

Register of the

Johnson-Lewis Family

Letters

Collection 382

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Scope and Content

The Johnson-Lewis Family Letters collection contains the personal and some work-work-related correspondence and documents between members of the Charles C. Lewis family and their children and grandchildren from 1878 to early 2000. Members of the Lewis, Johnson, and Caviness families held responsible positions in various parts of the Seventh-day Adventist Church work. While many of the letters are personal in nature, there are a number of business-related letters that provide some picture of the work done by family members. Also included are some documents and publications authored by family members.

Biography

- Charles C Lewis (1857-1924) was an Adventist educator and president of several Adventist colleges including Southwestern, Union, and Walla Walla colleges. He served as president of the Fireside Correspondence School from 1920 to 1923.
- Elizabeth Ann Wiley (1857-1915) was an educator with a strong desire to advance Adventist education.

Charles and Elizabeth had four children namely,

- Gertrude Ramona Lewis. Died at the age of seven of an acute febrile contagious virus disease.
- Irma Edna Lewis. Married Ernest Roy Johnson in 1913. Irma was a teacher at San Fernando Academy, California. Ernest and Irma served the church for many years in the United States, Mexico, Cuba and the Panama Canal Zone. They both served the church as teachers, missionaries, pastors, editors and writers. In 1919 Ernest became the founding editor of *El Centinela*, the Spanish language *Signs of the Times*, a magazine he edited for seven years.
- Agnes Elvira Lewis, with her husband, Leon L. Caviness, served in several Adventist Colleges in the United States and overseas. Leon was the first principal of Seminaire Adventiste du Saleve at its current location. Agnes wrote many articles for *The Youth's Instructor* and the *Review and Herald*, and authored the book, *The Way He Should Go*. After 12 years of

overseas service, the family returned to Pacific Union College. There Agnes taught French and German, and pioneered teaching classes in marriage and the family. Leon joined the theology department and participated in the development of the Advanced Bible School, forerunner of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and the Bible Research Fellowship.

- Charles Harold Lewis. No information.

Many different members of this extended family—children and grandchildren—are represented in these letters. See the included family genealogy for more relationship information.

Arrangement

The letters are in chronologic sequence. The other documents are also in chronologic order as far as that can be determined.

Provenance

Elaine Johnson-Waller apparently gave the letters to A. Josef and Stella Greig at some point before she died some year ago. Greig brought the letters to the Center for Adventist Research in March 2022.

Extent

1 Hollinger Box [0.4 linear feet]

Use

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INVENTORY

Chronological Files [mostly correspondence plus other documents]

The list of correspondents is not complete, only showing the more numerous ones.

- Fld 1 1878, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 [10 Items]
Correspondents include: B. G. Gallege, Elizabeth A Wiley. B. G. Michs, Charles C. Lewis, Charlie
- Fld 2 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1913 [9 Items]
Correspondents include: Lizzie C Lewis, Mr. Mrs. Charles C. Lewis, Ernest Roy Johnson.
- Fld 3 1914 [3 Items]
Correspondents include: Charles C and Lizzie A Lewis, Ernest R Johnson
- Fld 4 1915 [3 Items]
Correspondents include: Charles C. Lewis, Irma and Ernest Johnson.
- Fld 5 1920 [2 Items]
Correspondents include: Harold Lewis.
- Fld 6 1921 [4 Items]
Correspondents include: Charles C. Lewis, Irma Lewis Johnson.
- Fld 7 1922 [16 Items]
Correspondents include: Charles C. Lewis, Elaine and Robert Johnson, Irma Lewis Johnson, M Myrta, Agnes Lewis.
- Fld 8 1923 [27 Items]
Correspondents include: Charles C. Lewis, Robert L Johnson, Harold Lewis, Ernest R Johnson, Irma L Johnson.

- Fld 9 1924 to 1925 [9 Items]
 Correspondents include: Charles C. Lewis, Irma L Johnson, J S
 Nasmith, Harold Lewis, Ernest R Johnson.
- Fld 10 1926 [6 Items]
 Correspondents include: Agnes Elvira Lewis, Ernest R Johnson.
- Fld 11 1927 [1 Item]
 Correspondents include: Agnes Elvira Lewis, Ernest R Johnson.
- Fld 12 1929 [5 Items]
 Correspondents include: Irma Lewis Johnson, Ernest R Johnson,
 Agnes Elvira Lewis, Harold Lewis.
- Fld 13 1930 [13 Items]
 Correspondents include: Agnes, Ernest, Irma, Edna, and R
 Johnson, Leon, Harold Lewis, Mrs Kern and Lewis, Irma Lewis
 Johnson.
- Fld 14 1931 [4 Items]
 Correspondents include: Ernest R Johnson, Mrytle, Virginia, Agnes.
- Fld 15 1932 [1 Item]
 Correspondents include: Agnes, Ernest R Johnson.
- Fld 16 1933 [1 Item]
 Correspondents include: Elizabeth Margil, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R
 Johnson.
- Fld 17 1934, 1936 [3 Items]
 Correspondents include: Agnes, Ernest R Johnson.
- Fld 18 1937 to 1938 [8 Items]
 Correspondents include: Bob, Momsie, Irma Lewis Johnson.
- Fld 19 1950, 1956, 1957, 1966 [8 Items]
 Correspondents include: Fred Green to Irma and Ernest Johnson.
- Fld 20 1984 [2 Items]
 Correspondents include: J O Waller.
- Fld 21 1985 to 1987, 2011 [8 Items]
 Correspondents include: Wiley, Charlie, Eric and Roslyn, Joe and
 Stella Greig, Amy and Duane.

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No Date [24 Items]

Correspondents include: Charles C. Lewis, Ernest R. Johnson,
Irma Lewis, Robert Lewis Johnson.

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