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Its object is to bring all of the name of Lewis and their kin into mutual acquaintance, and friendship, to discover for each one his kindred and keep him posted in regard to all their trials and successes in life, and to record for use of themselves and their posterity the traditions, biography and genealogy of all the Lewises.

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List of the Books of the Lewises.

Earliest Ancestors-When and Where.

- I. Randall, 1765, Hopkinton, R. I.
- II. Benjamin, 1670, Stratford, Conn.
- III. David L., Wales to Philadelphia.
- IV. Richard, 1793, Wales to N. Y.
- V. Richard, R. I.
- VI. Joseph, 1776, Vt.
- VII. Joshua, 1680, Wales to Conn.
- VIII. John, 1661, Westerly, R. I.
- IX. Elisha, Litchfield, Conn.
- XI. George, 1733, Hopkinton, R. I.
- XII. William, 1632, Farmington, Ct.
- XIII. John, 1635, New London, Conn.
- XVI. Benjamin, 1785, Wales to Wis.
- XIX. John, 1640, Wales to Va.
- XX. Levi, 1762, Sussex-co., N. J.
- XXI. Gerardus, 1720 N. Y. City.
- XXIV. George, 1630, Eng. to Mass.
- XXVI. Thomas, 1818, Va., Ky., Mo.

- XXVII. Jariah, 1780, Westerly, R. I.
 - XXVIII. Joseph, 1769, N. J.
 - XXIX. John, 1721, Amwell, N. J.
 - XXXI. Lewis, Llandaff, Wales 1816.
 - XXXIII. Edmund, 1634, Lynn, Mass.
 - XXXIV. Richard, 1706, Providence, R. I.
 - XXXV. Robert, 1585, Wales to Va.
 - XXXVI. John, 1634, Malden, Mass.
 - XXXVII. Elisha, 1770-1828.
 - XXXIX. Jesse, 1774, Hopkinton, R. I.
 - XL. Francis, 1713, Wales to New York.
 - XLIII. Edward, 1744, Wales to N. J.
 - XLIV. William, 1640, Roxbury, Mass.
 - XLV. John, 1732, Ireland to Va.
 - XLVI. Thomas, 1745, New London, Ct.
 - XLVII. Zachary, 1692, Wales to Va.
 - XLVIII. Joseph, Wales to Chicago.
 - XLIX. Thomas L., Wales to Ohio.
 - L. William, Coed, Wales.
 - LI. John, Holland to Mass.
 - LII. William, Maryland, 1637.
 - LIII. Ellis, Wales to Penn., 1708
 - LIV. Evan, Wales to Penn., 1682.
 - LV. Stephen, Llanfynydd, Wales.
 - LVI. John, Hopkinton, R. I., 1694.
 - LVII. Enoch, Cheat River, Penn.
 - LVIII. Benajah, Providence, R. I., 1734.
 - LIX. William, New Jersey, 1682.
 - LX. Thomas, Dighton, Mass., 1760.
 - LXI. The Shipbuilder, Pittsburg, Pa.
 - LXII. Marshall, Binghamton, N. Y.
 - LXIII. Philip, N. J. to Ohio.
 - LXIV. Benjamin, Farmington, Ct., 1729.
 - LXV. David, Wales to Del., 1800.
 - LXVIII. Aaron, Va. to Ky., 1780.
 - LXIX. Henry, Culpepper-co., Va., 1765.
 - LXX. Zephaniah, New Jersey, 1734.
 - LXXI. Samuel, Plymouth, Ct., 1748-1822
 - LXXII. John, Henrico Co., Va., 1640.
 - LXXIII. Tho Buckingham co., Va., 1750
 - LXXIV. Exum, Edgecombe co., N. C. 1775
 - LXXV. Paul, Rhode Island, 1770.
 - LXXVI. William, Rhode Island, 1760.
 - LXXVII. Benjamin, 1812, Oswego, N. Y.
 - LXXVIII. George, 1640, Casco Bay, Me.
 - LXXIX. Reuben, 1814, Wells, Vt.
 - LXXX. Thomas, 1630, Saco, Me.
- (Missing numbers are of Merged Books.)



GEORGE W. LEWIS.

George W. Lewis, whose portrait appears in this issue of the inter-family paper of the Lewises, is of sturdy Rhode Island descent although born in Boston, Mass., (Dorchester District) on April 23, 1842. He was educated in the public schools of Boston and has since in his own words "pursued the even tenor of his way." But his life has been by no means an inactive one. He has won a place for himself in the various fields of work in which he has entered being well known and respected in military, commercial and religious circles of the "Hub."

He served three years in the Civil War in the 14th Mass. Infantry and 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery and was honorably discharged on account of expiration of term of

service. He is now a member of Boston Post 200 G. A. R., and Past President of the 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery. The head of the firm of Lewis, Peck & Co., the well-known makers of Pure, Plain and Fancy Ice Creams, etc., he is known as the proprietor of the celebrated Lewis Medicated Lozenges, as well as of Lewis' American Liniment.

He has found time to give to various religious activities of life to which he is especially inclined. He has held various offices in the Advent Christian denomination being now Treasurer of the Mass. Advent Christian Sunday School Union and also President of the Eastern District. His residence is on Melrose Highland.

The Society of the Cincinnati in Connecticut.

BY REV. A. N. LEWIS, CHAPLAIN OF THE SOCIETY IN CONNECTICUT.

(concluded from page 82.)

The CONNECTICUT SOCIETY was organized in the Camp at West Point, July 4th, 1783. On account of political opposition, the Conn. Society disbanded July 4, 1804.

In 1888, July 4th, several gentlemen met in the Senate Chamber at Hartford, and effected a Temporary Organization of the Connecticut Society. Rev. A. N. Lewis had charge of the work of reorganizing the Society until 1893, when the General Society by a unanimous vote, recognized the Temporary Organization, and it became permanent. Its officers for 1896-1897 are:

President, Col. George Bliss Sanford, U. S. A., Litchfield, Conn.

Vice-President, Gen. Henry L. Abbott, U. S. A., N. Y. City.

Secretary, Hon. Morris Woodruff Seymour, Bridgeport, Conn.

Asst. Secretary, Charles Hobby Pond, N. Y. City.

Treasurer, Mr. Charles Islam, N. Y. City.

Asst. Treas., Mr. Charles Bradley Gilbert, New Haven, Conn.

CHAPLAINS.

The Rev. Timothy Dwight, D. D., LL. D. Yale College.

The Rev. Alonzo Norton Lewis, M. A., Montpelier, Vt.

The Connecticut Society has now about 50 members, and a charity fund of about \$6000.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS.

Gen. Jedediah Huntington, 1783.

Maj. Gen. S. H. Parsons, 1784-1786.

Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth, 1787-1792.

Col. Ebenezer Huntington, 1793-1795.

Col. Benjamin Tallmadge, 1796-1800.

Gen. David Smith, 1801-1802.

Gen. Joseph Walker, 1803-1804.

[An interregnum of 84 years.]

Gen. Dwight Morris, 1888-1895.

Col. George Bliss Sanford, 1895—

The first seven Presidents were all officers of the Revolution. The eighth President, Gen. Dwight Morris, who d. in 1895, was the son of an officer, Capt. James Morris of Litchfield South Farms.

Of the seven who reorganized the Society in 1888-9, Messrs. Hon. John Fitch, Gen. Dwight Morris, Maj. J. C. Kinney, Nathan G. Pond, Rev. S. J. M. Merwin, Augustus W. Merwin, and Rev. A. N. Lewis, only *one* (Rev. A. N. Lewis) is living. During the year 1894, the President, Secretary and Treasurer were removed by death.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS.

Explanations, Abbreviations, etc.

For convenience the records of the various Lewis families are divided into Books and each Book into chapters. At the head of each Book appears the name of the earliest known ancestor of that family. The List of Books is a complete index to the Books as published to this time. New Books will be added from time to time as new branches of the Lewis family are found. As soon as Books are proved parts of others they will be merged into the Books to which they belong. Each name is numbered when first printed and whenever the name is repeated this number follows in brackets. The abbreviations commonly used in genealogical work are used; as b. for born; d. died; m. married; m. (1) first wife; dau. daughter; unm. not married; v. p. see page, etc.

Hints for Contributors.

In writing matter for the printer use only one side of the sheet, note paper preferred. In giving dates, give year, month and day whenever known. Write all middle names in full. Answer the following questions as fully as possible and give names and addresses of such people as you

think may be able to complete the record but get it yourself if possible and spare the editor. Old newspaper files, tomb stones, family Bibles and records, official records of the town, school and church, burial certificates, county and probate records, old deeds and letters are some of the more important sources of information. Don't forget however the stores of information which the old people can give—Get them interested and then “pump them dry.” Most important of all don't get discouraged yourself. How can you interest others, if you yourself are not alive with enthusiasm?

Book II.

BENJAMIN LEWIS, Stratford, Conn.

CHAPTER LXXXII.

By HELEN PERRY MAXWELL, N. Y. CITY.

It may be interesting and perhaps helpful to the readers of LEWISIANA to know what patriotic societies the descendants of this line of the Lewis tribe are entitled to membership in and how.

I have arranged the societies in three groups and after each group given the person or persons who give the right to membership. I have followed this with a brief statement showing the first few steps in the descent from which each one can trace his or her own claim from the records published in LEWISIANA or by the assistance of its editor, who I am sure, will be glad to help any one writing him, but I think that those who apply should enclose at least a dollar with their application for a subscription to LEWISIANA, whose success has made it possible to give these records. I hope I have not claimed anything that cannot be proved but my own opinion is that I do not know half what might be claimed.

FIRST GROUP. DISCOVERY.

I. Mayflower Descendant Society.

1. William Bradford, second “Signer of the Compact” and second Governor of Plymouth Colony.

SECOND GROUP. COLONIAL.

- I. Society of Colonial Wars.
- II. Colonial Society.
- III. National Society of Colonial Dames.
- IV. The Society of Colonial Dames of America.
- V. Colonial Society of the Acorn.
- VI. New England Society of New York City.
- VII. National Society of New England Women.
 1. Gov. Wm. Bradford.
 2. Dep. Gov. Maj. Bradford.
 3. Rev. Wm. Adams.
 4. Maj. Wm. Whiting.
 5. Rev. John Whiting.
 6. Col. Samuel Whiting.
 7. Benjamin Lewis.
 8. Sergt. John Curtis.
 9. Lieut. Joseph Judson.
 10. Capt. James Judson.
 11. Gov. Thomas Welles.
 12. Capt. James Lewis.
 13. Mr. Samuel Sherman.
 14. Nathaniel Sherman.
 15. John Porter.
 16. Lieut. John Lewis.

NOTE. There is no military record of Benj. Lewis but he is included under the head of “founder of town and first church.” Some may question Lieut. John Lewis but I find him so mentioned in the acknowledgment by notary of an old deed in 1774.

THIRD GROUP. REVOLUTIONARY.

- I. Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.
- II. Sons and Daughters of the Revolution.
- III. Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- IV. United States Daughters of 1776-1812.
- V. National Society of Children of the American Revolution.
 1. Colonel Samuel Whiting.

ONE LINE OF DESCENT.

1. Governor William Bradford m. Alice (Carpenter) Southworth.
2. Dept. Gov. and Maj. William Bradford m. Alice Richards.

3. Alice Bradford m. Rev. William Adams.

4. Elizabeth Adams m. Rev. Sam'l Whiting.

5. Col. Sam'l Whiting m. Elizabeth Judson.

6. Elizabeth Whiting m. Judson Lewis.

ANOTHER LINE OF DESCENT.

1. Benjamin Lewis m. Hannah dau. of Sergt. John Curtis.

2. Capt. James Lewis m. Hannah, dau. of Capt. James Judson and gr. dau. of Lieut. Joseph Judson and gt. gr. dau. of William Judson the settler, also gr. dau. of Governor Thomas Welles, also gt. gr. dau. of John Porter.

3. Lieut. John Lewis m. Sarah dau. of Nathaniel Sherman and gr. dau. of Mr. Samuel Sherman.

4. Judson Lewis m. Elizabeth dau. of Col. Samuel Whiting.

CHAPTER LXXXIII.

A NEW HAVEN, CT., CLIPPING.

Beckwith's Almanac has made its appearance for this year in a golden dress, commemorative of its 50th anniversary. On the front cover is a portrait of the founder of the Almanac, George Beckwith, dressed in the characteristic manner so well remembered by New Haveners. The book is edited by Mr. Beckwith's daughter, Mrs. M. L. B. Ewell Lewis and published by the E. B. Sheldon Publishing Company. The astronomical and mathematical data for the almanac is furnished by Prof. William E. Beebe of Yale. At the request of a number of patrons the column devoted to the moon's signs has been restored. The book is very carefully edited and much valuable information is contained between its covers.

[Mrs. M. L. B. Ewell Lewis is a gr. dau. of Abijah Lewis 475 also 2. X v. pp. 67 and 132 Vol. VI.—Ed.]

Book VIII.

JOHN LEWIS, Westerly, R. I., 1661.

CHAPTER CCLXIII.

It is with some hesitation that the records of this Book have been omitted this month and their place given to the following index for the first four generations of this family. This index, prepared originally for private use, is it is believed complete for all the records of this line which have appeared in the first six volumes of LEWISIANA. But its appearance here is due to another and more important consideration. The number of "Earliest Ancestors" is at present sixty-nine, of which eleven are assigned to Rhode Island. Most if not all of these are of one family probably. More or less of the family record of the seven sons of John (1) is known but in the third generation the family record is unknown of nine out of the twenty-four grandsons of John of Westerly, (this is denoted in the index by the star prefixed to the names) while in the next generation the record of twenty-nine as well as of the sons of the nine above is unknown. In "clearing this tract" the Editor feels sure many of these "Earliest Ancestors" will appear. While all records are welcomed and printed as soon as possible after their receipt the records of these grandsons and great grandsons of John (1) will be especially welcomed. Who will start the ball?

John (1) original settler v p 45, vol. 1; burial, v p 45, 46, vol. 1; tradition of v p 35, vol. 4.

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Daniel (4) v p 46, vol. 1 and p 166, vol. 5.

James (5) v p 47, vol. 1 and p 21, vol. 2.

David (6) v p 47, vol. 1, p 118, vol. 4 and p 117, vol. 6.

Israel (7) v p 47, vol. 1, p 38, vol. 3 and p 116, vol. 6.

Samuel (8) v p 47, vol. 1 p 62, vol. 3, p 6, 133, vol. 6.

Dorcas (8½) v p 47, vol. 1.

Third and Fourth Generations.

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 Sybil (9) v p 4, vol. 4.
 Jonathan (10) v p 4, vol. 4; family record p 133, vol. 5, ch. *Jonathan (2127), Phebe (2128). Hannah (2129) v p 133, vol. 5, Elizabeth (2130) v p 133, vol. 5, Bathsheba (2131) v p 133, vol. 5.
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 *Richard (12).
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 *Jonathan (26).
 Mary (27).
 Dorcas (28).
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- Anna (47).
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 *Samuel (49).
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BOOK XI.

GEORGE LEWIS, Hopkinton, R. I.

CHAPTER XVIII.

By DR. JOHN B. LEWIS, HARTFORD, CT.

Benjamin (21) fourth child of Eleazer (3) and Thankful (Lewis) Lewis, b. in Hopkinton, R. I., March 15, 1774. Benjamin's father removed with his family to Voluntown, New London-co., Conn., when Benjamin was about four years old. The child grew up to manhood there, when he moved to Canterbury, Windham-co., Conn., where he m. March 23, 1798, Zynthia Merritt, dau. of Thomas and Jane (Nichols) Merritt of Canterbury, formerly of Scituate, Mass. He resided in Canterbury until 1811, when he moved to Wilkesbarre, Pa., he having become interested in the experimental use of anthracite coal, especially for blacksmiths' forges. For a number of years immediately following the discovery of "black stones" (as anthra-

cite was called) by a company of Connecticut pioneers, anthracite was not used except locally by blacksmiths. The discovery was made in 1762 and was reported in Connecticut on the return of the exploring party. The people were not convinced however, that the "black stones" would burn, and consequently the trade in anthracite was not attempted until about the date of Benjamin Lewis' removal to Wilkesbarre. In Sept. 1812 he moved to Orange-co., N. Y., and served in the army during the war of that year. He was stationed for a time at Staten Island. In 1823 he removed to North Java, Wyoming-co., N. Y., where he d. Dec. 11, 1843. His wife Zynthia d. Nov. 8, 1835. All his ch. were born in Canterbury except the youngest, Merritt B., who was b. in Wilkesbarre.

Ch. of Benjamin and Zynthia (Merritt) Lewis.

- 44.I. John b. Apr. 25, 1800; m. in West Point, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1824, Alatheia, dau. of Eleazer and Mary (DuTay) Overton; d. in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 5, 1887.
 45.II. Seth b. Apr. 23, 1802; m. in Wyoming Co., N. Y., Elizabeth Goodwin, Dec. 18, 1825; d. March 26, 1880.
 46.III. Zynthia b. Aug. 11, 1805; m. David Curtis, 1829; d. June 6, 1882.
 47.IV. Laura b. June 18, 1807; m. Levi Eddy, Jan. 28, 1825; d. Oct. 26, 1894.
 48.V. Merritt Bradford b. Mar. 11, 1812; m. (1) Elvira Mann, Sept. 3, 1835; m. (2) Mrs. Adeline Weld, Oct. 1, 1889; resides in Lockport, N. Y.

The longevity of these five ch. is somewhat remarkable.

CHAPTER XIX.

By FRANK P. LEWIS, SEATTLE, WASH.

M. S. Lewis is authority for the records in Vol. II. p. 36 that Samuel (I.XI) was Samuel (49.XIV). What evidence does he possess, and if the families in Books XI and XIV had a common ancestor why are

they not merged in Book VIII? [In the reprint of Vol. I it is shown that Samuel (I. XI) b. Feb. 9, 1775, was son of Samuel (b. May 20, 1744) and Sarah (Edwards) Lewis and gr. son of George and Sarah (Lewis) Lewis who were m. Nov. 22, 1733. Now Samuel (49. XIV) was son of Samuel (who had a gr. son, John Fordice b. 1714-5) and Joanna (—) Lewis and gr. son of John Lewis (Book VIII) Westerly, R. I. The prediction (v p 34, Vol. I) that "in Book XIV would be found the ancestry of Sarah Lewis the gr. mother of Samuel (I. XI) has proved true. She is Sarah (2550. VIII) v p 134 Vol. VI. dau. of James and Abigail (—) Lewis and gt. gr. dau. of John of Westerly, R. I. Who can give the ch. of Samuel (49)? Ed.]

Randall (I. I) had sons Caleb and Rowland and gr. son Asa and George (I. XI) had gr. ch. Asa and Rowland b. some ten years after Randall (I. I) was married. Who can give the ch. of Amos Lewis v p 86, Vol. II?

BOOK XII.

WILLIAM LEWIS, Farmington, Ct.

CHAPTER CVII.

FROM CAMP'S HISTORY OF NEW BRITAIN,
CONN.

Adonijah Lewis (188 v p 87, Vol. VII) home was at the south end of East Street on the farm inherited from his father. He worked upon the farm a part of the time, but he had learned the blacksmith's trade and this occupied a portion of his time. He was active in public matters and especially interested in the welfare of the new society of New Britain. He had a large family, several members of which became residents of the center of the society.

Three of the sons of Adonijah Lewis, having learned the tinner's trade, established shops in the New Britain parish. The business was at first conducted on East Street by Seth Lewis (246 v p 41 Vol. III) and p 70 Vol. III. for descendants) before 1800. A few years later, his

brother Erastus Lewis (247 v p 41 Vol. III) had his tin shop on the west side of Main Street near where George Hart's house now stands (1889). Another brother Isaac Lewis. (251 v p 41 Vol. III) about the same time, established the tin business in Stanley Quarter. Erastus Lewis, after manufacturing tinware for some years on the west side of Main Street, commenced making clock weights and bells, and it was not long before clocks and bells were sold in the Southern and Western States with the brass goods and tinware. Lewis eventually moved his business to Waterbury.

BOOK XXXV.

ROBERT LEWIS, Gloucester Co., Va.

CHAPTER LXXV.

BY HENRY J. LEWIS, LOUISVILLE KY.

The will of of Mary Washington contains so much in reference to Lewises that I give it entire.

WILL OF MARY WASHINGTON.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Mary Washington, of Fredericksburg, in the County of Spottsylvania, being in good health, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and willing to dispose of what remains of my worldly estate, do make and publish this my last will, recommending my soul into the hands of my Creator, hoping for a remission of all my sins, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind. I dispose of all my worldly estate as follows:

Imprimis. I give to my son, General George Washington, all my lands on Accoek Run, in the county of Stafford, and also my negro boy, George, to him and his heirs forever; also my best bed, bedstead, and Virginia cloth curtains (the same that stand in my best room), my quilted blue and white quilt and my best dressing glass.

Item. I give and devise to my son, Charles Washington, my negro man, Tom, to him and his assigns forever.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter, Betty Lewis, my phaeton and bay horse.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter-in-law, Hannah Washington, my purple cloth cloak, lined with shag.

Item. I give and devise to my grandson, Corbin Washington, my negro wench, Old Bet, my riding chair, and two black horses, to him and his assigns forever.

Item. I give and devise to my grandson, Fielding Lewis, my negro man, Frederick, to him and his assigns forever: also eight silver teaspoons, half my crockeryware, and the blue and white tea china, walnut bookcase, oval table, one bed, one bed spread, one pr. sheets, one pr. Blankets and white cotton counterpane, two tablecloths, six red leather chairs, half of my pewter, one half of my iron kitchen furniture.

Item. I give and devise to my grandson, Lawrence Lewis, my negro wench Lydia, to him and his assigns forever.

Item. I give and devise to my granddaughter, Bettie Carter, my negro woman little Bet, and her future increase, to her and her assigns forever; also my largest looking glass, my walnut writing desk, with drawers, a square dining table, one bed, bedstead, bolster, one pillow, one blanket, and pr. sheets, white Virginia cloth counterpane, and purple curtains, my red and white tea china, teaspoons, and the other half of my pewter crockeryware and the remainder of my kitchen furniture.

Item. I give and devise to my grandson, George Washington, my next best dressing glass, one bedstead, bed, bolster, one pillow, one pair sheets, one blanket and counterpane.

Item. I devise all my wearing apparel to be equally divided between my granddaughters, Betty Carter, Fanny Ball and Milly Washington: but should my daughter, Betty Lewis, fancy any one, two or three articles thereof she is to have

them before any division thereof

Lastly—I nominate and appoint my said son, Gen. George Washington, executor of this my last will, and as I owe few or no debts, I direct my executor to give no security, nor to appraise my estate; but devise the same may be allotted to my devisees with as little trouble and delay as may be, desiring their acceptance thereof as all I now have to give to them to token of my love for them. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of May, 1788.

(SEAL)

MARY WASHINGTON.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and signed by us in the presence of the said Mary Washington at her desire.

Witnesses: { JAMES MERCER,
JOSEPH WALKER,
JOHN FERNEYHOUGH.

BOOK XXXVI.

JOHN LEWIS, Malden, Mass.

CHAPTER XVII.

By GEO. HARLAN LEWIS, N. Y. CITY.

Of the ch. of Joseph (141) and Mary (Tapley) Lewis, v p 55, Vol. VII.

John (148) bought his father's house on Bow street, Charlestown, of the heirs in 1814.

Hannah (149) m. Nicholas Hoppin, Jr., b. Mar. 7, (O. S.) 18, N. S., bapt. Mar. 10, 1751-2, Published Feb. 5, 1775. She d. Feb. 22, 1829, ae. 78 years at Providence, ch.

169.I. Richard of Whitewater, Mich.

John (28) v p 104, Vol. III.) bapt. adult, Dec. 28, 1712, a cordwainer and waterman of Charlestown resided on Middlegate street. He m. Jan. 26, 1709-10, Elizabeth Penny, b. June 25, 1687, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Rand) Penny. This is the Elizabeth that Savage and Wyman mention as a ch. of Isaac, (12) Isaac (26) and Joseph (27) with widow administrators Mar. 15, 1736. Inventory Apr. 10, 1738, House and one half of Pew to widow. She sells her thirds in house on

Middlegate street to R. Hunnewell in 1744. See Middlesex Probate Records.

Abraham Lewis (29, v p 194, Vol. III.) had wife Sarah in 1744, it is stated on p. 55, Vol. VII. In Suffolk Probate Records Vol. XXX, p 255, file 6662, in 1734, Isaac Lewis (26) of Rumney Marsh "Whereas your brother Abraham Lewis, late of Rumney Marsh, wheelwright, deceased, you are appointed administrator, Dec. 23, 1734.

BOOK XL.

FRANCIS LEWIS, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

CHAPTER XXII.

BY JULIA L. DELAFIELD, IN HER BIOGRAPHY OF FRANCIS LEWIS.

In December, 1779, Lewis accepted the appointment of Commissioner of the Board of Admiralty. He was also a vestryman of Trinity church. With these exceptions he retired altogether from public life, generally residing with one of his sons.

His fondness for heroic poetry—for the songs of the Celtic bards, for which he was indebted to his first instructress, Miss Llanwelling, had no doubt fostered the love of adventure, the passion for liberty, which were leading traits in his character. When the storms of life, for him at least, were over, he returned to his early tastes, and they were the solace of his declining years. Literature was his amusement and occupation. He was so fond of Prior's poem of "Edwin and Emma" that he named two of his grandchildren after the hero and heroine. He frequently quoted from Hudibras, whose poems he knew by heart. Nor did he disdain romancers, Fielding and Richardson. Miss Burney beguiled him of many an hour which might otherwise have hung heavy on his hands. At the same time he warned his grand-children against the same indulgence. No man, he would say,

should read novels until he was turned of fifty. He gave the same advice with regard to the condiments of the table. A healthy appetite in his opinion was the only safe stimulant and the only one needed. In the details of private life, from the arrangement of his toilet to the folding of an allumette, he observed the same precision which had characterized his mode of transacting public business. It is to their Welsh blood that his descendants are indebted for their neatness and for the administrative talent for which many of them have been remarkable. * * *

In his intercourse with men, Lewis was reticent and retiring. He never courted popularity, nor can I discover that he ever sought for office. That he was repeatedly elected to high places of trust was the result of his well-established character for judgment, integrity, and patriotism.

He lived to hear the children of his grandchildren give him his title of great-grandfather. A shock to his nervous system, occasioned by a fall, was the cause of his death in the ninetieth year of his age.

After his estate was settled, scarcely fifteen thousand dollars remained of the large fortune he had accumulated before the Revolution, the greater part of it spent in the service of the country.

It would be difficult to find so long a life with a purer record.

BOOK XLIV.

WILLIAM LEWIS, Roxbury, Mass.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

BY GEORGE HARLAN LEWIS, NEW YORK CITY.

In the spring of 1763, David Lewis, (99), (v pp 184, Vol. V.) with his brother Isaac, (103) then in his 18th year, went to New Boston, N. H., David was the fifth settler in the New Addition" which with other lands: was incorporated June 8, 1772, as Frances Town.

He settled upon lot 40, bought by his father, John (68) and deeded to David, Oct. 30, 1766, (v p 170, Vol. V.). David was chosen March, 1765, Surveyor of Highways of New Boston, when there were only paths. He was also chosen Selectman in 1769 and 1770. He was one of the most useful men after the new town was formed, holding office almost continually during his life. He constructed a saw mill in 1770 and a corn mill in 1773, which were of great assistance to the early settlers in the (then) wilderness. In 1777 he was "voted Town treshier" and in 1778 continued. He was Moderator at the meetings of the Town, Aug. 31 and Oct. 1, 1772, as well as for the years 1794-1796-1798-1799-1800 and 1801. He was representative to the Legislature for New Boston and Francestown in 1782 and 1783, and for Francestown in 1795. He was selectman 1780 and with his brothers, Isaac and Asa, in 1784, (the three forming the board). He with Isaac (103), Asa (105), Samuel Dickerman and his wife, Bathsheba (106), Moses (122), and 12 others organized the second church, Jan. 27, 1773 on which occasion he was chosen Moderator and clerk. On March 8th they made choice of David Lewis and Wm. Starrett to serve the Table. He was Deacon from 1773 to 1810.

Previous to the formation of the church at Francestown he attended the church at Lyndeboro and had his three eldest children baptized there. Upon the Lyndeboro church records is the following: Aug. 6, 1772, Presented to the church by David Lewis and others, occasional communicants with this church; A Flaggon, Voted that the thanks of this church be returned to David Lewis and others, occasional communicants with us, now belonging to Francestown, for their liberality in providing and generously giving a Flaggon to this church, for the use and service of the table of our Lord and that they be served with a copy of this vote.

He was twice married and in the ceme-

tery he lies with a wife on each side. His stone is large with Urn and weeping willow tree over the top. The wives stones are small. Upon his stone we read: "He was one of the first settlers of this place, very useful in promoting the good of society, in introducing and supporting the gospel, an affectionate husband, a kind father, a faithful friend, a firm patriot and a devoted and exemplary christian."

He m. (1) Sept. 20, 1770, Lydia, dau. of John and Tabitha Clough of Dedham, Mass. She d. in Francestown, May 28th, 1789, in her 49th year. She was the mother of his 7 children. He m. (2) Susannah Steele, Sept. 15, 1791, who d. Apr. 2, 1810, in her 61st year, (g. s.). He d. in F. July 3, 1811, ae. 75 years. 7 ch. all b. Francestown, N. H.

449.I. Sarah, b. Aug. 20, 1771.

450.II. Bathsheba, b. May 27, 1773, d. Sept. 20, 1776.

451.III. Lydia, b. July 22, 1774.

452.IV. David, b. Dec. 16, 1776.

453.V. Joseph b. Oct. 19, 1778.

454.VI. Abigail Hastings, b. Jan. 14, 1780, m. Oct. 31, 1799, Abner Gove, of Weare, N. H.

455.VII. Achsah, b. Oct. 22, 1782.

Isaac Lewis (103) b. Nov. 21, 1745, (v p 184 V. 5.) settled in Francestown, Sept. 10, 1767, on land bought of his father (deed) Nov. 23, 1770, for £26-13-4, where he won and maintained a high social position. He was a farmer and a valuable man in the community, though less so than his brother David (99). He was selectman in 1784, moderator in 1797 and chosen Deacon of church, 1790. He was a tall, large, independent, aristocratic young man, always very decided, one of the leaders of the town for many years. He m. Mary Epps, dau. of Capt. Daniel and Hannah (Prescott) Epps of Salem, Mass. She d. June 15, 1777, in the 25th year of her age. He d. in F. March 27, 1835, ae. 89 yrs. 2 ch. b. in Francestown, N. H.

456.I. Daniel, b. Sept. 25, 1775.

457. II. Mary, b. Nov. 19, 1776, m. Nov. 18, 1800, Samuel Dickerman, went to Topsham, Vt., where she died. [NOTE. Samuel Dickerman was son of Samuel Dickerman, who m. Bathsheba Lewis (106) by his 2nd wife, Persis Richardson and was b. May 2, 1779 and d. Oct. 20, 1853.]

(to be continued.)

BOOK XLV.

JOHN LEWIS, Ireland to Virginia.

CHAPTER LIII.

BY HENRY J. LEWIS, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Botetourt Court Records continued from p. 93, Vol. VII.

Mar. 13, 1770.

Ordered that Andrew Lewis, Robert Breckinridge, Israel Christian, etc., or any five or more of them do agree with workmen to build a prison and Court house according to such plan as they shall think fit and on such place at Miller's Mill as they shall appoint----

At the February Court, 1776, Thomas Lewis was recommended to the Governor as a fit person to be added to the Commission of the Peace of Botetourt County, that is the justices of said county, and qualified and assumed the office at the April term, 1776----

December 10th, 1779.

Ordered that it be certified that proof was made to the Court that Robert Breckinridge, gentleman, deceased, commanded a Company that was incorporated with an attachment of the first Virginia Regiment in the year 1756, and that he served in the expedition against the Shawnees, commanded by Colonel Andrew Lewis and that Alexander Breckinridge is the heir at law----

14th of February, 1782.

The last will and testament of General Andrew Lewis, deceased, was presented in Court by Thomas Lewis and Andrew Lewis, his sons, two of the executors named therein as was proved by the oaths

of William Neily, James Neily and Andrew (——) the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said Executors, who made oath and entered into a bond in the sum of 20,000 pounds specie with William Fleming and David May their sureties, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Ordered that William Neily Robert Neily, James Neily, and William Walton or any three of them, being first sworn do appraise in current money the slaves, if any, and personal estate of the General Andrew Lewis, gentleman, and return our account of the same to the Court.

BOOK L.

WILLIAM LEWIS, Coed, Wales.

CHAPTER XIV.

BY AGNES SMITH LEWIS IN THE CENTURY FOR DECEMBER, 1896.

The question as to what was the mother-tongue of Jesus is not yet altogether settled, some holding that it must have been Greek, because three out of the four gospels are supposed to have been written in that language; and others that it was a Semitic tongue, probably Aramaic or Syriac, which was at that time the vernacular of Palestine. We shall try to place before our readers some considerations which have induced the most learned biblical critics of our day to adopt the latter hypothesis. But we must preface it with a short account of the Syriac language, taken partly from the introduction to the first edition of my translation of the Syriac gospels from the palimpsest manuscript which I had the happiness of discovering in the convent of St. Katherine on Mt Sinai in 1892 (v p 98, Vol. IV.), and partly from the works of the many writers who have lately discussed the subject in Great Britain, in France and in Germany. Syriac, or more properly Christian Aramaic, was the first language into which the New Testament was translated;

and as the Greek text itself was written by men who habitually thought in Syriac, the early versions in this tongue have a closer affinity with the original text than those of any other can possibly have, not excepting the Old Latin.

BOOK LX.

THOMAS LEWIS, Dighton, Mass.

CHAPTER XIII.

BY GEORGE LEWIS, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Ch. of George W. and Lydia Gardner (81 Lewis) Briggs.

132. I. Geo. D., b. in Swansea, Mass., Aug. 20, 1836, m. Celestina L. Jencks about Oct. 6, 1866.
133. II. Mary E., b. June 1, 1838, m. Aug. 11, 1868, Charles H. Bliss, b. Aug. 22, 1837. He was drowned off Watch Hill, from Steamer Metis which was burnt Aug. 30, 1872. After jumping overboard he was struck by a trunk in the head which so stunned him that he was unable to swim, otherwise he would probably have been saved. (Mrs. Bliss remains a widow and is the starter of Book LX.)
134. III. Albert L., b. Feb. 13, 1845, m. Mary Cobb of Dighton, Mass., about 1865. No ch.
135. IV. Clara, b. Sept. 24, 1855, d. Apr. 10, 1856.
136. V. Walter B., b. Oct. 15, 1858; unm. Ch. of Dexter Bosworth (83) and Mary Ann (Leveck) Lewis b. Providence, R. I.
137. I. John Dexter, Dealer in Dyestuffs and Dyes, b. Mar. 19, 1846, m. Sophie P. Lapham Apr. 2, 1872. b. Apr. 4, 1848, dau. of Hon. Benj. N. and Sophia M. (Bullock) Lapham.
138. II. Ellen Leveck, b. June 4, 1851, m. Stephen M. Knowles, Nov. 20, 1873, son of Ex-Mayor Edward P. Knowles.
139. III. Dexter B., Jr., b. June 4, 1851, (twin) d. Aug. 18, 1851.
140. IV. Frank Eveys, b. Oct. 3, 1859, unm.

Ch. of Alfred Bosworth (85) and M. Josephine V. (Benson) Lewis.

141. I. Genevieve, b. May 11, 1851, d. Aug. 17, 1853.
142. II. Pemberton, b. Dec. 5, 1855, m. Maud Rist, Apr. 22, 1890.
143. III. Alfred Bosworth, b. Nov. 3, 1856.
144. IV. Josephine, b. Mar. 18, 1858, m. Willis C. Dunn, Aug. 23, 1881.

(to be continued.)

CHAPTER XIV.

FROM SPRINGFIELD, MASS., HOMESTEAD.

Mrs. Mary E. (133 Lewis) Bliss is herself a genius, with a romantic history. She has a natural gift for this kind of work (palmistry) and it would be very difficult to find another woman who could talk for 12 hours steadily, without stopping for anything but a cup of coffee, as she has often done. Mrs. Bliss' home is with her son at Florist's Rest, Drownville, R. I., a little town near Providence. The study of palmistry was at first merely a side issue in her life, her interests being more with cabalistic astrology and Christian science. She first studied the science of life with Sir Vatha, better known to the world as Dr. Merton of Harvard college. This was eight years ago, after the death of her husband, when she joined Sir Vatha's mystical society in Providence. Later she studied Ed Heron Allen's book on the science of the hand and visited the famous Cheiro, but her methods in reading hands are those of Sir Vatha rather than Cheiro's. The knowledge of all these mysterious, yet kindred, subjects gives Mrs. Bliss a foothold that other professional palmists have not, and lends an added charm and interest to whatever she has to say about one's character. She not only knows every marked line in your hand at a swift glance, but at the same time she is deciding as to your temperament from the sound of your voice, your character from the look of your eye,

your tastes from the style of your dress and making a score of rapid observations before you realize that she has had more than time to ask in what month you were born. She is remarkably observing and and quick witted and these qualities, combined with a wonderful gift of speech, and a splendid command of the English language, have made her a success in the profession she has chosen to make her life work. In explaining to the writer what methods she has always used in palmistry Mrs. Bliss said: "There's really nothing phenomeneal about my reading people's hands. Anybody can do it; all you need is to study the subject under a good teacher and I have known people to get a fair idea of the art by simply studying it from books. I start way back with the Bible, where you remember in Job it is written, 'God set signs and seals in men's palms that they might be read by all men; you'll find that the hand is used throughout the Bible to express truth. Palmistry is very, very old, although it is only within recent years that it has received such marked encouragement from society.

BOOK LXXVI.

WILLIAM LEWIS, a Weaver in R. I., 1760.

CHAPTER XI.

Benjamin F. (83 v p 59, Vol. VII) m. Phoebe dau. of John and Mary Esther (Williams) Brewster. He owns the oil painting of Capt. Phineas (4) Lewis referred to on p 173, Vol. VI. He writes that our ancestor was one of three brothers from England. This one of the three bought about 600 acres of land in R. I. including Hopkinton and Westerly. [This would seem to show that William (1) was a descendant of John of Westerly, Book VIII.—Ed.]

BOOK LXXX.

THOMAS LEWIS, Saco, Me., 1630.

CHAPTER IV.

BY GEO. HARLAN LEWIS, N. Y. CITY.

Thomas Lewis had another dau. for Ridlou's Saco Valley p 94 states that a dau. m. Robert Hayward and lived in Barbadoes.

Thomas (1) had ch.

2.I. dau. m. Rev. Richard Gibson.

3.II. dau. m. James Gibbins.

4.III. dau. m. Robert Hayward.

From Brewsters Rambles about Portsmouth, page 61, 1642 Rev. Richard Gibson the incumbent of the parsonage for whom the glebe had been granted 2 years before, fell under displeasure of the Bay (means government of Gov. Winthrop.) "He being wholly addicted to the hierachy and discipline of England, did exercise a ministerial function in the same way, and did marry and baptise at the Isle of Shoals, which was now found to be within our jurisdiction." (Winthrop, Vol. 2, p 79.) The Court charged him with denying their title, and summoned him to Boston, but they forbore to administer punishment upon his submission, "being a stranger and about to depart the country.

James Gibbins bought out his brothers-in-law and removed to Kittery. In 1690 he conveys to his daughter 100 acres of land in that town. His ch. were:

5.I. James b. May 19, 1648, m. Dorcas Gilley, Dec. 1668.

6.II. Elizabeth b. April 23, 1652, m. John Sharp, 1667.

7.III. Thomas b. Nov. 23, 1654.

8.IV. Charity b. Jany. 5, 1656.

9.V. Rebecca b. Jany. 30, 1658, d. Jany. 3, 1659.

10.VI. Rachel b. Oct. 23, 1660, m. Robert Edgecomb.

11.VII. Hester b. Aug. 16, 1664.

12.VIII. Anthony b. Oct. 14, 1666.

BOOK LXXXII.

ANDREW LEWIS, New Jersey, 1776.

CHAPTER VI.

BY HENRY LEWIS, EDINBORO, PA. AND JOHN R. LEWIS, BUFFALO, N. Y.

Record of ch. of Nathaniel C. and Nancy Ann (10 Lewis) Austin.

44.I. William Valorus b. Mar. 30, 1837, Edinboro, Pa., m. (1) Eveline, dau. of Isaac and (Trow) Willet, d. May 12, 1874. 2 ch. m. (2) Frank Carpenter.

45.II. Emeline Isabel b. Feb. 6, 1839, Edinboro, Pa., m. (1) Robert R. Burchfield. He died Jan. 31, 1865, Annapolis, Md. 3 ch. m. (2) John Terry. Ch.

46.III. Edgar Hiram b. Apr. 13, 1841, Edinboro, Pa., m. Feb. 13, 1866, Woodcock, Pa., by Rev. Hill, to Rachel E. Everett. No ch.

47.IV. Sarah Ann Austin b. Sept. 2, 1842, Edinboro, Pa., m. (1) Dec. 5, 1861, by Robert R. Burchfield, Marlan Sherwood. Killed at Wauhatchie, Tenn. Nov. 2, 1863, m. (2) by Rev. E. W. Beebee Dec. 19, 1866, William Derby. 4 ch.

48.V. Mary Jemima b. Apr. 5, 1845, Edinboro, Pa., m. (1) Colier, m. (2)

Hart.

49.VI. Terissa Estella, b. Mar. 27, 1847, Edinboro, Pa., d. June 7, 1866, Edinboro, Pa.

Record of ch. of James (12) and Abigail Burgess (Mason) Lewis, b. Burlington, Vt.

50.I. Thomas Sneed b. Dec. 23, 1849, d. Oct. 8, 1853, Burlington, Vt.

51.II. Hattie Belle b. Sept. 30, 1851, d. Mar. 11, 1859, Burlington, Vt.

52.III. Lillie b. Oct. 1, 1853, d. Apr. 16, 1894, Burlington, Vt., m. Oct. 9, 1878 Burlington, Vt., Alfred Whitling. 5 ch.

53.IV. Charles Frederick b. Sept. 11, 1855, m. (1), m. (2).

54.V. Frank Newell b. Oct. 7, 1859.

Record of ch. of William Alexander (14) and Juliana (Walker) Lewis.

55.I. Rachel Jemima b. May 29, 1849, Edinboro, Pa., d. July 29, 1850, Edinboro, Pa.

56.II. Ida Idema b. Sept. 22, 1850, Oshkosh, Wis., m. Aug. 21, 1867, Edin-

boro, Pa., by Rev. Brown to John Thomas son of William Walter and Margaret (McDade) Wade, b. Aug. 10, 1844, Welland County, Ont. 6 ch.

57.III. Theola Ramond b. Mar. 6, 1854, Edinboro, Pa., m. Apr. 2d, 1875, Edinboro, Pa., by Rev. Stetson, Sarah Corina, dau. of Nathaniel and Fanny (Powers) White, b. June 19, 1854, no ch. Wm. A. Lewis (14) had one infant son, deceased.

Record of ch. of James Oliver and Mary Jemima (19 Lewis) Reeder, b. Edinboro, Pa.

58.I. Oliver Preston b. Apr. 24, 1852, m. Mar. 30, 1875, Edinboro, Pa., by Rev. J. F. Reed Dimmis, dau. of Harry and Melinda (Billings) Porter 4 ch.

59.II. James Henry b. Feb. 20, 1854, d. Mar. 16, 1854, Edinboro Pa.

60.III. Mary Lillie b. Feb. 10, 1855, m. Edinboro, Pa., Frank Hargrave.
(to be continued.)

Notes.

In the year 1583 one John Lewis for denying the deity of Christ was burned at Norwich, England. . . . Mrs. George W. Lewis of New Haven, Ct., is corresponding secretary of the Seamen's Friend Society. . . . Captain William Lewis, an old sea captain, whose fame as a hunter is widely known throughout the western part of the state, is probably one of the shrewdest coon hunters in Connecticut. Hardly a night passes but what Lewis and his dogs start out in search of some kind of game, and seldom, if ever, his efforts are not crowned with success. . . . The public library of Westbrook, Ct., has received as a present a new government map of the United States from William H. Lewis, son of Representative William I. Lewis, who, since his return to Washington, D. C., has obtained a position in the office of the sergeant-at-arms in the Senate.

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To the reader:—If you are interested in this work, send in your queries for this column and help answer those of others. Don't hesitate to send answers however meager they may be. Your mite may furnish the clew which has long been sought for in vain. For convenience of reference these queries will be numbered. Always give number in replying.

50. Gershom Lewis was son of Gershom b. Dec. 30, 1704, m. Mary— d. in Litchfield, Ct., Oct. 18, 1766 in 62nd year, v Gershom 128, XXIV, p 69, Vol. II and chap. 35, p 168, Vol. IV.

52. Stephen Lewis of Fairfax-co., Va., was of the Maryland family of Lewis whose coat of arms can be found in American Heraldry, this Stephen had a brother

Thomas, who was very wealthy and childless and willed all his property to his brother Stephens' son Thomas, who afterwards lived in what is now Loudoun Co., then belonged to Fairfax-co. Thos. Lewis' will is dated 1749.

53. Desired ancestry of Jonas Lewis of Newburyport, Mass., who m. Susannah Dix. He was a Revolutionary Soldier.

54. A sister of Patrick Henry m. Col. Samuel Meredith whose first wife was a Lewis. What was her name and parentage?

55. Is the Common Place Book of Margaret Lewis nee Lynn of Loch Lynn Scotland (v p 126, Vol. IV) in print? If so where can it be obtained and who wrote it?

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