Lewis Family Papers, 1853-1960

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Background note

The Quaker Lewis family of Ohio and Iowa included Dr. Enoch Lewis (1838-1904), son of Jehu and Hannah Foulke Lewis. Her brother was William Foulke. His brother was Dr. Jehu Lewis (1842-1878). His sisters were Elizabeth Lewis, Hannah Lewis and Sarah Lewis. Enoch married Rebecca Green (d. 1922). Their children included Carl S. Lewis, Esther Lewis, George Lewis, Mary H. Lewis (1869-1934) and Alice Lewis (1872-1964) who m. William L. Pearson (1849-1935) and was associated with Friends Girls School (Tokyo), where she taught and served as principal.

Scope and content

Chiefly letters, also reports, photographs, maps and some miscellaneous papers related to the Lewis family of Ohio and Iowa. Includes correspondence of Enoch and Jehu Lewis, brothers and physicians, with family and friends; topics include family news and medical matters; letters of other family members discuss family news, Friends' activities, farming, college life. The correspondence (1887-1923) of Mary H. Lewis tells of her student life at Bryn Mawr College and her year of teaching at Friends Girls School in Japan; correspondence (1883-1960) of Alice L. Pearson relates to her time as a student at Bryn Mawr College, her experiences in Japan during her association with Friends Girls School and the 1923 Tokyo earthquake; letters (1919-1931) to William L. Pearson discuss Oregon Yearly Meeting's withdrawal from Five Years Meeting (1926) and Friends' missionary work in Jamaica (1929); other topics include travel, Friends' missions, temperance activities, efforts to end prostitution in Japan, news of Japanese Friends and Friends' relief work after 1923 earthquake; miscellaneous manuscripts include a biographical sketch of William H. Coffin written by his sister, Mary Coffin Johnson and a 1911 report of Friends Girls School (Tokyo).

Contact information

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Lewis, Jehu, 1842-1878
Lewis, Enoch, 1838-1904
Pearson, Alice Lewis, 1872-1964

Subjects
- Earthquakes--Japan
- Japan--Social conditions
- Quaker women
- Society of Friends--Japan

Contributors
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- Lewis, Enoch, 1838-1904
- Pearson, Alice Lewis, 1872-1964

Collection overview

II. Foulke, William. 6 items. Pennsville, Ohio, 1825-1857.
III. Lewis, Carl S.
   3 items: Family letter to him, 2/12/1898.
   2 letters from him to brother George and sister Alice.
   Cleveland, O., and Oskaloosa, Iowa, 1898-99.
IV. Lewis, Elizabeth.
   4 items: 3 from her. Ashley and Albion, Iowa, 1862-81.
   1 to her, from Laura. Oct. 2, 1867.
V. Lewis, Enoch, M.D. 13 items: 11 to, 2 from,
   chronologically arranged, 1866-1894.
VI. Lewis, Esther.
   7 items: 3 from, 4 to,
   1898-1906.
VII. Lewis, George and wife, Nellie.
   5 items: Oskaloosa and Quiet Vale, 1898-1912.
VIII. Lewis, Hannah Foulke.
   6 items: Letters to, 1859-1890.
IX. Lewis, Hannah.
   3 items: Letters to, 1880-1892.
X. Lewis, Jehu, M.D.
   5 items: Professional calling card, letters to mother and
   sister Jennie, and an incomplete letter, telling of his early
   life, financial situation, and professional training, etc.
XI. Lewis, Jehu E. (son of Jehu?) Letter to grandmother. 4mo. 2, 1881.
   Nevada, Iowa,
XII. Lewis, Jennie (Lucy J.Lewis Rider)
   3 items: Letters to Jehu, 1862-63.
XIII. Lewis, Mary
26 items: 20 letters from, mostly to members of family, 1887-1923.
6 letters to, including two items about her year as teacher and missionary in Japan.

   Letter to Sarah Lewis's family. Mt. Pleasant Boarding School, 5mo. 2, 1853.

XV. Lewis, Rebecca G. 
   5 items: 2 letters to Enoch, at Medical School in Chicago. Freeport, Ohio, 12mo. 25, 1872 and 1mo. 29, 1873.
   3 letters to children. Oskaloosa, Iowa, 1898-1905.

XVI. Lewis, Sarah. 
   Letter to "Dear Brother." Hall of Science [MT. Pleasant?] 8mo. 8, 1853.

XVII. Michener, Mary
   Letter to "My dear Friend." Pennsville, Ohio, 2mo. 8, 1858.

XVIII. Pearson, Alice Lewis. 
   Letters from. 38 items, mostly to family, ca. 1893-1906. Folder 1
   [Include letters from Bryn Mawr College, and from Japan, during her teaching at the Friends' Girls' School in Tokyo, 1905-1906.]

   Letters from, 30 items, 1907-1923. Box 2
   [Continue her Japanese letters and include accounts of the fight against prostitution in Japan, August 1916, and the September 3 1923 earth-quake.

   Letters to Alice Lewis Pearson. 20 items, from family and Friends, in America and Japan, 1883-1960. Folder 3

XIX. Pearson, William L. d.1935.  
   6 items: Letters to, 1919-1931.

XX. Williams, Hettie.
   7 items: 1 letter to Jennie Lewis. Grapevine Hall, 12mo. 1,1858
   6 letters to Enoch Lewis. Macachac Vale, 1863-1865.
   [Include refusal of proposal of marriage, ca.1865, and letter of sympathy on death of Jennie, 1863]

XXI. Willits, Joseph
   Letter to cousin. Lewisville, Ind., 2mo. 9.

XXII. Miscellaneous. 14 items. Include, "Scattered Notes Concerning William H. Coffin," by his sister, Mary Coffin Johnson; Sarah Ellis's Report on the Tokyo Friends' Girls' School, mentioning Alice Lewis's resignation as Principal and return to America; account of Tokyo earthquake, and Friends' work in it; extracts from a letter from Ume Hirakawa, telling of conditions after World War II; map of Friends' missionary activities in Japan.

XXIII. Graphics: A. Julia Cope Collins, B. Friends' Meeting House, Moorestown, N.J.; C. 3 posed photographs of 1952; 1912 and 1917,
Friends in Japan; D. Photographs of 5 Years' Meetings, Richmond, Ind. (On and in roller)