

## THE LEWIS FAMILY IN WALES AND AMERICA

At the time of this writing, November, 1990, a branch of the Lewis family in Wales has been traced to Jenkin Lewis, probably of Pembrokeshire, South Wales, and his descendents, who immigrated to the United States of America. Jenkins Lewis was born in the year 1690. He had a son, Hugh Lewis, born about 1725 in Pembrokeshire, Wales, who had a son, William Lewis, born at Pembrokeshire in 1752. William Lewis married Mary John, and about 1780 they had a son, Thomas Lewis, who was born at Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, South Wales. Thomas Lewis married Anne Howell at Dinas, Pembrokeshire, Wales on December 16, 1804. To them was first born, William Lewis ( Gwylum Dhu), on April 27, 1807. Records indicate William was born in Jordanston, Manorowen, Pembrokeshire, Wales. In 1810, another son, William's brother Thomas Lewis, was born to Thomas and Anne Howell Lewis. Records show that he was born at Tremargshog, Pembrokeshire, Wales and that he married Mary Roderick in Wales in 1834. William Lewis, first married Ann Edwards, who was born January 25, 1807 at Granston, Pembrokeshire, Wales. They were married prior to 1831 and had six children born during the period of 1831 to 1844 at Fishguard and Goodwickvale, Pembrokeshire, Wales. Ann Edwards died in Wales in 1847. Thomas and Anne Howell Lewis had five children, all born in Wales between the years 1835 to 1843. One of their children was David Wesley Lewis, who was also born at Tremarshog, Pembrokeshire, Wales on June 25, 1838. Thomas and Anne Howell Lewis and all of their five children came to the United States of America in 1848, and settled in Iowa and Missouri. It appears that the only child of William Lewis (Gwylum Dhu) and Ann Edwards Lewis, born in Wales, who came to the United States was Henry Edward Lewis. He was born at Fishguard, Wales, on January 22, 1838, five months prior to the birth of his cousin, David Wesley Lewis. He came to Salt Lake City, Utah, after the immigration of his father Gwylum Dhu and died there on March 26, 1926. Henry never married and had no children.

David Wesley Lewis married Ann Jones in Iowa in 1864. Ann Jones was also born in Wales. Verified records show that Ann Jones was born June 5, 1843 at Monmouthshire, Wales, the daughter of Samuel Jones and Hannah Hohnes. They had eight children, who were all born in the United States of America. William Lincoln Lewis was born at Columbus City, Iowa on October 25, 1865. On April 11, 1894, he married Catharine Ann Owens at Dawn, Missouri. She was the daughter of David D. Owens and Jane Evans, both of whom it is said were born near Cardiff, Wales. Irene Lewis, who was born on April 2, 1896, at Dawn, Missouri, is one of the daughters of William Lincoln Lewis and Catharine Ann Owens Lewis. The writer, Donald W. Odell, born May 22, 1925, at Pasadena, California, is the only son of Irene Lewis Odell and the only grandson of William Lincoln Lewis. His mother, Irene Lewis married his father, Donald A. Odell, at her home at 84 South Roosevelt Avenue, Pasadena, California on June 27, 1923. They also have a daughter, Marilyn Irene Odell Weitkamp, born November 24, 1928 at Pasadena, California.

William Lewis, (Gwylum Dhu, sometimes spelled "Guilum" Dhu), came to America in 1849. He became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and sailed from Liverpool aboard the ship Buena Vista on February 25, 1849. He arrived at Salt Lake City on October 27, 1849, with a pioneer company under the leadership of George A. Smith, as captain, after an overland journey from Council Bluffs, Iowa. The trek began there on July 4, 1849.



Soon after his arrival at Salt Lake, William married a widow, Charity Arms Prows, in 1850, and to them were born two children, Lemira Lewis, born August 21, 1851, and Joshua, who died at birth on March 25, 1853. Later William married Ann Evans in plural marriage on August 9, 1852, at Salt Lake City, Utah, and they became the parents of six children.

Lemira Lewis married Charles Rawlinson on February 4, 1870 at Salt Lake City. A daughter, Laura Rawlinson, was born to them on January 15, 1880. She married John Ferney Morrey on January 4, 1900, and they had eight children, one of whom is Alice Morrey Bailey, born on the birthday of her grandmother, Lemira Lewis, on August 21, 1903 and was named Alice Lemira Morrey. Alice currently resides at Salt Lake City.

A daughter, Rachel Ann Lewis, was born on January 29, 1859, to William Lewis and Ann Evans Lewis at Salt Lake City. Rachel Ann Lewis married Eli Abel Folland on October 19, 1876. She is the grandmother of Alice F. Swensen who currently resides in Salt Lake City.

A well known poet, William Lewis, (Gwylum Dhu) was also active in the building trade in Salt Lake City and worked on President Brigham Young's House, the stone wall surrounding the property, the Lion House, the old Deseret News building, the wall enclosing the Temple Block, the foundation of the Salt Lake Temple, the State House in Fillmore, and many other buildings.

Mary Lewis Davis, the daughter of David Wesley Lewis and Ann Jones Lewis, who was born at Columbus City, Iowa on February 9, 1868, recorded in her own handwriting, between November, 1939 and her death on March 16, 1947, information concerning the Lewis home in Wales as follows:

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Three hundred years of history has transpired since the birth of Jenkin Lewis in Wales in 1690. The king and queen of England and Wales, William III (1689-1702) and Mary III (1689-1694) reigned as monarchs at that time. Queen Anne succeeded William and Mary as queen (House of Stuart) from 1702 to 1714. In 1707, when Jenkins Lewis was 17 years of age, the Act of Union made England, Wales, and Scotland a single kingdom, and Great Britain was formed. England and Wales had been united under King Henry VIII in 1536. During the reign of Queen Anne, England's prosperity grew and parliament became the unquestioned supreme power in the country. Well known authors during this period were Alexander Pope, Jonathan Swift, and Joseph Addison.

Cambria is the latin word for Wales, and is used in literature to describe the country. The Welsh people are descendants of a group of people known as Celts. They were named for the language they spoke. Little is known of them until about 500 B.C. Then they were found mainly in the area now known as southwestern Germany. They soon spread over most of western Europe. In the British Isles they were divided into two branches; one included the Irish,



Manx and Highland Scots, who spoke Gaidelic, the Gaelic tongue, and the other branch was the one to which the Welsh, or cymry, the Cornish and the Bretons belonged. This group spoke Brytonic. It is recorded that the Welsh, Cymry, are the survivors of the ancient Brythons, who gave their name to Britian.

The first Celts were a mixed people. They tended to be fair-haired and light skinned, but some had darker colored hair and complexions. They were taller than their neighbors, but not as tall as the Norseman. Modern people who speak the Celtic language are often short and dark haired. These individuals represent the appearance of an old mixed racial element. (World Book, Encyclopedia, Celts, Cymry, Cambria; Progress of Nations, (1933), page 64).

Historians call the first people who lived in Wales, Iberians. Men who knew how to use bronze tools came to Wales about 2000 B.C. These people taught the Iberians how to work with metals, farm land and build ships. The Celtic invaders conquered Wales after and about 600 B.C. The Romans invaded Wales in the 60 A.D's. Roman civilization made little impression on the life of the original inhabitants, but had great influence on their language. Ruins of roads, walls, castles and cathedrals of the Romans and later invaders still remain as evidence of their presence. When the Roman armies left and returned to Italy in the early 400's, the Angles and Saxons from the north of modern Germany occupied the eastern, central and southern parts of the island of Great Britian. The Saxons gradually conquered the British tribes living in Cornwall, south of Wales, and in Strathclyde in the north of Wales. But the Britons, who took refuge in the wild, mountainous region of what now is Wales, kept their independence for hundreds of years. Later, William, the Conqueror, declared himself lord of Wales, (1066-1071).

In the 1200's, the Welsh prince, Llewelyn ap Griffith, won control of most of the country. King Henry III of England recognized him as Prince of Wales in 1267, and Llewelyn in turn recognized Henry III as his overlord. In 1282, however, Llewelyn refused to accept Edward I, Henry's son as overlord. Llewlyn was killed in battle and the Welsh revolt against England collapsed. In 1284, North Wales was placed under English rule.

In 1402, the Welsh revolted against England, and the rebel Owen Glendower, (Owain Glyndwr) drove the English out of Wales. After many years of revolt, a Welsh family, the House of Tudor, came to the English throne. A welshman, Owen Tudor, married Catherine of Valois, a widow of Henry V of the House of Lancaster. Their grandson, Henry Tudor, became King Henry VII, King of England, in 1485. He married the heiress of the House of York, uniting the Lancaster and York families, who had previously fought for many years in the War of the Roses, named for the white rose emblem of the House of York and the red rose worn by the House of Lancaster.

The people gradually accepted the idea of union with England, and in 1536, King Henry VIII, son of Henry VII, the great grandson of Owen Tudor, joined the two countries under the same system of laws and government. Wales was given representation in the English Parliament, and English became the official language of Wales. From then forward, the history of Wales becomes mingled with that of England and Great Britian.



It was under the rule of Henry VIII that he separated the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church and established the Reformation in England. During this period, and at King Henry's insistence, parliament passed two acts in 1534 that made the break with the Roman Catholic Church complete. One declared that the Pope had no authority in England. The other, the famous Act of Supremacy, made the Church of England a separate institution, and established the king as its supreme head.

In 1588, William Morgan translated the Bible into Welsh. Today nearly all of the Welsh are Protestant, and many belong to the Methodist Church. The Methodist revival of the seventeenth century had a great influence on Wales. In 1735, Griffith Jones and Howell Harries began the Methodist revival in Wales, and by 1811 so many Welshmen belonged to the Methodist Church that it formally separated from the Church of England. The Welsh Church Act of 1914 provided that the Church of England was no longer the State Church of Wales.

There is relatively little knowledge of the religious affiliations of the Lewis Family in Wales. Records show that William Lewis (Gwylum Dhu) was christened at Manorowen, Pembrokeshire, Wales. He attended the parish schools until he was thirteen years of age, which were conducted in the English language. In 1848 he embraced the LDS gospel under the ministry of Captain Dan Jones and came to America with a pioneer company of Welsh Saints. He participated actively in the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, in which he held the office of seventy. He helped build the foundation of Salt Lake Temple.

The history of Livingston County, Missouri, recites that the Welsh Baptist Sunday School in Dawn, Missouri, was organized by a group of Welsh people from Iowa, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Wales. In 1865, they met in the home of Thomas and Mary Lewis (the brother and sister-in-law of William Lewis, Gwylum Dhu) for Sunday School and prayer meeting. Rev. H.O. Rowland preached the first Welsh sermon in the home of Joseph Lewis (the son of Thomas and Mary Lewis) in March, 1866. The Baptists decided to organize the Welsh Baptist Church on August 15, 1868 in the home of Thomas Lewis. When the congregation outgrew the Lewis home they were given permission to meet in the Barry School House until 1878. The church was built across the road east of the school house at a cost of \$700 and was dedicated debt free. The foundation was laid by Thomas Lewis and sons.

Eva Lewis (daughter of David Wesley and Ann Lewis) was married in 1900 to David Jones Evans, who was born in South Wales in 1875. His family moved from Wales to Carroll County, Missouri. He attended public schools in South Wales until his family came to Missouri. He graduated from William Jewell College, a Baptist college at Liberty, Missouri, in 1900, and for one year, 1920-21, was President of William Jewell College. He left the position to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri in 1921. He also served as minister of the First Baptist Church in Pasadena, California, following his service, I believe, as Dean of Colgate Theological Seminary in New York.

As suggested by Alice F. Swenson, more can be learned from local church records in Wales. As recorded by Mary Lewis Davis, about 1940, there is a church in the village of Millfield, near the Lewis family home farm.



"The Lewis Family in Wales and America."

That is the title of a handwritten family tree by Mary Lewis Davis, which was found in the home of her son, Lewis Davis at Liberty, Missouri, following his death on July 25, 1986. This handwritten document was sent to Donald W. Odell, by Richard Curry Davis, a grandson of Lewis Davis on August 18, 1988. It was the information in this family tree that enabled Donald W. Odell to contact Alice Morrey Bailey in Salt Lake City on November 17, 1988, which then led to correspondence with Alice F. Swenson of Salt Lake City. They are all descendents of Thomas Lewis, born about 1780, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, South Wales, and Anne Lewis, (nee Howell), born 1872-73 at Pembrokeshire, South Wales. The following is a typewritten translation of Mary Lewis Davis' handwritten Lewis family tree:

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<u>Helen</u>
<u>Joseph</u>
<u>Mary Davis Williams</u>
<u>Spencer</u>
Catherine, & Florence? (and) Joe
<u>Margaret David</u>
<u>Arthur David</u>
<u>John Birdie (?) (Graves?)</u>
no children

William and Jemima Lewis  
no children

David W. and Ann Jones Lewis

William L. Lewis and Catherine Owens

Irene m. Donald Odell  
    |  
    | Donald and Marilyn

Ann Lewis (Dippo)

Kathryn Mary (Miller nee Lewis)  
no children

Mary and Seth Davis

Geneva Davis Tutt m. Edward Tutt

Marian C. Tutt, Dorothy Jane,  
Phyllis Nelson

Samuel Lewis m. Carrie Johnson

David Lewis

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Ruth Lewis (Harr)

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Thomas Lewis m. Cora Duke

Son, Wm. D. (Lewis)  
Lucy (Lewis)

Bessie (Lewis) m. Robert Harmon

son, Robert m. Peggie (Walker)

Robert, III

Edith Lewis

Note by Richard C. Davis: GREAT GRANDMA (DANNY) TELLING OF HER FATHER FAMILY TREE BACK TO WALES.

Note by Donald W. Odell: Attached to this typewritten interpretation of Mary Lewis Davis handwritten family tree is a 8 1/2 x 11 inch reduction of the 11 x 14 inch copy sent to me by Richard C. Davis. (needs checking as to accuracy).



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William & Gemma Cranner Good no children

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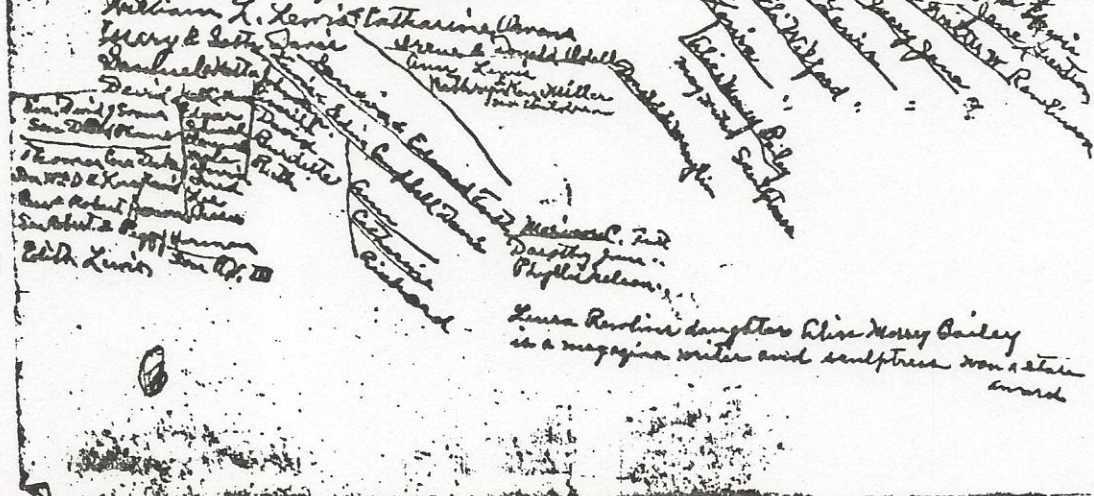
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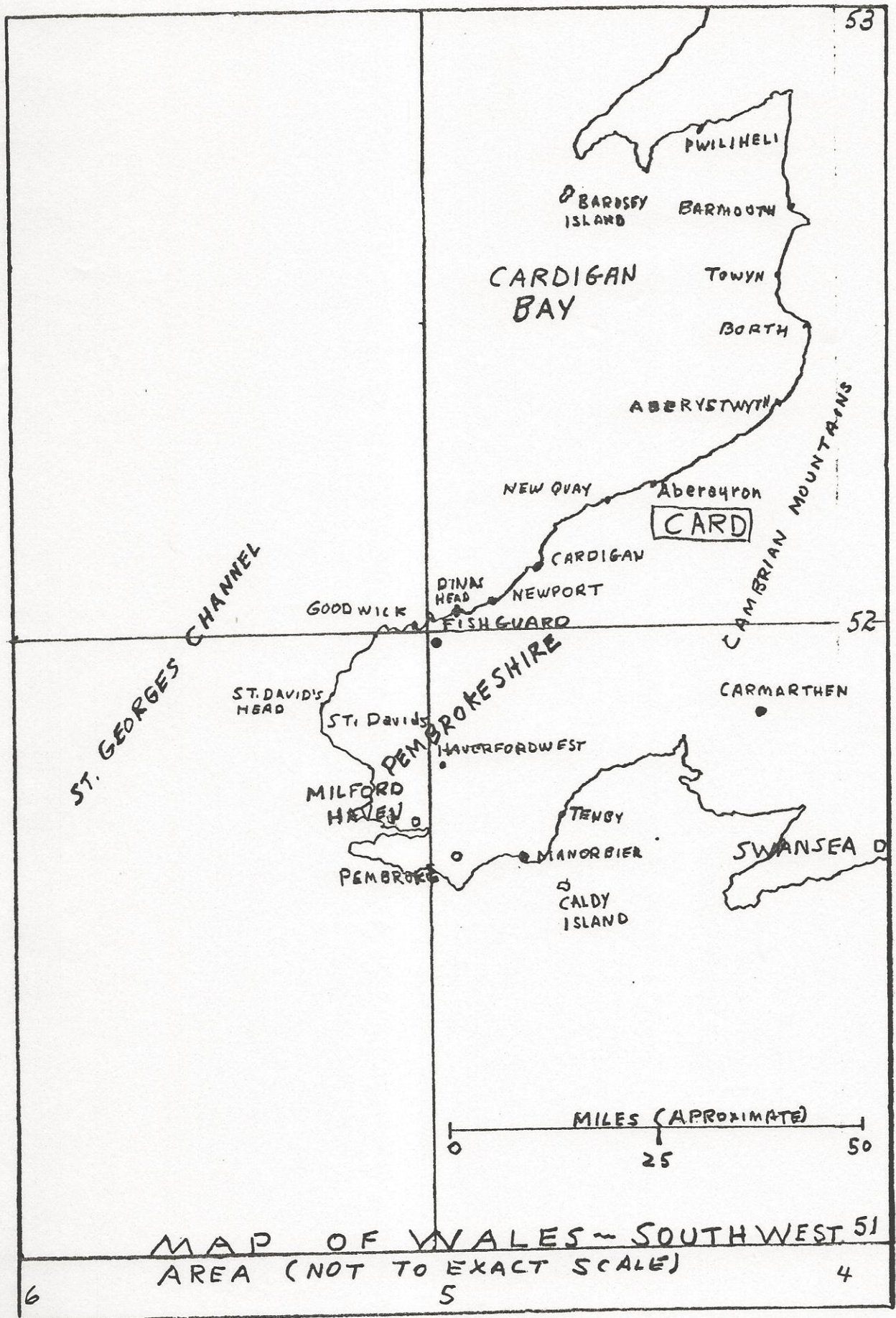
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MAP OF WALES - SOUTH WEST 51  
 AREA (NOT TO EXACT SCALE)



# W I L S E A

bay Island  
lock  
Cliath (Dublin)  
haire (Kingstown)

Head

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David's Head  
nd Clerks  
Ramsay L  
St. Bride's Bay  
Stomer L  
Stokholm I.  
St. Ann's Head  
Milford Haven  
Poppon Point  
Pembroke  
St. Govan's Head  
Manorbier  
Cady L

Lundy Island  
Hartland Point  
Stratton  
Bude Bay  
Carn

BRISTOL CHANNEL

DEVONI

THURTON

WILTS

GLAM

MONI

WORE

HERE





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