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ANNUAL REUNIONS.

First Annual Reunion of Lewis Association No. 3 and the second meeting of the Lewis League held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Wednesday Sept. 12, 1888.

Register of attendance:

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Judge Loran L. Lewis, Mrs. L. L. Lewis, Miss Louise Lewis, Dr. George W. Lewis, Mrs. George W. Lewis, Dr. Geo. W. Lewis, Jr.—6.

CHEEKTOWAGA, N. Y.

Wm. Lewis, Mrs. Wm. Lewis—2.

LANCASTER, N. Y.

Harry Lewis, Mrs. Harry Lewis—2.

LISLE, N. Y.

Frank P. Lewis, Mrs. F. P. Lewis—2.

WARSAW, N. Y.

Simcon D. Lewis—1.

The party banqueted at Prospect Park Hotel at 2 P. M. At 3 o'clock President L. L. Lewis called the meeting to order and made an address in which he welcomed the members to the reunion and stated the objects of the organization and the work done and to be done.

F. P. Lewis as secretary of the League made the response to the welcome and presented the address of the retiring president and the reports of the secretary and treasurer.

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT SETH LEWIS.

To the Lewis League of America:

In retiring from the office of President, I desire to heartily thank

you for the honor conferred on me in selecting me as your first presiding officer, and to express my sincere regret at my inability to be with you on this occasion. You can scarcely fail to select in my successor, one who will be able to do more for the cause than I have done, but he will hardly be more thoroughly interested in the work. Were this association founded on established lines of work, I would refrain from referring to what has been done in the past year, or to what should be done in the year which is before us. I would leave the former to the accomplished Secretary and the latter to my successor in office, but the objects which we aim to accomplish are new and the methods by which we have pursued them are comparatively untried. Bearing these things in mind, the results of our year's work may not seem to you meager or unsatisfactory, and while the Secretary will give these results in detail, their significance may, perhaps, be better understood if I refer briefly to the motives which have actuated us in the selection of our lines of effort. It should not be forgotten that when the League was organized a little over a year ago, there had been but one year of organized work in this new field and then but two associations in existence. The League was itself, in some degree, an experiment. Its usefulness would depend on an increase in the associations of which it was to be the head. The formation of these, therefore, would be the first, as well as, the most important work before the League.

We were greatly encouraged by

the cheering words addressed to us by him who is now the honored President of the association whose guests we are. He promised to form an association in Buffalo, a promise nobly fulfilled as your gathering to-day fully attests. Through the labors and influence of Bradley W. Lewis, Esq., of Tunkhannock, Pa., Association No. 4. was organized at Merryall, Pa., August 22d, 1888. For the details of these organizations you are referred to the report of the Secretary. The constituency of the League has been doubled and its working force has, I trust, been much more largely increased. Dependent on its constituent associations for its existence, its success in the work still more clearly depended on the success of its organ the LEWIS LETTER. To the work of enlarging the paper and extending its circulation, our efforts were early directed and met with gratifying success. Many became interested in the work and gave us valuable assistance, and begging pardon for seeming to be invidious, I desire to mention Dr. J. B. Lewis of Hartford, Conn., as one whose aid and encouragement were most timely and valuable. For the details of our work in this behalf you are again referred to our very industrious and accomplished Secretary, and in this connection I desire to call the attention of the entire Lewis race but especially the members of the League to the importance of not only maintaining this unique publication, but of establishing it on a solid and permanent foundation. It will be an important aid to those who shall, in coming time, write the history of our race,

by bringing together much that is already recorded in widely separated records, but more still it will aid by becoming the means of preserving a record of important events in our history which would otherwise be lost or remain only as uncertain tradition. If we are to have the benefit of the example of the noblest members of our race, their labors, their sacrifices and their achievements should be lovingly recorded by such of us as are cognizant of them, as soon as the actors have passed away so that their good works which remain with us may be treated as history without wounding that sensitiveness which always accompanies high character. And how can this be so well done as through the columns of our family paper? We should not forget that while our yearly reunions strengthen the ties which bind us together long interval lie between them, and that our family paper regularly reminds us that we are members of a family, noble in its parentage, illustrious in its history and influential throughout one broad land.

With some misgivings as to how my successor may receive my advice, I venture to suggest some of the objects toward which the League should direct its efforts. As a people we are neglectful of the means of preserving family history, and I am glad to see interest reviving in this important matter. Until recently in Pennsylvania, no adequate provision had been made for preserving the record of marriages, but the recent act of assembly, though probably capable of improvement is a very important advance in this direction. The

Vice-President of the League who I hope will be with you, is an eminent member of the Bar of Penn., and he will explain its provisions. I think you should endeavor to have something similar to our law adopted by each State in the Union. For many years after the settlement of New England it was customary if not obligatory, to have each child baptized and a registry made in the church records. It is impracticable to keep up this custom even if it were desirable, but the state should undertake some method of supplying its place and the League should make its influence felt in this direction. I am informed that in the state of New York, upon the death of any person it is obligatory upon the relatives to file in the office of the Secretary of State a certificate which, among other things must contain the names and birthplace of the parents of the deceased. The President of association No. 3. can give you all the information you may desire on this point. The wisdom of some legal requirement of this kind is very evident and it ought to become the policy of the entire country. I think the League would do well to labor to promote this object.

Having trespassed on your time and patience as much at least as is allowable, I desire to call attention of the members and through them the attention of the associations to which they belong, to the importance of a full and prompt attendance upon the yearly reunions. And perhaps I can not do this more acceptably than by giving a text from the great apostle to his

brethren, and I say this not lightly but reverently, "Forsake not assembling yourselves together."

Fraternally yours,

SETH LEWIS, Pres. Lewis League.

First annual report of Frank P. Lewis, Treasurer of the Lewis League for year ending Friday Aug. 31, 1888:

DR.

To received on subscriptions for LEWIS LETTER and ads.....	\$147.27
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By paid for 9 editions of LEWIS LETTER, circulars and postage.....	\$106.76
Balance in treasury.....	40.51
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	\$147.27

The first annual report of Frank P. Lewis, Secretary of Lewis League for year ending Wednesday Sept. 12, 1888:

The League was formed on the occasion of the second reunion of association No. one in August 1887, to secure the unity and perpetuity of all Lewis associations. Persons who are members of any association are members of the League.

Associations No. one of Lisle, N. Y.; No. 2. of Ulysses, Pa.; No. 3. of Buffalo, N. Y., and No. 4. of Merryall, Pa., are now in the League; and we expect the roll will be increased during the year.

These associations hold annual reunions and basket picnics which adds another holiday for those who participate.

The League is publishing the LEWIS LETTER during the present year, and through it has become

known to some of the Lewises in nearly every state in the union.

It is devoted to the traditions, biography and genealogy of the Lewises.

In a family sense we are an historical society whose records will prove of great value to succeeding generations if we do our duty now.

It is your paper and we hope you will furnish matter for publication.

It was recommended in an article published in the August paper, that each family appoint a historian who shall copy in a book prepared for the purpose all family records. This I think is a good suggestion and well worthy of a trial, but it applies with less force to the Lewis race owing to our organization and paper, devoted to this purpose.

Let me suggest a plan to systematize and perfect the public records, by an amendment of the law in relation to vital statistics whereby the Board of Health shall be empowered and directed to compile and publish monthly, in pamphlet form, the genealogical records and vital statistics of all residents within its jurisdiction.

While the past year has been one of general prosperity to the League and its members, we are reminded of our morality and that we are traveling upon the level of of time to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns, in the decease of the following worthy members:

P. C. Lewis, Wichita, Kansas, May '88. E. D. Lewis, Couders-

port, Pa., Aug. '88. Edna Lewis Briggs, Aug. '88.

For what we have done and are doing, reference may be had to our paper. F. P. LEWIS, Sec.

Simeon D. Lewis made a speech in which he emphasized the value of our work and the benefits he had received in regard to his ancestry. He said he appreciated the efforts and assistance of Rollin H. Cooke in his behalf.

Wm. Lewis in his address said he was born in Wales and came to America when he was about seven years old; that he could read and speak the Welch language and gave some illustrations. He hoped his association would grow in membership during the year.

The following League officers were then unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Hon. T. H. B. Lewis, President, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Dr. Geo. W. Lewis, Vice-Pres., Buffalo, N. Y.; F. P. Lewis Sec. and Treas., Lisle, N. Y.

The following were duly elected by ballot members of Association No. 3: R. S. Lewis, Batavia, N. Y., Wm. M. Lewis, Attica, N. Y., T. L. Lewis, Varysburg, N. Y., J. B. Lewis, Alexander, N. Y. Meeting adjourned and the party visited the Park and other points of interest.

DR. GEO. W. LEWIS, JR., Sec.

Lewis Family Reunion.

Association No. One.

Register of attendance at the third reunion and basket picnic held on the Broome county fair grounds near Whitney's Point, N. Y., Wednesday, August 29, 1888:

LISLE, N. Y.

James R. Lewis, Dolly B. Lewis, Eugenie Cole Lewis, Emma Smith, Louisa Smith, Clare Lewis, F. P. Lewis, Henry Smith, Hiram Smith, John C. Lewis, Mary Stoddard Lewis, Sarah Stoddard Lewis, George W. Lewis, Carrie Northrup Lewis, Hattie Lewis Perce, Ella Perce, Lewis Perce, Lawrence Perce, Lydia M. Lewis, Jirah W. Perce.—20.

CENTRE LISLE, N. Y.

Marquis H. Lewis, Olive A. Lewis, Iva M. Lewis.—3.

UPPER LISLE, N. Y.

A. H. Lewis, M. D.—1

WHITNEY'S POINT, N. Y.

Maria L. Randall.—1.

TRIANGLE, N. Y.

M. D. Pearsall, Jennie Lewis Pearsall, Geo. D. Johnson, M. D., Mrs. Geo. D. Johnson, Paul Kimball Johnson, Harold Foote Johnson, Adelia Lewis Self, Joseph Self.—8.

CASTLE CREEK, N. Y.

Betsy Hicks Hodges, Edith P. Gray, Spencer Hicks, Merton Hodges, Loren Hodges, Lucy Hicks, Jacob Hodges.—7.

MAINE, N. Y.

Mrs. L. L. Lewis, George F. Lewis.—2.

KATTELVILLE, N. Y.

Samuel Lewis.—1.

CHENANGO FORKS, N. Y.

Elizabeth Lewis Palmer.—1.

COVENTRY, N. Y.

Lemuel Lewis.—1.

ITHACA, N. Y.

Minnie Personous.—1.

LOOKPORT, N. Y.

Burr Lewis, Morton B. Lewis.—2.

WATERSMEET, MICH.

C. H. Baker, Mrs. C. H. Baker.—2.

TUNKHANNOCK, PA.

Mary S. Lewis, Bradley W. Lewis (Historian and Representative of Lewis Association No. 4.)—2

REPORT OF TREAS.

Report of Frank P. Lewis, Treasurer of Lewis Association No. one for the second year ending Aug. 29, 1888 :

DR.

To balance as per last report.	\$25 06
To subscriptions to paper...	7 70
To collection at reunion....	7 24

Total.....\$40 00

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By paid for 4 editions of paper and postages to July 1, '88.....	\$36 25
Balance in treasury.....	3 75

Total.....\$40 00

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Report of Frank P. Lewis, Secretary of Lewis Association No. one for second year ending, August 29, 1888 :

Owing to the organization of the Lewis League, Aug. 31, 1887, the labor of your secretary has been lessened. Our association continued to publish the LETTER to the conclusion of vol. 1 in December, when the League assumed its control. Since our last meeting our Buffalo

brethren organized Association No. 3 and will hold its first picnic at Niagara Falls, Sept. 12, and the Tunkhannock brethren met Aug. 22, and organized No. 4.

I am glad to be able to report to you that the Lewises and their kindred all over this country are becoming interested in the reunions of the family and appreciate the resulting advantages of a more intimate and fraternal acquaintance. While these gatherings tend to present and enliven the bright side of life, we are reminded of the other side, in the death of our friend and associate Mrs. Edna Lewis Briggs which occurred at her home in Waterford, N. Y., August 2nd. Many will remember her bright appearance and speech at our meeting last year. An affectionate sketch of her life will appear in the September paper.

SPEECH OF B. W. LEWIS, Esq.

FRIENDS AND KINDRED: It may be a little forward in one who met you as a stranger only an hour or two ago, to so address you, but I have grasped your hands, I have looked into your eyes; and your answering pressure and glance have made me happy and glad to call you kinsmen.

I have come to you because of a kind invitation received from your Secretary, the one man who has done and is doing more to re-unite the members of our great scattered family than all the rest of us combined. It is a good work, a grand work, and I say let us give him all the help we can.

I have come too, because I had a

strong desire to meet and make the acquaintance of these members of my family, whom I have never seen before.

I have come also as a messenger to tell you that the members of your family in North-eastern Penn. whom you have never seen have caught the spirit of re-union from you, and are following in the path you have marked out.

Invitations were sent out to the members of the Lewis family in the counties of Bradford, Wyoming and Susquehanna to meet in joint picnic on the 22nd. On the banks of a winding stream, yecept the Wyalusing, the name a legacy from our aboriginal brethren, they met. They met in spite of the fact that for two days the skies were lowering, and a steady rain fell up to the hour of meeting.

We failed to put on our bills, "No postponement on account of weather," as your Secretary with wonderful foresight has done, but we meant it. When the Lewis family decides to have a picnic you can make up your mind there will be a picnic somewhere.

I don't know as a tornado would stop them.

As we neared the place of meeting that day, there on the spot where Thomas Lewis, the pioneer, a hundred years ago, had built his log-cabin, stood a great tent, large enough to hold all his descendants. We were independent of the weather, and in seeming acknowledgment of that fact the rain stopped and in its place a shower of Lewises of all ages and sizes came down from all the hills, to the number of 200 or more to fill that tent.

It was the second family re-union we have had. The first was in 1884, when we had a larger number, but this time we were better acquainted and no one lost a moment. The spirit of reunion and brotherhood filled all the air, and before we parted we made the bond more tangible than before by organizing Lewis Association No. 4 with 120 charter members.

From the latest born of the Lewis Associations, I bring to you the first born, fraternal greetings, with the wish that our further acquaintance may cement and make firm and stable the new ties by which we are now connected.

The ties of kindred are growing stronger with us because of these assemblages, and it is right and fitting that they should. We shall never in this life know how much we owe to our ancestors. While I do not intend to pay it to-day, because I cannot, yet I am going to acknowledge that I owe my ancestors a great debt. You and I are better men and women because of the integrity of those who have gone before us. Their faith, the sweetness and the sunshine of their lives have come down into ours. The memories of our childhood are the rocks to which our characters are anchored. Those who are pressing on after us are gathering from us. If I say to my boy, "Speak the truth at all times," he will watch my lips to see what comes from them. If I say "Be honest and true," he will scrutinize my every action in my intercourse with those around me, and follow what he sees there. It is not what I say, but what I am, that goes

into the character of my boy.

The world is full of shams, and things are not always what they seem, but remember this, that in all the universe of God there is no discount on a true man or a true woman.

We need not go out of our own family for examples, I know such men and women in my own branch; their names are not written on the scroll of fame, they are comparatively unknown to the world, but their lives are pure and true and noble molded after the pattern of Galilean, and it is because of what they are, that their influence has become a blessing and an inspiration.

And here, on this happy occasion, in the midst of these festivities I want you all to feel that there is resting upon you the great responsibility of keeping up the reputation of the Lewis family for being genuine men and women without a particle of sham or shoddy about them.

DR. A. H. LEWIS' SPEECH.

Dr. A. H. Lewis said: My good friends.—After the pleasures of this day, conspicuous among which is the substantial dinner to which I have done justice, and after being called unexpectedly to my feet by our new president, I desire to thank you all. Having been educated and trained as a physician, I have been taught and learned to keep my mouth closed. After many years of practice, in which I have had to do with the sick, the halt, the deaf, the broken side of life, is it any wonder that my talent for speecmaking has been neglected?

But seriously, I consider these meetings as golden opportunities, which we cannot afford to lose, and which we should encourage and enjoy to the full, ever remembering that there is plenty of room in this world for true manhood and womanhood; and that the world has need of the instructive tongue, the attentive ear, and the faithful breast.

OFFICERS.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:

Pres.—Marquis H. Lewis, of Centre Lisle, N. Y.

Vice-Pres.—Zarah S. Taylor, of Maine, N. Y.

Secy. and Treas.—F. P. Lewis, of Lisle, N. Y.

A vote of thanks was extended to B. W. Lewis, Esq., and to the Agricultural Society.

F. P. LEWIS, Secy.

Foot Notes.

—The attendance this year was not as large as last, but the enthusiasm was up to the standard.

—Lemuel Lewis aged 84 built a school house this summer in his neighborhood.

—Seth Lewis, Rollin H. Cooke, Mrs. Zarah Taylor, O. H. Lewis, Frank Lewis and others were unable to attend and sent their regrets.

—The day was perfect and all seemed to fully enjoy the meeting.

—Fifty-two persons at our third picnic.

First Reunion and Basket Picnic.

Lewis Reunion of Merryall, Pa., No. 4,
Wednesday, Aug. 22, 1888.

The following invitation was issued:

“Among the quaint annals of the past is found this bit of history: ‘On the 13th day of July, 1788, Thomas Lewis and family moved from the river onto a place now called Merryall. The year before they came from Connecticut, and made a temporary residence at the mouth of the creek (Wyalusing), and on that day settled in a log cabin, in a wild, dreary wilderness, four miles from a neighbor on one side and forty on the other.’ That was one hundred years ago. On the 22d of August, at 10 o’clock in the forenoon, let all the Lewises in this locality meet for a basket picnic on the site of the ‘log cabin,’ in the erst-while ‘wild and dreary wilderness,’ at Merryall, Pa., to celebrate his event.

The question of forming a Lewis Association will be considered at this meeting, and all Lewises and their kindred by blood or marriage are invited to come and join the Association. One or more of the Lewis League are expected to be present.

CLINTON LEWIS,
WILLIAM KENNEDY, } Com.
JAMES N. LEWIS.

Merryall, Pa., August 1, 1888.”

Pursuant to notice, all the Lewises and their kindred in the vicinity of Merryall, Penn., met together on the 22nd of August, for the purpose of commemorating the settle-



JUSTICE LEWIS, OF MERRYALL, PA.

ment of their ancestor Thomas Lewis, at Merryall, and for the further object of forming a Lewis Association.

As the weather was threatening, a large tent was put up over the site of his log cabin, and every preparation was made to hold the centennial reunion in spite of all obstacles.

A goodly company numbering between two and three hundred gathered there, fully prepared to enjoy the occasion.

About one o'clock the tables were spread and all ate and were filled. After dinner all were gathered into the tent and being called to order, B. W. Lewis, of Tunkhannock, spoke as follows:

"We are gathered here to celebrate an event which, while it may seem unimportant to the busy outside world, or not an affair of moment to the principal actor himself yet to us, that event standing back in the haze and surrounded by the halo of a century, has an ever increasing interest, and will ever

possess for us the fascination of a tale of romance.

A hundred years ago, Thomas Lewis, with his wife and six children, western emigrants, the vanguard of that mighty army, which has ever since been following the setting sun, and whose tramp still echoes on our boundless plains, came to this spot. Came to establish here—the best blessing that man ever finds on earth—a home. Cast in heroic mold, he came with the knightly arm of the pioneer, to a place where there were battles to be fought. The possession of these broad and fertile fields, upon which we are now looking, was disputed, by wild beasts, and by the trees of the forest; but with these adversaries on one side and New England grit on the other, the contest is never doubtful. Our history of Thomas Lewis is meager, but the little glimpse we have tells us that he was one of nature's noblemen, a man who was generally found on the right side. Living in the stirring days of the revolution, he was a soldier in the Continental army. Besides carrying a musket he helped in building bridges, and assisted in building the fort at Ticonderoga. We find him in the battle of Danbury, in the thickest of the fight, springing forward to catch his wounded General, as he fell from his horse. We find that he was respected by his neighbors, as many of them followed him from Connecticut to his new home. We find that soon after his coming, mainly by his efforts, a school was established here, and the fire kindled on the altar of learning by Thomas Lewis has never gone out but is

burning still. He has left to us all the heritage of an honored name.

Looking back through the vista of a hundred years we are proud to do honor to his memory to-day; and it will do us all good to remember our ancestor as a strong, pure and true man who stood in front rank in his time, and made the most of his opportunities."

Rev. Joshua S. Lewis, of Fairdale, was then called on and said:

"I am glad to meet with so many of my name. Whether the Thomas Lewis of whom we have just heard was an ancestor of mine I do not know, but from the description of him just given by my friend from Tunkhannock, he seems very much like my ancestors of whom I have knowledge, and I am very willing to claim him as my ancestor also. The Lewises, from all I can learn, were grand pioneers, sturdy, strong and able to battle with adversity. It is said that the great Napoleon in selecting soldiers to send on an expedition where great courage and endurance were required, always picked out those having the *largest noses*. I think that would hit a Lewis every time. Another family characteristic is the Lewis voice, strong resonant, and with lots of timbre in it.

As I heard some one call in the scattered ones to the tent just now, I did not need to be told that behind those trumpet tones stood a Lewis.

The Lewises, I know, are great singers, and in such a company as this we ought to be able to raise a volume of song that would fill this tent as it has never been filled before."

Some one started, and the whole company joined in singing an old familiar hymn, after which Rev. Thomas Thomas of Stevensville was called on and said among other things, that while he was not a Lewis, nor the descendant of a Lewis, yet he had always been bound by the ties of friendship to many members of the family, and since the marriage of his daughter to a member of the family he almost felt that he was one of them. He spoke of the pleasure of such meetings where all were brethren, and compared them to the great reunion in the hereafter. He said they were fortunate in having so good a man for an ancestor, and no one could tell how much his life had influenced the character of his descendants all through these hundred years.

Our ancestors have done much for us and we in turn owe a debt to those who are to come after us.

B. W. Wood, of Laceyville, was next introduced, and said :

"I believe in blood. I can tell by my knowledge of the family characteristics, when the blood of one branch of my family prevails, and when the other.

One good thing with regard to our ancestors, we do not need to look back to them with any solicitude. I recall to mind the fact that when my great grand-mother came to this part of the country, in attempting to cross a creek she fell in, and if she had been drowned

then, I shudder to think that I should have lost my grand-mother. She did not drown, and I really have no cause for solicitude. I can testify to the fact that the Lewis family are true and pure in public and private life. The family has always been singularly free from the curse of intemperance. I have never known of a drunkard in the family. Perhaps the dip my great grand-mother took in the creek satisfied the family that water was not so bad a thing after all. Whatever the cause, temperance and sobriety are family traits."

Rev. Milton Lewis Cook, of Merryall, was next called on and spoke as follows :

"The Lewis family represented here to-day is one I am glad to belong to. It is a family of good, honest men and women. As a family they have not much of that quality a celebrated poet has called "honest doubt" and which the doubters, being short of the quality at once seized the label, and have used it unsparingly. The Lewis family on the other hand have much *honest faith*.

The wife of Thomas Lewis, my great grand-mother, raised a goodly family, was a member of the first Presbyterian church of Bradford county, organized in 1793.

In her declining years she was unable to walk and as they had no roads or carriages, her sons carried her in her chair to the little log church on the hill where the burying ground now is, and where her ashes await the resurrection. I am glad to have had such a great grandmother. My own grand-

mother, who spent most of her life on this place, was a beautiful woman, lovely in her life, and beloved by all who knew her. I can remember often seeing her with her bible in hand poring over its treasures. The day before she died, I was at her bedside, and she taught me then that grand old hymn:

"O mother, dear Jerusalem
When shall I come to thee
When shall my sorrows have an end
Thy joys when shall I see"

She knows that it is now,

"O happy harbor of God's saints
O sweet and pleasant soil
In thee no sorrows can be found
Nor grief nor care nor toll."

My mother too, with such an ancestry, I need not say was a praying woman.

Henry Ward Beecher once said, "If I were going to have a fine woman, I would begin with her grandmother." We, here, all have to thank God to-day that he began with our great grandmother, and that Thomas Lewis of whom we all are so justly proud, had a good wife in the log house that one hundred years ago sheltered our family in the place in which we are met to-day."

The question of forming a Lewis Association was then presented by B. W. Lewis, who explained at some length what had been done by other branches of the family in this direction. He said that the central organization of the family was the Lewis League, and under its jurisdiction there were now three Associations. It was decided by a unanimous vote to form Lewis Association No. 4. A constitution was adopted, and the following officers elected:

President, Milton Lewis, Spring

Hill, Pa.

Vice-President, Clinton Lewis, Merryall, Pa.

Secretary, Rev. Milton Lewis Cook, Merryall, Pa.

Treasurer, William B. Kennedy, Merryall, Pa.

Historian, B. W. Lewis, Tunkhannock, Pa.

The occasion was a happy one, and was enjoyed thoroughly by all who were present.

That such family meetings may come oftener was the wish of many.

CHARTER MEMBERS ASSOCIATION NO.

4.

SPRING HILL, PA.

Milton Lewis, Mrs. Milton Lewis, Ellen C. Styes, James N. Lewis, Alfred A. Lewis, Mrs. E. Lucretia Lewis, Thomas A. Lewis, A. W. Lewis, Mrs. Nellie Lewis, Milton E. Lewis, W. Frisbie Lewis.—11.

MERRYALL, Pa.

Clinton Lewis, Mrs. Clinton Lewis, W. E. Lewis, Amelia B. Lewis, Gracie A. Lewis, Elisha Lewis, Rev. M. L. Cook, Mrs. Mary Cook, Arlie M. Lewis, Alice A. Kennedy, Wm. B. Kennedy, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, J. Miles Brown, Mrs. Harriet Brown, Lottie A. Brown, Hiram Elliott, A. J. Elliott, Vick Elliott, Sterling Ackley, Adelia L. Cook, Rev. Darwin Cook, Joseph Elliott, Will Elliott.—23

OSCEOLA, Pa.

Burton E. Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, Clara B. Lewis, Anna M. Lewis.—4.

WYALUSING, PA.

Augustus Lewis, Mrs. Sarah

Lewis, O. J. Lewis, Mrs. Marion Lewis, Mrs. Caroline Lloyd, Hamlin J. Lloyd, Benjamin Ackley, J. V. Taylor, J. V. Taylor, Jr., Mrs. Sarah A. Taylor, B. A. Taylor, Virginia Taylor, Lewis C. Taylor.—13

FAIRDALE, PA.

G. Lester Lewis, Mrs. Alice Lewis, M. H. Darrow, Mrs. Elsie Darrow, Rev. Joshua S. Lewis, Miss Edith H. Lewis.—6.

OPPOSITION, PA.

William Whitney, Mrs. Hulda J. Whitney.—2.

CAMPTOWN, PA.

William Agnew, Lydia A. Agnew, Fannie Agnew, Mary Agnew, John W. Agnew, Ulysses S. Agnew, Mrs. Mary Ann Cleveland, Mrs. Adelia Fuller, Cyrus Fuller, N. A. Fuller, Franklin Jones, Mrs. Mary C. Jones, George L. Lewis, J. D. Camp, Mrs. Mary Ann Camp.—15.

LERAYSVILLE, PA.

Henry L. Agnew, Homer A. Lewis, Alonzo Lewis, John W. Lewis, Stephen J. Lewis, Mrs. Pearl Lewis, Annie Lewis, Homer Weller.—8.

BALLIBAY, PA.

John Erskine, Mrs. Lucy H. Erskine, John M. Erskine, Nellie Erskine, Anna B. Erskine, Bradley L. Erskine.—6.

HERRICK, PA.

Edward J. Elliott.—1.

RANSOM, PA.

Mrs. Clara A. Chamberlin.—1.

TUNKHANNOCK, PA.

Bradley W. Lewis, Mrs. Mary G. Lewis, Helen M. Lewis, Henry M. Lewis, Mabel D. Lewis.—5.

STAFFORD, KAN.

E. L. Hillis, Mrs. Mary Hillis, Sarah Hillis, B. Lewis Hillis.—4.

LACEYVILLE, PA.

B. W. Wood, Mrs. Emma E. Wood, W. Thomas Cook, Paul Cook.—4.

WASHINGTON, C. H., OHIO.

Mrs. May Smith, Maud Smith, Elliott Smith.—3.

SCRANTON, OHIO.

Mrs. Millie Simpson, May Simpson.—2.

MONTROSE, PA.

Charles E. Tyler.—1.

MORIAH, N. Y.

Fred L. Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Sarah Lewis.—3.

NEW ERA, PA.

Elnor F. Lewis, Mrs. Adeliza Lewis, Frank D. Lewis, Charles E. Lewis, Edwin W. Lewis, Don C. Lewis.—6.

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F. P. LEWIS, Manager.

Lisle, N. Y.

Letters.

MYRON S. LEWIS, Providence, R. I., Sept. 2: I think my statement at page 41 Vol. 1, that Books 8 and 14 are of the same family is about to be verified. In Book 8 John Jr. (3) had no son Abraham, but he had a son Joseph (17) who had a son Abraham. The following may be of the line of Book 5: Richard Lewis, of

Providence m. Ann Steere, Jan. 14, 1706, and had 4 children: Edward, Nehemiah, Jane and Richard.

DR. A. N. LEWIS, Westerly, R. I., Aug. 15: Please find subscription for another copy Vol. 2.

ALBERT N. LEWIS, New Britain, Conn., Aug. 17: I send check for two copies Vol. 2, two copies Vol. 1 when published.

Mrs. HARRIET L. SATTERLEE, Oneida Castle, N. Y., Sept. 24: We have moved from Vernon, N. Y. Mrs. Palmateer, of Waterford, N. Y., will write up the records of Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Spencer.

NOTES.

List of Lewis Associations: No. 1. Lisle, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1886; No. 2. Ulysses, Pa., Dec. 6, 1886; No. 3. Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1887; No. 4. Merryall, Pa., Aug. 22, 1888.....The Lewis League was organized Aug. 31, 1887.....The publication of the LEWIS LETTER was commenced Jan. 1887.....In 1877 W. K. Lewis, of Boston, Mass., received the first patent for canning beans. A few ounces of salt pork is put in each can. These Boston baked beans are for sale in Constantinople St. Petersburg and in nearly every part of the globe.....At Jackson, O., Wm. T. Lewis, guardian of Mary Jones, a minor filed his accounts for settlement Aug. 31.F. R. Lewis is adj. of G. A. R. Post, No. 68, at Rico, Col.....Samuel Lewis, a grandson of Francis, who signed the Declaration of Independence, died near Pittsburg, Pa., July 16, 1888, aged 94.....Perry Lewis, of Pawnee, Ills., certifies that a good title can be given for the farm of the late Reuben Dickerson, Jackson-co., O.....W. T. Lewis, of Shawnee, Ohio, aged 27 years, a native of Wales, and one of the brightest men in the order of K. of L., on Aug. 15, 1888, was elected National Master Workman of Assembly No. 135.....John T. Lewis and brother of Philadelphia, Pa., successors of Mordecai Lewis established 1772, sell lead and oil.Orla Lewis, of Pike-co., O., was recently rescued from drowning while attempting to swim a creek.....Charles Lewis, of the Columbus Ohio *Dispatch* is an humorist and does most of the funny work for that paper.....Mrs. Jane North Lewis was born in Farmington, Conn., July 10, 1808, and peacefully died in Oxford, O., July 11, 1888.....Edgar E. Lewis resides at Grand Glazé, Ark.....Pres. Lewis of the University at Chattanooga delivered an address at the farewell reception given to Bishop Waldea.....E.

P. C. Lewis, of N. J., was minister to Portugal; Colonel in confederate service; sold relics of Washington and portraits of his grandmother, Mrs. Curtis.....Ollie Lewis, the \$15000 beauty is advertised with Lester & Allen's "Early Birds" theatre or minstrel troupe.....Mrs. R. G. Lewis and family, of Chillicottie, Ohio, are at Mt. Clemens, Mich., for the purpose of having her little daughter, Myrna A. Lewis, aged 8 years, treated at the baths for inflammatory rheumatism which she has had since Oct., and rendered her unable to walk since Christmas.....Mrs. George Davis (*nee* Lewis) and family, of Portsmouth, O., summered at the Warm Springs, Va.....R. G. Lewis, Chillicothe, O., will probably publish Wm. Terrell Lewis genealogy.....Rev. A. N. Lewis, of Westport, officiated at the marriage of his daughter Agnes to Cornelius Mitchell. After the reception the bridal party repaired to their canoe in the harbor and departed, paddling their own canoe to some haven of bliss.....Cyrus Lewis, of Glen Aubrey, N. Y., while in the woods recently fell and fractured two short ribs on right side.....Mrs. W. D. Lewis and two daughters went to their new home near San Jose, Cal., about Sept. 1.....J. K. Lewis is proprietor of Lewis' Dining Parlors, Troy, N. Y.....Geo. H. Lewis, Esq., Atty., at Des Moines, Iowa, is president of the Lewis Investment Co.....J. L. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is chairman and general manager of the Lewis Foundry and Machine Co.....In notes in July paper we mentioned the nomination of Mr. Fifer and that he married Gertrude Lewis, of Book 2: "Joseph Fifer, the Republican nominee for Governor of Illinois, has a very sensible and self possessed wife. During the convention there was great excitement at Bloomington, where they live, but Mrs. Fifer did not share in it. She was at a church fair when a telegram was brought to her, which she opened and read and then tucked in her pocket. It announced her husband's nomination, but did not seem to concern her in the least, and she went on with her duties until interrupted by people from the outside, who came in to tell her the news and offer their congratulations. Then she told them that she had already received a dispatch from her husband containing the announcement of his success".....Mrs. Geo. W. Lewis, of Lisle, N. Y., is visiting her niece at Plymouth, Mass.....Hon. A. D. Lewis, Geo. W. Lewis and F. P. Lewis are members of the Lisle N. Y., Board of Education.