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This edition of the LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER will be dedicated to two of our most active members, Ida Mae Hinote Hudson 1914 -1996, and Dorothy "DOT" Wolfe Lewis 1923 -1996.

These two ladies were very concerned about the LEWIS family genealogy, the care and maintenance of Robinson Point Cemetery (both serving on the Board of Trustees), and the overall promotion of family values.

IDA MAE was one who always had a pencil, pad, pedigree sheet, or a tape recorder on hand to record the lineage of most anyone she encountered. She spent untold hours researching the family history of not only her Grandfather William Sherwood "COOT" LEWIS's family but also that of her Father Charlie HINOTE, and her husband David HUDSON. She published several volumes on the histories of these families. Without her research we would be at a great loss for a wealth of family history.

Ida Mae was very involved in the reclamation of the Robinson Point Cemetery. She was one of those who used to see to it that the cemetery was maintained. She was one who first discovered the cemetery had been fenced and pad locked with a "NO TRESPASSING" sign posted. It was her involvement which let to the final court ruling which re-established the RPC. Without her we may not have the RPC today. She was appointed by the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners as one of the members of the Board of Trustees of the RPC where she served until her death.

Each one of us who are a part of this family owe a debt of thanks to Ida Mae for her

concern and diligence in providing a family pride in being a member of the LEWIS family.

DOT was born to Douglas and Elizabeth WOLFE one of the first funeral home owners in Santa Rosa County. She was one of three children, the others being Doug Jr. and Bill, who were literally raised in a funeral home. She met Avis LEWIS, the grandson of Jesse LEWIS's son Daniel Jefferson "SEASE" LEWIS. Avis was employed by Mr. Wolfe as a trainee and following the completion of his education Avis and DOT were married. They lived in the funeral home. They raised six children, two of whom, Sam and Mike continue to run the funeral home which operates under the name of LEWIS Funeral Home. DOT and Avis were very interested in the Lewis family history and have an extensive collection of family pictures and history. DOT was appointed to the Board of Trustees of RPC to replace Nicie Harrison. DOT was very active in the on going maintenance and upkeep of the RPC.

It must be stated that the very first LEWIS family reunion was held on the grounds of the home of DOT LEWIS in August 1993. What a wonderful time we all had there. She was a most gracious hostess, not only opening the grounds to her home but the home itself to her extended family.

DOT leaves a legacy in Santa Rosa County. She and Avis have left their six children and spouses and grandchildren for a total of 30 member of the LEWIS family to continue to carry on their lineage and concern for the graveyard where their Great, Great, Great Grandfather Jesse is buried.

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We have had a beautiful spring here in Milton up until the last couple of days. The weather went from mild and dry to HOT and HUMID in just a few days. We are now in what we expect will be a full blown summer from now through September. We don't complain as we sit and sip our iced tea and listen to the weeds grow. We hope you are having a delightful spring where ever you are. We further hope you are making your plans to attend our LEWIS family reunion on July 26 and 27.

We have the hall rented for the Friday night dinner. All we need now is for you to send in your reservations along with you check (SEE CLIP OUT ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER).

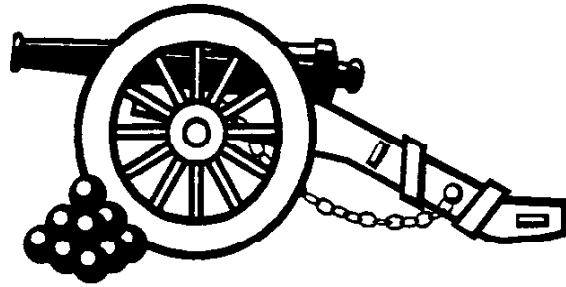
The tour for Friday morning is on track. We have reserved a 15 passenger van. All we need now is for you to make your reservations (SEE CLIP OUT ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER).

The park has been reserved for our family covered dish picnic on Saturday, July 27. You will find four supermarkets with deli carry out services available for our convenience. Just bring your covered dish and your favorite beverages. All paper products, utensils, and ice will be furnished. Remember we will begin gathering about 10:30 on Saturday the 27th at the Park. (SEE DIRECTIONS ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER).

The Hospitality Inn 6436 Highway 90, Milton has very good accommodations available at a reasonable rate. (about \$45.00 per night for a double room). The telephone number is (904) 623-3821. Please get your group together today and make reservations for the last weekend of July.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ALOUD!

WITHOUT ME THERE WILL BE
NO REUNION



You will recall in our March Newsletter we told you that the Trustees had voted to place the savings account under the control of the Treasurer. Well that was accomplished. We closed the savings account at AmSouth and opened one at First National Bank of Santa Rosa where we have our checking account. Since the savings account is to be used for long term projects such as a Monument with names of all who are buried in RPC, etc. we purchased a one year Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$1000. We still have \$100 in the savings account. When we have sufficient donations into the savings we will purchase another CD.

As it turned out the first donation into the savings account will come from Ann and Me. We are donating in the names of Ida Mae Hudson and Dorothy Wolfe "DOT" Lewis. Acknowledgments will be sent to the family. If you would like to remember either of these, or others, please send you donation to us at: Robinson Point Cemetery Memorial, 5924 Starlite Ln. Milton, Fl 32570. Please include the address of the person to receive the acknowledgment. This will give each of us an opportunity to contribute toward an ongoing memorial fund in the names of our deceased family members.

We are going to cut this newsletter short and get it in the mail to you before the children get out of school and all of you start your vacations. We will be in touch with you again before our reunion.

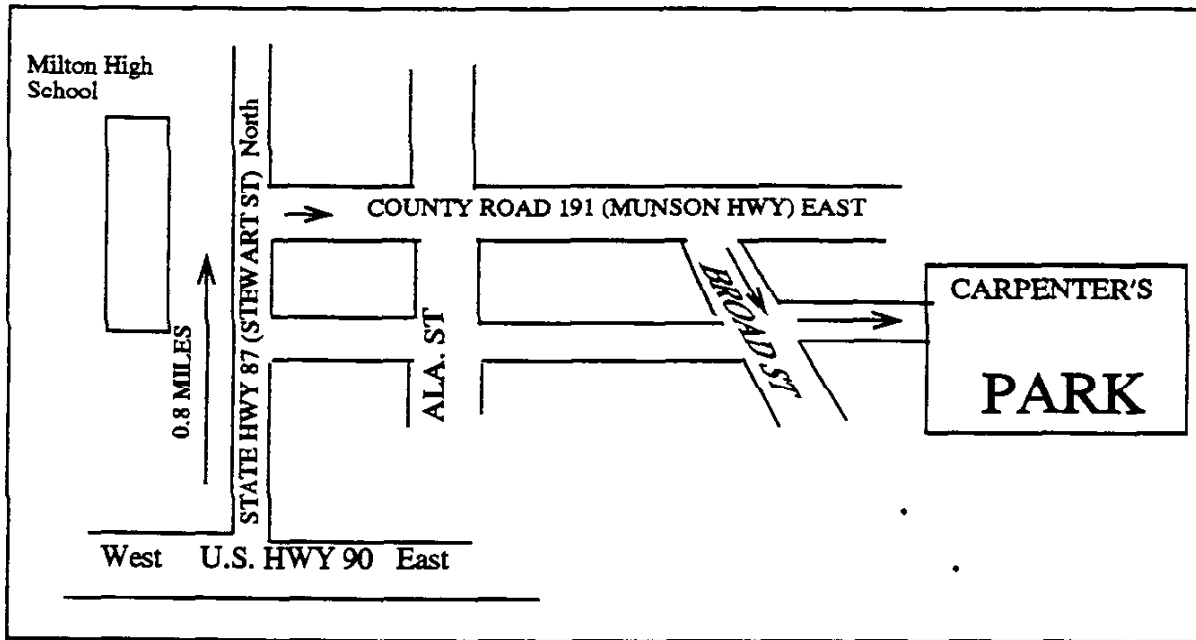
We need your reservations for the dinner and tour. For some reason they are slow in coming in this year. In fact we only have three committed at this time. We know you all will want to attend and respond, because you know if we don't have family we don't have much.

Til next time, We Love You All

SEE YOU IN JULY!!!

DIRECTIONS TO CARPENTER'S PARK

NOT TO SCALE



TOUR AND DINNER INFORMATION

TOUR INFO: The tour is expected to last about 4 hours. We will leave from Gateway Plaza on Highway 90 located between Church's Fried Chicken and Waffle House. We plan on leaving at 9:30 AM and returning about 3:30 PM. Arrangements will be made for either a box lunch or a family type picnic with sandwiches and soft drinks. We have reserved a 15 passenger bus which will cost us \$85 plus tax. If you prefer to car pool please let us know so we may cancel the bus.

DINNER INFO: We would like to assemble at the Locklin Education Building, Santa Rosa Medical Center, at 5:30 PM and begin dinner about 6:00 PM. This is a casual dress affair with only home folks attending. So plan on attending, be comfortable, and enjoy a good family dinner.

CLIP AND MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

I/we plan on joining the Friday July 26, 1996 Historical Tour and agree to pay our pro rata share of the costs. There will be _____ in our party. I/we prefer to ride the bus _____. I/we prefer to car pool _____. Signed _____

I/we plan to attend the Friday July 26, 1996 Family Dinner for a cost of \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 5 - 10 years, and children under 5 eat free. There will be _____ adults, _____ children 5-10, and _____ children under 5.

Signed _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LEWIS REUNION and mail to 5924 Starlite Ln, Milton, FL 32570.

DIRECTIONS TO SANTA ROSA MEDICAL CENTER
NOT TO SCALE

