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Descriptive Summary

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Title Lewis, Eva Overton and Julian Herman Lewis, MD, PhD Collection

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Abstract Julian Herman Lewis (1891-1989) was a pathologist, educator, and author of The Biology of the Negro (1942), a groundbreaking investigation of contemporary scientific data and literature on African-American physiology and pathology that resisted and rebuked scientific notions of racial inferiority. His wife, Eva Overton Lewis (1893-1945), was the daughter of entrepreneur Anthony Overton and a graduate of the University of Chicago. The collection includes personal ephemera, correspondence, photographs and negatives, one DVD, newspapers, textiles, and memorabilia. Materials date between circa 1887 and 2015, with the bulk of the material dating between the 1890s and the 1940s. The collection is primarily a family collection, documenting the personal lives of Eva Overton Lewis, Julian Herman Lewis, their parents, and their children. It is a record of middle and upper-class African-American life in Chicago and Cairo, Illinois in the first half of the 20th century.

Acknowledgments

The Eva Overton Lewis and Julian Herman Lewis, MD, PhD Collection is preserved in memory of Elise Evans Gorun (1943-2020).

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Restrictions on Use

Newspapers in Series III, Subseries 12 are especially fragile and should be handled with care.

Citation
Biographical Note

Eva Overton Lewis was born on September 12, 1893 to Anthony Overton (1864-1946) and Clara Gregg Overton (1867-1912) in Wanamaker, Oklahoma. Eva had three siblings: Everett Van Overton (1889-1960), Mabel Helena Overton Fowler (1891-1949), and Frances Madison Overton Hill (1894-1966). The family lived for a time in Kansas and Missouri before settling in Chicago, Illinois. Anthony Overton was a businessman and lawyer. He published the weekly newspaper The Chicago Bee and Half-Century Magazine, and established the Overton Hygienic Manufacturing Company, the Douglass National Bank, the Great Northern Realty Company, and the Victory Life Insurance Company.

Eva graduated from high school in Kansas City, Kansas and earned her A.B. from the University of Chicago in 1916 where she was a charter member of Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. (She was later a charter member of Theta Omega, the graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha in 1922). Eva was involved in her father’s businesses, including as a secretary for the Overton Hygienic Manufacturing Company. She married Julian Herman Lewis on September 12, 1918. Eva and Julian had three surviving children: Gloria Julienne Lewis (1920-1998), Julian Herman Lewis, Jr. (1921-2001), and John Overton Lewis (1928-2021).

Julian Herman Lewis was born on May 26, 1891 in Shawneetown, Illinois, to educators John Calhoun Lewis (circa 1857-1945) and Cordelia O. Lewis (circa 1867-1933, née Scott). Julian had two sisters: Laura Louise Lewis Young (1893?-1969) and Clara Vesta Lewis Caldwell (1893-1979). Julian graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois in 1911 and earned an M.A. in 1912. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in physiology and pathology from the University of Chicago in 1915. His dissertation was published in the Journal of Infectious Diseases and he was awarded the Howard Taylor Ricketts Prize for "the student presenting the best results of research in Pathology or Bacteriology."

Julian completed his medical degree at Rush Medical College in 1917 (the school later awarded him the Benjamin Rush Medal in 1971). That same year, he was appointed as an Instructor to the Department of Pathology at the University of Chicago in association with the Otho S.A. Sprague Memorial Institute. He was the first African American to teach at the University of Chicago. He rose to Assistant Professor in 1923, and later to Associate Professor. Julian also served as a pathologist at Provident Hospital in Chicago, rising to Chief Pathologist.

In 1926, Julian was among the first to receive a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship award for study abroad. He conducted his research in laboratories at the University of Basel, Switzerland and at the Staatlichen Serotherapeutischen Institut in Vienna from 1926 to 1927. He was
appointed to study “the chemical and immunological specificity of proteins isolated from organs as an approach to a study of the fundamental nature of immunity phenomena, particularly the relation of chemical constitution to biological specificity.” Eva, Gloria, and Julian, Jr. accompanied him to Europe, residing in Paris while Julian conducted his research.

Following the Lewis family’s return to the United States, Julian continued his work on immunochemistry at the University of Chicago. He contributed to numerous scientific and medical journals and his work was featured in Life and Time. He was awarded a grant from the Julius Rosenwald Fund to complete a book titled The Biology of the Negro, published in 1942 by the University of Chicago Press. The book was a groundbreaking investigation of contemporary scientific data and literature on African-American physiology and pathology that resisted and rebuked scientific notions of racial inferiority. Julian Lewis left the University of Chicago in 1943.

In addition to Provident Hospital, Julian worked at St. Catherine’s Hospital in East Chicago, St. Margaret Hospital in Hammond, Indiana, and finally as director of the pathology department at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer, Indiana. He was the first African American inducted into the scientific fraternity Sigma Xi and medical fraternity Alpha Omega Alpha.


**Scope Note**

The Eva Overton Lewis and Julian Herman Lewis, MD, PhD Collection is organized into three series:

Series I: Julian Herman Lewis Papers

Series II: Eva Overton Lewis Papers

Series III: Lewis Family Papers

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Vienna. Explanatory notes made by a Lewis family descendant (likely Elise Evans Gorun) are found throughout the collection, especially among the correspondence.

Series I, Julian Herman Lewis Papers, is divided into three subseries: 1) Personal Ephemera, 2) Correspondence, and 3) Professional. Subseries 3 is further subdivided into records of Julian Herman Lewis’ work at the University of Chicago and his Guggenheim Fellowship. Materials are arranged chronologicaly in each subseries.

Series II, Eva Overton Lewis Papers, is divided into two subseries: 1) Personal Ephemera, and 2) Correspondence. Materials are arranged chronologically.

Series III, Lewis Family Papers, is divided into 12 subseries:

1) Cordelia O. Lewis
2) John Calhoun Lewis
3) Lynn Lewis
4) Anthony Overton
5) Gloria Lewis
6) Julian H. Lewis, Jr.
7) Lewis Family Ephemera
8) Lewis Family Correspondence
9) Travel Ephemera
10) Photographs and Audiovisual Materials
11) Artifacts and Textiles
12) Oversize Documents

The first six subseries are personal papers of, or records about, Lewis family members other than Eva and Julian. Subseries seven to ten contain material pertaining to both Eva and Julian, as well as other family members. Correspondence between Eva and Julian is found in subseries eight. The artifacts and garments in subseries 11 most likely belonged to Eva Overton Lewis. Subseries
12 contains items such as diplomas, certificates, and maps belonging to various members of the Lewis family, as well as an alphabetical arrangement of newspapers saved by the family because they contain mention of a family member or a significant world event. Among the newspapers are issues of The Chicago Bee, published by Anthony Overton.

**Related Resources**

Hektoen, Ludvig. Papers

Ricketts, Howard Taylor. Papers

Rosenwald, Julius. Papers

University of Chicago Press. Records

**Subject Headings**

- Lewis, Julian Herman
- Overton, Anthony, -1946
- African American business enterprises
- African American business enterprises--Illinois—Chicago
- African American businesspeople
- African American businesspeople--Illinois--Chicago
- African American families
- African American families--Illinois—Chicago
- African Americans--France--Paris--History--20th century
- African American history
- African American life
- African Americans--Illinois--Chicago
- African Americans--Illinois--Chicago--History--20th century
- African Americans--Illinois--Chicago—Newspapers
- African Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social conditions--20th century
- African Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs--20th century
- African Americans--Illinois--Social conditions--20th century
- African Americans in medicine
- African Americans in the newspaper industry
- African American women
- African American women--France--Paris--History--20th century
- African American women--History--20th century
- African American women--Illinois--Chicago--Societies and clubs
- African American women--Societies and clubs
- Chicago history of science and medicine
- Illinois—Cairo

**INVENTORY**

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  Hunting and drivers licenses; draft card, 1919, 1921

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  The Crisis issues featuring Julian Lewis, July 1922

Box 1
Folder 3
  Douglass National Bank cancelled checks and statements, 1923-1928

Box 1
Folder 4
  Douglass National Bank deposit slip and clipping about Guggenheim fellowship, 1924, 1926

Box 1
Folder 5
  Life insurance policy, 1925

Box 1
Folder 6
  Sigma Pi Phi – Ninth convention program, 1925

Box 1
Folder 7
  Douglass National Bank collateral security statement and savings account book, 1925-1926

Box 1
Folder 8
  Douglass National Bank deposit slip, 1926

Box 1
Folder 9
  The Chicago Whip newspaper clipping – Mention of Julian Lewis' appointment as director of Douglass National Bank, circa 1920s

Box 1
Folder 10
  Swiss Bank documents, 1926-1927

Box 1
Folder 11
  Chi Delta Mu fraternity, Gamma Chapter – Lecture program, June 1930

Box 1
Folder 12
  Obituary for Cordelia O. Lewis – Newspaper clipping, July 1933

Box 1
Folder 13
  Obituary for Cordelia O. Lewis written by Julian Lewis – Manuscript, 1933

Box 1
Folder 14
Reproduction of portrait of Ivan Petrovitch Pavlov, 1935

Box 1
Folder 15
West Virginia State College commencement program – Julian Lewis address, 1937

Box 1
Folder 16
Louisville Municipal College commencement program – Julian Lewis address, 1939

Box 1
Folder 17
Newspaper clippings mentioning John Calhoun Lewis and Julian Lewis, circa 1940s-1960s

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Newspaper clipping about Julian Lewis, circa 1943

Box 1
Folder 19
Publications and manuals about microscopes, 1956-1960

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Folder 20
Julian Lewis obituary, Chicago Tribune, March 9, 1989

Box 1
Folder 21
Julian Lewis memorial program, 1989

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Folder 22
Biographical essay about Julian Lewis written by great grandchild, circa 1990s

Box 1
Folder 23
Reproduction of photograph of H. T. Ricketts, undated

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Folder 24
“Mutation as a Cause of Disease,” by Tage Kemp – Photostat, undated

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Letter - Julian Lewis to Mercer [?], September 20, 1918

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Telegram – Julian Lewis to Cordelia O. Lewis, October 1, 1919

Box 1
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Letter – Ruth Hazelton to Julian Lewis, June 26, 1922

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Letter – William Morrow to Julian Lewis, May 10, 1926
Letter – Martha Witschi to Julian Lewis, March 6, 1927

Box 1
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Letter – Charles Shaw to Julian Lewis, April 23, 1927

Box 1
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Letter – Julian Lewis to Cordelia O. Lewis, April 3, 1927

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Letter – Julian Lewis to Director of Victory Life Insurance Co., April 10, 1927

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Letter – Julian Lewis to Cordelia O. Lewis, May 9, 1927

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Telegram to Julian Lewis, May 14, 1927

Box 1
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Letter and credit note – Swiss Bank Corporation to Julian Lewis, May 17, 1927

Box 1
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Postcard – L. Söll (?) to Julian Lewis, June 29, 1927

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Letter – J. H. Branham to Julian Lewis, July 19, 1927

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Letter – Emma L. Minnis to Julian Lewis, July 25, 1927

Box 1
Folder 54
Letter – George C. Ellis to Julian Lewis, August 5, 1927

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Letter – Anthony Overton to Julian Lewis, August 18, 1927

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Letters – Victory Life Insurance Co., V.D. Johnston to Julian Lewis, September 22-23, 1927

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Letter fragment to Julian Lewis, circa 1920s

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    Letter – Julian Lewis to Lewis family, circa 1930s
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    Letter – John Calhoun Lewis to Julian Lewis, July 13, 1930
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    Letter – Cordelia O. Lewis to Julian Lewis, April 7, 1931
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    Letter – Cordelia O. Lewis to Julian Lewis, June 10, 1931
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    Letter – John Calhoun Lewis to Julian Lewis, July 2, 1931
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    Letter – Gloria Lewis to Julian Lewis, July 21, 1931
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    Letters – Julian H. Lewis, Jr. to Julian Lewis, August 2-6, 1931
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    Letter – Cordelia O. Lewis to Julian Lewis, September 30, 1931
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    Letter – Cordelia O. Lewis to Julian Lewis, November 1, 1931
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    Greeting cards to Julian Lewis, 1932 and 1942
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    Letter – A. L. Jackson, Provident Hospital to Julian Lewis, March 25, 1933
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    Letters – Cordelia O. Lewis to Julian Lewis, April 3-18, 1933
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    Letter – John Calhoun Lewis to Julian Lewis, May 23, 1933
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    Postcard – John Calhoun Lewis to Julian Lewis, July 5, 1933
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Letter – George Ellis to Julian Lewis, August 19, 1933

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Folder 1
Letter – John Haskins, Jr. to Julian Lewis, November 1, 1933

Box 2
Folder 2
Letter – John Calhoun Lewis to Julian Lewis, May 2, 1934

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Folder 3

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Folder 4
Letter – Julian Lewis to family, June 19, 1940

Box 2
Folder 5
Letter – John Calhoun Lewis to Julian Lewis, June 23, 1941

Box 2
Folder 6
Letter – John Calhoun Lewis to Julian Lewis, March 30, 1942

Box 2
Folder 7
Letter – Rita Burton to Julian Lewis, circa August 1943

Box 2
Folder 8
Letter – Unidentified to Julian Lewis, undated

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Sub-subseries 1: University of Chicago

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Rush Medical College commencement program – Julian Lewis fellowship appointment, 1913

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Folder 10
Fellowship award, 1914

Box 2
Folder 11
Board of Trustees minutes mentioning Julian Lewis – Photocopies, 1915-1943

Box 2
Folder 12
TIAA Handbook of Life Insurance and Annuity Policies for Teachers – Copy belonging to H. Gideon Wells, 1922

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University of Chicago Address List, October 1925
Box 2
Folder 14
“The Immunological Properties of Alcohol-Soluble Vegetable Proteins” – Proof, 1925

Box 2
Folder 15
University of Chicago Weekly Calendar – Lewis lecture, “Causes of Variations in Disease among Races,” November 21, 1925

Box 2
Folder 16
Science Service – “Says Race Determines Disease Resistance,” 1926

Box 2
Folder 17
Letters – Greetings from colleagues in UChicago Department of Pathology to Julian Lewis, December 1926

Box 2
Folder 18
Christmas card – H. Gideon Wells to Julian Lewis, circa 1926

Box 2
Folder 19
Letter – E. Long to Julian Lewis, February 13, 1927

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Folder 20
Letter – Bret Ratner to Julian Lewis, February 24, 1927

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Folder 21
Letter – H. Gideon Wells to Julian Lewis, March 11, 1927

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Folder 22
Letter – H. Gideon Wells to Julian Lewis, August 26, 1927

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Letter – Julian Lewis to H. Gideon Wells, September 11, 1927

Box 2
Folder 24
Robert Maynard Hutchins inauguration program, 1929

Box 2
Folder 25
Reappointment letter, 1934

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Folder 26
Reappointment letter, December 1935

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Folder 27
Reproduction of painting by Maude Phelps Hutchins, 1939

Box 2
Folder 28
Photographs – University of Chicago hypnosis research, Life Magazine article, circa 1940-1945

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Letter of introduction, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, April 12, 1926

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Letter of introduction, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation – Photostats, April 12, 1926

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Folder 31
Letter - Guggenheim Foundation to Julian Lewis, June 22, 1927

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Folder 32
Letters – E. Berger and Professor Doerr, Hygienisches Institut der Universität Basel to Julian Lewis, September 1-9, 1927

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Telegram – E. Berger to Julian Lewis, circa 1927

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Folder 34
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Folder 36
Chemistry notes, undated

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Study schedule and account ledger, undated

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Lawrence Business College certificate of membership, 1907

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University of Chicago undergraduate course book, 1912

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Folder 40
Eva Overton Lewis calling cards, circa 1910s and 1920s

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Calling cards from others, circa 1920s

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Folder 42
Baby cereal feeding instructions, circa 1920s

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Folder 43
Memorandum books, circa 1920-1924

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Alpha Kappa Alpha booklets, 1923 and 1925

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Folder 45
Alpha Kappa Alpha Boulé Banquet menu in shape of ivy leaf, 1924
• Name and address of Georgiana Simpson written on back

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Folder 46
Douglass National Bank cancelled checks and statements, 1924-1928

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Folder 47
American Express statement, December 1926

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Folder 48
List of addresses, circa 1926-1933

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Folder 49
American Express statements, March and June 1927

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Folder 1
Concert program – Marian Anderson at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, November 18, 1929
[Sponsored by Theta Omega, the graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.]

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Folder 2
Real estate contract, October 1930

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Edward Sanatorium, Naperville, Illinois – Menus/meal slips, circa 1931

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Edward Sanatorium, Naperville, Illinois – Menus/meal slips and newspaper receipts,
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Box 3
Folder 5
Apartment rental payment receipts, 1933-1934
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Folder 6
  Chicago Public Library invoice, 1941
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  Postcard – Bessie Rucker Davis to Eva Overton, September 3, 1916
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  Letter – Lucy [?] to Eva Overton [Lewis], September 19, 1916
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Folder 15
  Postcard – John W. Davis to Eva Overton [Lewis], September 7, 1916
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Folder 16
  Letter – Ida Wells Cabell Overton to Eva Overton Lewis, September 13, 1918
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Folder 17
  Letter – Eleanor Rivers to Eva Lewis, April 15, 1919
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Folder 18
  Certificate of stillbirth for baby boy and letters of condolence, June 1919
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Folder 19
  Letter – Eleanor Rivers to Evan Lewis, August 11, 1919
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Folder 20
Wedding anniversary card – Eleanor Rivers to Eva Overton Lewis, September 14, 1919

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Card – Allie Mae Hall to Eva Lewis, circa 1920s

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Card – Eva Lewis to Jessie Faucett, circa 1920s

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Cards – Louise Young [née Lewis] to Eva Lewis, circa 1920s

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Letters between Dr. Evans and Eva Lewis, May 12, 1922

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Letter – Eleanor Rivers to Eva Lewis, January 18, 1925

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Folder 32
Letter – Carrie Bryant Johnson to Eva Lewis, September 3, 1925

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Folder 33
Letter – Jessica D. Morris to Eva Lewis, October 8, 1925

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Folder 34
Carte Pneumatique – Bowman to Eva Lewis, 1926

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Folder 35
Postcard – George Ellis to Eva Overton, 1926
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Folder 36
Letter and receipt – Bedell Millinery Department, January 15, 1926

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Folder 37
Letter – Margaret [?] to Eva Lewis and note, February 9, 1926

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Folder 38
Letter – Cordelia O. Lewis to Eva Lewis, April 21, 1926

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Letter – Eva Lewis to Eleanor Wheatland, July 16, 1926

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Letter – Esther Popel Shaw to Eva Lewis, August 20, 1926

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Letter – M. A. Southwick to Eva Lewis, circa August 1926

Box 3
Folder 42
Note – Eva Lewis to Theta Omega sorority about roses received and feelings about going abroad, circa 1926

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Letter – Berthe and Jeanne dressmaker to [Gloria] Julienne Lewis, September 15, 1926

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Folder 44
Letter – Cecelia Roane to Eva Lewis, November 3, 1926

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Letter – Anthony Overton to Eva Lewis, November 4, 1926

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Letter – Anthony Overton to Eva Lewis, November 14, 1926

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Card – Esther Popel Shaw to Eva Lewis, December 1926

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Letter – Anthony Overton to Eva Lewis, December 23, 1926

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Letter – Gloria Lewis to Eva Lewis, circa 1926-1933

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Letter – J. Blondin to Eva Lewis, circa 1927
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Letter – Louise Young [née Lewis] to Eva Lewis, circa 1927

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Letter – Mr. Chandler to Eva Lewis, January 10, 1927

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Letter – Mabel Overton Fowler to Eva Lewis, January 14, 1927

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Letter – Cecelia Roane to Eva Lewis, March 1, 1927

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Letter – Eva Lewis to Cordelia O. Lewis, May 3, 1927

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Letter – Anthony Overton to Eva Lewis, May 7, 1927

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Letter – Eva Lewis to Vesta Lewis, May 2, 1927

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Letter – Robertann B. [Cuthbert?] to Eva Lewis, May 21, 1927

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Letters – Eva Lewis to Cordelia O. Lewis, July 21-28, 1927

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Postcards – Cordelia O. Lewis to Eva Lewis, July 24-30, 1927

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  Letters – Lewis children, Julian Lewis, and Cordelia O. Lewis to Eva Lewis, August 20-
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Cordelia O. Lewis to Eva Lewis, December 4, 1931
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Letter – Cordelia Lewis to Eva Lewis, June 4, 1933
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Letter – John Calhoun Lewis to Eva Lewis, March 30, 1942
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Postcard – Eva Lewis to Clara Vesta Caldwell (née Lewis,) August 20, 1943
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Series III: Lewis Family Papers
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Letter – John Calhoun Lewis to Cordelia O. Scott [Lewis], 1889
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Telegram – Joe Evans to Cordelia O. Lewis, May 8, 1926
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Envelope – U.S. Department of State, Passport Division to Cordelia O. Lewis, March 11, 1927
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Letters and receipts – Temple Tours, Inc. to Cordelia O. Lewis, January-May 1927
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Thomas Cook and Son, Paris and London – Travel itinerary and coupons, August 1927

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Folder 41
Souvenir booklet, “William Tell: The Legend of the Forest Cantons,” 1927

Subseries 2: John Calhoun Lewis

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