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BOOK I.

RANDALL LEWIS, Hopkinton,
R. I.

CHAPTER XV.

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

DeEtta Lewis (28) m. Whitney's Point, N. Y., April 30, 1879 by Rev. B. T. Davies, Baptist clergyman, RACINE HALL BUSH, son of George Washington and Sophia Spencer Bush, b. Nanticoke, N. Y. June 7, 1853. He is a farmer and Republican.

Albert Clinton Lewis (30) m. Castle Creek, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1883, by Rev. David Personens, M. E. clergyman, Lillis Albertine Hibbard, dau. DeLoss and Eunice Hazard Hibbard b. Willett, N. Y., Mch. 15, 1865.

Sylvia Lewis (12) and ISRAEL JOHNSON STEBBINS had 8 children:

67.I. Geo. Washington b., Bridgewater, Pa., Sept. 27, 1818; m. Sept. 1, 1841, at Meshoppen,

Pa., by Rev. Wm. Rounds, Mary Gay, dau. George and Alpha Blackmer Gay.

68.II. Harriett, b., B. Pa. Nov. 11, 1820; m. (1) Jany. 13, 1841, by Rev. Worden, Baptist clergyman, John Bierdslee Sutton, son Mark and Martha Bierdslee Sutton, b. Bergen, N. J., Jany 13, 1815; d. of rheumatism, Gardner, Ills., June 20, 1871. He was a farmer, Republican and Presbyterian. She m. (2) at Paxton, Ills., Feby. 20, 1879, by Rev. — Musgrave, Samuel Hester, b. Columbia, O., —, 1813. He is a farmer, Methodist, Republican.

BOOK XII.

WILLIAM LEWIS, Ship Lion,
1632.

CHAPTER XIV.

By SETH LEWIS, ULYSSES, PA.,
ASSISTED BY R. H. COOKE, PITTS-
FIELD, MASS.

(FROM PAGE 51.)

Children of Capt. Jonathan and Elizabeth (Newell) Lewis (See page 45.)

188.I. Adonijah, b., July 12, 1722, d. Dec. 22, 1799, m. by Rev. B. Chapman, July 31, 1760, Mary Bronson, b. Feb. 8, 1742, d. Feb. 8, 1790, dau. of James and Hannah (Peck) Bronson of Southington.

189.II. William, See page 29, to which add that his 1st marriage was Oct. 1, 1767, Hannah Mather was born Jan. 25, 1745, d. Feb. 15, 1773 dau. of Joshua and Hannah (Booth) Mather. He m. 2nd, Oct. 20,

1774, Azuba Gridley, b. 1749, d. 1836.

Children of Caleb and Sarah (Curtis Cook) Lewis. He is mentioned on p. 22. (Ebenezer, William, William.) All born in Wallingford, Ct.

190.I. Ichabod, b. April 13, 1714, d. March 1, 1718.

191.II. Caleb, b. Feb. 28, 1717, m. Jan. 10, 1736, Eunice Welton.

192.III. Ichabod, b. 1716, m. 1st, 1777, Sarah —, m. 2nd Esther. She was burned to death 1812.

193.IV. Ebenezer, b. April 14, 1715, d. Goshen, Apr. 16, 1776, m. June 12, 1735, Sarah Everett, b. Guilford, Ct., July 1716, d. Goshen, Ct., Apr. 16, 1776. He rem. to Bethlehem, Ct., thence to Goshen, Ct.

194.V. Hezakah, b. Oct. 14, 1720, m. April 25, 1744, Abigail Chamberlain.

Children of Barnabas and Elizabeth Lewis (Ebenezer, William, William.)

195.I. Lucy, b. March 23, 1724, Wallingford, Ct.

196.II. Lois, b. May 26, 1728.

Children of Dr. Benjamin (b. 1701,) and Esther (Matthews) Lewis All b. Wallingford.

197.I. Bela, b. Sept. 28, 1724.

198.II. Bela, b. Jan. 10, 1725, m. Abigail —

199.III. Elizabeth, b. March 6, 1727, m. Dec. 9, 1746, Cornelius Johnson.

200.IV. Benjamin, b. Jan. 11, 1728, m. April 3, 1773, Mary Malthe.

201.V. Barnabas, b. Aug. 17, 1733,

m. Feb. 24, 1762, Rachel Curtis.

202.VI. Jesse, b. Jan. 29, 1734.

203.VII. Caleb, b. May, 22, 1736, m. March 13, 1748-9, Lucy Holt.

204.VIII. Samuel, b. March 8, 1741.

205.IX. Esther, b. Oct. 23, 1738, m. Feb. 1, 1759, Nathaniel Douglas.

206.X. Mary b. Oct. 10, 1743.

207.XI. Mary b. June 11, 1747, m. Nov. 20, 1764, Titus Doolittle, b. Wallingford, June 12, 1745, d. Westfield, Mass. Nov. 23, 1818, son of John and Hannah Doolittle. Rem. to Westfield, 1711.

208.XII. Levi, b. Oct. 19, 1750.

209.XIII. Levi b. Oct. 19, 1751.

210.XIV. Lucy b. March 23, 1754, m. Zebulon Frisbie.

Children of Nathaniel Lewis b. 1703 (Nathaniel, William, William) b. Farmington or New Hartford, Conn.

211.I. Phineas, b. April 11, 1722, m. — Norton. Lived in Farmington, Ct.

212.II. Lydia.

213.III. Justus, — m. Mary —. He was at New Hartford, 1781.

214.IV. Hannah, —, m. — Stevens of Farmington.

215.V. Charles, — d. abt 1778, m. Rhoda —. Lived Barkhamsted, Ct.

216.VI. Thankful, — d. before 1760.

217.VII. Ruth, —, m. John Stanley, of Hartford.

218.VIII. Oliver, —, d. before 1760.

Child of Noadiah Lewis, b. 1703

(Nathaniel, William, William.)
 219. I. Noadiah, b. (Hadley M.?)
 Nov. 24, 1736, m. 1759, Irene
 Clapp, b. 1741, d. Aug. 10,
 1830 dau. of Preserved Clapp,
 of Amherst, Mass. He lived
 at Amherst.

CHAPTER XV.

DIED.

LEWIS.—At his home in Coudersport, Pa., May 13, 1888, of pneumonia, Erastus D. Lewis, in the 55th year of his age.

The deceased was the oldest son of Orange A. and M. Lavinia Lewis born Aug. 18, 1833, at Ulysses, Pa. He lived on the old farm, where he was born till about 1870, when he removed to Coudersport, Pa. A very serious wound in one foot when he was a boy rendered him unfit for military service and he remained at home during the late war while his father was in the army and after the death of the latter maintained a home for his widowed mother. He never married, but remained through life a most affectionate and devoted son.

The following notice is copied from the *Potter County Journal* of May 17, 1888.

ERASTUS D. LEWIS DEAD.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Erastus D. Lewis, of this place, which occurred last Sunday morning. His death was caused by Pneumonia. The deceased was, probably, one of the most widely known men in Pot-

ter County. For fifteen or twenty years he rode the county more or less each year, as Deputy Sheriff and for the last six years he has served the county as Register and Recorder, his second term ending the first of last January. He was a very accommodating official, a good citizen, of unswerving integrity, possessing the unbounded confidence of the business community, and the respect and esteem of every one who knew him. His loss will be felt by the whole community. His remains were taken to Lewisville for burial, and were accompanied by a large number of the business men of Coudersport.

Mrs. M. Lavinia Lewis, of Coudersport, Pa., the venerable President of Lewis Association No. 2, now in her 83d year, who has been dangerously ill for over three months is now much better. The death, last month, of her son, Erastus D. Lewis, who had so long been the stay of her declining years, proved nearly fatal to her, but with characteristic hopefulness and vigor she has rallied and hopes are now entertained of her ultimate recovery.

BOOK XIII.

JOHN LEWIS, Ship Hercules,
 1635.

CHAPTER XIII.

By R. H. COOKE, PITTSFIELD, MASS.

(FROM PAGE 52.)

Children of E. Hannibal and
 Corintha (121 Owen) Hanchett, of
 Suffield (East Granby) Conn.

149.I. Leander Joab, b. Aug. 1842; d. Sept. 19, 1843.

150.II. Ceriton Hannibal b. Jan. 26, 1845; m. Sept. 28, 1870, Oelia M. Clark, b. Aug. 17, 1847; d. Nov. 13, 1884, dau. of Henry and Mary Benson Clark of Pittsfield, Mass. Resides at (East Granby) Suffield, Conn.

151.III. Emily Corinthia, b. July 2, 1847; m. Sep. 27, 1870, Andrew F. Sheldon, b. Aug. 17, 1842, d. May 19, 1874; son of Francis and Sophia (Pomeroy) Sheldon, of Suffield. Resides at the homestead in Suffield with her father.

Children of Milton (122) and Jennette (Barnard) Owen, of Suffield, Conn.

152.I. Charles Milton, b. Feb. 19, 1827, m. Jane Holmes, b. Apr. 7, 1844. Is a farmer at E. Granby.

153.II. Lydia Lewis, b. July 3, 1829, m. Nov. 22, 1855, Richard Gay b. Feb. 5, 1825, son of Apollos and Lucy (Pease) Gay, of Suffield. Is a farmer at Cromwell, Conn.

154.III. John Barnard b. Jan. 26, 1832, m. Emily W. Holcomb, b. May 25, 1835, dau. of Charles and Minerva (Smith) Holcomb, of Granby. Is a railroad claim agent.

155.IV. Jennette Dorothy, b. Sept. 5, 1835, m. Mar. 23, 1859, George L. Crane, b. Aug. 27, 1831, son of Amos L. and Fannie (Lewis) Crane of Suffield.

Children of Horatio King, and

Mary (123 Owen) Nelson of Suffield.

156.I. Clinton Horatio b. July 17, 1835, m. (1st) Dec 18, 1861, Cornelia E. Sheldon, b. Mar. 8, 1836, d. Nov. 13, 1866 dau. of Francis and Cornelia (Pomeroy) Sheldon of Suffield. He m 2nd, Nov. 5, 1873, Mary H. Dewey, b. Aug. 5, 1846 dau. of William and Eunice (Cooley) Dewey, of Granby, Conn. Lives Suffield, Conn.

157.II. Helen M. b. Aug. 6, 1837, m. Dec. 15, 1858, Charles C. Sheldon, b. May 1, 1834, son of Gad and Lucinda (Chandler) Sheldon. Resides Suffield Conn.

158.III. Mary L. b. May 7, 1846 d. Jan. 3, 1885, m. May 28, 1866, George L. Pomeroy, b. Jan. 1843, d. Jan. 5, 1875, son of Eda Pomeroy. She m. 2nd June 12, 1879, Arthur P. Pomeroy, b. Oct. 13, 1852, son of Henry and — (Reed) Pomeroy, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Children of Charles and Mary Jane (124 Lewis) Cooke of Winsted, Conn., and Fort Plain, N. Y.

159.I. Jane Elizabeth, b. 1838, d. June, 1842.

160.II. Rollin Hillyer, b. Winsted, Ct., Aug. 24, 1843, m. 1st June 1866, Mary Annelia Graves b. Oct. 11, 1843, d. Oct. 21, 1868, dau. of Jackson J. and Eliza (Giddings) Graves of New Milford, Conn. He m. 2nd April 16, 1873, Rose Terry, b. Feb. 17, 1827, dau. of Henry Wadsworth and Anne (Hurlbut) Terry, of Hartford, Conn. Is now a banker at Pittsfield, Mass.

BOOK XIV.

JOHN LEWIS, Westerly, R. I.

CHAPTER XXIV.

BY LADD J. LEWIS, NASHVILLE,
Tenn.

(FROM PAGE 54.)

Moses (182) was my grandfather. He was born at Lewis city, in Exeter, R. I. Sept. 20, 1779. As will be seen from the following which is a copy of the records of Exeter, R. I., on Nov. 18th, 1804 he married Eleanor Ladd daughter of John and Sarah (Barber) Ladd.

"these may *Certify* that Moses Lewis son of Jonathan Lewis Jr. of Exeter & *Elinor* Ladd *Daughter* of John Ladd of West Greenwich have appeared *Before* me & have *Been Lawfully* published and married according to the *Laws* of this State this 18th day of November A. D. 1804 by me Ellet Lock Elder"

They lived from that time until 1818 in Exeter but not all the time at Lewis city for that year he sold his farm which was about three miles southwest from there and about half way between Wood river and Beach pond on the old "Ten Rod Road" and described as follows: "A certain farm containing 80 acres more or less with dwellings etc., etc. Consideration \$1200, paid by Job Kenyon of Exeter, Dated Feby. 11, 1818. Witness—Jesse Lewis (188), Peleg Lewis (191), Moses Lewis (seal), Ellanor Lewis (seal). The summer of 1818 he and his wife and their children, accompanied by his brother Peleg (191) and wife who was Dorcas Ladd (and sister of his wife) left Exeter in a covered wagon made by

himself (which was drawn by three horses) for Orangeville, Wyoming-Co., New York, where they arrived early in November and settled in that part of the town known as Cobble Hill and where they lived almost continuously till his death. He was small of stature and in Exeter was known as "little Moses" to designate him from his cousin Moses (147). He was a quiet unassuming man, honest in all his dealings and he lived a life of the sincerest piety—In religion a Baptist in politics a Whig and Republican—He died Sept. 25, 1860, with a firm faith in Christ as his redeemer and before dying he chose the 23rd Psalm as the text for his funeral sermon. He was buried at Orangeville Center, in the town where he lived nearly 42 years—His wife was his half cousin (see chapter 20, Nos. 140 and 145) and was born Mch. 24, 1784 and died Feby. 18, 1871 and was buried beside her husband.

Their children were as follows:

- 192.I. Isaac, b. Sept. 23, 1805, in Exeter, d. Feby. 17, 1887, in Orangeville.
- 193.II. Beda, b. Aug. 13, 1808, d. Sept. 20, 1873, in Orangeville.
- 194.III. John Ladd, b. May 1, 1811, in Exeter.
- 195.IV. Sarah, b. Oct 13, 1812, in Exeter, d. Oct. 13 1813, in Exeter
- 196.V. Jonathan, b. Aug. 25, 1814.
- 197.VI. Moses, Jr. b. June 21, 1817, in Exeter.
- 198.VII. Josiah Barber, b. Jan. 9, 1820, in Orangeville, d. Aug. 25, 1823 in O.
- 199.VIII. Asahel Hawkins, b. Nov. 27, 1821, in Orangeville, d. Aug. 3, 1847, in O. unmar-

ried.

200.IX. Eleanor Delana, b. Feby. 13, 1824, in Orangeville, d. July 17, 1825, in O.

201.X. Daniel Ladd, b. June 18, 1828, in Orangeville, d. Oct. 30, 1836, in O.

John L. (194), Jonathan (196), and Moses, Jr. (197) are now living in Orangeville, N. Y., and P. O. address is Johnsonsburgh.

CHAPTER XXV.

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

According to the will of John Lewis (137), he gave to his wife Mary "all the moveable property that she Brought to me," and "the Proffits of One Third part of my homestead farm and Grist mill during her natureal life."

To son Benj. "my gun powder horn, shot pouch, etc., ox cart, first choice of sickels" and "one-half of my Carpenters Tools.

To son John Junr, "one dollar" * * * "and his second Choice of my Sickles as he has heretofore Received his portion of my estate."

To daughters Sabra Brayton and Amey Potter—one dollar each.

To grandson Albert Tanner, "Thirty Dollars to be put at interest and paid him when he arrives at the age of Twenty one or the day of his marriage."

To daughters Lydia Lewis and Melinda Lewis, balance of "household furnature and indoor moveables," also "two Cows apiece." To dau. Lydia "the privilege of Living in my Dwelling house and making it lter home untill she gets married." Melinda to have the same privilege and to "be Brought up and

Scooled out of the proffits of my estate."

To son Eason "all my homestead farm—with a Dwelling house, Corn house, Barn and Grist mill," also "the Freebody lot," also, "a lot that I Bought of George Rice, and so much of a Lot of Land adjoining my homestead farm that I Bought of the estate of William Bates as shall be left after my Just Debts and Legacies shall be paid." Also "all my farming utentials and Carpenters tools not herein before given away."

He also makes provision for the schooling and support of his son Eason and daughter Melinda.

Lydia (180) was born Jany. 2, 1791, instead of Jany. 11.

Anna Lewis (20) b. Westerly, Jan. 6, 1691, m. Apr. 18, 1711, in W. William Ross, son of William and Hannah Ross of Westerly.

Children:

202.I. Jemima, b. W. March 14, 1712.

203.II. William, b. W. Aug. 3, 1715.

204.III. Thomas, b. W. Sept. 11, 1719.

205.IV. Isaac, b. W. April 5, 1722.

206.V. Ann, b. W. Jan. 21, 1726.

207.VI. Hannah, b. W. Oct. 14, 1727.

208.VII. Peleg, b. W. Sept. 9, 1733.

Peleg Ross (208) of W. m. Dec. 10, 1755 at W., Hannah Lewis () of W. by Joseph Crandall, J. P. Children b. in W.

209.I. Mary, b. Aug. 1, 1756, m. Benj. Hall.

210.II. Peleg, b. Oct 17, 1758, m. (1st) Thankful Bliven, (2nd) Mary Babcock.

211.III. Libbeus, b. March 29, 1761.

212.IV. Thomas, b. Aug. 29, 1763.

213.V. Amie, b. Jan. 14, 1766.

214.VI. Abijah, b. July 4, 1768.

215.VII. Hannah, b. Oct. 24, 1770.

216.VIII. Annie, b. March 10, 1773.

217.IX. Wm. Lewis, b. Nov. 9, 1775, m. Nancy Pearce, of Bangor, Me. in W., Feb. 24, 1801, by Eld. Abram Coon.

218.X. Benjamin, b. — 1778.

219.XI. Ezekiel, b. — 1781.

Thos. Ross, (212) b. 1763, Aug. 29, m. 1st March 28, 1784, Elizabeth Lewis () dan. of James, b. Nov. 3, 1764., d. Dec. 26, 1790, (2nd) May 1792, Mary Love, b. in Coventry, R. I., Sept. 20, 1774.

Children by 1st wife.

220.I. James Lewis, b. Feb. 13, 1786, d. Sept. 28, 1844.

221.II. Martha, b. Feb. 18, 1789.

John Lewis (97) m. Abigail Austin, dan. of Stephen and Mary (Fish) Austin, b. Aug. 25, 1733.

BOOK XXIV.

GEORGE LEWIS, 1630.

CHAPTER VII.

(FROM PAGE 55.)

BY GEORGE LEWIS, HINGHAM CENTRE, MASS.

^{AA} Joseph Lewis, son of James (6) was born at Barnstable, in July, 1676. He settled in Hingham, Mass. and married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Marsh of Hingham (and grand daughter of George Marsh, one of the first settlers of Hingham, and ancestor of most of the name in New England) Feb. 3d, 1703. Children :

105.I. Sarah, b. Dec. 1703, m. Elisha Lincoln, of Cohasset, Jan 16th, 1724, and had a large family.

106.II. Joseph, b. Nov. 1st, 1705, graduated at Harvard College and was a merchant in Boston.

107.III. Thomas, b. Sept. 30th, 1707. Graduated at Harvard College, and m. Mary Lawson, in 1736.

108.IV. Paul, b. Mar. 25th, 1710, m. Hannah Viney.

109.V. James, b. Sept. 29th, 1712, was a school teacher, settled at Marshfield, m. a Rogers.

110.VI. Jonathan, b. Dec. 3d, 1714, m. Lydia Stodder.

111.VII. Mary b. Sept. 6th, 1716, m. Knight Sprague.

Sarah (Marsh) Lewis, died Jan. 5th, 1717, and Joseph for 2nd wife, m. widow Elizabeth Dixon, widow of Dr. John Dixon, and daughter of George Vickery, of Hull, Mass., July 16th, 1718.

112.VIII. Elizabeth, b. July 14th, 1719, who m. Ezra Pitcher, in 1744.

113.IX. George, b. July 23d, 1721, m. Susannah Hall.

114.X. Hannah, b. May 24th, 1723, d. Aug. 17th following.

115.XI. Samuel, b. June 28th, 1724, d. Aug. 17th, 1724.

116.XII. Samuel, b. Oct. 28th, 1725, m. Sarah Humphrey.

117.XIII. Israel, b. April 19th, 1727, d. July 31st, 1727.

118.XIV. Ebenezer, b. July 21st, 1728, m. Hannah Hersey.

119.XV. Lucy, b., Oct. 23d, 1730, d. unmarried.

120.XVI. Hannah, b. Dec. 3d, 1731, d. unmarried.

121.XVII. Eunice, b. May 11th,

1736, d. 1744.

Elizabeth (Vickery) Lewis died Aug. 30th, 1737, aged 41 years. Joseph (44) died at Hingham, Aug. 22d, 1767, in the 92d year of his age. The house of Joseph where his children were born, still stands on South-st., West Hingham, and is owned by George Lewis Gill of Quincy, Mass., who is a descendant of Joseph (44).

Joseph (44) owned a large tract of land at West Hingham. He owned several vessels, and had a wharf on Weymouth Back river (which flows into Boston Harbor) on land of his at a place called Hockley; and sent lumber and produce to Barbadoes. He sent three sons to Harvard, viz: Joseph, Thomas and James. His grave lies just back of the "Old Meeting House" in Hingham, which is the oldest in the thirteen original States which has been continuously used as such. It was built in 1681. The inscription on his grave stone is perfectly legible and underneath is the verse, viz:

"Our Fathers; where are they?
and the Prophets, do they live forever?"

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Lewis Fragment.

No. 7.

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Rev. Thomas Lewis was born in Fairfield, Conn., in 1737, graduated at Yale, in 1769, and labored in town of Smithtown, L. I., from 1763 to 1769, when he removed to New Jersey, where he continued to preach for several years. His daughter Anna married Jonas Phillips, of Morris Co., by whom she had one child, Anna, who m. Daniel Phoenix and is the mother of the Hon. Jonas Phillips Phoenix of the city of New York and eight other children. The said Jonas Phillips was gr. son of the Rev. Geo. Phillips second minister of Setauket (p. 463.)

Third Annual Reunion No. One.

The 3rd annual reunion and basket picnic of Lewis Association No. one will be held in the village of Lisle, N. Y., Wednesday, Aug. 29, 1888, at 10 o'clock.

PROGRAM.

Upon arrival please register with the Secretary.

Dinner will be served at one o'clock sharp.

Report of Secy. and Treas. Election of officers.

Speeches by Hon. B. W. Lewis, of Tunkhannock, Pa., and others.

A cornet band is expected to be in attendance.

No postponement on account of weather.

A cordial invitation is extended.
ALONZO LEWIS, Pres.

F. P. LEWIS, Sec'y.

NOTES.

At Portland, June 19, the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. and the Northern Pacific Terminal elected C. H. Lewis among other Directors.....Miss Lottie B. Lewis graduated at the High School, Circleville, Ohio, in June.....Harry Lewis, of Circleville, was in Chillicothe, Ohio, recently.....Bazel Lewis was a Justice of Peace in 1821, in Windsor, Lawrence co., Ohio ...E. D. Lewis is a druggist in Ironton, O... Henry Lewis is a surety on the bond of the receiver of the Ohio and Northwestern R. R.Jockey Isaac Lewis lost a race in June, on the Latonia, Ohio, track.....E. M. Lewis is a Lieutenant of U. S. army at West Point, N. Y.....Chap. 24. Book 14, page 54 should have been Chap. 14. Book 12 Mrs. Geo. W. Lewis, Lisle, N. Y., is recovering from a nervous prostration.....Giles H. Stillwell, Esq., of Syracuse, N. Y., delivered the oration before the Lisle Academy Alumni Association at the last commencement.....Owing to our limited space much interesting matter is reserved until next month. We hope all will be patient.Prof. and Mrs. Burr Lewis, of Lockport, N. Y., paid a visit to his father, Geo. B. Lewis, of Brockport, N. Y., July 18, 1888, which was the anniversary of his 84th birthday.....Read notices of the Lewis reunions in another column.....65 orders for No. one have been received, 35 more are needed.....Henry Carvill Lewis, Professor of Geology at the Academy of National Sciences and at Havenford College, went to Europe with his family for a four years trip, died at Manchester, England, July 21, 1888.....Mrs. J. W. Lewis and Miss Lewis of Buffalo, are having a pleasant time visiting different points of interest in the vicinity of the St. Lawrence, where they expect to spend the summerRead the article on "Family Trees" in another column.

Lewis Meeting at Merryall, Pa.

A meeting and basket picnic of all the Lewises in this section will be held at Merryall, Pa., on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 1888, at 10 o'clock. It is desired to form Lewis Association No. 4 at that time.

B. W. LEWIS, Committee.
Tunkhannock, Pa.

Letters.

ALFRED A. LANGWORTHY, Hopkinton, R. I., June 22: My mother was the daughter of Elias Lewis, who was a son of Elias who was a son of Daniel and Martha Prosser Lewis. I am preparing Lewis records. In the early days the Lewises purchased about 5,000 acres of land in this section. My homestead has never been deeded but has been devised by will and has been in the Lewis name until my uncle Pardon Lewis willed it to me.

DR. J. M. LEWIS, Mexia, Texas. We had a family reunion, at Kosciusko, Miss., last spring. My father was Ozias Lewis, a physician born in Litchfield, Conn.

REV. E. E. LEWIS, Haddam, Conn. I will take 2 copies Vol. 1. It would be well to have a Lewis Association in this vicinity. Perhaps I can help a little.

MISS M. AMELIA LEWIS, Brantford, Ont., Canada, July 4. I will subscribe for a copy of Vol. 1. I am a daughter of the late Lieut. Col. Daniel Lewis of Stoney Creek, Ont. Enjoy the Lewis Letters very much.

J. W. LEWIS, Buffalo, N. Y., July 16. If possible I will attend the reunion of Association No. one.

M. S. LEWIS, Providence, R. I., July 19. During my vacation I visited Exeter, Coventry and West Greenwich, and took a number of views, among which were Lewis city and the old mill of John (187) which is to be pulled down this fall.

B. W. LEWIS, Dist. Atty., Tunkhannock, Pa., July 19. Inclosed is notice of the meeting of all the Lewises in this section at Merryall, Pa., Aug. 22, the site of the home built by the pioneer Thomas Lewis in 1788. If nothing untoward shall happen I will bear the greetings of No. 4 to No. 1.

First Reunion of Lewis Association No. 3.

Lewis Association No. 3, of Western N. Y. will hold its first reunion and basket picnic at Niagara Falls, on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1888, at 10 o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to the Lewis League to hold its second meeting at that time and place. GEO. W. LEWIS, JR., Secy.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 25, 1888.

Family Trees.

While anything like political precedence on account of birth is repugnant to our national traditions, and while we generally look with disfavor on that social exclusiveness based on blood, which is affected by some persons, there is surely nothing un-American in knowing the names of one's grandparents, and the history of one's family. Indeed, there are no channels of knowledge at once more delightful to explore, and more profitable when explored, than the early sources, windings and branches of that family stream in which we find ourselves rapidly drifting. We may all profitably cultivate the higher branches of our own family trees.

It is the purpose of this article to show one or two simple methods by which this study may be rendered easy and satisfactory. The first thing to do is to hit upon a simple and convenient method of recording such facts as we may discover, and *at the time of the discovery*. This is more important than you would believe. For lack of a simple means of recording each fact as it is brought to light, most of us refuse to take the trouble to investigate our ancestors at all.

An old method of keeping a family history was by the familiar device of a "family tree." This was a drawing, rude or elaborate, of a tree, perhaps an oak. On the trunk was inscribed the name of the earliest known ancestor. His children were represented by the first large branches of the tree, and their names inscribed thereon. The branches of these branches represented the children's children, and so on unto the third and fourth generation.

The objections to this plan are as evident as its advantages, and much more weighty. It requires that all the information to be recorded, be secured before any of it is written down in form. We do not know how many branches to draw, until we learn the number of children in each generation. Moreover, it often happens that the early progenitor, whose name is to grace the trunk, is the last one discovered.

We need a method by which we can begin by recording our own names, and then progress backward, as the pedagogues say, "from the known to the unknown."

Another fatal objection to the tree is that, as the branches subdivide, they quickly become too small to hold the words that should be written upon them. To draw a tree, therefore, that shall contain all the names of a family, for even six generations, requires far higher artistic and designing talent than the average man possesses, and even when most cunningly drawn, it is found to be practically impossible to include more than the male line of descent, and the pedigrees of our mothers and grandmothers must be omitted.

Nothing, that I have seen, so completely meets the want of a simple and convenient record as a little blank book called "Ancestral Tablets." This book contains only sixteen pages, about as large as those of a common-school geography, and begins in the middle. On opening to the middle we find pages one and two, which are counterparts of each other.

To begin the record, it is only necessary to write your name in the . . . in the lower right-hand corner, number one, together with the date and place of your birth. Next, in the first space above, and to the left of number one, write your father's name, with date and place of birth (and death, if not living.)

The home of your mother is to be written in like manner on the opposite page, in a blank space connected with your father's diagram by the two parallel lines thirty-three, upon which may be written the date of their marriage. In space four, write the same data for your father's father, and in space five for your father's mother.

Now appears the ingenuity of the contriver of this book. Space five, which is shaded in the figure, is a *hole cut* in the page. The name of your father's mother, therefore, is really written on the underlying page, which is thus reserved for her pedigree; but it appears also, through the cut-out space, in its proper relation, on page one.

Now, in space eight write the name of your father's paternal grandfather, and his wife's name written on the second underlying page, will appear through space nine, which is cut out through two pages for that purpose; and so on, to the eighth generation.

In this manner a page is reserved for the pedigree of each of the sixteen families with which you are most nearly connected, and yet they all appear by one representative, at the least, on the first opening of the book.

Having, in some such way as this, provided a convenient means of recording facts, the next step is to obtain the facts to be recorded. A few hints may be useful. Many families keep a record on the blank-leaves inserted for this purpose in family Bibles. If such an one has been kept in your family, you have an excellent starting-point, as you will probably be able to get from it all necessary dates back to the time of your grandparents.

If you have not such a Bible, your parents or some of their brothers or sisters can probably supply the information, in case your grandparents are not living. If they are living, neglect no opportunity of gathering from their lips all the facts they can give you regarding themselves, their parents and their grandparents. Get them to reduce their statements to writing, if possible. They will all too soon be beyond your reach, and with them will vanish forever much valuable family history.

If your family was early in this country; for example, if it was in New England during the seventeenth century, you can, without much difficulty, learn of its first American history by consulting Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England," or some similar work.

"Hotten's Ship-lists" contain the names of many of the passengers who came to this country in the early days of immigration. The Collections and Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in some seventy-four volumes, are full of interesting facts; and the "Genealogical Register" of the New England Genealogical and Historical Society is a mine of similar information.

These are found in nearly all large public libraries.

Many family genealogies are published, and even if you cannot find in the public libraries a history of your own family, you can often find valuable bits of information by consulting the history of other families which may have intermarried with yours.

Town histories offer another fruitful source of information, and if you can once learn from what town or county your ancestors came, you can hardly fail to find much of personal interest in these local records. Where no town histories have been printed, and where such, if printed, do not prove satisfactory, you can have recourse to town records. These are kept in every town, and are usually pretty complete and accurate from the beginning.

In Durrie's "Bibliographia Genealogica" you will find the names of American families arranged alphabetically, with references to the places in books and periodicals in which information about them can be found. Marshall's "Genealogists' Guide" does the same for English families. Much time and labor will be saved by consulting these books first. When you have succeeded in tracing your descent to the first of your name in America, and care to follow the thread back to the "old country," the difficulties multiply. There is great need of caution in weighing and accepting evidence. Rule out all mere probabilities. Take the bare statement of family histories only as affording a likelihood of the truth.

Scarcely any subject needs so scientific a treatment. The "books" abound in errors. In Great Britain the chief printed collections of genealogical information are the Peerages, Herald's Visitations, County Families and County sources are the public records, heraldic register, and the parish registers of births, marriages and deaths.

It is a common fraud to advertise "Bureaus of Genealogical Information," offering, for a consideration, to put persons in the way of recovering large sums of money which have been bequeathed to them by

relations abroad, or which have come to them by natural descent.

It is safe to avoid all such traps. The requirements which must be satisfied in order to prove *legally* one's relationship to a remote ancestor, are so strict, that not one in ten thousand is able to meet them, and those who do possess adequate documentary evidence of their lineage, usually have no need of agencies to inform them of an inheritance, or to assist them in securing it. It is from the ranks of those who can show no good title to an inheritance, that the swindlers find their victims.

This leads me to note that while the study of one's family history is a delightful recreation on account of the pleasure of search and the delights of discovery; while it is often rewarded by the acquisition of previously unknown cousins and kinsfolk, and while there is an undoubted satisfaction in learning about our great-great-grandfathers; yet the most important value of this knowledge is on its legal, rather than its social or scientific side.

In a country so vast as ours, and one whose population is constantly shifting, and where fortunes are made in a day, the importance of genealogical knowledge becomes every day greater and more apparent.

In conclusion, it is an excellent plan for every family faithfully to keep a complete documentary family record. I suggest the following simple plan. Let each family appoint one member as family historian. Let him be provided with a well bound, large record-book, and the best and most permanent black ink. Many of our modern inks fade and vanish precisely at the time when the facts written in them are so old as to be forgotten and questioned.

To this family historian, thus equipped, let each family event, birth, marriage and death be promptly sent, together with full documentary evidence, and let him record the fact in his record-book, and carefully file with it the accompanying documents. The nature of the documents, in the case of a marriage for example, may be inferred from the following extract from the

Massachusetts Public Statutes, Chapter 145, Sec. 29.

"The record of a marriage, made and kept as prescribed by law by the person before whom the marriage was solemnized, or by the clerk or register of a city or town, or a copy of such record duly certified, shall be received in all courts and places (in Massachusetts) as presumptive evidence of such marriage."

The laws vary in different States (see Greenleaf on Evidence, Part IV, S. 460—464), but no better general rule can be given than to secure a duly certified copy of the record of the marriage made and kept as prescribed by the law. Of course, this is only presumptive or *prima facie* evidence, but it is much better than none. Much as it is, it can easily be obtained at the time of the ceremony; but with extreme difficulty, if at all, later, and, bearing the names, ages, residences, places of birth, color and parents' names of the married couple; the signatures of the person who performed the ceremony, and of the witnesses thereto, and being "duly certified" as a true copy of a legal record, it may prove in time to become of inestimable value historically, socially and financially.

HARLAN H. BALLARD.

Second Meeting of the League.

The Lewis League accepts the cordial invitation of Lewis Association No. 3 and will hold its second meeting at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Wed. Sept. 12, 1888.

Duly accredited members of the League will be entertained during the meeting by the Buffalo brethren.

All who can attend will please send their names to the Secretary at once.

F. P. LEWIS, Secy.
Lisle, N. Y., July 31, 1888.

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