21, 1765, Also Rathbun, and after living there about six years must have moved about the summer of 1771, to Petersburg, N. Y., and afterwards to Delaware co., N. Y., where he died.

Randall (1) and Also Rathbun Lewis are supposed to have had 10 children :

2. I. Randall, jun., m. 1st, Susan Wait ; m. 2d, Deborah Aiken. He d. Petersburg, N. Y., of small pox.
3. II. Ruth, m. ELISHA OSBORN and lived at Bloomville, N. Y ; d. 1863.
4. III. Ellen, m. Kit Colgrove, Petersburg, N. Y.
5. IV. John, m. Esther, 2d dau., and child of David and (Bailey) Madison.
6. V. Olive, m. STANTON BAILEY, Petersburg, N. Y. '
7. VI. Caleb, b. Delhi, N. Y., June 16, 1782 ; m. Catherine, dau. of William and Rachel Hall, b. R. I., Aug. 17, 1784 ; She d. P. Dec. 17, 1847 ; He d. Troy, N. Y.
8. VII. Rowland, m. Lydia Conklin ; She d. Greene, N. Y.

of consumption: He was a shoemaker and d. during late war at Capron, Ills.

9. VIII. Joshua.

10. IX. Daniel.

On Aug. 8th, 1887, Wilfred D. Lewis, great grandson of John (5), engaged as traveling salesman for the Gale Mfg. Co., Albion, Mich. He makes his headquarters at the Quincy House, Boston, Mass.

CALVIN MADISON, Penrose, Ills., has credit for valuable information furnished.

THE 122d wedding anniversary of Randall and Alse Rathbun Lewis will occur on Monday, Nov. 21st. All persons of this branch are recommended to observe the day, and engage in appropriate festivities. Please report.

BOOK II.

BENJAMIN LEWIS, Stratford, Conn.

CHAPTER VII.

BY ALONZO LEWIS, LISLE, N. Y.

Alonzo (31) Lewis, m. Mary B. dau., Darling and Asenath Thompson Dayton, b. Meriden, Conn., May 22, 1817.

Alonzo (31) and Mary Dayton Lewis had six children:

110. I. Alonzo Dayton, b. Fair Haven, Conn., Sept. 29 1840; m. (1st) Triangle, N. Y., March 12th 1866, by Rev. H. W. Lee, a Baptist clergyman, Arvilla S. dau. Abram and Charlotte Day Taft, b. T. July 16, 1845. She d. Lisle, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1872, of consumption. He m. (2d) Centre Lisle, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1876, by Rev.

W. B. Kinney, a Methodist clergyman, Mary Elizabeth, dau. Eugene A. and Sarah Medaugh Robison, b. Slaterville, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1850. He served his country faithfully for three years of the war of 1861 in Co. D. 109 Reg. N. Y. Vols. After his discharge from the service in 1865, he came to Lisle and engaged with his father, under the firm name of A. Lewis & Son, in the hardware store until August, 1880, when his father retired from the business, and he continued it. In politics he has been a Republican and held the office of trustee of the village of Lisle; president of the village two years; supervisor of the town of Lisle in 1879 and 1880, and chairman of the board during his last term; a member of Eldredge Post G. A. R.; and Master of Western Light Lodge F. & A. M. No. 597 for the past twelve years and he is the Republican candidate for the Assembly.

111. II. William Decatur, b. Stratford street, Madison Co., N. Y., Nov., 3, 1843; d. Oct. 7, 1844.

112. III. Ella May, b. Smithville Flats, N. Y., March 27, 1849; m. Lisle, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1880, by Rev. F. B. Peck, a Universalist clergyman, Fred L., son of Franklin and Sophronia Rogers Johnson, b. L. June 13, 1849; he is a Republican and a farmer.

## BOOK XII.

WILLIAM LEWIS, Ship Lion,  
1632.

## CHAPTER VI.

BY LEMUEL LEWIS, COVENTRY, N. Y.

Harvey (50) 8th child of Royce and Fanny Smith Lewis, m. Elizabeth Bassett and had six children :

107. I. Hiram, resides Salem Centre, Ind.

108. II. Laura.

109. III. Ann.

110. IV. Dwight, a farmer and stock dealer, Salem Centre, Ind.

111. V. Newell, a merchant, Angola, Ind.

112. VI. Frank, farmer, Bush Prairie, Ind.

Laura Ann (51) 9th child of Royce and Fanny Smith Lewis; m. Lewis Wilmot and had two children :

113. I. Mordant.

114. II. John.

Fanny (52) 10th child of Royce and Fanny Smith Lewis; m. Orin Botsford and had one child :

115. I. Jennie.

Charles (44) Lewis died in Plainville, Conn. His son Henry (83) is a banker in Wellsville, N. Y.; Romeo (84) died in Sacramento, Cal.; Gustavus (85) is a farmer in Plainville, Conn.; Charles (92) is a farmer in Coventry, N. Y.; Burdett (93) is a                      and Charles (94) is a geologist, both reside in Plainville, Conn.; Thomas (96) is blind and a broom maker in Naples, Ill.; Charles (98) a carpenter, Naples, Ill.; George (100) a carpenter, LaFayette, Oregon; Clement (99) is railroading in Jacksonville, Ill.; Pomeroy (103) is a merchant, Perry, Ill.

## BOOK XIII.

JOHN LEWIS, New London,  
Conn.

## CHAPTER IV.

BY ROLLIN H. COOKE, PITTSFIELD,  
MASS.

Children of Sergt. Joseph (7) and Mary (Slaughter) Lewis, Waterbury, Conn. :

23. I. Elisha, b. Jan. 30, 1728-9; m. June 14, 1750, Tamar, dan. of Samuel Hale, of New Haven, Conn.

24. II. Samuel, b. Feb. 8, 1730-1.

25. III. Damaris, b. April 22, 1734; m. SAMUEL SCOTT, b. Feb. 14, 1738, son of Samuel and Mary (Richards) Scott.

26. IV. Joseph, b. Oct., 1736.

27. V. Abraham, m. Nov. 9, 1767, Ruth, dan. Joseph and Elizabeth (Royce) Judd, of Nangatnek, Conn., b. May 23, 1740, d. April 20, 1814.

28. VI. Rhoda, d. May 2, 1767.

Children of Obadiah and Sarah (10) (Lewis) Warner, Waterbury, Conn. :

29. I. Jerusha, b. Oct. 13, 1727; m. AARON HARRISON.

30. II. Lydia, b. June 6, 1729.

31. III. Obadiah, b. June 20, 1731; d. June 25, 1750.

32. IV. Esther, b. Nov. 9, 1733; d. Feb., 1746.

33. V. Joseph, b. Oct. 23, 1735.

34. VI. Lois, b. March 30, 1738; m. ASA SCOVIL.

35. VII. Enos, b. Aug 11, 1740; d. Sept. 1, 1749.

36. VIII. Sarah, b. Feb. 21, 1742-3; m. AARON TERREL.

37. IX. Eleanor, b. Jan. 13, 1743-4; m. SAMUEL HICKOX.

38. X. Agnes, b. Feb. 24, 1747.

39. XI. Irena, b. July, 1749; m.

ABIJAH WARNER.

40. XII. Mary, b. Aug. 6, 1751.

BOOK XIX.

JOHN LEWIS, Wales to Va.,  
1726.

CHAPTER I.

BY WILLIAM TERRELL LEWIS, Louis-  
ville, Miss.

The following names are, in part, the posterity of John Lewis, who emigrated from Wales and died in Hanover-co., Va., in 1726.

1. A. I. John, b. w. about 1640; d. Va., 1726, leaving six children:
2. B. I. Rebecca m. Lyndsay.
3. B. II. Abraham.
4. B. III. Sarah.
5. B. IV. Angelica, m. Fullilove.
6. B. V. David, b. in Hanover-co., Va., about 1685; m. 1st Min. Terrell; m. 2d Mrs. Hart, *nee* Mary M. McGrath; d. in Albemarle-co., Va., 1779.
7. B. VI. John, m. Elizabeth McGrath  
B. V. David (6) had eleven children:
8. C. I. William Terrell, b. 1718; m. Sallie Martin; d. Nashville, Tenn., 1802, leaving posterity.
9. C. II. Susannah, b. 1720; m. Alex Mackey; d. Rutherford co., N. C., 1781 leaving posterity.
10. C. III. Hannah, b. 1722; m. James Hickman; d. Clark co., Ky., 1822, leaving posterity.
11. C. IV. Sarah, b. 1724; m. Abraham Mnsick; d. St. Louis-co., Mo., 1800.

12. C. V. David, jun., b. 1726; m. 1st Rebecca Stovall; m. 2d Elizabeth Lockhart; d. Spartanburg, S. C., 1787, leaving posterity.
13. C. VI. John, b. 1728; m. 1st Sarah Talcaferis; m. 2d Susan Clarkson; d. Albemarle-co., Va., 1781, leaving posterity.
14. C. VII. Joel, b. 1730; m. 1st Mary Tureman; m. 2d Sarah Chiles; m. 3rd Lucy Danicle; d. Spotsylvania-co. Va., 1813, leaving posterity.
15. C. VIII. Anna, b. 1733; m. 1st Joel Terrell, her cousin; m. 2d Stephen Willis; d. Rutherford-co., N. C., 1835 leaving posterity.
16. C. IX. Elizabeth (by 2d wife), b. 1754; m. Maj. John Martin; d. Clark-co., Ky., 1838, leaving posterity.
17. C. X. Col. James, b. 1756; m. 1st Lucy Thomas; m. 2d Mary Marks; d. Franklin co., Tenn., 1849, leaving posterity.
18. C. XI. Meriam, b. 1759; m. Col. Gabriel Madison, (brother of Bishop James Madison), d. Jessamine-co., Ky., 1845, leaving posterity.

The different generations in this book are marked by the letters of the alphabet.

Mr. Lewis has prepared a genealogy of the Lewis Families and has secured 170 subscribers at \$2 per copy. It is a very rare and unique work replete with thrilling interest. He will make favorable terms with any one who will undertake the publication.

If no other way opens, perhaps

the Lewis Letter would undertake to publish a chapter each month until finished, provided, the persons interested would subscribe for this paper.

BOOK XXIII.

SAMUEL LEWIS, Rhode Island.

CHAPTER I.

BY LADD J. LEWIS, NASHVILLE,  
TENN.

My great grand fathers great grand father's name was Samuel Lewis and the direct line to me is as follows: Samuel, Jonathan 1st, Jonathan 2d, Jonathan 3rd, Moses, John Ladd and myself Ladd John (and Ladd John Jr., my son). Very little is known of Samuel or his family for until within the last 20 years no effort had been made to keep a record of our family and as such a long time has elapsed since his time it has been impossible to get it only in a direct line and for one or two generations after him my record is incomplete. We have always supposed that he was a Welchman and that he came to America with his two brothers, the one settling in Mass. the other in Conn. and he in R. I. but I never fully credited that part relating to his brothers as I find that nearly every one trace their genealogy back to *three brothers*. The only definite thing we do know is that he had a son whose name was Jonathan and from this fact I am inclined to believe that the Samuel Lewis or Lewis mentioned on pages 27, 46, 55 and 64 and whose children's names (Samuel, Jr. *Jonathan* and *Joanna*) are given in April No. page 27 was my great grand fathers great grand father.

I am inclined the more to think this for he lived about the same time this Samuel did and also from the fact that my family as far as we are able to trace their residence back to the same county in R. I. and to the town of Exeter which adjoins Hopkinton on the north where the Samuel named entered land in 1683. If I can establish this fact my family goes back as I understand it one generation to the John Lewis who first settled in R. I.

From 1745 I have the dates of births, marriages and deaths, which will be given in future Letters. At that time (and until 1818 when nearly all their immediate family moved to Wyoming and Erie counties, New York) and undoubtedly for some time before they lived in Exeter. My father, grand father, and great grand father all being born in the same house, which was situated on the most northerly road in the town, running a little north of west and at a point where the road crossed a stream called Flat river (a branch of Wood) where now one or more families of Barbers live and is I think called Barber City, but which was at that time called Lewis City and upon one bank of the stream is a cemetery where my great grand father and other relatives were buried. I am thus explicit that Mr. N. B. Lewis, of Pine Hill (town of Exeter) and others acquainted with the town can exactly locate where my people formerly lived in the town and who possibly later on when I come to give the genealogy of my family can give me facts from the records of the town that I am not now in possession of.