

Lewis Family

William Blivings Lewis, earliest we can trace our family, was a sea captain. His ship plied between Charleston and Boston and, coming upstate from Charleston to explore the countryside, met and married Mary Quarles. Her father's name was Joseph, an upstanding citizen of Winnsboro, S.C., who received the second deed to land in that town. When Joseph wrote his name his/mark, it was spelled Quarrell<sup>or Querrell</sup>/by mistake of whoever handled the transaction.

William B. Lewis (as we refer to the young man) was in Winnsboro for a very short time, dying of fever, and was buried in the First Methodist Church cemetery, Winnsboro, who, according to the late Hayne McMeekin, who operated a furniture store, said that he had known where the monument to William B. Lewis (in the central part of the cemetery, where the Buchanans were buried in the next plot.) However, I, Kathleen Lewis (Sloan), was away at College, working afterward in Augusta, Ga., and later in Winnsboro, and by that time the old monuments had been broken, etc., and in a clean-up, all were hauled away.

Sometime afterward, Mary Quarles married a \_\_\_\_\_ Carroll of Chester and lived in Chester for the rest of her life. Her burial place--it is said--was in a field near the homes of other Carrolls, on the right side of the highway going toward Newberry. There is supposed to be a monument there, but I do not know if it was hers or other Carroll members.

After William B. ~~XXXX~~ had died, their son, William Blivings, Jr. was born. At the age of 12, he was apprenticed to a shoemaker in Winnsboro, and supposedly lived there until he moved to the Bethlehem community of Chester County. He married Catharine "Kitty" Wells,

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and their son was named John Quarles Lewis. The three are buried in the Bethlehem Church cemetery. Some years ago, the <sup>marble</sup> tombstone to William B., Jr. and Catharine Wells Lewis having been broken, descendants, spearheaded by Walter Woodward "Hollis" Lewis of Winnsboro, a fifth generation grandson and Kathleen Lewis Sloan, Columbia, S.C., also fifth generation, raised a considerable amount <sup>of</sup> money for a new monument (made of blue granite). The old marble monument was fastened on the back. So many funds came in, that the balance was given to the church. John Quarles supposedly had no issue.

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Children of/John Lewis/were: Tom, Sr., Feaster, Elmira, Lizzie (who died at 10), Nannie (who lived to be 101), James Carroll, William "Bill," John IV., Sam. John IV was killed by two black men, who robbed him. The two were among the earliest to be electrocuted in S.C. chambers.

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Sally Weir was the only sister of Mary "Polly" Weir, Polly was the mother-in-law of James Carroll Lewis. James Carroll Lewis married Mary Jane Weir. In 1862, James Carroll Lewis, enlisted in the Confederate Army at Camp Lee on April 28, and was paroled May 1, at Greensboro, N.C. All parolees had to walk home or get there the best way they could. "Jim," as everyone called him, served in the Infantry, 7th Florida Infantry, Company D, Alachua Rebels, and fought with the Western Army and in the Battle of Atlanta. He was a descendant of William Blivings Lewis, who came to Winnsboro from Charleston in 1776.

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Sally C. Weir (daughter of Polly?) married Bess Roberts, who apparently knew her when Roberts lived in S.C. and then moved to Tenn.

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Tom Lewis, father of Edward Burr Lewis, Lunceford Blaydes Lewis, Julie "Kitty" Annie Lewis, Walter Woodward Lewis, Ernest Van Lewis, and Mary Kathleen Lewis. The children's mother was Mary Ellen "Mollie" Street Lewis, and her daughters married respectively, Calvin William Robinson of Shoals Junction, S.C. and Eugene Blakely Sloan II of Columbia and Clinton, S.C. Sloan served in the 5th Airforce as a first lieutenant during World War II.

The sons in the family married, respectively, Rebecca Smith Starnes; Margaret Eloise Ashford (d); and Marjorie Perry Robinson; Florrie Jane Bethea; and Nell Crosby Brooks.

As of March 1990, Kathleen Lewis Sloan was <sup>left as</sup> the last member of her immediate family.

She has two daughters, Mary Lindsay Sloan, who married Clinton Foster Roby, and they live in Baltimore; and Laura Lewis Sloan, who is married to Birdie Raymond Crosby, Jr., of Summerville, S.C. The Crosbys have two daughters, Kathleen <sup>"Katie"</sup> Lewis Crosby, and Ivy Addison Crosby, in the 7th and 1st grades, respectively.

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In Re: Sally (Sallie) Roberts. Tom Lewis, son of James Carroll Lewis, went to Tennessee to live with her, for about two years. During that time he met Mary Ellen "Mollie" Street. Also visiting Mrs. Roberts was Tom Lewis' brother William Hampton "Wade Hampton" and sister Annie Mae Lewis, afterward.

When Roberts died, Tom Lewis went out to help her with her affairs and brought her back to South Carolina. When she died, she left everything she owned to him, according to Tom's sister, Mary "Mamie" McKeown. Mrs. Roberts was living in Tom Lewis' home when she died.

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What may have been the first Lewis to come to the New World, of which there is any record or tradition, was James Lewis. He was an English sea captain, who landed in New York. He married a Mrs. Dollar. Whether this was before leaving New York, moving down to Pennsylvania, is not known, but there is a letter from a Mrs. Gerald C. (Hattie Thomas) Dollar of Grover's Mill Road, Granbury, N.J. to Walter Woodward Lewis, asking for family information. This supports the theory that James Lewis was married before leaving New York. There are several family traditions about James Lewis: (1) He was scalped by Indians; (2) he left on another sea voyage and was never heard from again; he migrated to South Carolina. He must have fathered at least one descendant, or there would be no tradition about him in the family.

Whether James Lewis was the father of William Blivings Lewis<sup>I</sup> or a close relation is not known. It is generally believed that William B. Lewis' father was named William; his mother's name, Ann; and that he had a brother named Henry. There is a record of a William Lewis, who came from Caroline County, Va. before the American Revolution, who stated in his petition for a Revolutionary War pension that his places of habitation were in Richmond and Fairfield District, the last being on the Fairfield side of the Wateree at Rocky Mount. His Will lists numerous children by two wives, including a son named William W. The Veteran is listed in the 1790 Census, Winnsboro.

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Additionally, there was a Mrs. Lois C. Meyer, 801 Detroit St., Denver, Colorado (a letter dated 10/5/1942) and her father, who were tracing the descendants of the McLurkin Family, who came from Ireland before the Revolutionary War, settling in South Carolina. Mrs. Meyer's mother's maiden name was McClurkin.

Mrs. Meyer had written to Mrs. Thomas Walter Lewis (Mary Ellen Street Lewis), in which she stated, "You probably do not know of the McClurkin name, as it is not in your ancestry, but that of your husband (Thomas Walter Lewis), whom we had the pleasure of meeting last spring, and he helped us considerably with our records. Perhaps your children might like to have this line of descent, so I will outline it.

"Your husband's great-great-great-granfather, James McClurkin, died in South Carolina in 1795. He came to America with his family from Ireland on the Ship Don Luce, in 1772. He and those of his children over 16-years-of-age, applied for land on January 6, 1773. James McClurkin left a Will, naming nine of his children, and one of those was Jane McClurkin, born about 1750, died in 1852, over a hundred years aged. There was also a David Weir on the same ship, and we suppose that he is the one Jane McClurkin [another source says they did marry] married. Some of the family tell us that Jane McClurkin Weir carried a message hidden in her hair during the Revolutionary War. We do not know whether her husband fought in the War or not, but it is supposed he did. Their eldest child was born in 1777, so they probably married before the War started.

"Your husband's great-grandparents were John W. Weir, (1815-1851) and his wife Mary W. Robertson (or Robinson) born 1821; died 1910. Their daughter, Mary Jane Weir (1846-1910), married your husband's father, James Carroll Lewis, born 1837-1925).

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Also arriving on the Don Luce in 1772 were Charles Lewis and his brother, who had been playmates with Lord Rawdon of England. They met again in the Revolutionary War.