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## GENEALOGICAL RECORDS.

## BOOK I.

RANDALL LEWIS, Hopkinton,  
R. I.

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

Errata: The record of Sylvia (13) was duplicated: and Dr. James R. Lewis, No. is 14. IV.

DR. JAMES R. LEWIS (14.)

DEATH OF THE OLDEST PHYSICIAN IN  
LUZERNE COUNTY.

Doctor James R. Lewis died at his home in Trucksville on Saturday afternoon. His death terminates a long, useful and honorable career. Dr. Lewis was born at Petersburg, Rensselaer county, New York in 1804.

Having lost his father in infancy he was, at the early age of twelve years, thrown upon his own efforts for support and education. For five or six years, he lived with the farmers in the vicinity, going to school as he had opportunities.

During a portion of the period prior to attaining manhood's estate he made his home in the family of the father of the late Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Otsego county, New York. He then taught school part of the time and went to school the other part at the Jefferson Academy in Schoharie, N. Y. Having in this way obtained a fair English education he studied medicine at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, supporting himself in the meantime by teaching school.

In 1831 he came to Carverton in this county where he taught school a year, practicing medicine also to some extent. In 1832 he went to

Trucksville, where he practiced medicine continuously until within a few months of his decease. That portion of Luzerne county lying west of the valley which now constitutes a large, prosperous and populous region, and embracing the villages of Trucksville, Dallas, Huntsville and Orange, was then an almost unbroken wilderness. The few pioneers, lumbermen and hunters who had undertaken to gain a subsistence in this extensive wilderness were few and widely separated.

*(Continued next month.)*

## BOOK VIII.

JOHN LEWIS, Westerly, R. I.

## CHAPTER XIV.

By HARRIET LEWIS SATTERLEE,  
KILLAWOG, N. Y.

I give the line of descent to the subjects of this chapter:

John (1), John Jr. (2), Abraham (3), ABRAHAM Jr. (4), page 19, Vol. I, who had two wives and 19 children, of whom were: Thankful (4), b. Sept. 12, 1782; m. Joseph Prossor, of Petersburg, N. Y., and settled in Saquoit, N. Y. She had a large family of children and d. 1870, Vermillion, N. Y. Abel (5) b. May 3, 1784; m. (1) Abigail, dau. Cap. John and Prudence Saunders Green, of Hopkinton, R. I. and sister of Elder John Green, for many years an earnest and successful Seventh Day Baptist clergyman.

Abel (5) and Abigail Green Lewis had 6 children:

125. I. ——— d. in infancy.  
126. II. ——— “ “  
127. III. ——— “ “

128. IV. Abel Green, b. June 23, 1805, Petersburg, N. Y., removed to Scott, Cortland Co., N. Y. He was one of the first stockholders in S. B. & N. Y. R. R. and was tendered and urged to accept a conductorship in the early days of that Co. He was a Republican and well-to-do farmer. He m. (1) Virtue, dan. Dea. Zaccheus Maxson, b. Dec. 27, 1805, Allegany Co., N. Y.; d. Scott, N. Y., April 13, 1838. He m. (2) Oct. 13, 1838, Scott, N. Y., Sally Sabins, dan. Henry and Jemima Burdick, b. April 21, 1808; d. July 8, 1843. He m. (3) Martha, dan. Charles and Tacy Babcock, b. Oct. 29, 1807, Brookfield, Madison Co., N. Y.; d. Aug. 26, 1881, Adams Centre, Jeff. Co., N. Y. He d. April 2, 1882, Adams Centre, nearly 78 years old.
129. V. Datus Ensign, b. Feb. 29, 1808; m. 1833, Scott, N. Y., by Elder Joel Green, Tacy Wells Maxson; d. Berlin, Wis. He was a farmer; a man of great moral courage; alive to every good work; an abolitionist; a total abstainer; a foe to sham and meanness, but a friend to all uprightness and merit.
130. VI. Clarissa m. Alanson Coon, of DeRuyter, N. Y.; d. leaving a daughter.  
Abel (128) and Virtue Maxson had 3 children:
131. I. Charles Milton, b. Dec. 12, 1832; d. Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 1858, unmarried.
132. II. Harriet Elvina, b. Sept. 6, 1834; m. Camden, Oneida Co., N. Y., Sept. 6, 1858, by Elder Wm. Jones, a M. E. clergyman, Charles G., son Nelson H. and Pamela Joslin Satterlee, b. Sept. 29, 1829, Durhamville, Oneida Co., N. Y. He is a Prohibitionist and a farmer, near Killawog, N. Y.
133. III. Zaccheus Maxson, b. Sept. 4, 1836; m. Clara J. Satterlee (a sister of Charles G.) Akron, Ill. Jan. 29, 1859. He d. June 3, 1884, DeWitt, Ark., leaving a wife and four daughters.  
Abel (128) and Martha Babcock Lewis had one child:
134. IV. Frank H., b. June 6, 1848. Datus Ensign (129) and Tacy Wells Maxson had 2 children:
135. I. Justina Cordelia, m. Joseph Burdick, now living with her family in Berlin, Wis.
136. II. Rev. A. Herbert, Plainfield, N. J., Prof. of Theology in Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.  
Clarissa (130) Lewis and Alanson Coon had one child:
137. I. Edna Irene, m. LeRoy Main and has a large family.

## BOOK XII.

WILLIAM LEWIS, Ship Lion,  
1632.

## CHAPTER IX.

BY SETH LEWIS, ULYSSES, PA.,  
ASSISTED BY R. H. COOKE, PITTS-  
FIELD, MASS.Ruth Lewis b. Sept. 12, 1679  
(see page 45) m. June 8, 1710,

Samuel Gridley, son of Samuel Gridley and 1st wife, of Farmington.

William and Phebe (Moore) Lewis (see page 45) had eight children instead of seven. The last was:

124. VIII. Mary, b. March 31, 1700.

Children of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Merriman) Lewis. (see page 44.) All born Wallingford, Ct.

125. I. Hezekiah, b. Oct. 12, 1686, d. 1711, m. Abigail —

126. II. Caleb, b. Oct. 15, 1691, m. Nov. 25, 1713, Sarah (Ourtis) Cook, widow of Isaac Cook.

127. III. Selebes, b. Oct 25, 1693. The History of Southington calls her Felix, but Selebes is probably correct.

128. IV. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 15, 1695.

129. V. Barnabas, b. Nov. 4, 1697, d. Oct. 1, 1729, m. Elizabeth —

130. VI. Hannah, b. Oct. 10, 1699, m. Capt. Samuel Cook, b. March 5, 1695, d. New Haven Ct., Nov. 7, 1745, son of Samuel and Hannah (Ives) Cook.

131. VII. (Dr.) Benjamin, b. Sept. 21, 1701, m. Nov. 3, 1724, Esther Matthews.

132. VIII. Malachi, b. Oct. 4, 1703. Settled in Middletown.

133. IX. Agape, b. Jan. 10, 1705.

### BOOK XIII.

JOHN LEWIS, New London, Ct.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

By R. H. COOKE, PITTSFIELD, MASS.

John Lewis (1)(see page 69, Vol. 1 L. L.) He had a certificate from John Gee, Vicar of Tentarden, Feb. 20, 1634, John Austin, mayor, and Fregift Stace, jurat, March 1, 1634-5. The ship Hercules, of Sandwich, Witherby, master, was of 200 tons.

Rev. Thomas Lewis (No 6, page 46, Vol. 1, L. L.) b. Aug. 6, 1716, grad. Yale, 1741. In 1741 and 1742 he taught in Canterbury, Ct. was licensed to preach Oct. 12, 1742 by the Windham Association. In 1743 he preached in Salisbury, Ct., from there he went to New Fairfield, Ct. (Sherman) and was ordained Mar. 28, 1744. He was dism. Oct. 7, 1746 and supplied pulpits in Oxford and Bethlehem in west New Jersey. He accepted a call to the latter place, Oct. 14, 1747 (now in Alexandria township on Delaware river.) In 1752 Kingwood 7 miles northeast, was in his charge. He was released from B. May, 1754 and from K. May 25, 1756, and was called to Hopewell June 13, 1758, and dism. May 20, 1760. Was pastor of Pres. church at Smithton, L. I., 1763 to 1769 and then installed over church at Menahan, N. J. where he died Aug. 20, 1777. He m. Joanna Booth, b. in Stratford, Ct., dau. of David and Anna (Mills) Booth. She removed to Stratford after his death. They had 6 children:

99. I. Anna, b. 1746, d. Morristown, N. J., Oct. 25, 1765,

- m. 1764, Jonas Phillips, of M. b. March 12, 1735, at Smithtown, L. I., d. at M. Dec. 25, 1813, son of George and Elizabeth (Mills) Phillips of Smithtown.
100. II. —, son, a physician, d. in Virginia.
101. III. —, dau., m. Dr. Pool, of Stratford, Ct.
102. IV. —, dau. m. Demas Ford.
103. V. —, dau.
104. VI. —, dau.

BOOK XIV.

JOHN LEWIS, Westerly, R. I.

CHAPTER XII.

BY M. S. LEWIS, PROVIDENCE, R. I.  
AND LADD J. LEWIS, NASHVILLE,  
TENN.

Errata: The IX. child of John (35) and Mercy Lewis was Amie instead of Annie.

Jane Lewis (46) m. Daniel Greenelle, Jr. at South Kingston by Rouse Helme Asst.

Jonathan (50) lived first in Richmond.

In 1743 he gave an "Old Colony mortgage" of a tract of land in Exeter, containing thirty-seven acres. The consideration of this mortgage was "thirty-four pounds in Bills of Publick credit of said colony."

The following is taken from the Town Records at Exeter:

"At a Town meeting called by a Special act of assembly and held at the Dwelling House of Stephen Austin, in Exeter, the 22th Day of March A. D. 1742, Job Tripp Esq. was chosen Moderator of said meeting. Voted that Jonathan Lewis is

chosen packer, Gager and Sealer of weights and measures. Engd."

At the same place, June 7, 1743, he was chosen to the same office and also "supervaiser of the Highways and Vewer of fences." He was again chosen to the latter office June 5, 1744.

Dec. 6, 1743, it was "voted that all the names of all those persons, presented to this meeting in order to be put into the box for Jurors be excepted of by this meeting and that the same be put in the box according by whose names are as followeth, viz:" Then follows a list of 43 names among whom are Jonathan Lewis and Jonathan Lewis, Jr.

Jonathan (50) had as far as can be ascertained five children, viz:

97. I. John.  
98. II. Jonathan, Jun.  
99. III. Caleb.  
100. IV. Thomas.  
101. V. Sylvester.

His will dated June 4, 1783, names the last four children and also a grandson Stephen. This Stephen was the son of John.

Wood—In this city, Jan. 7th, Addie Laura, youngest daughter of Laura B. and the late Adoniram J. Wood, aged 13 years, 3 months and 13 days.

Funeral private.

She was a step daughter of Myron S., one of the editors of this book.

CHAPTER XIII.

BY N. B. LEWIS, PINE HILL, R. I.

At page 89 of Vol. one of this paper, the children and the grandchildren of the above named John

(1) Lewis are given by Myron S. Lewis, and I think correctly. At page 12 of this Vol. he also gives what purports to be the names of the wife and children of the grandson James (31); but I think he has confounded this James with some other person of that name. James (31) grandson of John (1) never lived in Richmond so far as I can learn. His father James (5) had settled in the western part of Exeter while yet a young man, and it was there that James (31) grew to manhood, and at the death of his father James (5) succeeded to his real estate. Indeed the farm which James (5) the son of John (1) cleared up in the primitive forest has never been out of the possession of his descendants having been the home of seven generations of Lewises. It was owned several years by Moses Denison Lewis until his death last summer, and now owned by his two children Ezra Palmer Lewis and Mary E. (Lewis) Burdick.

James (31) m. Elizabeth Kenyon Feby. 27, 1742; d. 1776; had 6 children:

102. I. James, b. 1745; d. 1825.
103. II. Joseph, so named after his maternal uncle.
104. III. John.
105. IV. Hannah.
106. V. Sarah.
107. VI. Mary.

James (102) m. 1773. Thankful Barber had 14 children:

108. I. Abigail, b. — 1775.
109. II. James, b. — 1778, probably d. in infancy.
110. III. Elizabeth, b. — 1780.
111. IV. Hannah, b. — 1782.
112. V. Thankful, b. — 1784.

113. VI. Lydia, b. — 1786.
114. VII. Esther, b. — 1788; m. Ellery Barber.
115. VIII. Nathan Barber, b., 1790; d. 1836.
116. IX. Ellen, b. — 1792.
117. X. John, b. — 1795.
118. XI. Moses Barber, b. — 1797.
119. XII. David Maxson, b. — 1799.
120. XIII. Benjamin, b. — 1804.
121. XIV. Sally G., b. — 1806.

### BOOK XXI.

### JOSEPH LEWIS.

#### CHAPTER I.

BY REV. JOSEPH WARD LEWIS,  
MIDDLETOWN, CT.

1. Joseph Lewis, b. Amsterdam, N. Y., June 22, 1802; moved early in life to Salisbury, N. Y., where he built a store and hotel and kept the same. About 1838, he removed to Little Falls, N. Y., and engaged in business. He m. (1st) Mary Rice; m. (2d) Nancy, dau. John and Lucretia Rogers Ward, of Sheffield, Mass.; m. (3d) Phebe Morrallce; m. (4th) Mary Staats; he d. Oct. 31, 1865, the father of 10 children.

Joseph (1) and Mary Rice Lewis had 3 children:

2. I. Moses Grantus, b. 1825; editor of *North Miss. Union*; at one time a Miss. State Senator and Col. in state militia; d. Eastport, Miss. Sept. 21, 1854.
3. II. Lansing, b. 1828; was in drug business with his brother (2) in Eastport; d. March 17, 1858.

4. III. Mary d.  
Joseph (1) and Nancy Ward Lewis had 6 children :
5. IV. Mary Matilda, b. May 22, 1832 ; resides with her brother (8).
6. V. } twins dead.  
7. VI. }
8. VII. Ward, b. Nov. 28, 1836 ; is in business at Lenox Furnace and Great Barrington, Mass., where he resides. He is a Berkshire-co. Commissioner. He m. Isabel G. dau. Asa P. and Sarah Nott Williams at Essex, Ct., May 29, 1865.
9. VIII. Lucretia Rogers resides Little Falls, N. Y.
10. IX. Martin Van Buren, d.  
Joseph (1) and Phebe Morrellee Lewis had 1 child :
11. X. William M. b. Nov. 8, 1849 ; d. Sept. 16, 1855.  
Ward (8) and Isabel Williams Lewis had 5 children :
12. I. Joseph Ward, b. Gt. B., Oct. 22, 1866 ; is a student at Wesleyan University Middletown, Ct.
13. II. Walter Everett, b. Gt. B. May 22, 1868 ; is in hardware store with his father (8).
14. III. Martha Ward, b. Gt. B., Sept. 6, 1873.
15. IV. Sarah Nott, b. Lenox Furnace, Mass., July 12, 1875.
16. V. Clara Lucretia, b. L. F., Nov. 25, 1877.
- James (6) and Sarah Lane Lewis who was the first white girl born in Hingham, Mass., had 10 children :
35. I. John, b. 1656 ; m. Nov. 17, 1682, at Boston to Hannah Lincoln, had nine children.
36. II. Samuel, b. 1658 ; m. Prudence Leonard 1690, had 5 children.
37. III. Ebenezer, m. Anna Lathrop 1691, had 9 children.
38. IV. Sarah, m. Thomas Lincoln January 6th, 1685.
39. V. James, m. Elizabeth Lathrop 1698, had 5 children.
40. VI. Mary, m. Benjamin Lincoln Jan. 18th, 1695.
41. VII. Hannah, m. A. Lombard, of Truro, Mass.
42. VIII. Susannah, m. Lazarus Beal, of Hingham, Mass.
43. IX. George, m. Alice Crocker and died in his 95th year.
44. X. Joseph, m. Sarah Marsh Feb. 3d 1703 ; (2d) Elizabeth Vickery, had 17 children.  
Edward (8) and Hannah Cobb Lewis had 3 children :
45. I. Hannah.
46. II. Eleazer.
47. III. Thomas.
- Nathaniel (10) and Lewis had 1 child :
48. I. Nathaniel jun.  
Joseph (11) and Mary Jones Lewis had 2 children :
49. I. Joseph, b. 1672.
50. II. Sybil, b. 1674. 30

**Armorial Bearings.**

No. 4.

COPIED BY M. S. LEWIS, PROVIDENCE,  
R. I.

Lewis, a horse's-head, bridled, ppr.  
Pl. 92, cr. 1.

BOOK XXIV.

GEORGE LEWIS 1630.

CHAPTER III.

BY GEORGE LEWIS, HINGHAM CENTRE,  
MASS.



- Lewis, Lancashire, on a chapeau, gu. turned up, erm., an heraldic-tiger, passant. *Haec olim meminisse juvabit. Pl. 7, cr. 5,* (chapeau) *same plate, cr. 14.*
- Lewis, CHARLES-JAMES, Esq., of St. Pierre, Monmouthshire, a griffin, segreant, sa. *Haec persa la fide, haec perso l'honore. Pl. 67 cr. 13.*
- Lewis, Welsh, a lion, rampant, sejant, ar. *Pl. 60, cr. 4,* (without a spear.)
- Lewis, Dorsetshire and Somersetshire, an antelope's head, erased, sa., maned, tufted, and ducally gorged or. *Pl. 24, cr. 7,* (gorging, *same plate, cr. 10*)
- Lewis, Kent, an ermine, passant, ppr. *Pl. 9, cr. 5.*
- Lewis, Kent, a demi-beaver, ppr. *Pl. 9, cr. 9.*
- Lewis, Essex, Hertfordshire and Yorkshire, out of a ducal coronet, or, a plume of five ostrich feathers, ar. *Pl. 100, cr. 12,* (without charge.)
- Lewis, LEWIS, Esq., of Gwinfe, Carmarthen, a demi-griffin, segreant or. *Facta, non verba. Pl. 18, cr. 6.*
- Lewis, Welsh, a buck, trippant. *Pl. 68, cr. 2.*
- Lewis, Welsh, an eagle's head, erased, or. *Pl. 20, cr. 7.*
- Lewis, Hampton Welsh, 1 For Lewis, a Cornish chough, ppr., in dexter a fleur-de-lis, az. *Pl. 100, cr. 13,* (fleur-de-lis, *Pl. 141.*) 2. For Hampton, a wyvern, amidst bulrushes, ppr. *Pl. 63, cr. 13,* (rushes, *Pl. 124, cr. 1.*)

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**Letters.**

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REV. J. W. LEWIS, Middletown, Conn., inclosed copy of his records

Book 21. Father and I visited his old home in Herkimer, N. Y., last fall where we looked up our relatives and family history. I will send you results soon.

SETH LEWIS, Pres. of League; Secy. No. 2., Ulysses, Pa., inclosed money order for addition to club.

C. L. LEWIS Atty., Winchester, Ind., there are four Lewis families here. My family came from Randolph-co., N. C., in 1810. It is a tradition, 5 brothers emigrated from Eng. about 1700. Correspondence is desired with any one having information.

MRS. CHARLES COOKE, Fort Plain, N. Y., remits for copy of Lewis paper.

HON. N. B. LEWIS, Pine Hill, R. I., inclosed copy for chapter of his Book 14, will see what I can do to have a Lewis Association in Southern Rhode Island. Inclosed order for addition to club. I will be another of *ten* to pay for republication of Vol. 1, LEWIS LETTER.

J. M. LEWIS, assistant ticket agent, Hartford, Conn., belongs to Book 13, sends renewal for Vol. 2. I take a lively interest in the Lewis cause. There is a Lewis in Bridgeport, who has traced his branch back to England, whose address I will forward.

MRS. H. E. LEWIS, Oxford, N. Y., Book 11, has been busy moving but renews her subscription.

EDNA LEWIS BRIGGS, Waterford, N. Y., Book 8, has been too sick to think of anything but herself.

R. H. COOKE, Pittsfield, Mass., adds to his club. Is in correspondence with editor of Book 24.

FANNY LEWIS MARSHALL, Greenwich, N. Y., the Lewises enjoy being together, the best of any race I ever knew. The LEWIS LETTER is now on my table. I like it better and better. It is splendid.

LUCY A. BRAINARD, Hartford, Conn., would like record of Lewis and Brainard intermarriages. There is a Lewis High School at Southington, Conn.

J. W. LEWIS, Buffalo, N. Y., Historian Association No. 3, thinks our Jan. paper quite an improvement on former numbers: will send more subscribers and copy for the LETTER.

EMELINE LEWIS MAXSON CLAWSON Farina, Ills, is 71 years of age, and a niece of Edna Lewis Briggs, Book 8. I must have our Lewis paper. I hope I am in time for Jan. number.

NARCISSA LEWIS, Blue Springs, Mo., am a sister of C. L. Lewis atty. Winchester, Ind., who has been ill three weeks. Find postal note for my club.

#### Lewis P. O.

The Post Office at Lewis, Essex Co., New York, was established Sept. 29, 1818, with George Steele as postmaster.

The following are the postmasters appointed since with date of Appt.

1. George Steele, 29 Sept., 1818.
2. Jonathan Steele, 22 Dec., 1820.
3. David Sikes, 18 Dec., 1822.
4. Squire Hinckley, 7 Sept., 1829.
5. George S. Nicholson, 30 June, 1841.
6. Lewis Sherman, 14 Aug., 1843.
7. George E. Scott, 28 April, 1848.
8. Alanson Wilder, 28 April, 1849.

9. James M. Bowman, 8 Oct. 1853.
10. William Thompson, 12 Jan. 1854.
11. Miss Sylvia S. Lee, 21 March, 1861.
12. Arthur T. Derby, 1 May, 1882.
13. Arthur M. Norton, 7 Jan., 1886.

Who will tell us why this office was named Lewis?

#### Lewis—Brainard Fragment.

##### No. 3.

By M. S. LEWIS, 82 PARADE-ST., PROVIDENCE, R. I.

1. Rev. Judah Lewis, of Colchester, was son of Thomas, born, June 6, 1703; m. (1st) Sarah Kellogg, Feby. 28, 1728. He m. (2nd) Mercy Kellogg. He was one of the original proprietors of the Second Parish, now Westchester Society; d. April 15, 1739.  
Rev. Judah (1) and Sarah Kellogg Lewis had 1 child:
2. I. Sarah, who m. JOSEPH CROCKER.  
Rev. Judah (1) and Mercy (Kellogg) Lewis had 3 children:
3. II. Ephraim, d. Springfield, Vt.
4. III. Judah m. Sarah Brainard, Feby. 4, 1762.
5. IV. Lydia, whose names are found in his will, dated March 31, 1739. Hartford Probate Court Records  
Ephraim, (3) m and had one son:
6. I. Samuel lived in 1857 in S. Vt. Judah (4) and Sarah Brainard had 2 children:
7. I. Oap. Judah m. and had a dau. d. in army Feby., 1777, aged 25 years; buried Lebanon, Ct.
8. II. Benjamin. died S. P.

**My Overland Excursion.**By **W. D. Lewis, Whitney's Point, N. Y.**

CHAPTER II.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 21, 1887.

I can scarcely realize that I am so far away from home. I have slept well, and have not experienced the fatigue I had expected. I feel better and stronger than when I started. To-day I visited the capitol and ascended to the dome where I had a fine view of this city and its environs. In one yard I have seen the orange and lemon trees loaded with their golden fruit the stately palm and other tropical trees and plants; and heard the birds singing merrily in the exuberant foliage.

This city must be the "Florence" of this golden state, which if once seen will be appreciated. I do not wonder now that the eastern tourist is elated when he first beholds these tropical scenes and inhales such fragrance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20, 1887.

I arrived here this morning. I did not tarry long at the capital. I left there Thursday and went to Lodi, more than half way to Stockton. From Lodi I took the train and went 22 miles directly east to Burson where lives a brother of W. N. Benedict, of Lisle. Burson is a new town in the foot hills which remind me of the hills about my native town. I met with a warm reception and enjoyed the hospitalities of their cheerful and comfortable home from Thursday until the next Tuesday. While at Burson I visited localities once famous for gold mines. I saw the miners with hand rockers, and where on a larger scale, they were using a stream of water under heavy pressure to remove the dirt, all after the one thing—gold! I saw where mountains had been thus washed away and acres of ground dug over for that precious metal with large returns.

This section is in a belt peculiarly adapted to vines, trees and fruits, but not yet sufficiently developed to be generally known as such. I saw fine specimens of vines and trees recently set which show a marvelous growth. There is a ranch here of 875 acres, of which 185 acres are bottom land suited for alfalfa which produces three crops of hay averaging five tons per acre and sells for nine dollars a ton; the uplands of this ranch are gently sloping and perfectly adapted to fruits or grazing. It is the only one producing alfalfa for sale and can be bought for \$40 per acre, I think this is a bargain, for with the immense immigration it must sell for \$100 within five years.

While I bask in the sun, and pick flowers and pick and eat oranges from the trees laden with golden beauties, rich and juicy, and read of your eastern blizzards, I know this is the country for me.

Leaving Burson yesterday morning I arrived in Stockton for dinner where I expected to remain for a few days, but owing to the heavy rains I took the 4 o'clock boat for this city. I took a state room and retired early. The wind and waves were running high as we left and when at two o'clock I awoke there was a gale and high sea. I looked out on the uneasy waters of the bay which with the pitching and rocking of our boat reminded me of the old song, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep." I returned to my berth and was soon rocked to sleep. I was not sea sick although many on board were. We arrived at the dock before daylight. I arose at 8—in your time 11:30—and started for my hotel.

This is the place to make a home where the cold, bleak winters and oppressive heat of summer will be lost in perpetual sunshine and the cool breezes of this golden shore.

My hotel—the palace—occupies a whole block and is seven stories high. The court in the center is covered by a glass dome, and has balconies inclosed with glass at each flat and extending entirely around it. Among the other leading hotels are the Occidental, Lack, Bald in, Russ and Grand.

The people of this charming city are noticeably peculiar in that they seem to live in the hotel, boarding house or cafe. It may be said with a mental reservation there are no homes here.

We are having the rainy season; one moment it will rain and the next the sun will shine in all his glory. On Wednesday I crossed the bay to Oakland. When I started the skies were brightening but on the way the clouds brought rain which soon turned to snow, a thing which has only happened once before in ten years. The small boy was in his element, and took possession of the street car platforms and pelted the gripmen and conductors with snowballs. The snow did not stay long but the rain poured during the afternoon. Oakland is a city of homes. Its beauty is not so much in the buildings, as it is in the large, well kept lawns filled with tropical trees and flowers. Here and there may be seen novel and pretty styles of architecture but there is an absence of those massive stone residences one sees in New York or Chicago. The steam cars (by some arrangement with the city when the right of way was secured) carry passengers free from station to station on its line in and through the city. As is usual with such corporations, this seeming

generosity is more than made by a charge of 25 cents ferriage across the bay. I have never seen a place where a few hours of sun would make one forget the rain as in this state. Last night there was some frost which does not seem to effect the flowers and lillies. This afternoon I visited the artificial ice factory. The ice chamber is about 60 feet square and perhaps 30 feet high. This room is filled with perpendicular gas pipes placed about two feet apart, and through which ammonia gas is forced to make them freezing cold. A spray of water is thrown on these cold pipes which is immediately frozen and as the water is applied the ice is formed until a cylinder of ice is made 3 feet in diameter and about 30 feet high.

## CHAPTER III.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 1, 1858.

This is the third Sunday since I left home, and I have just returned from service in a pretty Episcopal church, where I heard its two choirs (both unseen and one joining in the refrain) which made delightful music.

The temperature this rainy New Years day reminds me of June weather at home. Last Friday I visited that part of the city where are situated the palatial residences of Ex-Gov. Stanford, Messrs. Hopkins, Flood, O'Brien and others; and on Saturday I visited the Golden Gate Park and beach where I saw innumerable seals, some clambering up the rocks and others fishing. I saw the spot where a few years ago the boat laden with powder went ashore and exploded, damaging the Cliff House and badly scaring everyone in that vicinity.

Sutro Heights is the private residence and grounds of Sutro, filled with statuary and tropical flowers and fruits. One must see to appreciate the beauties of the place or the magnificent views from the battlements of his castle. It is claimed here that this city has a population of 400,000 and to me it seems most like eastern cities of any I have seen since leaving Chicago.

I am satisfied that the central and northern part of this state is the place to invest for a rapid advance in values. Lands in the great valleys are valued at \$100 to \$500 per acre; but along the lines of new railroads and adjacent thereto lands can be pur-

chased at \$10 to \$50 per acre. I shall go south only long enough to see some of the most noted places.

Here and now we see, the orange trees with their golden fruit, the palm trees waving, the green grass growing and the lilies blooming; while with you cold winter makes you shiver, the house creak and the coal bins grow empty.

It is a fact that all the fruit of the south of this state are grown 200 miles north of here and multitudes of people from every point of the compass are enquiring for land.

The rains of the past week seem to cheer the hearts of all residents as it is an assurance that this year will be a prosperous one. The northern half of this state is more healthy than in the southern section, because in the south with its system of irrigation the earth is filled with water at the surface, and the hot, rainless summers and cloudless skies produce malaria and ague.

It does seem that anyone coming here with moderate means or large, can realize rapid advance upon judicious investments. So far I am charmed with the climate, delighted with the surroundings and hope to make a permanent home in this land of sunshine and flowers.

Jan 9, 1858.

I have called on our cousin, Mrs. Bishop, and her mother, Mrs. Weaver, in Oakland; after which I went to the store of our old friend, John Agard, and made myself known, and received a hearty welcome. I accepted his warm invitation and dined with him the next day—Sunday. He has grown quite stout, likes the country and is doing a thriving business. He and his good wife entertain right royally.

I leave to-day for a northern trip and will write you next from Sonoma.

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## CHAPTER IV.

SONOMA, Cal., Jan. 16, 1888.

I came here a week since and like this valley very much. We are 40 miles from San Francisco, and on a railroad. Another one will be completed this season and give an all rail route to the metropolis and direct line east, which will increase the value of land in this section. I find two places for sale which are considered (by the seller) to be great bargains, and perhaps they are one of 15 acres is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from town, on the main street and can be purchased for \$140 an acre. The other is 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from town and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from station, valued at \$100 an acre.

The old people say this is the coldest winter they have ever known here.

It seems to me like days in September, clear and sunny with frosty nights. The thermometer registers from 22 to 30 degrees above zero early in the morning. Money here is worth 8 and 10 per cent. I will leave here to-day for Santa Rosa 22 miles away where I will remain a few days and then work my way back to the city (S. F.) and proceed to Los Angeles and San Diego by way of San Jose. I do not think I will like the south country for the reasons already given and because the land there is held so far above its true value. Carpenters here receive three and four dollars a day. I am told that a year ago the grass was five inches high and cattle doing well, but now the stock is suffering; there is no grass and no one provides fodder.

As I look up from my writing in the hotel parlors, the pictures "Wide Awake" and "Fast Asleep" greet me. I have met very pleasant people here, some having come from the city (S. F.) and many hailing from my native state.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Jan. 19th, 1888.

This place with its six thousand inhabitants, is about 60 miles north of San Francisco; is the county seat of Sonoma Co. and situated on the east side of a valley ten

miles wide. Monday afternoon I took the stage at Sonoma where I had spent a week, and reached here after a ride of 22 miles through a fertile valley in which ranches of two and four thousand acres are common and valued at one hundred to two hundred thousand dollars. On the evening of my arrival I met at my hotel Mr. Damon, a gentleman who had come from Boston, Mass. to seek a home. Together we have visited the surrounding country which is well settled although there is no town within 15 miles; and estimated the probabilities of this town and its coming boom. We saw one farm of 80 acres four miles away owned by a New Yorker who would sell for about \$7,500. This tract faces on two roads; is level; has wood enough for several years use; buildings not very good; but may be subdivided into four 20 acre parcels in fine shape for orchards. There is another place of 30 acres two miles out on College Ave which can be bought for \$225 an acre. It has grape vines and an orchard but no buildings. It is fine level land on a level road. We are quite taken with it. My friend, Mr. D., tells me he has just given the southern country a thorough canvass, and aside from the San Jose valley, where land is worth from three to ten hundred dollars an acre, and which valley is about as far south as we are north of San Francisco, that this section is far ahead. I liked Sonoma, but this being the county capital and a good sized growing place, with fine schools, churches, Court House, electric lights and waterworks all paid for, gives it a decided advantage.

In pronouncing names here: a is ah i=e; e=a; j=h or w (e. g.) San Juan=San Wan.

## CHAPTER V.

SANTA ROSA, Cal. Jan. 25, 1888.

The Sonoma, a beautiful valley 30 miles long and from 4 to 12 miles wide, has many native oaks and large orchards and vineyards. Pears, peaches and French prunes grow in perfection. One day the land agent took me in his carriage and drove over his mountain ranch where he had made 10

miles of road, winding here and there, around and up the hillsides, passing a fine vineyard, and further up the slope we saw a grove of olive trees (a specialty with him); then passing on we saw the prune, orange, peach and English walnut trees; and scattered here and there we saw the green bay tree ornamenting the landscape. In returning he drove over the crest of the mountain on his place, where we had a magnificent view of the town and valley below and before us. I find most people coming here desire small tracts of 15 to 20 acres each, while the land for sale is in larger parcels; to buy these, subdivide and sell, proves very remunerative. Two persons from the East have purchased homes here the past week. I have seen pumpkins weighing 200 pounds, beets from 2 to 4 feet long, cucumbers 3 feet long, strawberries so large that one filled a sauce dish, pears 8 inches long and 18 in circumference, and squashes one of which would last a family for months.

To be sure we cannot expect perfection anywhere, but where sleep is refreshing; where pleasant weather rules; where good water is plenty; where 10 acres will net as much profit as 200 acres east; where everything to tempt the palate or please the eye, and strawberries can be had nine months in the year; and where health and comfort prevail, what more can reasonable mortals demand?

SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 10, 1898.

Santa Clara county and valley of which this city of 20,000 souls is the county seat, is south of San Francisco and has an advantage over the Sonoma valley in that, like the N. Y. Central to N. Y. city we have a direct, all rail route to S. F. without ferryage. It is characteristic of the valleys near the coast, that they seem hemmed in by the mountains known as the coast ranges, which have an altitude of 4,500 feet.

From the Court House this section seemed like a large park, a very garden of "Eden" with its trees, including the apple, of which delicious fruit the ladies may freely eat and grow healthy and stout. In this climate we

get the essence of perfection, distilled for the enjoyment of all who seek its balm, by the cool sea breeze coming through the Golden Gate with a rush, making San Francisco disagreeable in July and August, spreads over the bay, strikes the mountains and is turned up and down the great coast valleys agreeably tempering the summers' heat. The great inland valleys of the Sacramento and San Joaquin are not thus favored with a sea breeze and the thermometer marks from 106 to 120 degrees in the shade. In this valley are grown to perfection, wheat, corn, hay, potatoes, pears, peaches, apricots, prunes, raisins, figs, plums, pomegranates, oranges, lemons, limes and olives, giving a good profit of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per acre. Is it any wonder then that land is worth \$150 to \$600 per acre? The inland valleys are mostly given up to growing wheat which is not as profitable as fruits. It is now only about a year since an eastern market for fruits has become an established fact which insures an outlet and for good prices. This is indeed the land of milk and honey, with plenty of honey; and therefore there is no cheap land here, and a poor place for anyone to come without money. I am safe in saying I have driven 500 miles in this state and one-fifth of that in this valley.

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