

J.B. CAIN ARCHIVES OF MISSISSIPPI METHODISM

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William Henry Lewis, son of Rev. W.B. Lewis, Sr. and Alice Lane Jones Lewis, was born on Aug. 28, 1868. In 1890, he received his B.A. degree from Centenary College and then attended Vanderbilt University for one year. In December of 1889, Lewis was admitted into the MS Annual Conference on trial at Crystal Springs. He was later ordained a deacon on Dec. 13, 1891 and an elder on Dec. 10, 1893. On April 2, 1896, Lewis married Ruth Cotten. They had three daughters, Alice, Josephine, and Laurie (Mrs. M.R. McRee of Eupora). Lewis spent 49 years in the ministry of the church until he retired in 1938. During this time period he had many different appointments, including Jackson, Natchez, Vicksburg, Utica, Rolling Fork, Meridian, Lucedale, and others. Lewis transferred to the St. Louis Conference in 1895 and remained there until 1898. He died on Mar. 18, 1943, and is buried in Meridian.

Doctor William Bryant Lewis, brother of W.H. Lewis, was born on Oct. 24, 1891. He did his pre-med work at Millsaps College and then went to the Vanderbilt School of Medicine. Dr. Lewis served in World War I in the Medical Corps until 1919. In 1917, he married Zaidee Nelson. Together they had three children, one of which died in infancy. They had one son, Billy (Zimbulu), who died in 1950 from polio, and a daughter, Jane. Dr. Lewis and his wife became Medical Missionaries in 1923 to the Tunda Mission in the Belgian Congo, Africa. They designed and supervised the construction of the Lewis Memorial Hospital and an Orphans Home. Both Dr. Lewis and his wife received several citations from the Belgium Government for their work. In 1955, Zaidee died from a heart attack and Dr. Lewis returned to the United States. He died on April 15, 1956.

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Written/typed notes and sermons of W.H. Lewis
Funeral services
Newspaper clippings

BOX 2

Notes of W.H. Lewis, approx. 1914-1938, on Ephesians, Psalms, Phillipians,
Corinthians, and Mark
Plan for teaching course on Old Testament Survey

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 13 certificates of Standard Training (W.H. Lewis) 1926-31
 Personal correspondence- Lewis family
 6 greeting cards
 Lucedale Methodist Church- Report of Board of Stewards, Financial
 Statement, Announcement, etc.

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List of sermons preached at Moss Point- Dec.4, 1932- Nov. 12, 1933
"The Doctrines of our Church"
The Gospel, Bible Studies on Full Salvation, The Fountain of Life (1937)
- 2 Order Book, 1933-37
Financial Statement, 1932-39
Correspondence concerning orders for Congo mission
Bank statements and financial papers- Jackson State National Bank and the Bank of Lucedale
- 3 Woodmen of the World papers- 1939
Life insurance papers, W.H. Lewis
Correspondence and invoices concerning supplies sent to W.B. Lewis in Congo- Board of Missions, Montgomery Ward Exports, Borden's, journal subscriptions

BOX 4

Record of accounts (W.H. Lewis) 1937-1940
W.H. Lewis notebook (record of expenses, etc.) at Centenary College, 1884
Leather briefcase
Composition book- Clara Bell Wailes, Woodville Female Seminary, 1866
Record of expenses, 1909-1926

BOX 5

Bible passages with sermon notes- W.H. Lewis

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Written/typed notes and sermons of W.H. Lewis, approx. 1920-1935