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## INTRODUCTION

The papers of the Lewis family consist of family records, legal documents, financial documents, correspondence, and miscellaneous material. The Lewis family resided in Osceola, Missouri.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The Lewis Family Papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Lawrence Bernard Lewis on May 6, 2004 (Accession No. 6034).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Howell Lewis (1770-1822) was the youngest son of Betty Washington Lewis, the sister of George Washington. He worked for Washington during his presidency as a recording secretary. He married Ellen Hackley Pollard (1776-1842) and they had 12 children. Lewis managed his farm on their land in Kanawha, Virginia until his death in 1822. After his death, Ellen Lewis moved to Ohio to live with her daughter until her death in 1855.

Ellen's son, Lawrence Lewis (1813-1878) moved to Osceola, Missouri after his studies in the medical department of Cincinnati College. Lewis married Mary Ferguson in 1842, with whom he had a child. After the death of his first wife, he married Emeline Reynolds in 1853. They had 10 children. At the time of his death he was the treasurer of St. Clair County.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Lewis Family Papers consists of family records, correspondence, legal documents, personal finances, and miscellaneous materials.

The family records consist of biographies on the more prominent family members as well as birth and death dates of the entire Lewis family from the late 1700s until the late 1800s. They also contain the family's history dating back to their time on the East Coast.

The correspondence consists of news and letters from family members. Most of the letters are dated from the 1830s to until the 1880s and are addressed to Lawrence Lewis. These letters concern issues involving borrowed money, the Civil War, and family news from other parts of the United States.

The financial records document payments that Lewis made for household items and to support his career. The legal documents contain deeds, wills, contracts and Letters of Attorney, as well as land records. The miscellaneous items include some of Lewis medical school documents and a list of hotels in the town of Osceola, Missouri.

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