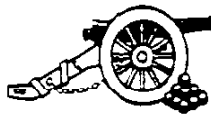


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PROUD DESCENDANTS OF JESSE LEWIS & NANCY COBB LEWIS



The first of June has already come and gone - the summer heat is upon us - the weeds are panting for a drink of water and here I sit trying to get started at writing our family newsletter. I know we have plenty to crow about

but just don't know where to start. So let's start by letting you know the plans for the Lewis Family Reunion on August 11 and 12 are on track. Some of you have already made reservations for the Friday night entertainment and dinner. If you have not made yours please do so early on because we **MUST** have a count of how many meals to order.

You will recall that David Lewis made a video tape of last year's Dedication Service honoring our own Jesse Lewis. The tape runs for about 1 hour and is very well done. We have sold 11 copies so far with the proceeds going into our reunion account. If you would like a copy of this tape please send \$15 to us at the address above and we will mail one to you. We plan to have several copies available at the reunion. One thing I liked about the tape was that David made sure that he took pictures of everyone at the ceremony. Therefore you will have your very own remembrance of those who attended.

ROBINSON POINT CEMETERY

UPDATE

Thanks to you fine FAMILY members we continue to receive sufficient funds to maintain our cemetery. Since our last newsletter we have received contributions from Ina Lewis Holifield, Fred Bonifay, Bill Bonifay, June McLeod, and Lucille Fraas. A number of you have selected to **ADOPT A MONTH** and we thank you for this on-going effort. We still have several months available to be "ADOPTED" so if you and/or your family members would like to participate please do. Just send us a note indicating which month you will adopt and then mark your calendar to remind you to send in your contribution on the month you selected.

We believe you will be pleased with the upkeep of our cemetery. Mike Pendleton continues to do his excellent job of keeping the cemetery presentable. He also does some work that Lucille Fraas undertakes and pays for herself. For example since last year she has purchased and had placed around flower plantings concrete edging. She has some perennials planted at various areas in the cemetery. We the family really owe Lucille a tremendous thanks for her untiring effort on our family's behalf.

NEWS FROM YOU READERS

We are happy to say that we get notes and letters from you our family members in response to this newsletter. All of you so far are very complimentary in your comments. We again thank you for your patience while we continue to learn to use this grown man's toy.

Anyway we received a very nice note from Ina Lewis Holifield of Mobile who is the daughter of Grover Cleveland Lewis (1885-1969). She wrote in response to our April 1995 issue in which we mentioned Henry Jackson Lewis as the "keeper of the Escribano light" on Blackwater Bay. Ina wanted us to know that her father took over maintenance of Lewis Light (*the name by which this light was known*) at the death of his father until 1925 at which time he, Grover Cleveland Lewis was declared legally blind and had to retire.

Thank you Ina, this is exactly the kind of information we are interested in receiving from you all. Things we can share it with the rest of our family.

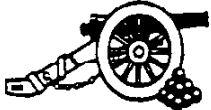
I received from another source a copy of Ina Lewis' "Remembering Robinson Point & my first days of School there". Thank you Ina for giving us permission to publish your remembrances which will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also received a most welcome letter from

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Joyce Murphy the Grand daughter of Jesse Miles (Bud) Lewis(1884 - 1958) who was the second child of William "Coot" Lewis.

Joyce is planning a Cook Book of recipes from the "LEWIS Favorite Recipes" which she will make available at our reunion in 1996. She asks that you provide her with one or more of your favorite recipes which you remember your mother or grand mother using. This brings back many favorites to my mind. I can remember having grits and "red-eye" gravy; biscuits home made with "lard"; fresh "whole" milk (sometimes still warm from the cow); greens cooked with real "salt meat"; fresh churned butter (how yummy on those biscuits); even a biscuit with a hole punched in it and filled with cane syrup; jelly layer cake; fresh green beans cooked with new potatoes and fat meat; and many more. Of course these were before cholesterol, lipids, HDL, tri-glycerides, etc. were discovered. All we had to do was eat and enjoy it!! AND WE DID!!!

Please write down your favorite "old time" recipes as well as your favorite "new era" ones and either bring them along to the reunion or mail them to Joyce Murphy 711 Dickey Drive, Euless, TX 76040.

Thank you Joyce for starting this project which will serve only to bring us all closer together as a family. At the Reunion I am going to ask Joyce to tell us about her grandma's dinner table. WHAT A TREAT!!

You all never cease to surprise me. Just when I think getting the newsletter together (read having something interesting and worthwhile to say) is a chore one of you will call or write and get my juices flowing again. You are what makes this all so very interesting to me.

Just today, June 17, I received a letter from June McLeod of Perry, FL. (grandchild of Celia Lewis Parker Hall (1883-1950), the 6th child of Henry Jackson Lewis). She ordered a Dedication Services tape, contributed to cemetery maintenance, and the newsletter account. But what really "rang my chimes" was when she wrote " I am really glad that

someone is doing a newsletter that keeps us in touch". My sincere thanks to all of you who let us know you care.

LET'S TALK BUFFET DINNER AUGUST 11, 1995

The plans for the dinner and entertainment to be held on August 11 at the Santa Rosa Medical Center Educational Building are on track. The thing we need NOW is for YOU to make your reservations.

As you know we are having a catered buffet dinner for all family members. This will be a private affair WITHOUT the outside interference encountered last year at Nichols Seafood.

We have engaged Crystal Catering Service to provide the two entree buffet with all the trimmings including tax, tip, hall, public address system, etc for the entire evening for a price of only \$12.00 per person. (Children under 5 years of age eat free).

We have reservation from 16 people already and we are looking forward to you making your reservations WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS!! As you know we must have an exact count so we may order the number of meals to be provided. WE PAY FOR WHAT WE ORDER!! If your name is not in the pot we will not have a place for you at the table.

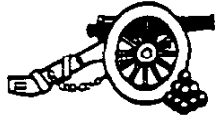
The entertainment committee headed by Betty Wolfe has been at work and will provide us a varied family entertainment program. We will have music, dancers, a brief history of Santa Rosa County. recognition of family members, and an all around GET ACQUAINTED PARTY. We will bring you up to date on our FAMILY CEMETERY and plans for same, update our financial situation, and make plans for our 1996 REUNION. If you have a favorite story or pictures of yester year please come prepared to share them with us.

DOORS OPEN 5:30. DINNER AT 6PM!!

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PLEASE PUT OUR NAME IN THE POT FOR THE LEWIS FAMILY BUFFET DINNER ON AUGUST 11, 1995 CELEBRATING THE THIRD ANNUAL LEWIS FAMILY REUNION.

Please reserve _____ place(s) at the table

for _____ us _____ under the name of _____.

There will be _____ adults and _____

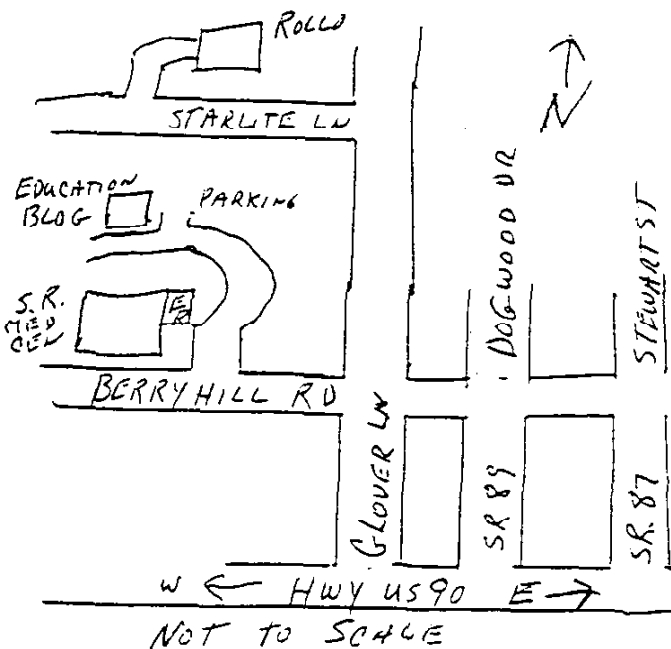
children under age 5.

Enclosed is my check for _____ to cover the

cost of \$12 for each adult and child over age 5.

Please make check payable to Lewis Family Reunion and mail to Lewis Family Reunion, 5924 Starlite Ln., Milton, Fl 32570. **REMEMBER WE NEED YOUR RESERVATIONS BY AUGUST 9, 1995!!!**

DOORS OPEN 5:30. DINNER AT 6



THE LEWIS FAMILY REUNION

will be held again this year at Carpenter Park located in downtown Milton. The park is located on County Road 191 (Munson Hwy) and Broad Street in Milton. If you are new to Milton, go North off U.S. Hwy 90 on Stewart Street (State Road 87) approximately .8 of a mile to Milton High School on LEFT. Turn RIGHT on County Road 191. The Park is 2 blocks on the Right.

We should plan on gathering about 10 AM on August 12 at the Park. Please bring a covered dish and plenty of your favorite beverage. All paper products and cutlery will be provided. Those of you from out of town will find four great super markets where you can purchase carry outs from the deli. The stores are Food World, DelChamps, and Piggly Wiggly on U.S. 90 and Winn Dixie on State Road 89. All are located in the Milton area within 2 miles of the Park.

Several of our family from out of town stayed at the Hospitality Inn, 6436 Hwy 90 W, Milton, Fl 32570. Phone (904) 623-3821. Rates are \$44.94 for 2 double beds, basic cable, TV and Hot tub.

>> Now comes the time for us to close this our last Newsletter before our REUNION on August 11 & 12, 1995. We have typed, read, proofed, re-typed, re-edited, and finally we have come to a conclusion THIS IS IT!!!

Til we see you all on AUGUST 11 & 12 take care, have a happy summer, and BY ALL MEANS PLAN ON COMING TO OUR THIRD LEWIS FAMILY REUNION.

make your plans to be in MILTON ON ☆*◇*◇*◇* ∞∞ ∞* ∞* (AUGUST 11 AND 12).

Til next time, RODNEY

Please see next page!!!

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