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NOTES.

FOUR subscribers added during March.

ERRORS; In Book 8, "Joshua" should read "John." In Book 1, "7 Ruth" married "Elisha" Osborn. In Book 7, "Soseph" should read "Joseph." The February paper was No. "2" In Book 7, Rev. Joshua emigrated in "1680."

FOR the "Books of Reference" published in the Feby. and March numbers of this paper, we are indebted to Josiah Granville Leach, Esq., of Philadelphia, Pa., who is compiling the genealogical records of his family.

THE columns of the LEWIS LETTER are open to the subscribers and their friends.

THE members of the several branches whose records have been commenced in this paper, are urgently solicited to prepare further matter for publication.

ATTENTION is called to the "Family Record Questions" on page sixth with the hope that it may assist persons in preparing records for this paper.

The Origin of the Lewis Name.

EDWIN H. LEWIS, PLAINFIELD, N. J.

The study of the growth of language is a lode of rich veins of interesting facts. There is something very interesting in the development of a word through its various stages—monosyllabic, agglutinative etc., until by contact with other families of words it reaches the present day. The Lewis name can be traced as far back, at least, as the fifth century. The conversion of the Salian Franks to Christianity took place in 496, under their victorious king, Chlodvig, or Clovis. Having been persuaded that the Christian God was more powerful than Odin, he prayed to Christ and won a victory. This settled the matter, and he and his warriors were baptized. Ohlovis was the son of Childeric. In the Teutonic languages, we find the early Ch equivalent to He. so that Childeric becomes Hildarik, and Ohlovis becomes Hlovis. The Latinized form was Ludovicus. In later times, Hlovis became changed, first, to Hludvig or Hludwig—the modern German Ludwig, and, second, to Hludwi, Ludwi, Luis, Louis. Ohlovis was the progenitor of the French race, and the Louis of France are his direct descendants. Still later, the name is again Teutonized, on being transferred to Wales, Scotland and England, becoming Lewes and Lewis.

Genealogical Records.**BOOK XIV.**

JOHN, SAMUEL, NATHANIEL LEWIS

CHAPTER I.

There is a tradition that *five* brothers of the name emigrated from England to New England during its early settlement.

Their given names are not all known. Two located near Boston, Mass. Another—David, settled in Westerly Rhode Island, and was the father of seven sons and several daughters, to wit:

1. John resided in Westerly, R. I.
2. Jonathan, went to Long Island where he died leaving a large family.
3. ———settled in Exeter.
4. Daniel m. a sister of Elder Joseph Maxon, and lived near the Seventh Day Baptist meeting house in Westerly. They had two sons:
 1. John who is supposed to have been the father of:
 1. John Jr.
 2. James.
 3. Israel.
 4. Samuel.
 2. Daniel, m. Martha Prosser, children:
 1. Elias.
 2. Jonathan.
 3. Daniel.
 4. Maxon.
1. John Lewis, Jr., m. Anna——. His will was dated April 14, 1732; recorded in book No. 2 at page 186. Council and pro-

bate records of Westerly ; provided among other things: "I give my negro man Will, the sum of ten pounds ; and after my death he shall be really and absolutely *free* from my heirs, executors and administrators." children :

1. Joseph, b. Oct. 16, 1683.
2. Sarah, b. Aug. 17, 1687 ; m. —Bemis.
3. Mary, b. May 4, 1689 ; m. —Lake.
4. Anna, b. Jan. 6, 1691 ; m. —Ross.
5. Abigail, b. May, 20, 1693 ; m. Clarke.
6. John, b. June, 13, 1698.
7. William, b. Feb. 1. 1701.
2. James, m. Lucy Crandall. Their son John married in 1717 and had two children.
 1. Stephen, b. April 9, 1719.
 2. Joseph, b. April 28, 1721.
3. Israel, m. Sarah Saunders according to will recorded in book No. 2 at page 32, and had eight children.
 1. Enoch.
 2. Israel.
 3. Robert.
 4. Ebenezer.
 5. Bathsheba.
 6. Elizabeth.
 7. Hannah.
 8. Jane, m. Daniel Grinnell, May 21, 1727, South Kingston, R. I.
4. Samuel Lewis is supposed to have had four children.

1. Samuel, Jr.
2. Jonathan.
3. Joanna.
4. Nathaniel.
7. William, son of John, Jr., m. Mary Gavitt, Oct. 10, 1723, and had seven children.
 1. Ezekiel.
 2. William.
 3. Clarke.
 4. Prudence.
 5. Sarah.
 6. Mary.
 7. Hannah.
2. Israel, son of Israel, m. Mary Marsh March 27, 1718, and had a son Elisha, b. Feby. 4, 1719.
4. Nathaniel the supposed son of Samuel, Jr., m. Mary Lewis, Westerly, R. I., Nov. 13, 1729, and had ten children.
 1. Amos, b. April 29, 1731.
 2. Nathaniel, Sr., b. Feb. 28, 1732.
 3. Mary, b. July 31, 1735, m. Peleg Cross.
 4. Jane, b. June 22, 1737, m. Asa Minor.
 5. Ruhama, b. Oct. 9, 1739, m. Elisha Champlin.
 6. Elisha, b. Oct. 10, 1741.
 7. Nancy, b. Aug. 10, 1743, m. Samuel Babcock.
 8. Israel, b. Sept. 15, 1745, m. Sarah wells.
 9. Besiah, b. June 4, 1750.
 10. Thankful, b. ———m. John Grant.

9. Beriah, son of Nathaniel, m. Lois Wells Jan. 3, 1771, moved to Norwich, Chenango county, N. Y., 1815, died 1826-1839. They had eleven children.
1. Mary, b. April 19, 1772, m. Pardon Burdick.
 2. Sarah, b. August 31, 1774, d. Nov. 17, 1775.
 3. Beriah, Jr., b. July 19, 1776, m. Sarah Saunders.
 4. Sarah, b. Sept. 9, 1778, m. Elias Babcock.
 5. Lois, b. Jan. 14, 1781, m. Levi Ray.
 6. Thompson, b. June 9, 1783, m. Sophia Hall.
 7. Eunice, b. Feb. 27, 1785, m. James Packer.
 8. Amos, b. June 1, 1787.
 9. Henry, b. May 4, 1789.
 10. Thomas, b. Jan. 26, 1792, m. Lucia A. Wheeler.
 11. Phebe, b. Jan. 26, 1792, m. Nathan Stanton.
3. Beriah Lewis, Jr., son of Beriah, b. July 19, 1776, m. Sarah Saunders, Oct. 30, 1800, d. Sept. 6, 1884, on the homestead in North Stonington, Ct., purchased of his father. Their children were:
1. Harriet, b. Jan. 17, 1802, m. W. H. Orandall.
 2. Christopher, b. June 30, 1804, m. Julia A. Lewis.
 3. William B. b. Oct. 24, 1807, d. March 14, 1809.
 4. George H. b. April 10, 1809, m. Amelia Babcock.
5. Nathan S. b. June 9, 1812, m. Melinda Davidson.
 6. Phebe M. b. Feb. 13, 1816.
 7. Julia A. b. April 23, 1819, m. Geo. F. Rogers.
 8. Sarah E. b. Feb. 2, 1822, m. John C. Stillman.
 9. William B. b. August 21, 1826, m. Sarah E. Smith.
6. Thompson Lewis, son of Beriah, b. June 9, 1783, Westerly, R. I., m. Sophia Hall Jan. 21, 1808, Stonington, Ct., moved to Norwich, N. Y., 1810, and about two years thereafter moved to Maine, N. Y. They had three children.
1. Benjamin F. b. Nov. 10, 1808, m. Katharine Berry, Nov. 13, 1836.
 2. Charles S. b. August 5, 1811, m. Fanny Taylor, — 1835, d. Nov. 2, 1862, and had six children.
 1. Miles; d. aged 20 years.
 2. Myron A. m. Mary McGregor.
 3. George F. m. Lucy Rogers Dec. 24, 1867.
 4. Mary, m. A. U. Curtiss Feb. 11, 1869.
 5. Robert M.
 6. Charles, m. Alice Marean— 1868. He m. (2d,) Eliza Pitcher— 1850, and had five children.
 7. Eugene, m. Levantia Briggs Jan. 21, 1877.
 8. Spencer, d. aged 18 years.

9. Eliza J. d. aged 17 years.
10. Flora, m. Wm. Baldwin—
1879.
11. Lottie, d. aged 18 years.
3. Mary P. b. August 17, 1813,
m. Robert Taylor Sept. 24,
1833, and had four children.
 1. Zarah S. m. Darwin Taylor
Dec 18, 1851.
 2. Mary J. m. Duray Hunt Dec.
1856.
 3. R. Dinsmore, m. Emogene
Hovey Dec. 1867.
 4. Baker L. m. Eva Hathaway
Jan. 1875.

All persons of kin to this branch who know of any errors in this record, or who have any further information will please communicate with Mrs. Zarah S. Taylor, Maine, Broome county, N. Y., who will gladly prepare the same for publication.

BOOK XV.

JONATHAN LEWIS, Farmington, Ct.

CHAPTER I.

Jonathan, the earliest known progenitor, was the father of Adonijah and William Jr.

William Jr., was born at Farmington, Ct., in 1737; moved to North Adams, Mass.; thence to Butternuts, N. Y.; thence to Upper Lisle, N. Y., where he died in 1820. He married (1st) Hannah Mather in 1776, who died in 1773. He married (2d) Azuba Gridley in 1774, who died in 1836.

HIS CHILDREN, GRAND-CHILDREN.

1. Thomas, b. 1768; m. Hannah Belden ^{died 1832.}
^{son of David & Mary} Information desired.
2. Jonathan, b. October 10, 1769; came to Upper Lisle, N. Y., 1806; d. July 1, 1830; assemblyman, 1823; m. May 6, 1792, Abigail, daughter of Thaddeus and Mary (—) Bow, b. August 29, 1766; d. Marathon, N. Y., March 8, 1859.
Children: 1. Polly, b. March 29, 1793; m. Barnabas Wood; d. Marathon, March 4, 1858.
2. Hannah, b. July 5, 1795; m. Daniel Thurston.
3. Jonathan, Jr. b. Middletown, Ct., Nov. 19, 1797, d. Jan. 4, 1821, s. p.
4. Henry, b. M. Ct, Feb. 5, 1800, d. Dec 3, 1846.
5. Caroline b. M., Ct., May 19, 1802, d. Dec. 23, 1803.
6. Caroline E. b. M, Ct, Sep. 7, 1804, d. August 28, 1877, m. Horace Dickinson.
7. Clarissa, b. Dec. 31, 1806, d. Lisle, N. Y, March 2, 1842, m. Jesse Smith.
8. Sally A. b. Upper Lisle, N Y. April 14, 1809, d. October 5, 1851, m. Ransom Thurston.
3. Ami, b. 1771. Information desired.
(2d wife)
4. Hannah, b. 1775, d. 1776. Information desired.

5. Elizabeth, ^(b. 24, 20) b. 1777, d. Dec 13, 1818, m. Samuel Torry Jan. 10, 1799, children :
1. Polly, b. October 9, 1799, m. Samuel Walton June 1821, d. October 6, 1857.
 2. David, b. Nov. 21, 1800, m. Hannah K. Smith, March 7, 1843, d. June 1878
 3. George B. b. Feb. 7. 1802, m. Elizabeth B. Boardman Jan. 10, 1826, d. March 8, 1876.
 4. Azuba G. b. Nov. 21, 1803, m. John Boardman, Jr., Nov. 21, 1826, d. Feb. 22, 1882.
 5. Jason, b. Nov. 4, 1805, d. about 1870.
 6. Nathan W. b. Feb. 1, 1807, m. Sarah Brown Nov. 24, 1836, d. October 18, 1846.
 7. John M. b. October 23, 1809, d. June 24, 1878.
 8. Lucy A. b. July 6, 1812, d. November 13, 1843
 9. Amos, b. November 5, 1814.
6. James, b. September 20, 1779, d. August 4, 1865, m. Abigail Hurlbert April 17, 1802, children :
1. Jason, b. January 27, 1803, m. Almira Baker August 31, 1834, by Rev. Mr. S. Keels.
 2. John H. b. January 5, 1805, d. May 20, 1805.
 3. M. Lavinia, b. May 2, 1806, m. Orange A. Lewis —
- 1828
4. William O. b. July 3, 1808, d. November 1, 1846.
 5. Seth H. b. June 27, 1810, d. January 16, 1811.
 6. Catherine, b. August 23, 1812, d. September 23, 1812.
 7. Sarah E. b. May 18, 1814, m. A. G. Lewis 1833, d. Oct. 6, 1856.
 8. Helen A. b. August, 22, 1818, m. Elijah Gridley Dec. 25, 1837, d. Nov. 22, 1871.
7. Jesse, b. December 25, 1781, d. March 6, 1855, m. Hannah Thurston, children :
1. Orange A. b. December 21, 1806, m. M. Lavinia Lewis (6-3) 1828, d. August 14, 1862.
 2. Eunice, b. — 1809, m. Silas Courtney 1829.
 3. Ann M. b. — 1811, m. Thos. Burt Jan. 1829, d. Sept. 1879.
 4. Albert G. b. March 23, 1813, m. Sarah E. Lewis, (6-7) 1833, d. January 5, 1878.
 5. Mary, b. Dec. 1815, m. Charles Dwight Feb. 10, 1839.
 6. Hannah, b. May 31, 1817, m. Lewis Lyman 1839, d. Jan. 12, 1884.
 7. Emma b. April 26, 1827, m. (1st,) W. B. Beebe June 19, 1849, m. (2d,) Harrison Edgcomb December 3, 1861.
 8. William b. Feb. 22, 1784, m. Ruth A. Bierce March 4, 1811,

- d. September 28, 1866.
1. Crayton, b. Feb. 11, 1813, m. Caroline Hinman March — 1835, d. January 14, 1870.
 2. Angeline, b. August 24, 1814, m. Erastus Smith Nov. — 1834, Upper Lisle, N. Y.
 3. Louisa, b. March 26, 1816, m. Hiram Brigham, January 30, 1835.
 4. Almond, b. January 3, 1818, d. 1823.
 5. Anna, b. November 12, 1819, m. Alanson Burt August — 1838.
 6. Perry, b. August 26, 1821, d. April 10, 1877.
 7. Martha, b. March 29, 1824, m. John Harris March 20, 1845, d. January 19, 1881.
 8. Thomas, b. Feb. 9, 1826, d. October 23, 1851.
 9. Seth, b. January 27, 1829, m. Sarah E. Gridley Jan. 30, 1851, Ulysses, Pa.
 10. Burton, b. Feb. 29, 1832, m. Caroline E. Gridley March 1, 1852.
 9. Gersham, b. — 1786, d. — 1792.
 10. Eunice, b. 1790, m. Ephraim Torrey September 28, 1806.
 1. Betsey, b. November 6, 1808, m. Hiram Devine November 28, 1828, d. April 19, 1847.
 2. Hannah W. b. June 2, 1811, m. Truman Goodnough August 31, 1830.
 3. Melissa, b. April 9, 1813, m. John M. Horton January 15, 1834, d. October 15, 1882.
 4. Lois, b. July 7, 1815, d. Oct. 6, 1872.
 5. Charlotte S. b. Feb. 21, 1817, m. Enos Thatcher Feb. 3, 1843.
 6. Seth L. b. January 1, 1819, m. (1st,) Polly Alvira Wagner May, 24, 1848, m. (2d,) Mary E. Butler August 7, 1882.
 7. Emily B. b. January 31, 1821, m. John M. Smith, March 14, 1844.
 8. Olive N. b. Feb. 25, 1823, m. Josiah M. Bruce — 1849, d. — 1858.
 9. William W. b. August 21, 1825, m. (1st,) Lucretia Tremain, m. (2d,) Sarah Court, July 21, 1872.
 10. Ann E. b. October 29, 1827, m. (1st,) David Saunders — 1873, m. (2d,) Joseph Stanton — 1881.
 11. Seth, b. July 16, 1793, m. Sally Cook January 11, 1820, d. September 10, 1847.
 1. Lucy, b. Feb. 24, 1821, m. John Monre September 20, 1837, d. May 28, 1839.
 2. Elizabeth, b. April 18, 1824, m. Titus W. Burt, Sep. 15, 1845.
 3. Zernah, b. June 20, 1826, m. O. R. Bassett, d. Feb. 9, 1865.

4. Azubah, b. June 21, 1828,
m. Andrew Baker Dec. 25,
1850.
5. William W. b. September 1,
1830, m. Margaret Denton
July 4, 1864.
6. Ephraim C. b. August 1,
1833, m. Lonisa Chilson
June—1864.

PERSONALS.

SETH LEWIS, Esq., Secy. of Lewis Association No. 2, Ulysses, Pa., would be glad to receive any information from any source concerning his branch which will assist him in compiling the records.

SETH LEWIS, Esq. is Secretary of Association No. 2 and editor of the *Ulysses Sentinel*, published at Ulysses, Pa. He is of the opinion that Wm. Lewis, of Book 12, is the progenitor of his ancestor, William Lewis. He would like to correspond with any one of that branch who would be able to give him some information concerning their early history.

WE clip the following from recent Nos. of the *Sentinel*:

A. G. LYMAN, Esq. has purchased from parties in Philadelphia two warrants of timber land in the northern portion of West Branch Township, in this county. Amount paid was about \$24,000. There are two warrants lying by the side of these which are about to be sold for about the same price.

MISS BELLE GARDNER, the assistant in our graded school, who has

been spending her vacation at her old home in Westfield, returned last Sunday, in order to begin the spring term.

ART S. BURT had a little brush with a limb last week and is now nursing a black eye.

W. I. LEWIS, Esq., of Coudersport, was in Lewisville this week on business.

MR LYMAN, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Burt are great grandsons, and Miss Gardner is a great, great granddaughter of William Lewis whose name is at the head of this book.

ALLEN W. LEWIS of Williamsburg, Wayne county, Indiana, writes that he is 78 years old and the only one of his father's family now living. That his great grandfather emigrated from England or Wales and settled in Pennsylvania where his grandfather was born. After arriving at manhood's estate he moved to Randolph county, North Carolina, and married a Miss Brooks. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters. The youngest of the sons was the father of Allen, who was the youngest child of his father's family. Any one having information concerning his family will please correspond with him. We hope Mr. Lewis will contribute an article for this paper.

WITH this issue fifteen books of genealogical records have been published.