

## **John Gibson Lewis I (b. 1788, d. Bef. 1850)**

**John Gibson Lewis I<sup>37</sup>** was born 1788 in South Wales, England, and died Bef. 1850 in Cumberland County, Crossville, Tennessee.

### Notes for **John Gibson Lewis I:**

I was told that John's father was possibly Gideon Lewis - info per Aleese Brown (I have not proven this yet)

John Gibson Lewis I was the first to come to Cumberland County. He came with his family from the state of Georgia. He was married to Priscilla Scarborough in 1830. They settled on "Buck Ridge" in the Newton community. He and his wife are buried there (close to old Casto Norris Place) the only two graves on the Newton Road between Burgesstown and Newton. The only history I have of any children is of one son, John Gibson Lewis II born in 1815 in Georgia and died in 1897 in Cumberland Co., and is buried in the Bolin Cemetery. - info per Lillie Elizabeth Lewis

John Gibson Lewis I, born 1788. He married Temperance or Mary Scarbrough on Jan 9, 1809. Family tradition says that John migrated to Putnam Co., Ga., in the late 1700's or early 1800's from south Wales, England. The couple had ten children. The first five were born in Georgia: Lucinda, Eluisa, John II, Frances, and Mary Smith Lewis. After these children were born, the family migrated by wagon and oxen to White Co., Tenn. were five additional children were born: Warner, Temperance, Barnett, William, and Payton. Some of this family may have migrated to Texas. - info per Patricia Lewis Bishop

\*Note in "The Book of Baby Mine" of Patricia Lewis indicates that John Lewis may have been from Georgia.

9-20-94 Letter from Ruth Paisley

Indicates John Gipson spelling could be Gibson, she doesn't know. Came from South Wales, England in late 1700's, early 1800's as a young man. If so, and he arrived in Georgia, port of arrival may have been Savannah, Georgia. They settled in North Carolina and later moved to Georgia by wagon and oxen. Then moved to Cumberland County (Crossville area) Tennessee when their son John was a young man.

Sadie Wilson says John Gibson Lewis I was "kicked out of Georgia". But no one knows why. There is a squirrel rifle with an octigan barrel that is in the Lewis family ( I think with Terry "Butch" Lewis) that my father, Ray C. Lewis tells me killed a man. I wonder if the man doing the killing was John Gibson Lewis in the state of Georgia. Check the Court records, maybe we will find out.

According to the Cumberland County Cemetary Records Book of 1984, this John and Temperance are buried at the Casto Norris Field, Newton Cemetery #1, in the Newton Community.

Per Tim's letter (11-17-94) John Gibson Lewis I was the 1st Lewis in Cumberland County, then White County.

Note: Information compiled from Cloe Godfrey letter to Tim's father and Mrs Helen England of Sparta, Tennessee.

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According to the 1850 Census, John & Tempie's children were:

1. Mary Lewis, 33 at time of census
2. Bennett Lewis, 26 at time of census
3. William Lewis, 22 at time of census
4. Waman, 32 at time of census
5. Potter, 21 at time of census

Children shown on my Family Group Sheet are from Tim Lewis's Family Group Sheet as of 11-17-94 per letter from Cloe Grodfrey to Tim's father and Mrs Helen England in Sparta, TN

Per Tim Lewis's 11-17-94 letter:

"John Gibson and Temperance Lewis came to the state of Georgia aobut 1809. They came to Cumberland County about 1819. Temperance may have been born in Georgia. They are buried in Casto Norris's field, in the Newton community. After John Gibson died, Temperance moved into Big Bottom to live with one of her children. All this area (Newton and Big Bottom) were at that time in White County. Cumberland was formed in 1856."

According to Edna Lewis as related to Ruth, "Uncle Roy did some research in England when he was over there but that pretty much went when he died. He is to have said that there was a killing over there and the family scattered. Some to America....."

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The following information is on a letter given to Bernice Lewis Rackley by Melissa Morgan: From Harv Tucker and family.

Harv Tucker's mother was the daughter of John Lewis II.

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Warner Lewis married Nancy Pollard  
Luanda Lewis married Elijah Scarbrough  
William Lewis married Artie Shannon  
Dempsy Lewis married ?Robinson  
John Gibson Lewis III married Margaret Peggy Arnett  
Elijah Lewis married Julia VanWinkle  
Abraham married Leathy Wilson  
Peyton never married  
Barnett never married  
Martha never married  
Narcissus never married  
Margaret Peggy never married

Elijah Lewis fought in the war between the states for the Union. Elijah married Julia VanWinkle. The following is a list of their children and who they married:

Mary Lewis married Jack Turner  
Frank Lewis married Narcissus Russell  
John Lewis married Hester Sapp  
Abe Lewis married Elizabeth Arnett  
Fate Lewis married Mattie Edwards  
Martha Lewis married Lon Parks  
Nancy Lewis married Charlie Kenner  
Jim Lewis married Allie Scott  
Charlie Lewis died as a baby

Elijah Jefferson Russell;

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Elijah owned land and slaves in Mississippi. One slave girl he owned was a seamstress and he paid \$1500 for her. He fought during the civil war for the confederacy. After the war was over he left Mississippi and came to Tennessee to live, where he lived the rest of his life. In Mississippi he married and had a son; his wife died during childbirth. In those days people traveled in carts, they were something like buggys but larger. He and his son were riding in the cart when a barrell fell on the child and he was killed. I wonder if the grief was more than he could take, the reason he left his land and home to find a new place. He was a doctor.

He met and married Narcissus Wilson. She was a sister to Logan, Dan, Kell, Debe, Leatha, and Margaret. They raised a family and one of their daughters married Milt Scarborough. Their son married Joe and Johnny Sapps sister, Sally; his name was Bud and he got killed at a sawmill.

His wife passed away and he m married her sister, Margaret Wilson. Born to them was a

daughter named Narcissus; but his wife died in childbirth. Meanwhile, he was get on in years and his life centered around his daughter. She grew up and married Frank Lewis. His daughter eloped to marry Frank. When he found his daughter had gone (he had a cap and ball gun where you loaded your shot), he loaded up his gun real heavy (like he was looking for bears) and went to Elijah's house (Frank's dad) looking for his daughter. He asked "what direction did they go"? Franks dad pointed in the opposite direction from which they left, and the old man took off. It was a day or two before he got in touch with them and by that time it was too late. He lived the rest of his life with them. Listed below are the names of Frank and Narcissus children and who they married:

Edgar "Lee" Lewis married Ellie VanWinkle

William "Hayden" Lewis married Susie Martin

"Quillie" Ray Lewis married Ellen Driver & Virginia Bolin

Everett Lewis married Melissa Morgan

Emmett Lewis married Clara Hodge

Lonnie Lewis died at age 4

Casto Lewis never married

These are the children Everett and Melissia Lewis:

Delia Glennell married Melvin Creed Carr (Melvin was killed in a car accident 12-15-67)

4 children Melvin, Rex, Penny, & Geisha

Henrietta married Billie Welch. Five children Loretta, Brenda, Billie, Jason, & Melissia

Naomi Narchissus married Edgar Stone one child Kimberly. Divorced and married

William Hinch, Jr. later divorced and married Robert Wayne VanWinkle.

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William "Frank" Lewis and Narcissus Russell were married on December 3, 1902.

Frank was born February 6, 1869

Narcissus was born May 1, 1884

Children born to them:

Edgar "Lee" Born 12-25-03

William "Hayden" 6-23-06

"Quillie" Ray 4-5-08

Everett 6-3-11

Emmett 6-3-11

Lonnie 4-21-14

Casto 3-30-19

Lonnie Died 10 ? 17

Frank died 2-4-44

Narcissus 8-17-62

Quillie 6-20-82

Lee 8-20-83

Casto 9-28-89

Hayden 4-5-1991

Emmett 10-8-1994

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Came from England, Wales John Lewis m. \_\_\_\_\_  
about 1800 to Georgia from there to Tennessee after 1814. Settled on Buckridge on road  
between Midway and Newton.

Peyton never married

Barnett never married

Lucinda married Elijah Scarbrough, William, Millie Ann, Tempy

Tempy married \_\_\_\_\_ Robinson to White County

Warner married Nancy Pollard. Dalton a son

Jr.II John G. Jr. married Margaret Bolin, North Carolina

William m. Artie Shannon, William, Tempy, Ruth, John, Mandy

Martha J. never married

III John G., Jr. m. Margaret Ann Arnett, Columbus A., Frank A., Lettie L., Joe, Gip L.,

Betty L., Tom Martha A.,

Elijah m Julia Van Winkle, Frank, Marg. Abe. John. Martha, Fate, Nancy, Jim

Narcissa never married

Margaret never married

Abraham m Leathy Wilson, Alfred, Mary, Kelly, Cloyd, Anne, Millie

**\*\*Note:** The above was written on onion skin paper by Harv Tucker and given to Pauline

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The following is a letter from Elva Cloe Godfrey and is in the possession of Pauline  
Bolin:

1st page

History from my Grand Father Lewis, William (Bill) Lewis, Born in 1835 a brother to  
Marth Jane, Born, 1840, Their brother Elijah, Born 1843. At the time these were born  
Great Grand daddy Lewis lived on Canny Fork at the mouth of Cooper Creek. That is  
where all three of these children was born.

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This book gives that all 3 boys were in the Army! But they were not.

2nd page

My Grand Father William (Bill) Lewis did not go. He was a blacksmith. The other 2 both  
went that is true

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The picture of the school house, where you say Flat Rock 1900-40, was built in 1901. By  
my dad R,D, Godfrey and Edd Lockwood,

And the one where you say Northville is the old Flat Rock school house built by Uncle  
Anderson Blaylock and Joe and Johnny Sapp's daddy back in the early 1860s as my

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/l/e/w/Sue-D-Lewis/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0014.html>

3rd page

could remember it in 1871, and she was born on March 3rd 1867 and her brother was a baby when she first seen that school house and he was born on April 2nd 1870.

Our Great Great Grand Father and Great Great Grand Mother Lewis are both buried at the old Copland place.

4th page

Our Great, Grand Father Lewis and his wife came to the U.S.A. from the country of Wailes. I dont know what year though} Our Great Grand Father John Gippy Lewis was born in 1812. His brother Warner born 1815. His brother Barnett was born in 1817} So Uncle Warner said when he stayed at our house in 1901 and 1902, He stayed with us for a little over 2 years. Now these few lines is history that he gave us while he lived with us.

\*\*Note the above may have a page missing as it was hard to understand, but was written in Elva Cloe's hand.

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On the back of John Gibson's picture in front of his house (same picture in the newspaper)

John Lewis I and wife natives of Old South Wales English. first settled at Fort Ogelthorp Georgia then to Tenn. on Buck Ridge between midway school and Newton about 1820 where he and wife are buried near the road marked by large slabs of stone only the two graves the picture on other side.

John G. Lewis II

Martha daughter

Margaret daughter

The girl in door Mary L.(Lewis) Kearley

The boy Kell Lewis Grandchild

Picture made about 1896 near Thomas Springs Cumberland County, Tenn.

John G. Lewis born in Georgia 1814-died 1897

married Margaret Bolin from North Carolina

Children

Boys Girls Never Married

William Martha

Eligah Narcisses

John G.III Margaret

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V.1

Barnet Lewis to Abigail Williams 12-26-1852 White County

Barnett Lewis to Diademy Harness 12-10-1858 White County

V.2 Brides

Lucy Lewis to Granville Lewis 1-1-1859 (1--5-1859)D

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1850 Census - Tennessee (State Census)

Lewis, John G. 38, Margaret 39, Harriett 17, William 15, Martha 13, John 10, Elija 7, Rutha 5, Narcissa 2, Ga NC, Wh-1503-219

Lewis, Temperance 59, Mary 33, Bennet 26, William 22, Waman 32, Potter 21, Ga Ga, Wh-329-54

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1880 White County Census

Warner Lewis (laborer), 60 m servant TN, NC, NC (note\* may be servant in household of John G. and Bettie Stewart)

E. Jane Lewis, 19 f single, servant TN, TN, TN

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1850 U.S. Census of White County, TN District No 2 (in White County Library)

Temperance Lewis 59 F Georgia

Mary 33 F Georgia

Bennet 26 M Farming Tenn.

William 22 M Farming Tenn

Waman 32 Farming Tenn

Potter 21 M Tenn

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1880 census county white census district 2

Payton Lewis is shown as a farm laborer, is 51 years old and he is boarding at the Thomas L Mitchell home (Thomas L & Sarah F. Mitchell)

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Katherine Pollard's 7-18-95 letter:

(Copied from the bible-I believe it was Anna Hassler's)

"John Gipson II made baskets, tubs, hoe handles, etc., Bill was a blacksmith, John G. III a deer hunter, & drew a Civil War check. Abe was a farmer, Lige was a gossip & drew a Civil War check. John II was a Church of Christ member.

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Will of John Lewis:

John Lewis and Temperance his wife was married on Thursday, the 9th of January in the



year of 1809 by Leonard M. Peake, Justice of the Peace of Putnam County and State of Georgia, and when I am dead and laid in my silent grave, my children and my wife is my all this the 2nd day October 1824

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Genealogical Records: Early Tennessee Settlers, 1700's-1900's  
Records of Commissions of Officers, 1796-1815, Part 1, Page 61  
Rhea County Regiments  
Lewis, John ... Lieutenant 30th regiment ... December 26, 1808  
Mitchell, James ... Captain 30th regiment ... December 26, 1808

**More About John Gibson Lewis I:**

Burial: Unknown, graves on the Newton Road between Burgesstown and Newton.

Buried At:: Casto Norris' Field, Newton Community.<sup>38, 39</sup>

Fact 1: Teacher and Leather Maker.

**More About John Gibson Lewis I and <Unnamed>:**

Marriage 1: January 09, 1809, Putnam Co., Apple Tree, GA by Leonard M. Peak justice of the peace on a thursday..

Marriage 2: January 09, 1809, Putnam County, Georgia.<sup>40, 41</sup>

Sealed to spouse (LDS): Leonard M. Feake justice of the peace.

**Children of John Gibson Lewis I are:**

- i. **+Lucinda Lewis**, b. March 23, 1810, Georgia, d. date unknown.
- ii. **+John Gibson "Gippy" Lewis II**, b. January 08, 1812, Oglethorpe, Putman County, Georgia<sup>42, 43</sup>, d. May 29, 1897, Cumberland County, Crossville, Tennessee.
- iii. **Elouisa Brassfield Lewis**, b. April 22, 1814, Georgia, d. date unknown.
- iv. **Frances Brassfield Lewis**, b. May 02, 1816, Georgia, d. February 05, 1818, Putnam Co., GA.
- v. **Polley (Mary) Smith Lewis**, b. April 12, 1818, Georgia, d. October 04, 1857.
- vi. **Warner Brassfield Lewis**, b. March 12, 1820, Tennessee, d. Aft. 1903.
- vii. **Temperance Smith Lewis**, b. January 02, 1823, Tennessee, d. date unknown.
- viii. **Barnete Smith Lewis**, b. May 10, 1825, TN., d. Aft. 1880, TN..
- ix. **+William "Bill" Granville Lewis**, b. June 03, 1827, Tennessee, d. Bet. 1873 - 1879, Died by mishap, on cattle drive from west Kentucky to Springfield, Illinois, accident location and exact year lost..
- x. **Paton Lewis**, b. September 04, 1829, Tennessee, d. date unknown.

