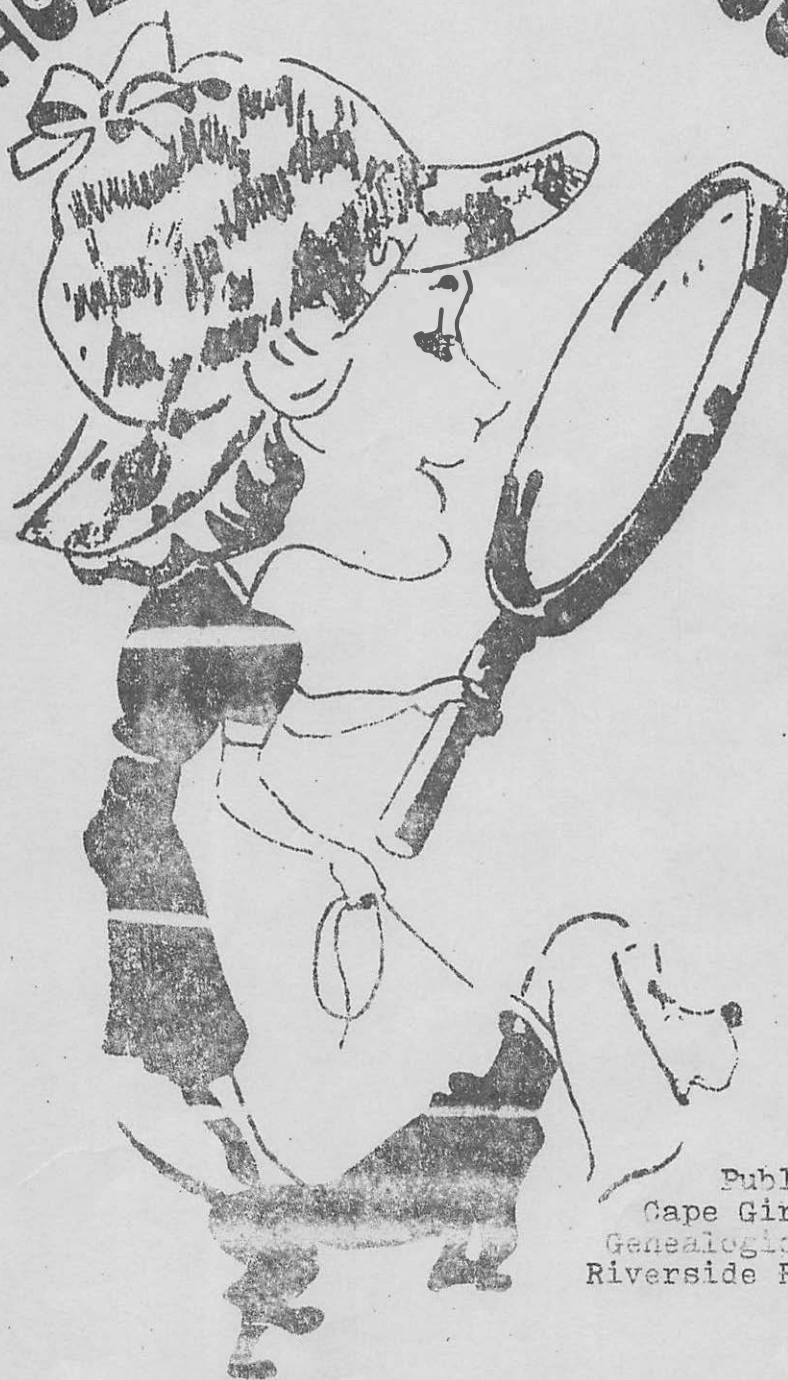


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GREETINGS:

Hope all of you have had a wonderful Christmas, and are starting a very happy New Year.

We have had two meetings since the last Collage was printed, the September meeting program was given by Willard Estes on the Cherokee Indians and their forced move west, the November meeting was attended by 30 members and 9 guests. The program was given by Mrs. Joseph Krueger, Mo. State Registrar of the DAR. The programs were very good and enjoyed by everyone.

We have had a notification from the National Archives that we will no longer be able to borrow micro-film on the interlibrary loan because of budget and staff reductions, they are exploring ways that the service might be resumed on a fee basis by a private sector firm, in the meantime we can use the file in the National Archives Bldg and in the 11 Federal Centers around the country, or purchase the film for \$15.00 per roll from Publications Sales Branch (NESP) NARS, Washington, D. C. 20408

On the brighter side, Riverside Regional Library has given us more space for the genealogy material. We have several work tables and are in a secluded area that opens up to join our meeting room. This is really nice. Thank You.

We have had 10 new acquisitions: The Robert Green family, The Harris Herald, The Johnson County, Ill. Quarterly, The Book 'Old Bollinger', The Life & Travels of Walter Young, his family and near relatives, The Marriage Records of Union County, Ill. 1818 thru 1880, two booklets on the First Baptist Church of St. Genevieve, the 1870 Scott & Shannon Counties, Mo. (micro-film), 1880 Scotland (part), Scott, Shannon, Shelby & Stoddard (part) Counties, Mo. (micro-film) and finally a up to-date listing and cross index of the Society's holdings prepared by Marilyn Freeman.

We are asking for material for our files - family histories, wills, bible records. Any material with genealogical value is welcome.

This is your quarterly, if you have something you would like to share in print or if you have questions, please send the material to Mrs. Alma Lee Slinkard.

Happy Hunting,  
Ellen Jean Adams, President

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## JOSEPH LEWIS: MISSOURI PIONEER

by

Catharine Lewis Bock

We know he arrived in New Madrid District in late 1796 or early 1797 because the 1797 census shows him as having produced 200 'minotes' of corn that year. He did it with the help of 1 wife, 1 horse, 2 cows. Evidently he signed his own name on the census roll - or showed the Spanish scribe how to spell it - for it is down as Joseph Lewis, not Josef Luis (most of the names listed have the Spanish spelling).

Lewis Lore always had it that Joseph was born in Virginia. The 1850 census of Scott County now confirms the truth of the legend: he was indeed born in Virginia around 1766. In Missouri his Spanish Grant was on Lake St. Isidore three miles northwest of the town of New Madrid (Houck says). There he lived with his wife, Margaret, until the area was devastated by the great earthquake of 1811-12.

After the third major shock which occurred February 7, 1812, Joseph Lewis decided to send his wife and children away from that God-forsaken place. He remained behind because he had a job to finish. At the time he was sheriff-collector of the whole New Madrid District, the second man to fill the office.

There is a family tradition that Margaret Lewis and the four Lewis children were brought to Cape Girardeau in a covered wagon by a trusted negro servant. His own wife and children came along. This slave - we will call him Tom - had been taught to read and write by Joseph Lewis. Just before the wagon pulled out, so the story goes, Sheriff Lewis took Tom aside and placed in his hands a bag of Spanish eagles (gold coins). "Guard this well", he told Tom, "and when you get to Lorimier's Landing take it to Mr. Lorimier and leave it in his care until I can come for it".

No doubt Lorimier had previously been informed of Lewis' plans; anyway Mrs. Lewis and children were taken in and lodged at the dwelling of Barthelemi Cousin not far from Lorimier's house (Cousin was Lorimier's secretary and right-hand man). The black man and his family camped nearby in a tent beside a big spring. All were there for several months according to the word-of-mouth.

Louis Lorimier died in June 1812, so it was probably Cousin to whom Joseph Lewis went to retrieve his gold. The exact date he arrived in Cape Girardeau County is not known, but it is known that in 1813 he bought two adjoining farms on Randol Creek.

Though he served as county coroner and once ran for the State Legislature Joseph Lewis was essentially a farmer, as were his three sons. Joseph Cooper Lewis, the oldest son and John C. Lewis, the youngest, married sisters, Betsy and Delanie Hitt. The middle boy, Thomas Henry Lewis, married Frances Bohannon, but he has fewer descendants because he died at age 29, succumbing to cholera in the 1832-33 epidemic.

There were also three Lewis daughters. Not much is known about the older two - only that they were born at New Madrid, and after they married lived down there. Zelema Lewis, the youngest daughter, and youngest child, was born in Cape County in 1817. She married John Morrison in 1840; by 1850 she was in Scott County, a widow with four children. Her father was living with her, Margaret having died a few months prior. Also in Scott Co. by 1850 was the John C. Lewis family.

Joseph Lewis died in Scott County in his 87th year, approximately. (We are assuming that he died before Zelema remarried - in August of 1854). So far as known his grave has not been located, but at least descendants can understand why it was never found in Cape County.

Incidentally, Joseph G. Lewis and Eli C. Lewis, officers in Company A, 8th Missouri Cavalry, Confederate Army (see Collage #2, p.16) were sons of Joseph Cooper and Betsy Hitt Lewis. The Lewis who scratched his name on a rock in the Rockies in 1852 (see Collage #3, p.36) was Joseph Cooper Lewis (II), a nephew of the above Joseph Cooper. This younger Joseph Cooper - J. C. (II), that is - was the son of Thomas Henry and Frances Bohannon Lewis, and the grand uncle of the writer of this article.

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Church records from the DAR section at the Cape Girardeau Public Library - compiled by the Thos Sanford Chapter

Cape Girardeau Presbyterian	Baptisms and marriages
Apple Creek Presbyterian	Baptisms 1839 thru 1892
Christ Episcopal	Baptisms, marriages, deaths
Centenary Methodist	Baptisms, marriages 1909 thru 1934
Christ Evangelical	Baptisms, marriages, deaths 1891 thru 1914
Hanover Lutheran	Baptisms 1857 thru 1930
Trinity Lutheran	Baptisms 1869 thru 1900
St. Mary's	Baptisms, marriages, deaths 1868 thru 1930
St. Vincent's	Baptisms, marriages, deaths 1827 thru 1930

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From Midwest Historical and Genealogical Register, Wichita, Ks "Soldier's buried in Ohio: There is a grave registration file for soldiers buried in Ohio. It is indexed and they will check the index and send a copy of the record, if it is found, at no charge. Be sure to send a SASE. Address: Division of Soldier's Claims, Ohio Adjutant General's Office, State House, Columbus, Ohio 43215."

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The National Archives is making two changes in its pricing & payment policies on mail request for copies of veterans record files, effective Sept. 1, 1981:

**FIRST** The cost for reproduction of each record file will be increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00

**SECOND** Beginning Sept. 1, customers are requested to send payment with their orders when the total cost is known. In cases where the cost is not known, a price quotation can be obtained by requesting the order form for copies of veterans records. NATF form 26. Write to Military Service Records (NMCC), National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408

Payment can be made by check, money order, Master Card or VISA credit card.

Information received by Richard Wybert on his first attempt of research

## ROMANCE OF THE WIBERT CLAN (ENGLISH SPELLING OF WYBERT)

Romance of the Wibert family as so far is known begins with a Thomas Wibert who was born in London on Lombard or Lombardy St. His parents died when he was quite young and left him under the guardianship of an uncle. Much property was left to him, but his uncle, wishing to possess himself of it, sent Thomas to America by the Captain of a vessel. Thomas said he saw his uncle pay the Captain a sum of money, but on the arrival of the vessel at New York, the Captain sold him for his passage money to a man named Jacob Byce, or Bice, of Fiskill Duchess Co. Byce took the boy Thomas, home with him and treated him as his own child; sent him to school with his children and educated him until he was qualified to teach school. He taught several years in a place called "The Coon". Thomas married a woman named Elisabeth Weaver by whom he had four children: Fredric, John, Thomas and Catherine.

During the French and Indian War, 1756-1760, there came to his school house, three Englishmen, officers, who had lost their way. He went a short distance with them to put them on the right road and as they were leaving they asked his name. On learning it, they asked if he was an Englishman; and on his saying that he came from England when he was thirteen years old they told him that a man named Wibert had left a will (which was on record) requesting that certain property should be given or restored to a nephew named Thomas Wibert who was somewhere in America. The officers wished him to go immediately to England with them, but as he was not willing to leave his family at once, they promised to write to him after reaching home, which they did and wrote three times before he decided to go. He went when his oldest son, Fredric was five years old, his second son, John, was about twenty months old; he was born in 1760. So Thomas must have left home sometime in 1762 or late 1761.

After reaching England, he wrote to his wife and friends that the will was as the officers had represented, but that other heirs opposed his claim and he must go to law with them. After three years he wrote to his wife that he had gained his suit and had received 16,000 pounds sterling, 40,000 dollars, half in goods and half in money and that he should start for home soon (naming a vessel in which he should sail) and should reach there in June.

When the ship he named arrived in New York there had been a mutiny on board during the voyage and the Captain, passengers and all the crew; except the Mate and two others, had been murdered and all the papers destroyed.

The three saved were kept in irons until they promised, under oath, to take the vessel to Pirate's Island. They were then released and ordered to bring out the best liquors. This the Mate did, at the same time mixing some laudanum with it so that after drinking it the pirates became so thoroughly stupified, that the sailors put them into the same irons that they had been confined in, and then brought the vessel into New York. The sailors went to the authorities and informed them of the oath they had taken and how they had broken it. They were told an oath extorted at the peril of their lives was not binding. The pirates were tried and sentenced to death. The one who took his own life was buried at a crossroads and a stake driven into his grave, as the law obliged a suicide to be buried. Thomas Wibert's wife was sent for but, although, the goods and money he had described was there, yet as all the papers were destroyed by the pirates she could prove nothing, and as it was a king's ship, the authorities were obliged to send it back to

England with its contents. Elisabeth Wibert saw the body of one of the pirates dangling at Yard Arms, and the grave of the one who committed suicide. The letters from Thomas Wibert to his wife and other papers belonging to her sons were accidentally destroyed by burning where she had left them.

This is written from memory of Ester Meads, formerly Wibert, daughter of John Wibert, who distinctly remembers her grandmother and who had this history from her. Elisabeth Wibert and her three sons were all buried in a little family burying ground a short distance west of the village of Saratoga Springs, New York.

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#### A TRUE STORY

Once upon a time, many years ago, Edgar Bock was a boy (on N. Fountain Street in Cape Girardeau). In the Bock home Sunday morning was the time for weekly devotions. After the family was seated around the breakfast table the father would begin - and go on and on forever, or so it seemed to the hungry children.

First came the regular grace -- saying, then some Scripture reading, then the lesson from a devotional book, finally ending with a rather lengthy prayer. All this was in German. However, had the words been understandable those little boys' stomachs would still have been growling for nourishment.

"No eating until I say, 'Amen'," was the father's rule. To enforce it he kept a little switch across his lap. Whenever he saw a small hand sliding across the tablecloth toward the coffeecake, he did not hesitate to give that hand a sharp tap. Sometimes a hand received a tap for only looking like it was about to reach!

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#### 11 EASY STEPS TO KILL A SOCIETY

- 1) Stay away from meetings.
- 2) If you do come, find fault.
- 3) Decline office or appointment to a committee.
- 4) Get sore if you aren't nominated or appointed.
- 5) After you are named, don't attend board meetings.
- 6) If you get to a meeting, despite your better judgment, clam up until it's over. Then tell 'em how things should be done.
- 7) Do no work if you can help it. When the Old Reliables pitch in, accuse them of being a clique.
- 8) Oppose all banquets and activities as a waste of the member's money.
- 9) If everything is strictly business, complain that the meetings are dull and the officers are a bunch of old sticks.
- 10) Don't rush to pay your dues. Let the directors sweat; after all, they approved the budget.
- 11) Read mail from the Society only now and then; don't reply if you can help it.

anon

Mid-Missouri Genealogical Society

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Genealogy is like some people and their religion "They're either hot or cold".

Bible in possession of Mrs. Jerry S. Randol, Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
~~Bible~~ published by Merriam, Moore and Co. 1848

### Marriages

Robert J. Campbell and Caroline Prince. 12 Dec. 1844  
J. S. Randol and S. E. Campbell. 25 April 1872  
T. R. Kane and M. C. Campbell. 10 Nov. 1879  
Rev. D. J. Marquis and Anna Campbell 30 Oct. 1884  
J. H. Campbell and S. E. Marquis 17 Nov. 1887

### Births

Caroline Prince b. 22 Sept. 1824  
Sarah Emaline Campbell b. 9 Oct. 1847  
Eliza Ann Campbell b. 22 Feb. 1850  
Mary Elizabeth Campbell b. 15 May 1852  
Martha Caroline Campbell b. 28 June 1854  
Virginia F. Campbell b. 27 Sept. 1857  
Jacob Harrison Campbell b. 26 July 1860  
John Robert Randol b. 1 May 1873  
Luther Jackson Randol b. 22 June 1875  
Alma Byrl Randol b. 25 Sept. 1878  
Martha Elizabeth Randol b. 8 Nov. 1880  
Jeremiah Smith Randol b. 12 Apr. 1884  
Maple Masterson b. 23 Dec. 1901  
Nelson V. Masterson b. Thur. 25 Aug. 1904  
Elmo Randol Masterson b. Sat. 27 Oct. 1906  
(I was told by Mrs. Randol that Alma Randol md. Elam Masterson)  
Marine Elizabeth Masterson b. Tues. 23 Feb. 1909  
Virginia Lucile Masterson b. Mon. 30 Oct. 1911  
Joe Wilson Masterson was b. Fri. 20 Feb. 1914 in Scott Co.  
Luther Randols child (as written in bible)  
Thelma Lucile Randol b. Tues. 11 Aug. 1903  
Lizzie Irene Randol b. Sat. 20 Oct. 1906  
Wilson Randol Fenimore b. 30 Aug. 1909

### Deaths

William Prince d. 11 Nov. 1845  
Frances Prince d. 1 Oct. 1847  
Mother Campbell d. 25 Feb. 1865  
John Campbell d. 10 Feb. 1865  
Dorrel T. Prince d. 21 Dec. 1865  
Mary Elizabeth Campbell d. 22 Aug. 1864  
Sallie Campbell d. \_\_ Sept. 1874  
William Campbell d. 5 Apr. 1879  
William M. Prince d. 13 Apr. 1879  
Robert J. Campbell d. 5 Sept. 1880  
Wife of J. H. Campbell d. 4 May 1890 (no first name given)  
Caroline Campbell d. 1 Apr. (C?) 1871  
Nelson Vinyard Masterson d. 29 Aug. 1923 age 19 yr. 4 days  
Paul Uglair (?) Fenimore d. \_\_ Sept. \_\_ age 7 yrs (no day or yr given)  
Mrs. P. (C?) Fenimore d. 18 Sept. 1936 age 55 yr. 11 mo. 10 days  
Alma Randol Masterson d. 23 Feb. 1940 age 61 yr. 4 mo. 29 days  
Recorded by Wanda Fitzpatrick 20 Aug. 1981

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CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Cape Girardeau County Genealogy Society organized in May 1970, a non-profit organization. Its primary purpose is education in the field of Genealogy.

Membership is open to individuals upon payment of the annual dues of \$5.00, per year starting in May. Additional members of an immediate family in the same household on one membership by payment of an additional \$2.50.

Publications include the Society's Quarterly magazine COLLAGE OF CAPE COUNTY published in March, June, September and January, sent free to members, and an annual Surname Index. Members and genealogists are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the COLLAGE OF CAPE COUNTY.

The CGCGS Library is located in the Riverside Regional Library, 204 Union Street, Jackson, Missouri. It is open during the same hours of the Library.

Meetings are held bi-monthly, January, March, May, July, September and November, on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverside Regional Library.

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