

*from family research completed by  
Ben Lewis*

#### CHILDREN OF JOSEPH LEWIS.

1. Gaylord Lewis was born in 1833 and went to California 29 March 1852. The last word received from him was a letter written by him 7 April 1854 from California. He had been a freighter with a string of horses and mules. He had saved his money and was to send \$700 home. No trace of him had ever appeared.

2. James C. Lewis was born in 1835 and married Lucy K. Burnham 13 May 1860. She was born 1841 and died in 1912. He enlisted in Co. I 85th Reg. Illinois Volunteers. He was wounded 9 May 1860 died in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 2 July 1864.

3. John Lewis enlisted In Co. G 39th Illinois Volunteers (Yates Phalanx) 20 August 1861 and served under McClellan and Shields. He came home in January 1863 where he died 29 November 1864 from disease contracted in the service.

4. Andrew J. Lewis enlisted in Co. G 39th Illinois Volunteers (Yates Phalanx) 2 August 1861. He died at Foley Island, Charleston Harbor, S. Carolina, 4 July 1863.

5. Electa Jane Lewis was born 27 July 1844 and died 11 October 1845 shortly after the parents came west. Her tombstone is in Binghamton Cemetery.

6. Joseph Ellis Lewis was born 21 December 1847 and died 24 December 1915. He is the eighth generation of our line.

(VIII) Joseph Ellis Lewis was born 21 December 1847 in Amboy, Illinois, and died 24 December 1915 in Amboy, Illinois. He married Margaret Melissa Hayes 21 December 1870. She was born 28 December 1849 in Marion Township, Ogle County, Illinois, and died 27 November 1918 in Amboy, Illinois. They were buried in Prairie Repose Cemetery near Amboy, Illinois.

Joseph Ellis Lewis was known as Ellis Lewis while his father was alive. Later he was known as J. E. Lewis, Lawyer. He was a man of many talents. He had helped his father on the farm. When the Methodist Episcopal Church was built in Amboy, he, though quite - young, drove a team of horses pulling one of the wagons hauling stone from the quarry. He received his education in the Amboy Public Schools and Mt. Morris Seminary. After this he became the principal of the public school in Rockton, Illinois. While teaching there he started to read law and was admitted to the bar in 1877. He practiced law in Amboy for the rest of his life. He was town clerk for 20 years and post master for four years. He attorney for the City of Amboy during the long struggle to settle the railroad bonds. No one asked for his help that went away empty-handed.

#### CHILDREN OF JOSEPH ELLIS LEWIS.

1. Stella Viola Lewis was born 4 January 1872 at White Rock, Illinois, and died 16 October 1872. She was buried in Prairie Repose Cemetery.

2. Ada Elizabeth Lewis was born 23 April 1873 at Rockton, Illinois, and died 29 December 1939 at Montgomery, Alabama. She is buried in Louisville, Kentucky.

3. Benjamin Butler Lewis was born 23 April 1875 at White Rock, Illinois. He died 19 November 1928 at Louisville, Kentucky and was buried in Prairie Repose Cemetery.