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OWING to frequent inquiries, a new edition of Vol. 1, LEWIS LETTER will be issued when 100 or more copies are ordered. M. S. Lewis of Providence, R. I., will be one of ten to join in such an order. Who will be next?

On Monday evening Nov. 28th, 1887, at the Tiff House, Buffalo, N. Y., the Lewis Association No. 3 was organized. S. D. Lewis, of Warsaw, and A. B. Lewis, of Lockport, N. Y., were present. See the by laws in another column.

We congratulate Dr. Frank Park Lewis, of Buffalo, N. Y., book 20 upon his approaching marriage and hope to be able to give full particulars in February paper.

PUBLICATION of this number has been delayed so the subscribers might receive a full set of Volume 2.

THE LEWIS LETTER, a 12 page monthly for only 60 cents barely covers the cost of printing. The manager and editors do their work free of expense. Articles and family records are solicited for publication.

Let it be remembered that the columns of our paper are open to all, and if you do not avail yourselves of the opportunity it will not be the fault of the manager.

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LEMUEL LEWIS, Coventry, N. Y., writes that his eyes are failing, but he must have the LEWIS LETTER so as to hear from the League and the Lewises regularly.

We have six sets of this paper from Sept. to Dec. inclusive for 25 cents each; and one set July to Dec. inclusive at 40 cents which will be sent on receipt of the price to any address.

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Two freight trains moving south also carry passengers, leaving Whitney's Point at 2:57 and 4:40 P. M.
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Volume one of the LEWIS LETTER began and closed with the past year. With the year 1888, the 2nd volume opens with bright prospects for all who are willing to see the good around them, and seeing, will utilize it. If our little paper is to succeed, it will be owing to the interest manifested by its friends. It must have subscribers and contributors to its columns. During the past year the Lewis League was organized and Lewis Association of Western New York, No. 3, organized and added to its roll of associations. We have assurances that three more associations will organize and be added to the roll of the League during this year. There ought to be at least one association in each state; and all Lewises and their relatives are urged to use their best endeavors to accomplish that result. We will gladly make any suggestions privately or through these columns, and give notices in aid of the plan to bring the Lewises together into associations, and into one great league, so they may know and love each other, and their neighbors, better; and each derive pleasure and profit thereby.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS.

BOOK I.

RANDALL LEWIS, Exeter, R. I.

CHAPTER IX.

By F. P. LEWIS, LISLE, N. Y.

13. III. Asa, b. — Jan. 4, 1801; m. (1) near north line of town, of Blenheim, now Gilboa, Schoharie Co., N. Y., by Rev. Dingy Adams, a Baptist clergyman, spring 1823, Nancy, dau. Henry and — Green, b. Aug. 11, 1802; d. near Triangle, N. Y., May 20, 1849, aged 46 years, 9 mos., 9 days. He m. (2) near Lamb's Corners, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1852, Laura, dau. of Elijah and Patty Foot Butler, b. Lenox, Berkshire Co., Mass., Aug. 14, 1820. He d. near Triangle, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1880, of pneumonia; interred in Page Brook cemetery near his home.

The following was taken from the *Lisle Gleaner*:

OBITUARY.

Died, in Triangle, N. Y., February 6th, 1880, Asa Lewis, aged 79 years, 1 month and 2 days.

The deceased was one of the oldest settlers of Triangle, having removed from Blenheim, Schoharie Co., N. Y., fifty five years ago.

He brought with him a few household goods, a wife and one child; these, with his axe, fifty cents in money, and sturdy arms comprised his wealth. He settled upon a piece of timber land, lot 52 in the town of Triangle, and commenced to lay the foundations of a home, with no other helper but his wife. He remained on the same farm until the day of his death.

Few men have done more for his generation by hard work than he. He toiled early and late till "the wilderness became a fruitful field."

Mr. Lewis was married in 1823 to Nancy Green, of Schoharie Co., N. Y. She died in 1849, having borne to him fourteen children, two of whom died at birth, one died at the age of eighteen months, and one at the age of nineteen years. The rest survive.

Jan. 5th, 1851, he was married to Laura Butler, of Nanticoke, who now survives him. By this marriage he had four children, all of whom are living. Of the fourteen children now living there are nine sons, the oldest of whom is James R. Lewis, of the town of Lisle.

Mr. Lewis was an industrious, but quiet and peaceable citizen. He was a generous man among his neighbors, and always ready to lend a helping hand.

Although a firm believer in the great truths of the christian religion, he never united with any church, nor made a public profession; this latter fact he deeply regretted in his last days. He, however, in his later years gave much attention to the subject and on one occasion expressed to the writer a strong

and abiding confidence in Christ as his Saviour. He left with his daughter, Mrs. Self, a message to all his children asking them to attend the salvation of their souls *now*, adding "Christ is the only way of salvation. He will do His part if they do their part." His funeral occurred on Sunday, Feb. 8th. The services were conducted by his former pastor, Rev. C. W. Brooks, of Watkins, N. Y. The text was John 14, 1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled, etc."

BORN, Nov. 9, 1887, Kingsley, Kansas, to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lewis a son.

W. D. LEWIS, of Whitney's Point, N. Y., is spending the winter in California.

BOOK II.

BENJAMIN LEWIS, Stratford, Ct

CHAPTER X.

BY J. B. LEWIS, SMITHVILLE
FLATS, N. Y.

Jerome B. (35) and Mary Tarbell Lewis had 3 children:

142. I. Frances M. b. S. F. July 20, 1853; d. Oct. 28, 1859.
143. II. Josephene, b. June 21, 1855; m. S. F. Sept. 19, 1878, by Rev. D. Ballou, a Universalist clergyman, Clarence Ferris, son of Frederick F. and Maria Jackson Peck, b. Greene, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1857.
144. III. Sibyl A. b. Nov. 9, 1857; m. S. F. Sept. 19, 1878, by Rev. D. Ballou, Nathan Eugene, son of Stephen W. and Eleanor Skillin Davis, b. Greene, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1854.
Clarence F. and Josephine Lewis

(143) Peck had 2 children :

145. I. Carrie Frances, b. Greene, N. Y., Nov. 21, 1821.
146. II. Jerome Frederick, b. G. April 21, 1884.

BOOK VIII.

JOHN LEWIS.

CHAPTER XII.

BY EDNA LEWIS BRIGGS, WATERFORD, N. Y.

Hon. Harris Lewis (80) b. Sept. 5th, 1816, at Pitcher, N. Y., m. (1) at Schuyler, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1839, by Rev. Peter Goo, Elizabeth daughter of John and Elizabeth Hart Goo, b. July 10, 1803, Schuyler, N. Y.; she died at East Schuyler, Sept. 17, 1879.

He m. (2) at Frankfort, N. Y., July 1st, 1883, by Rev. A. Myers, a Baptist clergyman, Louisa, dau. John and Mary Sheaf Finster, b. Jan. 2, 1832 at Schuyler. He d. Frankfort, N. Y., Tuesday night, Oct. 26, 1887, of Brights' disease.

Of humble parentage, and at a tender age he was left to work out his own destiny. With a mind and body sound and active, he traveled east until he reached the hospitable home of farmer John Goo, where he found friends, employment, and became a scholar and afterwards a teacher in the common schools in his neighborhood. Here it was he won and wed the daughter of his employer and became proprietor. As a farmer he was the friend of the farmer and in his many speeches, by his ready pen, and example did much to instruct, encourage and elevate the laborer and his work.

He was charter member of the

Central N. Y. Farmer's club and its Vice-Pres. from 1870 to 1887 : Pres. of N. Y. Agricultural Society in 1874; Pres. and originator of N. Y. State Dairy Association from 1877. As a Republican politician, he was honored with many offices which he held and the duties of which he discharged with ability and integrity. He was a Justice Peace three terms and Assemblyman two terms in 1857 and 1858. In 1879 he was the Greenback candidate for Governor; and for some time prior to his death he was a Prohibitionist.

In religion he was a Baptist, having been one over forty years and during a large part of that period he was Superintendent of the Sunday school connected with his church.

As a citizen, a husband and and father he was a good man, a generous neighbor, firm in his convictions, tender, loving, cheerful and charitable. He was a great student and could happily impart knowledge without apparent effort. In his sphere he was a tower of strength, and in his death we have lost a great and truly good man.

Harris (80) and Elizabeth Goo Lewis had 3 children :

116. I. George Ranstead, b. East Schuyler, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1842; d. there Dec. 5, 1855, of inflammation of the bowels.
117. II. Mary Elizabeth, b. E. S. May 27, 1846; m. 1st WILLIAM WATSON, Dec. 16, 1865, by Rev. J. E. Ward, a Baptist clergyman; d. 1875. She m. (2) FRANK PROPHET, at San Francisco, Cal., 1879.
118. III. John Goo, b. E. Schuyler

Herkimer Co., N. Y., March 8, 1850; m. Newport, N. Y., April 7, 1868; by Rev. N. H. Negus, a Baptist. clergyman, Kate E. dau. Ozias and Emily Wilcox, b. July 5, 1848.

Mary E. (117) and Wm. Watson had one child:

119. I. Clara Alister, b. Oct. 23, 1866.

John G. (118) and Kate Wilcox Lewis had 5 children:

120. I. Elizabeth Goo, b. May 7, 1870.

121. II. Emma Jenkins, b. Jan. 11, 1873.

122. III. Harris, Jr. b. Dec. 28, 1875.

123. IV. George Ranstead, b. Oct. 17, 1878.

124. V. Edith Gertrude, b. March 31, 1887.

Book XIII.

JOHN LEWIS, New London, Ct. Conn.

CHAPTER VI.

By P. C. LEWIS, WICHITA, KAS.

64. John Lewis, perhaps son of John, emigrated from Waterbury, Conn., in 1809, to Berlin township, Delaware Co., Ohio, with wife, Elizabeth Thompson Lewis, and three children. Elizabeth, his wife, had two brothers, Jonathan and Samuel, and one sister, Lydia Thompson, who went west with them and settled in the same locality.

John, prob. born in Waterbury, about 1770, had three brothers, Ezra, Chauncy and Asel, and several sisters, one named Anna. One of the sisters m. — Hotchkiss, who

had son, Lyman, who m. Sarah Scott, and had Flora and Adeline. Another sister m. — Sherwood. and one m. — Chittenden. John's father (prob. John) had a half brother, David, who m. Elizabeth ~~Benson~~ and came to Ohio and settled in Delaware Co. This David had three sons, Joseph, David 2d, and Isaac. David 2nd, m. and had Milo and Constance, who, at last accounts were living in Washington, D. C. John d. in Delaware Co. about 1846, leaving the following issue:

65. I. Harriet, b. Waterbury, 1795.

66. II. Harlow " " 1797:

67. III. Sarah " " 1800.

Harriet (65) m. Elias Adams, and resided on Alum Creek, Berlin township, O. He d. about 1874. Children:

68. I. Channey b. B. about 1818.

69. II. Harlow " " 1820.

Harlow (66) m. about 1820, Mehitable, dau. of Lyman and Mabel (Wheeler) Whitney, of Litchfield, Conn. Children:

70. I. Jane, b. B. in 1821.

71. II. Susan B. b. B. in 1823.

72. III. John, b. B. in 1827.

73. IV. Theodore, b. B. in 1833.

Sarah (67) m. Lorrin Smith, of Conn. They settled in Waterbury, Conn; but afterwards removed to Berlin, Delaware Co., O. Children:

74. I. Sidney, b. Waterbury, Ct.

75. II. Esther, " " "

76. III. Janette, b. " "

77. IV. John, " " "

78. V. Ellen, " " "

79. VI. Lovell, " " "

80. VII. Sarah, " " "

81. VIII. Harriet, b. Waterbury, Ct.
82. IX. Albertice, " Berlin, O.

BOOK XIV.

JOHN LEWIS, Westerly, R. I.

CHAPTER IX.

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

Joseph (17) Lewis, b. W. Oct. 16, 1683; m. Mary, b. 1688; d. Nov. 27, 1762; buried in Lewis burial ground in W., where no doubt her husband Joseph was also buried. They had 5 children;

53. I. Jerusha, b. July 13, 1707; m. Geo. Brown, jun., April 4, 1734, by John Richmond, J. P.
54. II. Joseph, b. Dec. 25, 1709.
55. III. Thankful, b. June 15, 1720.
56. IV. Absalom, b. Nov. 25, 1724.
57. V. Hannah, Nov. 21, 1726.

John (22) Lewis, b. W. Jan. 13, 1698; m. Mary; dau. Benjamin and Mary Burdick, Mch. 12, 1718. They had 4 children born in W.

58. I. John, b. April 9, 1719.
59. II. Elisha, b. Dec. 30, 1722.
60. III. Mary, b. Jan. 22, 1723-4.
61. IV. Joseph, b. Mch. 2, 1728.

William (23) Lewis, b. W., Feb. 1, 1701-2; m. Mary Gavitt, W. Oct. 10, 1733, by John Saunders. (This date was taken from Narragansett Hist. Register, but it does not agree with their children's births.) They had 7 children; b. W.:

62. I. Ezekiel, b. Dec. 16, 1723.
63. II. William, b. April 8, 1725.
64. III. Prudence, b. April, 2, 1727.
65. IV. Sarah, b. May 15, 1731.
66. V. Mary, b. Sept. 26, 1733.
67. VI. Annie, b. May 31, 1735.
68. VII. Hannah, b. Mch 1. 1737-8.

BOOK XX.

LEVI LEWIS.

CHAPTER II.

BY J. W. LEWIS, BUFFALO, N. Y.

Information is requested that will trace the ancestry, and brothers and sisters of Levi Lewis, who was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, (near the old log jail) Oct. 30, 1762 and who emigrated to Canada in 1787. Refer to book 20 in Oct. number.

BOOK XXIV.

GEORGE LEWIS, 1630.

CHAPTER I.

BY GEORGE LEWIS, HINGHAM
CENTRE, MASS.

1. Two brothers, George and John Lewis came to Plymouth, Mass., from East Greenwich, in the County of Kent, England, about 1630. George married Sarah Jenkins, in England, who was sister to Edward Jenkins, one of the first settlers of Scituate, and ancestor of most of that name found in New England.

2. John married and had one son who died without issue, and three daughters, one of whom married a Royal, another married a Tyler, and it is unknown whether the other was ever married.

King Henry the Eighth was born at East Greenwich, as was also his daughter Queen Elizabeth. George was a clothier by occupation, and in religious matters he was a Separatist, or one of the Pilgrims as distinguished from the Puritans of Mass., Bay Colony. He went from Plymouth to Scituate, Mass., and lived there about ten years and then

went with Rev. Mr. Lathrop and others to Barnstable, Mass., being one of the first settlers of that town, and a man of large property for that early day.

George (1) and Sarah Jenkins Lewis had 10 children :

3. I. Mary, b. England: m. John Bryant of Scituate in 1643, and had 7 children. She was the mother of all the Bryants of New England; died aged 30 years.
4. II. Thomas, m. Mary Davis, 1653; settled in Barnstable, Mass.
5. III. George, m. Mary Lombard; 1654; settled in Barnstable.
6. IV. James, b. Scituate, Mass., 1631; m. Sarah, dau. George Lane, of Hingham, and grand dau. William Lane, of Dorchester, and settled in Barnstable. He died in 1713 aged 82 years. 13

Constitution.

Of The Lewis Association of Western New York.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be known as the Lewis Association of Western New York.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Association shall consist of all persons by the name of Lewis, and all persons related to the Lewis Race by blood or marriage, who shall be duly elected at any regular or special meeting of the Association, as hereinafter provided for.

The eligible candidate shall be required to fill out the membership blank, and accompany it with initiation fee of fifty cents; such

application to be acted upon by ballot at the next regular or special meeting of the association. Five dissenting votes are declared sufficient to reject the candidate. The application may be renewed at any subsequent meeting of the Association, and shall be acted upon in the same manner as above described.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association are declared to be, the promotion of fraternal feeling among the members, the encouragement of each other in every laudable undertaking, and the collection and preservation of the facts and events in the history and genealogy of the Lewis Race.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer (the last two being combined if thought best), and a Historian, who shall severally perform the duties usually pertaining to their offices. They shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association, and shall hold their several offices until their successors shall be elected. The officers of this Association shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of this Association shall be held on the second Tuesday in December, at which time the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected. Special meetings are subject to the call of the Executive Committee. This Association shall also hold one annual reunion at a time and place to be designated by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—RELATIVE TO AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

NOTE.—The charter members of this Association are :

1. JUDGE LORAN L. LEWIS—President, 309 Franklin street, Buffalo.
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3. DR. GEORGE W. LEWIS, JR.—Secretary and Treasurer, 311 Delaware ave., Buffalo.
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9. FRED D. LEWIS, 188 Franklin street, Buffalo.
10. LORAN L. LEWIS, JR., 309, Franklin street, Buffalo.

The undersigned desires to become a member of the LEWIS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK, and, if elected agrees to conform to each and all of the articles in its constitution.

Name.....

Post office Address,.....

Date,.....188 .

Please sign and return to the Secretary, DR. GEO. W. LEWIS, JR., 311 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

District Attorney Bradley W. Lewis, of Tunkhannock, Pa., writes :

I have just run across a copy of LEWIS LETTER, and it meets with my most hearty approval. I am glad that you have taken the initiative in this matter of causing the members of the family to join hands.

It will be the means of enabling us to become acquainted; it will develop an interest in each other; it will intensify the feeling of brotherhood that should exist between all the members of our common family; it will create ties that will grow stronger and purer as the years roll by; it is the beginning of a movement that will be of incalculable advantage to all of us in *genealogical* research, and will make of us a band of friends and brothers.

I am one of you and anything that I can do to help on the work, so well begun, will be most cheerfully done. I inclose check for your paper.

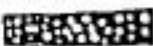
Armorial Bearings.


CHAPTER II.


Explanations of Abbreviations, mottoes, etc., reference to illustrations Vol. II.


By M. S. LEWIS, PROVIDENCE, R. I.


Pl—plate, cr—crest.


Or—gold, (when engraved, small dots.) 

Ar—argent, (silver or white; when engraved left plain.) 

Gu—gules, (red; when engraved, perpendicular lines.) 

Az—azure, (blue; when engraved, horizontal lines.) 

Sa—sable, (black, engraved with perp. and hor. lines crossing each other.) 

Vert—green, (when engraved, slanting lines from left to right.) 

Purp—purple (purple engraved

slanting lines from right to left.)

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Ppr—proper, borne in the proper or natural colors.

Ermine—ermine, (white, with black spots or tufts.

Griffin—fabled, half eagle and half lion, to express swiftness and strength.

Demi—one half.

Cheveron—resembling two rafters, meeting at top.

Erased—forcibly torn off, leaving the separated parts jagged and uneven.

Affrontee—full faced.

Naiant—swimming.

Statant—standing.

Passant—passing, walking.

Rampant—standing erect on sinister hind leg.

Sinister—left hand side.

Dexter—right hand.

Sejant—sitting.

Fleur-de-lis—flower of the lily.

Slipped—stems or slips of plants.

Mount—a rising, on which frequently crests are represented.

Conchant—lying with head upright.

Segreant—applied only to griffin when rampant.

Maned—when the main is of a color different from the body, it is *maned* of that color.

Gorged or collared—when a collar coronet, etc., is round the neck of any animal.

Trippant—a beast of chase, with right foot lifted up, as if walking briskly.

Wyvern—fabled, upper part like a dragon, with only two legs, and the lower part like that of a serpent, always drawn with wings up and addorsed unless otherwise described.

Addorsed, Adossed or Adosce—two animals, birds, fish, etc., placed back to back.

Spe tutiores armis—Safer with hope than with arms.

Expertus fidelum—Having found thee faithful.

Haec olim meminisse juvabit—In future, it will delight us to remember these things.

Ha persa lafide, ha perso l'honore—He who hath lost his faith hath lost his honor.

Lewis Fragment No. 2.

Joseph Lewis, of Chesterfield society and Post Office, in Montville, Conn., m. with Sally Tinker, daughter of Sylvanus and Joanna (Deshou) Tinker, of Chesterfield, where she was born, 26 Aug. 1791. Children:

1. Sarah Lewis.
2. Mary Lewis, m. with Robert Lyon, son of John and Polly (Chapels) Lyon of Salem, Conn.
3. Joanna Lewis, m. with Wm. Manwaring, of (?) Waterford, Conn.

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