

Lewis Family

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George Lewes I and his brother John Lewes came from East Greenwich, Kent County, England and were the first of the Lewis lineage to arrive in the New World. John eventually settled in Westerly, Rhode Island by 1661. George, a clothier by trade, first settled with his wife Sarah Jenkins and their 5 English born children in Plymouth, Massachusetts before moving to Situate in 1634 then to Barnstable in 1639 where 3 more children were born.

*Their son George Lewes II (1630-1709) married Mary Lombard and among their 12 children was **Jabez Lewis** (1670-1738) who married Experience Hamblin and moved to Yarmouth in 1702 where 6 children were born. ~ Compiled from "Representative Men and Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts" - Published 1912*

Ch. LEWES: (6 known children)

Elnathan Lewes

s/o Jabez Lewis & Experience Hamblin

b. 27 Aug 1702 Yarmouth, Massachusetts

d. 19 June 1782 West Dennis, Massachusetts (Woodside Cemetery, West Yarmouth, MA)

m. 16 Oct 1735

Priscilla Bearse

d/o Benjamin Bearse & Sarah Cobb

b. 5 June 1713 Yarmouth, Massachusetts

d. 17 Oct 1759 Yarmouth, Massachusetts (Woodside Cemetery, West Yarmouth, MA)

Ch. LEWIS: (9 known children. Surname spelling changes to Lewis by 1790)

David Lewis

Revolutionary War

b. 16 July 1744 Yarmouth, Massachusetts

d. 23 Jan 1811 Dennis, Massachusetts (East End Burying Ground, East Falmouth, Massachusetts)

m1. 24 Nov 1774 Yarmouth, Massachusetts

Phebe Crowell

d/o Edward Crowell & Elizabeth Baker

b. 14 Mar 1750 Barnstable, Massachusetts

d. 11 May 1786 Yarmouth, Massachusetts (Woodside Cemetery, West Yarmouth, MA)

They had 4 known children.

His name is spelled as David Lewis in C/1790 in Yarmouth and the same in C/1800 & C/1810 in Dennis. He served in Captain Micah Hamilton's Company in Col. Joseph Otis's Regiment.

m2. 20 Oct 1787 Yarmouth, Massachusetts

Temperance Lewis

d/o Lemuel Lewis & Temperance Bearse

b. 1757 Barnstable, Massachusetts

d. c1800

Her father Lemuel Lewis' father Jonathan Lewis is a brother of Jabez Lewis and a great uncle to David.

Ch. LEWIS: (5 total w/Temperance)

Richard Lewis

b. 15 Aug 1798 Yarmouth, Massachusetts (5th child)

d. c1875 West Pittsfield (Unknown Burial Location)

m. c1825

Hannah Young

b. 1800 Maine

d. before C/1870 Hartland (Unknown Burial Location)

They were living in China in C/1830 & C/1840 before moving to West Hartland with their children living on the Canaan Road near Huff Hill in C/1850 & C/1860. Hannah was not noted in C/1870 with Richard while he was living with his son George in West Pittsfield in C/1870.

Harlem was first settled in 1774 by the Clark Family who established it as Jones' Plantation. In 1796 Jones' Plantation was incorporated as Harlem. On June 25, 1818, the Town of China was incorporated by annexing Harlem, Fairfax (Albion) and portions of Winslow.

Ch. LEWIS: (Known)

1. George Washington Lewis; b. 1827 China, d. 1919 Hartland

2. Jesse Martin Lewis; b. 1830 China, d. Living w/Richard & Hannah in Hartland in C/1850

(J. Lewis appears on the 1860 Hartland Map next to his father's house)

3. Emily Crowell Lewis; b. 2 Jan 1832 China, d. 1915 Hartland (PG) m2. Ezra McCray

Their daughter, Sabiah (McGray) Bennett's daughter, Etta Bennett married Harold Baird and her other daughter Elsie Bennett married Frank McCormack. (See Baird & McCormack Family)

4. Otis Wesley Lewis; b. 1833 China, d. Living w/Richard & Hannah in Hartland in C/1850

5. Thomas J. Lewis; b. 1835 China, d. Living w/Richard & Hannah in Hartland in C/1850

6. Sarah D. Lewis; b. 1837 China, d. 2 Jan 1864 Smith Cemetery, Palermo. Living w/Richard & Hannah in Hartland in C/1850. m. Eben F. Dinsmore

1. George Washington Lewis

b. 2 Feb 1827 China

d. 10 Jan 1919 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery w/both wives) at 92yrs

m1. 4 Apr 1858 Hartland

Devina P. Grace

d/o John Grace & Mary Sibley Odlin Flagg of Canaan

b. 1834 Canaan

d. 1875 Hartland (PG)

He came to Hartland by C/1850 living with his parents & siblings near Huff Hill. Following his 1st marriage, they lived in West Pittsfield in C/1860 & C/1870 below the West Hartland town line near Fullers Corner. Following Devina's death, he remarried and was still living at the West Pittsfield homestead with his 2nd wife Leah and his surviving children in C/1880. He is shown in North Hartland living near Stafford Pond on the 1883 Map of Hartland. His daughter Cora was living with him by C/1900 with her 1st husband Charles Cookson. In C/1910, he was living with Cora and her 2nd husband Lewis Hight in North Hartland. His death certificates notes his birthplace as China.

Ch. LEWIS:

1. Herbert Chester Lewis

b. 17 May 1859 West Pittsfield

d. 4 Aug 1932 Newburgh (PG w/Aurilla)

m1. 1880 Hartland

Aurilla Nevens **(See Nevens Family)**

d/o John Nevens & Nancy Washburn (Ireland Cemetery)

b. 16 Aug 1861 Hartland

d. 25 Oct 1901 Hartland (PG)

He spent most of his life in Hartland before moving to Newburgh with his 4th wife Abbie in 1920.

Ch. LEWIS:

- A) Willie C. Lewis
- b. 1882 Hartland
- d. 1884 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery) at 2yrs

- B) George Lewis
- b. 1885 Hartland
- d.

He was living in Mars Hill at the time of his father's death in 1932.

m2. 14 Mar 1903 Hartland (divorced)

Lettie Dore

d/o Esker Dore & Hattie Frost of Harmony

- b. 12 June 1886 Harmony
 - d. 15 June 1970 Hartland (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter w/Ralph)
- She remarried to Ralph E. Mitchell in 1927.*

Ch. LEWIS:

- C) Preston G. Lewis
- b. 16 Mar 1904 Hartland
- d. 1 June 1988 Hartland (PG)
- m. 1 Feb 1930 St Albans
- Enzer M. Varney **twin**
- d/o Frank Varney & Philona Parkman of St Albans*
- b. 6 June 1909 St Albans
- d. 11 Mar 2000 Hartland (PG)

Preston lived in Hartland in C/1910 with his parents & sister. He was living with his paternal Aunt Effie (Lewis) Severance in Newburgh with his father in C/1920. After they married, Preston & Enzer lived on Pleasant Street in C/1940 at the future Sawyer house before moving to their Commercial Street home next to the Methodist Church. Enzer is a twin sister of Esther Varney.

Ch. LEWIS:

- I. Merlene Hilda Lewis
 - b. 1931 Hartland
 - d. 2014 Hartland (PG)
 - m. 4 Oct 1953 Hartland
 - George Eleazer Mead **WWII U. S. Air Force**
 - s/o Bentley Leroy Mead & Rachel Dorothy Quick of Starrucca, Pennsylvania*
 - b. 24 Sep 1923 Starrucca, Pennsylvania
 - d. 14 Oct 1979 Hartland (PG)
- She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1949.*

Ch. MEAD:

- a) Sherry Mead
- b.
- b) Lorrie Jo Mead
- b.
- c) Cindy Mead

b. 1960

II. Ronald Preston Lewis "Joe"

b. 1939 Hartland

m.

Christine Ann Parent

d/o Alfred Parent & Emma St Pierre of Limestone

b. 1940 Limestone

Joe graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1956. Christine graduated in Class of 1958.

Ch. LEWIS:

a) Roxanne Lewis

b. 2 June 1960 Hartland

m. Mark Auclair

D) Hilda Estelle Lewis

b. 25 Nov 1906 Hartland (noted as 2nd child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 15 July 2001 Strong (Strong Village Cemetery)

m. 3 May 1934 Strong

Lyde S. Howes

s/o Albert & Lottie Howe of Strong

b. 1 June 1908 Strong

d. 31 Oct 1988 Strong (Strong Village Cemetery)

Ch. HOWES:

I. Larry Lee Howes

b. 1939 Strong

d. 1940 Strong (Strong Village Cemetery) at 1yr

II. Barbara Howes

b. 5 July 1940 Strong

d. 23 Dec 2012 North Port, Florida (West Freeman Cemetery, Strong)

m. Herbert C. Neil

III. Arthus Ann Howes

b. 1943

m. Ralph William Copeland

m3. 19 Mar 1915 (divorced)

Clara Elizabeth Smith-Ring

m4. 26 Dec 1920 Newburgh

Abbie Jennie Lunt

Following his marriage to Abbie, they moved to Newburgh.

2. Jefferson Lewis

b. 1861 West Pittsfield

d. 19 Dec 1862 West Pittsfield at 1yr

3. Estelle D. Lewis

b. 18 Dec 1862 West Pittsfield

d. 10 Dec 1886 Veazie (Fairview Cemetery, Veazie w/Charles) at 23yrs

m. 1883

Charles G. Hersey

b. 1861

d. 1915 Veazie

4. Addie Ella Lewis

b. 10 Jan 1865 West Pittsfield

d. 19 July 1948 Syracuse, New York (Pittsfield Village Cemetery w/Abiel)

m. 1880

Abiel Elmer Badger

s/o Ezra Badger, Jr & Lois A. Sylvester (St Albans Village Cemetery)

b. 12 Oct 1863 St Albans

d. 1930 Portland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

They had 7 known children.

5. Oscar G. Lewis

b. 2 May 1868 West Pittsfield

d. 1959 Brighton, Massachusetts (Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Massachusetts w/Emma)

m1. 13 May 1895 Detroit

Emma R. Woodbury **(See Woodbury Family)**

d/o Charles Woodbury & Emily Batchelder of St Albans

b. 1869 Hartland

d. 1927 Brighton, Massachusetts (Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Massachusetts)

They had 4 known children.

m2. 1935 (divorced, her 2nd marriage; widowed)

Andella A. Littlefield "Della" **(See Littlefield Family)**

d/o Kingman Littlefield & Sophia Wing

b. 1867 Hartland

d. 6 Sept 1952 Brighton, Massachusetts (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan w/Orrison)

She married 1st to Orrison Clough.

They had no children.

6. Howard G. Lewis

b. 1870 West Pittsfield

d. 2 Feb 1965 Bridgewater (Smith Cemetery, Bridgewater w/Alberta)

m. 18 Oct 1897 Blaine

Alberta Julia Holmes "Bertie"

b. 1878

d. 1959 Bridgewater (Smith Cemetery, Bridgewater)

They had 7 known children.

7. Effie E. Lewis

b. 10 Nov 1871 West Pittsfield

d. 6 Sep 1940 Newburgh (Chapman Cemetery, Newburgh w/Melvin)

m. 14 July 1897 Monroe

Melvin B. Severance

b. 1867

d. 1956 (Chapman Cemetery, Newburgh)

8. Charles Algernon Lewis

b. 1873 West Pittsfield

d. 10 Oct 1968 Madison (Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison w/Nina)

m1. 29 Jan 1896 Blaine

Nina May Beckwith

b. 7 Sep 1876 Knoxford, New Brunswick, Canada

d. 18 May 1935 Madison (Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison)

They had 3 known children.

m2.

Maude Colby

9. Allie Preston Lewis

b. 5 Feb 1875 West Pittsfield

d. 27 Oct 1972 Pittsfield (PG) at 97yrs

m. 22 Dec 1900 Hartland (divorced)

Angeline Mae Cookson "Angie"

d/o George W. Cookson & Olive J. Baker

b. 27 June 1879 Newport

d. 8 Oct 1962 Portland (Dunstan Cemetery, Scarborough)

They resided in St Albans until they separated and eventually divorced. Angie remained in St Albans in C/1940 with their son Carroll while Allie was living with their son Clair in Palmyra in C/1940. He was residing in Palmyra at the time of his death at a Pittsfield Nursing Home. Angie married 2nd to Andrew Washington Bell in 1942 and moved to Portland while Allie returned to the family farm in St Albans. Angie's father George is a brother to William B. Cookson; the grandfather of Lloyd Vernon Cookson, Sr. (See Cookson Family)

Ch. LEWIS:

A) Clair Howard Lewis, Sr "Duffy"

b. 24 Aug 1904 Hartland (noted as 1st child by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)

d. 21 Oct 1986 Pittsfield (PG w/Louise)

m1. 3 Sep 1927 Springfield, Massachusetts (divorced)

Hildred Marion Wight

d/o Leroy E. Wight & Marion R. Carter

b. 28 Nov 1908 Blue Hill

d. 5 Nov 1977 Ozark, Alabama (Woodlawn Gardens, Ozark, Alabama)

She remained in Massachusetts where she raised their son Richard after they divorced.

She later joined Richard in Ozark, Alabama after 1976 until her death.

Ch. LEWIS:

I. Richard Wight Lewis

U. S. Army

b. 9 Mar 1928 Norfolk, Massachusetts

d. 7 Jan 2012 Ozark, Alabama (Woodlawn Gardens, Ozark, Alabama)

m. 1962

Barbara Ann Brothers

Retired Col. Lewis spent 48 years in service to his country.

m2. 23 Dec 1933

Louise R. Frisbee

d/o George F. Frisbee & Betha L. Kroes
b. 7 June 1902 Brighton, Massachusetts
d. 29 Oct 1968 Hartland (PG)

Ch. LEWIS:

II. Ada Mae Lewis
b. 21 Oct 1935 Hartland
m1. 1956 Ernest Waldron Hughes
m2. Clyde R. Priest

III. Clair Howard Lewis, Jr
b. 10 Sep 1936 Hartland
d. 11 Feb 2012 Waterville (Pond Cemetery 2, Unity)
m. 1965 Mary Esther Fogg
They had been living in Unity for 46 years when he died at Maine General Hospital Thayer Unit after an accident earlier that day in the woods in Thorndike.

IV. Eleanor Lewis
b. 29 May 1940 Hartland
d. 25 May 2012 Madison (Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison)
m. 1962 David Wallace Wadsworth

m3. 1 Oct 1969
Elizabeth Arlene Nutter "Arlene"
d/o George Henry Nutter & Sadie Myrtle Morrill
b. 22 Mar 1924 Dexter
d. 5 Apr 2009 Palmyra (PG as E. Arlene Lewis)
They had no children.
She married 1st to Ulysses E. Madore; 2nd to Basil G. Nason. Arlene is a sister of Walter Thomas Nutter who married Hilda LaDora Emery. (See David Emery Family)

B) Florris Nathalie Lewis
b. 23 Aug 1905 Hartland
d. Nov 1971 Melrose, Massachusetts
m. 2 Sep 1922 Pittsfield
Roger Williams
s/o John S. Williams & Helen Montgomery
b. 28 Feb 1901 Malden, Massachusetts
d. 15 Feb 1983 Marlborough, Massachusetts
She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1924.

Ch. WILLIAMS:

I. Charlotte Nathalie Williams
b. 26 Mar 1923 St Albans
d. 22 July 2017 Massachusetts
m. Stanley Blair Steeves

II. Helen Katherine Williams
b. 21 Mar 1925 Providence, Rhode Island
d. 25 Aug 2020

m. Allan Clinton Johnson, Jr

III. Barbara Elaine Williams

b. 14 Dec 1926 Providence, Rhode Island

d. 16 Jan 1972 Wakefield, Massachusetts (Puritan Memorial Park, Peabody, MA)
She never married.

IV. Roger Lewis Williams

b. 3 June 1931 Brockton, Massachusetts

d. 15 Jan 2013 Loris, South Carolina

m. Cynthia Bates

V. David Williams

b. 22 Dec 1938 Massachusetts

m. Gail Moran

C) Carroll Allie Lewis

WWII U. S. Army Air Force POW/MIA

b. 27 Mar 1908 Parkman (noted as 3rd Child)

d. 31 Dec 1942 (declared) Philippines (PG-Cenotaph) at 34yrs

Corporal Lewis was serving with the 3rd Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group headquartered at Fort William McKinley, Manila, Philippines. He was stationed at Iba Field, Luzon, Philippines when Japan invaded in December of 1941. He was captured by the Japanese and endured the Bataan Death March on his way to Camp O'Donnell and Cabanatuan POW Camp. He was reported Missing In Action in May 1942 but noted by other POW survivors at the camp he died in Camp Cabanatuan in the summer of 1942. His death was declared on December 31, 1942 as Missing In Action and his remains have never been found. He is listed on the 'Tablets Of The Missing' at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial and also has a memorial headstone at Pine Grove Cemetery at his father's lot. ~ Report Courtesy of his Great Nephew Mark Johnson

m2. c1878

Leah W. Kimball

d/o James Kimball & Mary Sylvester

b. 1847 Canaan

d. 10 Feb 1898 Hartland (PG)

Ch. LEWIS:

10. Cora Mae Lewis

b. 17 Mar 1880 West Pittsfield

d. 10 May 1964 Hartland (PG as Cora Jordan w/Lewis Hight)

m1. 21 Mar 1896 Hartland

Charles W. Cookson

s/o Edmond Allen Cookson & Nancy B. Hurd of Harmony

b. 1876 Harmony

d. 15 Jan 1903 Hartland (PG) at 26yrs of Consumption/TB

Ch. COOKSON:

A) Clyde William Cookson, Sr

WWI U. S. Army Medical Division

b. 27 Dec 1896 Hartland (noted as 1st child by Dr. Edwin A. Bean)

d. 19 Mar 1953 Hartland (PG w/Lida)

m. 20 Jan 1918 St Albans

Lida Marie Merrick (See Merrick Family)

d/o Lincoln Merrick & Lilla P. Sawyer of St Albans

b. 5 May 1898 St Albans

d. 11 May 1986 Seattle, Washington (PG)

She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1917 and was a Seamstress for most of her life. She moved to San Francisco following Clyde's death living there with her daughter Sheila in 1957 then to the Seattle area soon after where she remained until her death. She remarried in 1968 to Otis Karl Linscott but was again widowed in 1974. Her older sister Leta Merrick married Harry R. Libby. (See Libby Family)

Ch. COOKSON:

I. Thelma Phyllis Cookson

b. 30 Sep 1918 Hartland

d. 13 June 1971 Moultonborough, NH (Moulton Cemetery, Belmont, NH)

m. Richard Edwin Moulton

II. Clyde William Cookson, Jr

WWII U. S. Army Air Corps

b. 17 July 1923 Hartland

d. 10 Mar 1995 Westbrook (Brooklawn Memorial Park, Portland) at 72yrs

m. Louise M. French

III. Joan Sawyer Cookson

b. 1931

m. 25 Dec 1949 Pittsfield

Donald C. Brochu

IV. Sheila M. Cookson

b. 1937

m. 10 Nov 1957 California

Paul E. Allinson

B) Vivian Mildred Cookson

b. 4 Dec 1900 Hartland

d. 6 July 1987 Hartland (PG)

m. 17 Mar 1920 Hartland

Ervin Wilbur Martin (See Martin Family)

s/o Selden James Martin I & Nellie I. Parkman

b. 24 Jan 1900 St Albans

d. 9 May 1977 Hartland (PG)

Ch. MARTIN:

I. Selden James Martin II

WWII U. S. Air Force

b. 2 Feb 1922 Hartland

d. 30 Dec 2013 Hartland (PG)

m. Virginia Amber Wheeler

d/o Harold Wheeler & Mabel Wood

II. Gerald Edgar Martin

WWII U. S. Navy

b. 5 Aug 1925 Hartland

d. 4 May 2017 Hartland (PG)

m1. Mildred Tidwell

m2. Florence Elaine Southard **(See Southard Family)**
d/o Merton Pearly Southard & Alice Eleanor Weeman

m3. Patricia Bowman

III. Raymond Ervin Martin
b. 14 May 1933 Hartland
d. 21 Feb 2019 Hartland (PG)
m. Beverly Christine Neal **(See Stephen Seekins Family)**
d/o Gilbert F. Neal & Iva Florence Seekins

m2. 2 July 1904 Hartland
Lewis Dearborn Hight
s/o Fred G. Hight & Josephine E. Bean
b. 1879 Athens
d. 1923 Hartland (PG)

Ch. HIGHT:

C) Ola Madeline Hight
b. 28 Aug 1905 Hartland (noted as 1st child by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)
d. 24 Sep 1984 Hartland (PG)
m. 25 Dec 1925 Hartland
Herbert L. Sawyer
s/o Edwin Burleigh Sawyer & Mary Wilson of Linneus
b. 29 July 1902 Linneus
d. 11 Feb 1954 Hartland (PG)
They were living in North Hartland in C/1930 with her mother and step-father Arthur Jordan. They remained in North Hartland in C/1940 with Herbert's niece Geraldine Mae (Tozier-Sawyer) D'Amico (1928-2013) living with them.

Ch. SAWYER:

I. Hartley Dawson Sawyer **twin**
b. 3 June 1938 Hartland
d. 4 Aug 2013 Greenville (PG)
m. 1956
Alice Grace Patterson
d/o Frederick Patterson & Genie French
b. 26 Sep 1938 Athens
d. 20 Nov 2018 Greenville (PG)
They resided on Pleasant Street in Hartland for many years before moving to Waldoboro then eventually retiring in Greenville.

Ch. SAWYER:

a) Steven Sawyer
b. Hartland

b) Trudy Sawyer
b. 1960 Hartland
m. William O'Neil

c) Holli Sawyer
b.
m. Adam Boccelli

II. Harvey Dean Sawyer
b. 3 June 1938 Hartland *twin*
d. 21 Aug 1946 Hartland (PG) at 8yrs

m3. 15 Sep 1926 Hartland

Arthur Stanley Jordan

s/o Adelbert Burns Jordan & Elizabeth Mae Wiggin

b. 14 May 1882 Stetson

d. 23 Jan 1944 Hartland (Starbird-Jordan Cemetery w/Vina)

They had no children.

He married 1st to Vina C. Stafford, widowed 1925. Vina is a daughter of Alfred Stafford & Sarah Jane Woodbury. (See Stafford & Woodbury Family)