PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY LEWIS ASSOCIATION NO. ONE.

VOL. 1, NO. 9.

LISLE, N. Y., SEPTEMBER, 1887.

TERMS: 60c. a Year.

Printed by M. D. BRANDAY & SON, Whitney's Point, N. Y.

THE * LEWIS * LETTER,

TERMS: Sixty Cents in advance, Single Copies, Ten Cents.

Subscriptions expire with the December number.

Entered at the Post Office at Lisle, N. Y., as second-class matter.

FRANK P. LEWIS, Manager. Office in Secretary's office, Liste, N. Y.

THE LEWIS ASSOCIATION

No. one, organized August 28, 1886, Jasle, N. Y.

Alonzo D, Lewis, President, Liste, N. Y.

MRS. ZARAH TAYLOR, Vice-Pres.,

FRANK P. LEWIS, Sec. and Treas.,

THE LEWIS ASSOCIATION

No. two, organized December 6, 1886, Ulysses, Potter Co., Pa.

MRS. M. LAVINIA LEWIS, President, Coudersport, Ps.

JOHN LEWIS, Vice-President, Lewisville, Pa.

SETH LEWIS, Esq., Secretary,

A limited number of FIVE LINE Business Cards will be inserted for the remainder of the year at Forty Cents each; cash to accompany the order.

FRANK LEWIS, dealer in Diamonds Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Solid Silver, Plated Ware, Etc., Norwich, N. Y.

NOTES.

In this issue will be found: Book 13, chap. 3; Book 2, chap. 6; Book 8, chap. 8; Book 5, chap. 2; Book 14, chap. 6; Second Annual Reunion; List of Subscribers.

Buffalo, N. Y., covers 42 square miles; has a population of 250,000 and in its directory the name of Lewis occurs 76 times.

Book 19 by Wm. Terrell Lewis, of Louisville, Miss., and Book 20 by J. W. Lewis, of Buffalo, N. Y., will be commenced in the October paper.

List of Subscribers Added During July and August.

If any subscriber fails to receive his or her paper, please report to the manager at once. Forty cents pays for a copy of this paper for the rest of the year.

JULY:

Mrs. Catharine Lewis Hall, Oxford, N. Y.

Mrs. Amy Houghton, Hamilton, Caldwell Co., Mo.

W. O. Lewis, Gov. Pier, Foot Whiteball st., Battery, N. Y.

Miss Margie J. Lewis, Mitchell, Dakota.

AUGUST:

Maurice L.Stone, Wamego, Kansas. Mrs. Jeanette Lewis Moody, Mansfield, Pa.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS.

Book XIV. JOHN LEWIS, of Westerly, R. I. CHAPTER VI.

By Myron S. Lewis, Providence, R. I.

Jonathan (2) Lewis, son of John (1) Lewis, of Westerly, according to the R. I. Colonial Records, Vol. 3, took the oath of allegiance Sept. 17, 1679. But little is found in reference to him in R. I. history, as he moved to Long Island and had

quite a family.

John (2) son of John (1) Lewis, of Westerly, took the oath of allegiance May 3, 1681 (R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 3). He was a Grand Juror June 12, 1688; appointed as deputy to the General Assembly at Newport, Oct. 25, 1704, and also in 1709 and 1710 (R. I. Col. Rec.) The following list of the children of John Lewis and his wife Ann, I find in the Narragansett Historical Register, all born in Westerly: Joseph (3) born Oct. 16, 1683.

Sarah (3) born Aug. 17, 1687; in. Bemis.

Mary (3) born May 4, 1689 : m. Dake.

Anna (3) born Jan. 6, 1691; m. William Ross, Apr. 18, 1711. Abigail (3) born May 20, 1693;

m. - Slack.

John (3) born Jan. 13, 1698. William (3) born Feb. 1, 1701-2.

Jerusha (3) born Jan. 11, 1706-7.

Daniel (2) son of John (1) moved from Westerly to Hopkinton, R. I. The following extract is taken from "The History of Hopkinton, R. I., by Rev. S. S. Griswold": "The Lewis, about the year 1704.

built his house on the lot now owned by the Joint Districts Nos. 2 and 4 of Hopkinton, and 8 of Westerly, and now occupied by the school house of the graded schools in that Joint District. It is also known as the Lucy Maxson land. An excavation in the ground now marks the spot where his house stood. Says S. in his Ashaway letter: 'It is a singular fact that the citizens of this community (Hopkinton) in selecting a site for the first academy in the town, were so united as to at once choose the lot that Daniel Lewis selected for his first house to stand upon. The old well from which he drew water, not many rods from his house, is still in use.

The Daniel Lewis was the son of John Lewis, who came from England, in company with his four brothers, at the first settlement of this country, and settled not far from the present residence of John H. Cross, Esq., Westerly. brothers located themselves near Boston, Mass. John had seven sons, Daniel found his home in Hopkinton, Israel at Long Island, Jonathan at Richmond in this State, another at Exeter, while several remained with their father at Westerly. John, the father of these seven sons, died at Pawcatuck, and was buried just below the village of Westerly, near the road leading to

Watch Hill.

Daniel Lewis, the first settler in that part of Hopkinton, was a fuller by trade and carried on his business where is now the Laurel Dale Mill, or very near there. He erected the first dam there, and for many years first settler in the town was Daniel carried on a thriving business for He | the times. He was a firm, go-ahead

man, honest in every particular, and when once set upon what he considered to be right, was immutably fixed. He had three sons, John, Jonathan and Daniel, and three by the ploughshare of time." daughters, Mary, Dorcas and Hannah. Mr. Lewis was a member of ter, Vol. 14, p. 167, says Daniel the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in Hopkinton and died in 1717, not far from fifty years of age. The following is a verbatim extract from the preamble of his will: 'In the name of God, amen. I, Daniel Lewis, in the Colony of Rhode Island, fuller, being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain, this my last will and testament-that is to say, principal and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I commend to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting that at the general resurrection, I shall receive it by the mighty power of God. As touching such wordly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I bequeath, etc., etc.-'

Then follows the several items of bequest, giving John the property at Laurel Dale, and Daniel a farm in the Tomaquag Valley. grave and the grave of his wife and some of the children may be seen not far from the road, about half way from the Babcock house, (on the site of which the residence of Horace L. Crandall now [1876] stands) to the late residence of Mary (3).

Dencon Elnathan W. Babcock. Sacred to the memory of this ancient family, should preserve these graves from being desecrated

The N. E. Gen. and Hist. Regis-Lewis' will was dated Feb. 1,

1717-18.

In the above extract I think Mr. Griswold is mistaken in saying that Isræl moved to Long Island and Jonathan to Richmond, R. I. It was Jonathan who went to Long Island and Israel I think remained at Westerly. It was a Jonathan Lewis of a later generation who went to Richmond, and if I could ascertain whose son he was, it would furnish the only missing link in my branch from the present time back to the first settler.

James (2) Lewis who married Sarah Babcock was the father of eight children, three sons and five daughters, viz:

James (3) m. Elizabeth Kenyon, (dan. of Jonatham, of Charlestown) Feb. 27, 1742.

Sarah (3) m. —— Enos. Mary (3) m. --- Hall.

Elizabeth (3) m. John Crandall June 28, 1738, married by Elder John Maxson.

John (3) m. 1st Tacy Crandall March 3, 1717, by Joseph Hall, J. P. 2nd Mercy —.

David (3).

Patience (3) m. —— Hall.

Ruth (3).

James (2) Lewis died in 1745.

David (2) Lewis had five children:

Elisha (3). David (3).

Isaac (3).

Prudence (3).

Isræl (2) Lewis, according to records of births printed in the Narragansett Historica! Register, had five children:

Israel (3) b June 22, 1695. Benjamin (3) b. June 8, 1697. Joanna (3) b. May 21, 1700. Anna (3) b. July 13, 1704. Nathaniel (3) b. March 23, 1706.

Samuel (2) Lewis, whose will is dated Ang. 5, 1734, names children:

Samuel (3).
Jonathan (3).
Joanna (3) in. —— Tanners.
Sarah (3) in. Fordice.

More details in regard to the above children of John Lewis, Sen., may be found in Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of R. I., notice of which is found in the June number of the Lewis Letter.

To Mr. Austin I am indebted for the list of the children of James (2) and David (2) Lewis, he having kindly furnished me with the same from the advance sheets. The list of the children of Jonathan (2) Lewis is also given in the work.

BOOK VIII. JOHN LEWIS. CHAPTER VIII.

Generations: John (1), John jnn. (2), Abraham (3), Abraham jun. (4).

By Edna Lewis Briggs, Waterford, N. Y.

Abraham jun. (4) had children (page 19):

Nathaniel, the Alpha of the family, b. December 19, 1776. Of him very little is known, but it is believed

that he settled near Boston, Mass.

84. II. William, b. Sept. 7, 1778; m. and settled in Caneada, Allegany-co., N. Y. His descendants are living there, although little is known of them.

III. Abram, b. Sept. 30, 1780;
 m. Peaty Dally and settled in Antwerp, Jeff.-co., N. Y.

Abram (85) had one child:

 Ward P. b. 1810; m. Susan Heaton, 1836; d. 1876.

Ward P. (86) and Susan Heaton Lewis had seven children:

87. I. Abram W., b. ——; now living in Marysville, Cal.

88. II. James II. resides Newton, Kansas.

89. III. Rosseel, resides Morrison, Ills.

90. IV Nancy II., d. July 20, 1846.

91. V. Martha, d. Dec. 12, 1860.

92. VI. Thomas W., resides in — Plymouth-co., Iowa.

93. VII. Addie S., m. —— Fellows; resides Round Grove, Ills.

The complete family records of the above are wanted.

Book II. BENJAMIN LEWIS, Stratford, Ot.

CHAPTER VI.

Justus, Samuel, Ichabod.

By Philo C. Lewis, Wichita, Kan.

105. Abel Lewis, b. in Huntington, Ot., Nov. 1742, was the son of Ephriam (78), who was the son of James (65), the the son of Benjamin 1st (62). Abel was m. Feb. 27, 1766, to Emma Odell (he was 1st cousin to Judson and John, of Huntington, Ct.) and had children:

106. I. Justus, b. H. March 6, 1767, who in 1808 lived in Danbury, Ct. Information of his family wanted.

107. II. Samuel, b. H; July 2d, 1771. In 1808 he lived in Middletown, N. Y., had children Zechariah A. and Information Ezekiel. his family wanted.

108. III. Catherine, b. II; about 1773, in. Samuel, son of Nathan and Eurice Wolls.

109. IV. Ichabod, b. H; May 7, 1775; m. Abigail — and resided in Phillipic, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in 1794. Information of his family desired.

Personals.

-Mr. and Mrs. Philo C. Lewis, of Wichita, Kansas, are spending the summer with relatives and friends in Conn. and New Jersey.

-Col. II. W. Lewis, Pres. of the Kansas National Bank, of Wichita, and founder of the Lewis Academy located there, is enjoying his vacation with his wife in the Rocky mountains.

Book V. RICHARD LEWIS. CHAPTER II.

plished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Lewis, farmers near Vestal Centre, Broome-co., N. Y., after a two weeks illness of typhoid fever, died at her home on Tuesday, July 26, 1887.

Sara was born Aug. 18, 1867, and united with the Baptist church

some years since, while Rev. J. M. Crandall was her pastor. She was a great student and enjoyed teaching others. In social and church matters she was among the foremost.

Rev. J. M. Crandall, of Whitney's Point, preached the funeral sermon, and the interment occurred on Friday, July 29, 1887.

The Union News, of which she had been a correspondent, contained appropriate biographical sketches of her life and services.

BOOK XIII.

JOHN LEWIS, New London, Ct. CHAPTER III.

By ROLLIN H. COOKE, PITTSFIELD, MASS.

- 1. John Lewis came over from Sandwich in 1635, in the ship Hercules, with wife Sarah and one child. He was enrolled from Tenterden, England. He was at New London, Conn., 1648, and died Dec. 8, 1676. (This is on the authority of Miss Caulkins's History of New London. R. H. C.) Children:
- 2. I. John (2) b. England (?) was freeman in New London before 1669, died 1717, m. 1677 Elizabeth Huntley, of She survived Lyme, Conn. · him.
- Miss Sara, the lovely and accom- 3. II. Joseph (2) b. ——, was at New London 1666, Windsor, 1675, Simsbury (Conn.) 1677, d. 1680. He m. Apl. ١ 30, 1674, Elizabeth, dan. of John and Sarah (Spencer) She was born about 1658, and died Oct. 9, 1718. She m. 2nd John Tuller, of

Simsbury. John Case was at New London 1656, Wind-Simsbury sor 1675, and 1677.

Children of John (2) and —-Lewis:

4. I. John (3) who lived in Lyme, A more complete record will be obtained later.

Children of Joseph (3) and Elizabeth (Case) Lewis:

5. I. Elizabeth, (3) see chapter 2, ряде 45.

6. II. Joseph (3), see chapter 2,

page 45.

7. III. John (3) b. Jan. 8, 1680; d. about 1713; m. Jan. 22, 1711. Abigail Bacon, dan. of Thomas (formerly called Nathaniel) and Ann (Miller) Bacon, of Middletown, Ct.

Children of Joseph (6) and Sarah (Andrus) Lewis, born Waterbury, Conn:

 I. Infant (4) dan., see chapter 2, page 45.

II. Joseph (4), see chap. 2, p. 45.

10. III. Sarah (4), 11. IV. John (4), 66 "

4; " 12. V. Mary (4),

13. VI. Thomas (4) " 66 " "

14. VII. Samuel (4) " 15. VIII. Abraham (4)

Children of John (7) and Abigail (Bacon) Lewis, born in Sims bury, Conn.:

16. I. John (4) bap. May 2, 1714; d. 1777; m. Sept. 27,(1836) Rebecca, dan. of Samuel Butler, of Middletown, Ct. He was commissioned captain in 1736.

Rebecca (Butler) Lewis, born subscribers.

Simsbury and Granby, Conn: 17. I. Hannah (5) b. March 12, 1737-8.

18. II. Abigail (5) b. Aug. 11, 1739.

19. III. Tamer (5) b. March 15, 1740-1.

20. IV. Hezekiah (5) b. 1743; d. May 26, 1805; m. 1st Lydia of (Rainbow) Merriam, Windsor, b. 1748, d. Nov. 11, 1794, m. 2nd widow Ruth (Loomis) Phelps, dan. of Francis and Elizabeth Loomis, of Simsbury, and widow of Aaron Phelps. She was born June 28, 1752, and died April 8, 1849.

21. V. Abner (5) b. May 10, 1744,

twin.

22. 'VI. Anna (5) b. May 10, 1744, twin.

Personals.

—It will be noticed that Mr. Cooke has moved from Winsted, Or., to Pittsfield, Mass., where as a member of the firm of Burns & Cooke, he is engaged in banking.— ED.

-Miss Mary Esther Smith, of Lisle, N. Y., a daughter of Mary Lewis Smith and granddaughter of Hezekiah Lewis, is visiting relatives in Syracuse, N. Y.

READER, if your name appears in the published list of subscribers. you may know you are entitled to a copy of this paper the subscription price has been received from some source your name will not appear in the list; and any copy you may receive is sent free as a sample, with the hope Children of Capt. John (16) and that you or your friends will become

SECOND ANNUAL REUNION.

Report of Frank P. Lewis, Treasurer of Lewis Association. No. one, for first year ending August 31, 1887:

DR.	
To amount of collections at	
first reunion\$ 2	22
To 136 full year subscrip-	
tions to Lewis Letter 81	60
To 13 part year 5	50
To received for extra copies. 2	00
To received for adv	40
Total received\$91	72
OR.	
By paid for books, stationery	nama es
and postage\$10	41
	25
By paid for editions of LEWIS	
	00
By balance in Treasury 25	06

\$91 72

Report of Frank P. Lewis, Secretary of Lewis Association No. one, for first year ending August 31st, 1887:

This Association is the first of its kind, and was the outgrowth of the picnic held on the last Saturday of August, 1886. On that occasion 97 persons met representing at least nine different branches of the race. The object of this Association and the reunion is, not only to form and cultivate the acquaintance of others, but to encourage and assist all to live better and more useful lives, and record their history.

The Lewises of Ulysses, Pa., are entitled to credit for their interest

reunion, and for their appreciation of the advantages resulting therefrom, manifested by their organization of Lewis Association, No. two

December 6, 1886. In November, 1886, your Secretary prepared and sent out a printed circular proposing to publish an eight page family monthly newspaper to be called the Lewis LETTER, for sixty cents, providing 100 subscriptions were received by December 1st, 1886. Mr. R. G. Lewis, of Cortland, N. Y., and a member of that branch of the race whose records are to be found in Book 4, page 14 of the Lewis LETTER, has the credit of being the first person to subscribe for the proposed paper. When December came only 71 subscriptions had been received. Rather than be to the trouble of returning the money, it was deemed best to publish the paper and take the chances of receiving the required number of Therefore the first subscribers. number of our paper was issued in January, 1887, and the subscription increased until we now have 149 prepaid subscribers, and it is now left to you to say whether the publication shall continue and under what management. It is recommended that the two associations now existing should organize a Lewis League, which shall have a supervisory jurisdiction over the associations now or hereafter to be formed, and have charge of its official organ, the Lawis Letter.

And finally I urge that every member of every association, and especially this association, write out his or her pedigree and history in our proceedings at our first and delivery it to the Secretary.

to put on the records of the Association: and that each use all reasonable means to secure the organization of other associations.

F. P. LEWIS, Sec'y.

Seth Lewis, Esq., the Secretary of Lewis Association No. 2, being called upon to read a draft of a Constitution and by-laws which he had prepared for the Lewis League, responded as follows:

My friends and kindred:

I suppose I may call you my kindred, for you are all Lewises. am happy to meet you here to-day on such a pleasant occasion. The circumstances under which I am placed, though pleasant, render it difficult for me to speak to you. The only one I can now recall who has been situated as I am, is the hero of Pinafore, and he only represents me by antithesis. felt equal to any emergency when surrounded by his sisters, his consins and his aunts, while I am now addressing so many of my sisters, my cousins, my aunts and my nieces whom I have never met before, that I feel an uncontrollable trepidation. In fact I would not speak now if I could help it, but I am constrained to do so. I am in the same predicament as the street Arab whom some boys induced to go to Sunday School. When asked his name he was too much astonished to speak and the information was furnished by his captors. Then, failing to respond to other questions by the teacher, a boy sitting behind him, prodded him with a pin. He immediately sprang to his feet with response more forcible than polite. them.

If my remarks fail to find favor with you, please remember, I am a street Arab whom your accomplished Secretary has captured and brought in, and that he is now after me with a sharp instrument.

It may interest you to learn that at the meeting of our association last week, we gathered together over one hundred of our kindred and had a very pleasant visit. a result of our labors during the past year we have been able to trace our descent from Wm. Lewis. the emigrant of Book XII. This result, though gratifying, is a little surprising to me. I used to be told when a boy, that our family was descended from three brothers who emigrated to New England in an early day. I then supposed I was myself descended from all three of them, and I wondered why, if these three brothers were my great, great, grandfathers, they were not called my threefathers instead of my fcrefathers. when I see so many of my kindred, the Lewis family, around me, I begin to believe again the story of the three brothers. It seems to me that three of them is not enough, that there should have been at least a half dozen of them.

I will not trespass longer on your good nature, but will proceed to the reading of the paper, which, at the request of your Secretary, I have prepared for this occasion.

Ir you will send the names and addresses of persons you believe may be interested in our paper, sample copies will be mailed to them.