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Here it is the first of December and we just heard the postage rate will increase from \$.29 to \$.32. This reminded me that we had better get started on the newsletter if we want to beat the deadline on the postal increase. You can see by the graphic on the left that we are learning a little bit more about this new toy as time goes by. We appreciate your kindness in



letting us use you as test cases for our education on the computer.

The summer has flown by and we have had several nice comments and kind remarks about our 1994 reunion. Those who have written were eagerly awaiting the next one.

We received a letter from Mr. Charles Coe who commanded the Cannoneers at the Robinson Point Cemetery ceremony honoring Jesse Lewis. He was most appreciative of our monetary donation to his Battery and commended all who worked to reclaim the Cemetery and participated in the ceremony.

We, the Robinson Point Cemetery Trustees, have asked Lillian Richburg, a descendant of Henry Jackson Lewis to serve as a Trustee to expand the scope of representation by the family members. While the trustees' activities do not require much time we feel it is important to have several family lines involved. With the addition of Lillian we now have descendants of Henry Jackson, William Sherwood "Coot", and Daniel J. "Sease" involved in the preservation of Robinson Point Cemetery along with the hundreds of you other descendants. We MUST never again lose control of our family cemetery!!! It is going to take some of our younger ones to offer to replace those of us as we get older.

We have had two (2) truck loads of fill dirt and one (1) load of gravel placed in the drive way of the Cemetery. The outlay for this improvement was \$110. We have received contributions of \$60 toward the costs. If you would like to donate toward the balance please feel free to make you donations to Robinson Point Cemetery Memorial and send your check to us at the address on this Newsletter.

We continue to have excellent maintenance by Mr. Mike Pendleton and with the help of our neighbor Dr. Charles Smith we are able to keep the cemetery in top shape. As you all know it is an on-going operation and it costs, so we do need you to provide funds for maintenance and upkeep. Since the last reunion we have had Joyce Murphy and Betty Wolfe make contributions to the maintenance fund. If you would like to "Adopt a Month" please feel free to do so.

You will recall that in our last newsletter we launched out on the genealogy of the LEWIS family by naming the children of Jesse & Nancy LEWIS. Those nine children, the Second Generation were:

1. William Franklin
2. Narcissa Elizabeth
3. Nancy Jane
4. George W.
5. Henry Jackson
6. Catherine Anna
7. Daniel Jefferson "Sease"
8. John L.
9. William Sherwood "Coot"

Now comes THE THIRD GENERATION of the LEWIS family :

Children of William Franklin: 8

1. Georgiana (1863- ?)
2. Henry C. (1874-1971)
3. Louis B. (1876-1895)
4. Lawrence (1879-1899)
5. Sarah E. (1889-1890)
6. Mary Lucy (1865 - ?)
7. Charles (1870 - ?)
8. ?

Children of Narcissa Elizabeth St. Mary: 6

1. Frank (1874 - ?)
2. Rosa (1874-1907) Twin to Frank
3. Pauline "Piney" (1878-1940)
4. Josephine (1881-1977)
5. Joseph "Jodie" (1882 -)
6. Delphine "Dell" (1884 -)

Children of Nancy Jane Hawkins: 4

1. George (1872 - ?)
2. Pat (1871- ?)
3. Josephine "Joanna" (1871-)

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Children of George W. 5

1. John W.
2. Mary Coates
3. J.T.
4. R.B.
5. T.H.

Children of Henry Jackson: 11

1. Augustus "Gus" (1872-1945)
2. Ella (1874-1940)
3. Henry Jackson Jr. (1876-1959)
4. William "Willie" (1878-1949)
5. Calvin (1880-1912)
6. Celia Jane (1883-1950)
7. Grover Cleveland (1885-1969)
8. Rachael Elizabeth (1886-1916)
9. Sylvester "Sill" (1889-1968)
10. Mary "Shade" (1891-1959)
11. Georgia (1893-1960)

Children of Catherine Anna Roberts: 3

1. Jesse (1875- ?)
2. Martha (1877- ?)
3. Thomas (1880- ?)

Children of Daniel Jefferson "Sease": 5

1. Addie O'Neal (1881-1884)
2. Jesse Vanderbilt (1887-1942)
3. Lela Palestine (1889-1984)
4. Daniel Edward "Eddie" (1894-1977)
5. Eula Elizabeth (1897-1920)

Children of John : 7

1. Columbus William (1876- ?)
2. Thomas (1879- ?)
3. Ida (1881- ?)
4. Etta (1883- ?)
5. Fred (1884-?)
6. Julie (190?- ?)
7. Rosa Bella (190?- ?)

Children of William Sherwood "Coot" 9

1. George Franklin "Frank" (1882-1966)
2. Jesse Miles "Bud" (1884-1958)
3. Frances Louise (1886-1970)
4. Martha Elizabeth (1888-1945)
5. Rubin E. "Rube" (1891-1949)
6. Nancy Emaline (1894-1980)
7. Nicie Lee (1896-1900)
8. Lina Mae (1898-1992)

9. Baby Boy (Unnamed) (190?-190?)

This Third Generation produced 58 off springs, the last of which was my mama Lina Mae Lewis Rollo.

An examination of the genealogy chart Lucille sent us shows 93 off-springs from the Third Generation.

I would imagine that most of us who proudly carry the name LEWIS or have LEWIS blood flowing in our veins, and are past middle age are in the Fourth Generation.

Those of you who are younger have a long and proud history of which you can boast.

We hope you have found this genealogy interesting and enlightening. If you find we have left anything out or there are errors above let us know. If you have done any genealogy studies of your particular family and would like to include it in a future issue of the newsletter please send it to us.

Now on to other items which we hope will be of interest to you.

We have been to the City Hall to reserve Carpenters Park for August 12, 1995 but they do not take reservations that far in advance. We will go back after Jan 1, 1995 and firm up and pay for the park for our 1995 Reunion. You know it really is just around the corner.

For the Friday evening dinner on August 11, 1995 we thought it would be a good idea to have the dinner at the Locklin Education Building located at the Santa Rosa Medical Center. The Locklin Building can accommodate up to 200 people for a dinner meeting (at last years dinner at Nichols we had about 93). We can get the facility free of charge if we use the Crystal Catering Service to provide our dinner. We know from several other functions we have attended that Crystal provides and excellent dinner (either buffet or table service with waiters). The choices are extensive and the food is just great. We believe that we can have a great buffet dinner in a private room for the entire evening at less than what it cost last year at Nichols. Don't know if

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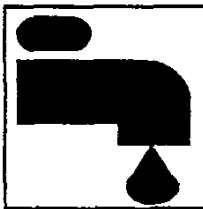
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we can get fried mullet or not (kinda doubt it). Anyway we would like to hear from you (especially those of you from the Milton area who have used Crystal Catering) about this suggestion.

Since we will have the Locklin Building for the entire evening of August 11 we will have ample time to view the video of the Cemetery Ceremony and have other entertainment. We have asked Betty Wolfe, who was responsible for and did such a great job with the Cemetery Ceremony to serve as our Activities Chairman for this year's reunion functions. We know you will want to volunteer to help her with your suggestions and talents..

We have recently learned some information about Agriculture in Santa Rosa County in 1884 as found in the 1885 Florida State Census and thought we would pass on to you .

The report shows Jesse Lewis owning 160 acres (this we know was on Robinson Point and probably in the vicinity of Robinson Point Cemetery) with 15 acres "Tilled" and 145 "Unimproved". On this property he planted 1 acre in Sugar Sorghum and produced 70 gallons of syrup; produced 20 bushels of Cow Peas; on 10 acres he produced 180 bushels of



Indian Corn; he produced 100 bushels of Sweet potatoes; he had 10 Peach trees; "Market Gardens" worth \$50.00; and Estimated Value of Farm Production of \$300.00. In addition to farming he had 5 Cows (one of which was a milk cow); 20 Swine; and 25 Barn Yard fowl. **NOT BAD FOR A MAN AT LEAST 80 YEARS OLD AND WHO HAD SERVED IN TWO WARS!!**

Just a few more drops of information before we bring this newsletter to a close.

We have the video tape of the ceremony of August 12 honoring Jesse Lewis. This is the tape made by our own David Lewis which includes the ceremony from beginning to end. David Lewis, Jr. has reviewed both his dad's tape and the one made by WSRE-TV . David

tells us that his dad's tape is very good but the one made by WEAR-TV only covers parts of the ceremony. David has been kind enough to make the tapes available to us at just the cost of the blank tape and postage. He will splice in what footage he can from the WEAR-TV tape and provide us one tape we can be proud to own.

You will recall that at our reunion in August we voted to make the tapes available for \$15 each with any profits going to the Lewis Reunion Fund for 1995.

If you would like to have your very own record of this ceremony please send your check for \$15 to us at the address on this newsletter. Please make your check payable to Robinson Point Cemetery Memorial and mark it for "Video Tape"

We only have a few inches of typing lines left on this page so we will close for this time by saying (read singing):

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

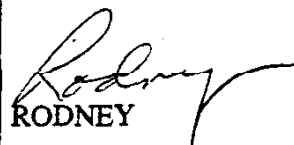
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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We have some other information about our ancestors but will place it in the scrapbook and put it in the next newsletter.

Til next time:


RODNEY