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THE second number of the LEWIS LETTER was issued Tuesday, and makes a very attractive sheet. It now has over 100 subscribers, and should be taken by every family bearing the name of Lewis, or related to them.—*Whitney's 1st Reporter.*

A Word to the Older People.

T. H. B. L.

The amount of interesting and valuable historic knowledge that is lost in the death of aged people is beyond computation. Men grow old in active life, participating in, and observing a constant succession of family, neighborhood, and business events, yet making no record of them, except perhaps a more or less temporary record of business transactions. All this information therefore passes away with the individual. In countries where there is little migration, and the sons succeed the fathers in the homesteads and community, each generation grows up and lives in the presence of the preceding generation. The accumulated fund of information and history of the fathers is communicated orally to the sons, until there become well established family and local traditions. In this country however we have no traditions, nor can we have any because of the migratory habits of the people. Our ancestors settled in the eastern states, their children migrated to the middle states, the grand-children to the nearer western states, and the great-grand-children to the more remote western states. As a consequence communication even between parents and children became and continues to be infrequent, and the later generations cease to know or

to care anything about their ancestors. It is not necessary to stop here to consider the evil of such a state of things, for it will be readily admitted. The question is how to remedy the evil and how to make amends for the past; and the appeal here is especially to the older people. It is true that we are wisely so constituted, that in earlier and middle life our ambition and effort is to rear and provide for our children as well as to provide for the support and comfort of our old age. When however those later years come upon us, and those former cares and ambitions subside, our minds revert to the years and events of our earlier life. Then it is that we gather up in our own minds the history and events of our own lives and of those in whom we have been interested. Now if this knowledge, so gathered, is not communicated in some permanent form, it is lost. Let all those therefore who are in the evening of their days, in some way, make a permanent record in writing of these recollections of a life time, so that it may be had for the profit and pleasure of succeeding generations. And remember it is not for you to judge of the value of those recollections, but rather for those who inherit them.

TEN new subscribers to this paper added during the month of February.

Genealogical Records.

BOOK VII.

REV. JOSHUA LEWIS.

CHAPTER I.

Rev. Joshua Lewis, a Baptist clergyman, emigrated from Wales to Conn. about 1780. He had a son Joshua who was a Baptist clergyman and resided in Conn. and R. I.

Rev. Joshua Lewis, Jr., had a son Joshua b. February 8, 1767; d. July 1, 1836; moved to Saratoga co., and afterwards to Cayuga co., N. Y.; m. Miss Electa Grennell, of Greenfield.

CHILDREN. GRAND CHILDREN.

1. John C. b. March 22, 1794; m. Miss ^(Delecta) Barbour.
 1. Mrs. E. R. Handy.
 2. Loran L., Buffalo, N. Y.
 3. George W. —
 4. Dio b. 1825.
 5. A sister.
2. Daniel G. b. June 14, 1796.
3. Asenath b. September 7, 1798.
4. Anna b. March 23, 1801.
5. Isaac B. b. July 9, 1803.
6. Lucy b. October 7, 1805.
7. Charlotte b. June 28, 1810; m. King, Port Byron, N. Y.
8. Justice II. b. June 7, 1814.

BOOK VIII.

JOSHUA LEWIS.

CHAPTER I.

John Lewis of—Rhode Island, father of John, Jr., father of Abraham. The members of this family

are urged to prepare the records for publication.

The following is an outline of Abraham's—

CHILDREN. GRAND-CHILDREN.

1. Abraham Jr., had two wives.
 1. Nathan, b. December 19, 1776.
 2. William, b. September 7, 1778.
 3. Abram, b. Sept. 30, 1780.
 4. Thankful, b. Sept. 12, 1782.
 5. Abel, b. May 3, 1784.
 6. Delight, b. June 13, 1786.
 7. Miner, b. April 2, 1788; d. March 31, 1790.
 8. Miner, b. May 2, 1790.
 9. Asher, b. February 28, 1792.
- 2d wife—
 10. Lyman, b. February 27, 1794.
 11. Thomas, b. Dec. 5, 1795.
 12. Ethan, b. October 4, 1797; d. December 22, 1800.
 13. Joshua S., b. May 11, 1799.
 14. Ethan, b. May 4, 1801.
 15. Nancy, b. July 22, 1803.
 16. Orrin, b. October 1, 1805.
 17. Lester D., b. March 17, 1808.
 18. Edna, b. December 22, 1810; m.—Briggs, Waterford, N. Y.
2. Cap. James had two wives.
 1. James.
 2. Jabez.
 3. Rebecca.
 4. Sybil.
 5. May.
- 2d wife—
 6. Jeremiah.
 7. Abigail.
 8. Samuel, who had children: 1. Eliza; 2. Oliver; 3. Sarah;

4. Clemantine; 5. William;
6. Morgan; 7. Fanny, m.
Alex. Marshall, of Green-
wich, N. Y.; 8. Ephraim;
9. James; 10. Phebe; 11.
Daniel.

9. Phebe.
10. Naomi.
11. Belle.
12. Priscilla.
3. Abram, information wanted.
4. Augustus, " "
5. David, " "
6. Abel, father of: 1. Datus E.;
and he was the father of Rev.
A. Herbert, of Plainfield, N.J.

BOOK IX.

ELISHA LEWIS.

CHAPTER 1.

Elisha moved from Litchfield, Ct.,
to or near Binghamton, N. Y.

CHILDREN. GRAND-CHILDREN.

1. Justice C.
1. Marquis II., Centre Lisle, N. Y.
2. Betsey, m.—Cook.
3. Deziah, m.—Everett.
4. Mary, m.—Millen.
2. Orrin, information desired.
3. John, " "
4. George, " "

PERSONAL.

MARQUIS II. LEWIS a merchant at
Centre Lisle, N. Y., and his wife
visited friends in Greene, N. Y., a
few weeks since.

BOOK X

JOHN LEWIS, Stratford, Ct.

CHAPTER 1.

[This branch may be of kin to
Judson of Book No. 3, Ed.]

If this record comes to the knowl-
edge of any member of the family,
it is desired that a full record may
be furnished.

An outline is given of John and
His—

CHILDREN. GRAND-CHILDREN.

1. Abijah, information desired.
2. John, Morrisville, N. Y.
1. Beach.
2. Abigail.
3. Jerome.
4. Romulus.
5. Remus.
6. Norman.
7. Philander.
8. Phebe.
9. Betsey.
3. Joseph, information desired.
4. Anna, " "
5. Jernsha, " "
6. Huldah, " "
7. Phebe, " "
8. Comfort, " "

BOOK XI.

SAMUEL LEWIS.

CHAPTER 1.

Samuel Lewis, b. May 20, 1744,
at Hopkinton, R. I.

Can any one furnish the names
of his progenitors?

CHILDREN. GRAND-CHILDREN.

1. Samuel, Jr, b. Feby. 9, 1775.
1. Abram.

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| <p>2. Daniel.</p> <p>3. Ruth.</p> <p>4. Garner.</p> <p>5. Thomas, of Norwich, N. Y.</p> <p>6. Hannah.</p> <p>7. Aaron.</p> <p>8. Lyndall.</p> <p>9. Eli.</p> <p>2. Sally, b. June 20, 1776, m. Stephen Lewis (2d wife) no children.</p> <p>3. Clark, b. February, 20, 1778, at Exter, R. I., d. at Preston, N. Y., October 27, 1853.</p> <p>1. Eunice, b. March 22, 1803; m. May 6, 1879, Elnathan Torry of Norwich, N. Y.</p> <p>2. Mary, b. Nov. 18, 1804; m. Nov. 19, 1829, Chas. Eccleston; d. December 1885.</p> <p>3. Stephen, b. Aug. 7, 1806, Oxford, N. Y.</p> <p>4. Clark, Jr., b. Dec. 23, 1808; d. July 31, 1883.</p> <p>5. Hannah, b. November 21, 1810; m. Sep. 4, 1836, Wm. R. Burdick, McDonough, N. Y.</p> <p>6. Sarah, b. July 24, 1813; d. January 3, 1814.</p> <p>7. Samuel, b. July 24, 1813; d. August 29, 1816.</p> <p>8. Ira W., b. March 16, 1815; deaf and dumb, German, N. Y.</p> <p>9. Edward, b. August 16, 1817; d. December 2, 1820.</p> <p>10. Samuel E., b. August 9, 1819; d. October 24, 1885.</p> | <p>11. Sarah E., b. March 9, 1822; d. November 23, 1826.</p> <p>12. Clarinda, b. August 29, 1824; d. January 25, 1827.</p> <p>13. Prudence, b. November 21, 1826; now in N. Y. Institution for deaf and dumb.</p> <p>4. Lucy, b. November 3, 1780; m. Nathaniel Wilcox.</p> <p>1. Sally.</p> <p>2. Isaac.</p> <p>3. Rebecca.</p> <p>4. Eli.</p> <p>5. Samuel, Oxford, N. Y.</p> <p>6. Nathaniel, Sherburne, N. Y.</p> <p>5. Hannah, m. Stephen Lewis..</p> <p>1. Sally.</p> <p>2. Lydia.</p> <p>3. Clark</p> <p>4. Stephen.</p> <p>5. Samuel.</p> <p>6. Hannah.</p> <p>7. Eunice.</p> <p>8. Ezra.</p> <p>9. Arnold.</p> <p>10. Elsie.</p> <p>6. Prudence, m. Gates Wilcox.</p> <p>1. George.</p> <p>2. Mary A.</p> <p>3. Lewis.</p> <p>4. Daniel.</p> <p>5. Sarah A.</p> <p>7. Pattie, m. Latham Beebe.</p> <p>1. Seneca.</p> <p>2. Harriet.</p> <p>3. Samuel.</p> <p>4. Franklin, Atty, Minneapolis, Minn.</p> |
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PERSONAL.

MERTON D. PEARSALL of Triangle, N. Y., has recently been appointed Postmaster at his town

BOOK XII.

WILLIAM LEWIS.

Emigrated in ship *Lion* in 1632.

CHAPTER I

His son William of Farmington, Ct., had a son Ebenezer, of Wallingford, Ct. 1684, who had a son Caleb who was father of Ichabod who had—

CHILDREN. GRAND-CHILDREN.

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| 1 Samuel, information desired | |
| 2. Elisha | “ “ |
| 3. Esther. | |
| 4 Jared. | |
| 1 Isaac: Hon Isaac C, Meriden, Ct; Jared, Meriden, Ct. | |
| 2. Amelia. | |
| 3. Frederick. | |
| 4 Samuel. | |
| 5. Chauncey. | |
| 6 Julia. | |

BOOK XIII.

HEZEKIAH LEWIS.

CHAPTER I.

Additional information is requested by Rollin H Cooke, Winsted, Conn

1. Hezekiah Lewis, b. 1743, d May 26, 1805, m 1st, Lydia Merriman, of Rainbow, (Windsor Ct.) b. 1748, d. November 11, 1794. m. 2d widow Ruth Phelps, who had 5 or 6 children by Phelps His will was probated June 11, 1805,

his sons, Hezekiah and John being executors The estate inventoried \$7,008 09, and the legatees were the widow Ruth, and the children by the first wife. Children b. Suffield, Ct.

- 2 John b. 1772, d. September 1816, m. Mary Gillett, daughter of Benjamin Gillett, of Suffield, Ct.
3. Hezekiah, b. 1770, d. August 11, 1858, m. Hannah Dewey, b. Westfield, m October 11, 1772, daughter of Moses and Hannah (Noble) Dewey.
4. Simeon, b —d.—m. May 1, 1806, Zerviah Owen, daughter of Isaac Owen, of Suffield, Ct
5. Lydia, b March 26, 1777, d June 29, 1821, m Joel Owen of Suffield, uncle of Simeon's wife Joel and Isaac were sons of Capt. Isaac Owen.
6. Dorothy, b August 1, 1779, d. June 5, 1856, m January 1, 1822, Joab Owen, her brother-in-law.
7. Gabriel, b 1789, d July 8, 1821, m Feb 7, 1811. Elizabeth Hillyer, b. May 29, 1787, d. December 29, 1871, at Winsted, Ct., daughter of Dr. Asa and Rhoda (Smith) Hillyer.

The next generation will be given in another number of the LEWIS LETTER, with earlier generations.

Death of Mrs. M. Waggoner.

Mrs M. Waggoner, who has been sick since September last, and who has not been expected to live from day to day for several weeks, expired at her residence in this village early on Tuesday morning, Jan. 25, 1887, aged about fifty years

The deceased was born at East Guilford, Chenango-co., N. Y., where she resided until about the time of her first marriage, which took place in 1861.

Her family name was Aylesworth and her first husband was Geo H. Lewis, of Kattelville, N. Y., who died about three years subsequent to their marriage.

In 1865 she was united in marriage to Matthias Waggoner, by Rev. William Gates, now deceased, and during the greater part of the time since her home has been in this village.

She was a member of Grace Episcopal church, having united there by transfer from the Baptist church, a few years since.

The funeral services were held at the house and at Grace church, on Thursday morning, Rev. Russell Todd officiating. The burial was at Kattelville, N. Y.—*Whitney's Point Reporter*.

This is the first death reported among the persons attending the reunion of Association No. one.

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An Old Letter.

A few days since we were looking over a letter written by Thomas Lewis, of Almond, N. Y., to his father Abraham, at Petersburg, N. Y. The letter bears date June 5, 1825, and is interesting in the facts which it contains concerning the methods of travel, etc. It states that the writer started from Troy with his family for the purpose of locating at Almond, and that in six days thereafter they arrived safe at Pittsford, Monroe county, by boat on the Erie canal. This same distance may now be traveled by the N. Y. Central in a few hours. It appears to have been a season of considerable immigration to that section, for the writer states that he was unable to secure any teams at that place to take his things to Almond, and consequently was obliged to go to the latter place for a team, which took about six days more. The writer also says that improved land could be purchased for less than the cost of improvement, from those who had tired of the task of subduing it. There is also a feature in the letter itself that many of our young readers may not remember. At that time there were no envelopes. The paper is foolscap and so written upon that when folded the center of the last page was blank, and formed the place for writing the address. The

rate of postage differed according to the distance the letter was sent. There were no stamps used then, but upon the upper right hand corner the post-master had written the amount of postage—18 cents. The edges of the paper were sealed with sealing wax.—*Waterford Advertiser.*

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