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Lewis Historical Library, Vincennes University

## OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

**Title:** Byron R. Lewis Collection

**Collection Date(s):** 1882 -1973

**Extent and Forms of Material:** 21 boxes

**Creator:** Byron R. Lewis

**Biographical or Historical Sketch:** Byron R. Lewis was a teacher, genealogist, and historian. He was a member of the Indiana, Illinois, and Virginia State Historical Societies. He was very involved in local historical societies as well, a member of Lawrence County Historical Society, Vincennes Historical and Antiquarian Society, member of the Board of Trustees for the William Henry Harrison House and Vincennes University, Sigma Pi, and Sons of the American Revolution. A former Vincennes University student, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from VU in 1954.

**Repository:** Lewis Historical Library, Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN. Please address questions to [rking@vinu.edu](mailto:rking@vinu.edu) 812-888-4330 <http://www.vinu.edu/lewis-historical-library>

**Collection Number:** RHC #1

**Processing Note:** Processed by Abigail Creitz, Technical Services Librarian. February 2014 and Dr. Patricia Ann Owens, volunteer, July 2015. Supervised by Richard King, Reference Librarian.

## INFORMATION FOR USERS OF THE COLLECTION

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## IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

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**Scope and Content:** The collection includes/comprises/consists of correspondence, date books, banking records, Masonic Lodge papers, regional history information, genealogies, Sigma Pi correspondence, photos and negatives.

**System of Arrangement:** Collection is arranged by dates and topics.

**Acquisition Information:** This collection was donated by Byron R. Lewis.

**Related Archival Materials:**

**Access Points:**

**Subject/Names:** Byron Lewis, Illinois, Masonic Lodge, Lawrence County

**Subject/Topical:** Lewis family history, regional history, genealogies, Masonic Lodge

**Geographical:** Illinois; Photos – various locations

**Form/Genre:**

**Container List:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
1	1	Correspondence, mostly family, 1898-1903; Final exam questions, 1897, 1898; report card, 1901.
	2	Correspondence, mostly family, 1874-1900; VU vs. Oakland City College basketball game program, December 8, 1955; cross stitch keepsake; report cards, 1897, 1898.
	3	Correspondence, mostly family, 1905-1918; VU class standing postcard, 1909; Monthly statements for Joseph's, a store, 1909; The Steindel Trio program, October 7, 1909.
	4	Correspondence, 1904-1908, 1967-1970; Dedication ceremony program for Byron R. Lewis Library, May 28, 1967; paper clipping regarding library dedication; History of Indiana summer workshop pamphlet, 1967; Univ. of Illinois – Urbana-Champagne report card in cover; VU report cards, 1904-1905; report card, 1897; certificate from VU awarding fellowship to Lewis, signed by VU President Isaac Beckes, November 19, 1970.
	5	Correspondence, mostly family, 1906.
	6	Correspondence, family and genealogy, 1911-1912.
	7	Correspondence, 1907-1908. Letters include Congressmen Frank S. Dickson and M.D. Foster, and Dudley O. McGovney, University of Illinois College of Law regarding Byron's academic probation.
	8	Correspondence, 1904-1905; Byron R. Lewis' birth certificate (Nov. 20, 1880); County Clerk's Certificate of Marriage, Byron R. Lewis to Luella Eaton (1963 certificate; date of marriage is July 6, 1916).

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	9	Vincennes University Alumni Association Alumni Citation Extraordinary to Byron Ray Lewis (May 14, 1956).
2	1	Correspondence, 1917-1918, mostly war related; includes 1918 letters from National War Savings Committee to IL school principals regarding "Thrift Week"; many letters regarding application to teaching positions; receipts and expenditures for May Day 1918 at Bridgeport High School.
	2	Correspondence, 1915-1917; Bridgeport Township High School expenditures, 1915-1917; Certificates of Order of the Eastern Star awarded to Joseph B. Lewis, Mary E. Lewis, and Ruth E. Lewis, 1915; Western Union "Night Letter"; Postal Telegraph-Cable Company Night Lettergram; newspaper clipping regarding Byron and Luella's wedding; wedding invitation to Byron and Luella's wedding.
	3	Correspondence, 1914; letters regarding Byron's candidacy for Superintendent; Vincennes University President, Horace Ellis; references for Byron; Sigma Pi expenses.
	4	Correspondence, 1913.
	5	Correspondence, 1917-1918; Western Union Telegram; Democratic National Committee card; receipt of \$5 donation to Woodrow Wilson's presidential campaign; May Day 1917 expenditures, Bridgeport Township High School.
	6	Correspondence, 1919-1923; IL Congressman Martin D. Foster; teachers' resumes; leather bound commencement program from University of Illinois as an invitation from Verl Rue Seed (1923), containing card insert; Byron's teacher's contract (1919); recollections of 1849 and early memories; Democratic National Committee receipt of \$5 donation to James M. Cox, Franklin Delano Roosevelt campaign (1920).
	7	Correspondence, 1921-1924; George Huff, Director of Athletics, University of Illinois; instructions on starting a University of Illinois Alumni Association; newspaper clippings regarding the unknown soldier procession on Armistice Day; genealogy records for Lewis, Beason; Sons of the American Revolution; William M. Farmer, IL Supreme Court Judge.
3	1	Correspondence, 1925-1926; War Department O.Q.M.G. Form 621, GPO 3-8820; genealogy records for Kephart/Capeheart; Louis L. Emmerson, IL Secretary of State; juror summons.
	2	Correspondence, 1927-1928; Claude E. Gregg, Mayor of Vincennes; letters regarding military headstones; Congressman William W. Arnold; funeral expenses for Mrs. Joseph Lewis; questionnaire for the compilation of soldiers' burials;

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		newspaper clipping of dramatic rescue of fisherman.
	3	Correspondence, 1928, mostly family; genealogy records for Lewis.
	4	Correspondence, 1929-1930, mostly from Curtis G. Shake regarding Lincoln Migration Centennial; Joseph W. Kimmell, Mayor of Vincennes; daily diary (1929-1930) used for recording weather, newspaper clipping pasted on title page (January 22, 1928), newspaper clippings pasted throughout, "Black Tuesday" marked on October 29, 1929, and Byron's height and weight (5'9", 170 lbs.); genealogy records for Lewis.
	5	Correspondence, 1930-1931, mostly family; genealogy records for Allison/Alison, Lewis; letter regarding election of Byron to Vincennes University Board of Trustees; daily diary (1930-1931) used to record weather; tax receipt (1930).
4	1	Correspondence, 1932, mostly family; Curtis G. Shake; genealogy records, Lewis; 25 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Class of 1907, University of Illinois; appointment to the IL Emergency Relief Commission of the Lawrence County Emergency Relief Committee; Judge Henry Horner, probate court of Cook County; John C. Martin, IL State Treasurer; Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois.
	2	Correspondence, 1933-1935; genealogy records for Hendricks, Lewis, Payne; Sons of the American Revolution; Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois; Millar's Housing Letter (January 22, 1934, v. II, no. 15); Federal Civil Works Administration; Congressman William W. Arnold.
	3	Correspondence, 1936; Sons of the American Revolution; Congressman William W. Arnold; Lewis Family Association; Edward J. Hughs, Secretary of State of Illinois; James A. Farley, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee; genealogy records for Lewis.
	4	Correspondence, 1937-1939; Daughters of the American Revolution; genealogy records for Lewis; estate of Mary C. Eshelman; Sons of the American Revolution; Illini Alumni List; Class of 1907 University of Illinois returning members (1952); Joseph W. Kimmell, Mayor of Vincennes; Byron's suspension from Order of Eastern Star due to nonpayment; Curtis G. Shake; Byron's suspension from Ainad Temple due to nonpayment; Congressman Laurence F. Arnold.
	5	Correspondence, 1940; National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; Congressman Laurence F. Arnold;

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		Edward J. Kelly, Mayor of Chicago; Congressional Record 75 <sup>th</sup> Congress, 3 <sup>rd</sup> session; genealogy records for Lewis; Henry Horner, Governor of Illinois; Edward J. Hughes, Secretary of State of Illinois.
	6	Correspondence, 1941-1942; Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; Democratic National Committee delegate to Judicial Convention of the Democratic Party of the Second Supreme Court District of State of Illinois; selective service system; American Red Cross; bank note from First National Bank of Bridgeport, Illinois; Institute of American Genealogy; genealogy records for Lewis; Illinois Public Aid Commission.
4A	1	Correspondence, 1943; United States Treasury, Victory Fund Committee; Senator Scott W. Lucas, Illinois; Sons of the American Revolution; genealogy records for Lewis; The Abraham Lincoln Association, Springfield, Illinois; American National Red Cross.
	2	Correspondence, 1944-1945; AINAD Temple (Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine); Genealogical Society of Utah; Victory Mail, aka V-Mail; Curtis G. Shake.
	3	Correspondence, 1946-1949; Curtis G. Shake; genealogy for Lewis; Walter Davis, Vincennes University President; Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Historical Statement of Indiana; J. Monaghan, Illinois State Historian; Institute of American Genealogy.
	4	Correspondence, 1950-1952; W.A. Davis, Vincennes University President; J. Monaghan, Illinois State Historian; Curtis G. Shake; Vincennes University Accounting procedure; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Adlai E. Stevenson, Illinois Governor; National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; Lincoln Historical Fund Campaign; Certificate of Publication for School Buildings Sale (1951); Harry B. Pratt, Illinois State Historian; genealogy records for Lewis; Henry J. Grote, United States Post Office Postmaster; Directory of Living Graduates of the Class of 1907 of the University of Illinois (1952); a full report of the 45 <sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the Class of 1907 and the activities of June 13-14, 1952.
	5	Correspondence, 1953; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Curtis G. Shake; Harry E. Pratt, Illinois State Historian; Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
	6	Correspondence, 1954; Curtis G. Shake; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Lewis Family Association;

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		genealogy records for Lewis; Harry E. Pratt, Illinois State Historian; 2 souvenir admission ticket for President Eisenhower Day at the Illinois State Fair, Thursday, August 19, 1954; President Dwight D. Eisenhower; William G. Stratton, Illinois Governor; Senator Paul H. Douglas.
	7	Correspondence, 1955; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Curtis G. Shake; genealogy records for Lewis; Harry E. Pratt, Illinois State Historian.
4B	1	Correspondence, 1956; genealogy records for Collins, Waldrop/Wardrobe/Wardrober, and Lewis; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; First National Bank of Bridgeport, IL; history of Presbyterian pioneers; Adlai E. Stevenson.
	2	Correspondence, 1957; genealogy records for Lewis, McNece-Ross, and Stine-Fyffe; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; University of Illinois returning members of Class of 1907 50 <sup>th</sup> reunion; Illinois Public Aid Commission comments and recommendations; Curtis G. Shake; Wharf Home and Farm suggestions.
	3	Correspondence, 1958-1959; genealogy records for Lewis, Balch, and Jones; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; AINAD Temple; Curtis G. Shake; fundraising for Lewis Library; history of Vincennes University.
	4	Correspondence, 1960-1961; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Senator Paul H. Douglas; Illinois State Housing Board; Vincennes University library holdings; Vincennes University Business Office receipt for Building Fund; Curtis G. Shake; genealogy records for Lewis, Kinkade, Bunting/Bunten/Buntin/Bunton/Buntain; Thank You note from George L. Wall, Postmaster; memorandum regarding dedication of new gym.
	5	Correspondence, 1962-1963; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Byron's membership card to Indiana Historical Society; Indiana Historical Society; genealogy letters; report of 55 <sup>th</sup> reunion of Class of 1907; Illinois State Historical Society; Congressman George E. Shipley; Luella Eaton Lewis obituary; First Christian Church, Bridgeport, IL church program with sympathy to Lewis family on Luella's death; bereavement, condolences on Luella's death; Illinois State Housing Board; University of Illinois Class of 1907 60 <sup>th</sup> reunion Christmas greetings with picture; Class of 1907 directory; Byron and Luella's 1962 tax info; copy of death record for Luella; Dr. Kirkwood biography; daily record paper clipping regarding Byron's receipt of Lawrence County Historical Society Award of Merit; Otto Kerner, Illinois

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		Governor.
	6	Correspondence, 1963-1964; The Lawrence County Historical Society; Genealogical Chart of the Family of the Mother of Dorothy Meese Cole; genealogy records for Lewis; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Illinois State Historical Library; Curtis G. Shake; William Henry Harrison Citation (1964); lyrics to "Old Ned"; Sigma Pi Fraternity; Vincennes University Business Office receipt \$10,000 to Byron R. Lewis Fund.
4C	1	Correspondence, 1965; The Lawrence County Historical Society; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Sigma Pi Fraternity; Curtis G. Shake; 85 <sup>th</sup> birthday greetings to Byron.
	2	Correspondence, 1966; genealogy records for Lewis; newspaper clipping of advertisement for bids for Lewis Historical Library; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; The Lawrence County Historical Society; Vincennes University Business Office receipt \$5,000 to Building Fund; Congressman George E. Shipley; W.M. McMillan, Assistant Postmaster General; Robert H. Bahmer, Archivist of the United States.
	3	Correspondence, 1967; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Lawrence County Welfare Services; Illinois State Historical Society; library dedication; written account of citation dinner; report of University of Illinois Class of 1907 60 <sup>th</sup> reunion; An Assessment of Soviet Military Forces 1973-1982 (a prediction).
	4	Correspondence, 1968; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; 1968 income taxes; genealogy letters.
	5	Correspondence, 1969-1973; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Curtis G. Shake; genealogy records for Lewis; Illinois State Historical Society; memorandum: The Financial Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1970, Vincennes University Board of Trustees; 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday greetings to Byron; Congressman George E. Shipley; Illinois State Congressman Charles F. Keller.
	6	Correspondence, no dates; copies of correspondence between W.G. Anderson and Abraham Lincoln debating who insulted whom; Isaac K. Beckes, Vincennes University President; Curtis G. Shake; American National Red Cross By-laws of the Lawrence County Illinois Chapter.

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5	1	Papers, Bridgeport, Illinois; banks and banking; First National Bank of Bridgeport, Illinois – pension trust document.
	2	Papers, Bridgeport, Illinois; businesses of the town (history); newspaper – Bridgeport Leader 23 December 1937.
	3	Papers, Bridgeport, Illinois; Masonic Lodge #386 information (typed and handwritten notes).
5	4	Papers; Masonic Lodge; typed and handwritten notes; newspaper clippings; booklet “Roster of Bridgeport Lodge No. 386 A. F. A. M. 29 July 1953.
	5	Papers; Masonic Lodge, Bridgeport; membership list including information on charter members; forms for suspension and expulsion of members – including names and dates; receipts; letters; typed manuscript prepared by Bryon Lewis “On the Occasion of the 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bridgeport Lodge Celebrated 20 May 1938.”
	6	Papers; Masonic Lodge, Bridgeport; history, proceedings, Aetna Insurance Company policies for Masonic Lodge building; Noblesville Cemetery receipt for plot; “Qualifications, Conditions and Rules for Admission to the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan”; correspondence.
	7	Papers; Masonic Lodge #386 Bridgeport; registers, calendars, Past Masters Night programs, officer cards, Pullman Company railroad case fare check.
	8	Papers; Masonic Lodge #386 Bridgeport; roster, correspondence, booklet – “Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta”; booklet – “The Evolution of Ancient Craft Masonry and its Masterpiece The Degree of Royal Arch”; booklet – “The Unfinished Journey. A Message to Master Masons” by C. A. Snodgrass.
	9	Bryon Lewis Collection; Sigma Pi Ritual Manual.
6	1	Papers regarding Bridgeport, Illinois churches.
	2	Papers regarding Bridgeport, Illinois Post Office.
	3	Papers regarding Bridgeport, Illinois Oil Belt Railroad.
	4	Papers regarding Toussaint Dubois and Lincoln Migration Centennial.
	5	Papers regarding Dubois Memorial.
	6	Papers regarding Children of the American Revolution, booklets and postcards; Constitution and by-laws of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (1929); National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, “What the daughters do” (September 1941); applications to the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.



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	7	Papers regarding Centerville, Illinois history; Henry D. Palmer (1781-1861); John Byram McCorkle (1819-1882); 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Christian Church, Lawrenceville, Illinois program (October 5, 1958); The Illinois Christian (July-August 1951).
	8	Papers regarding Crawford, Clay, and Lawrence County courthouses.
	9	Papers regarding George Rogers Clark.
	10	Papers regarding history of Clay County.
	11	Papers regarding Edwards County.
	12	French Policy 1700 by Paul C. Phillips.
7	1	Papers regarding Illinois Emergency Relief.
	2	Papers regarding Illinois Emergency Relief; first interim report.
	3	Papers regarding Illinois Emergency Relief; bulletins.
	4	Papers regarding Illinois Emergency Relief.
	5	Papers regarding Illinois Emergency Relief.
	6	Papers regarding Illinois Emergency Relief.
7A	1	Illinois Emergency Relief Bulletins, 1933-1936.
	2	Illinois Emergency Relief Bulletins, 1933-1936.
	3	Oil and Gas leases, 1937-1938.
	4	Lake family papers; certificate of exemption for a drafted ("drafted" struck through, handwritten "enrolled") person on account of disability (1865); marriage certificate (1850); property tax receipts (1874, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1891, 1902).
	5	Miscellaneous newspaper clippings including obituaries.
Box 8	1	Illinois Emergency Relief, September 1934 – December 1934.
	2	Illinois Emergency Relief, January 1935 – June 1935.
	3	Illinois Emergency Relief, January 1935 – December 1935; letter from Franklin Delano Roosevelt to Wilfred S. Reynolds.
	4	Illinois Emergency Relief, March 1935 – December 1935.
	5	Illinois Emergency Relief, 1936-1946.
	6	Illinois Emergency Relief, 1936-1951.
	7	Illinois Emergency Relief Biennial Report (1934); Illinois Register of Electors (1933).
9780313377006 Box 9	1	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL cemeteries; includes names of those buried with birth and death dates, histories of cemeteries.
	2	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL cemeteries; includes headstone maps and cemetery deeds.
	3	Papers regarding history of Jasper County, IL.
	4	Papers regarding history of Knox County, IL.
	5	Papers regarding church and school histories (1954).
	6	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL ferries.
	7	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL historical society, 1912-

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		1919.
	8	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL State Housing Board, 1951-1962.
	9	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL military; includes health records, list of names of enlisted men from the county (1918).
Box 10	1	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL; marriage records, 1800s; census (1850); Lawrence County Commissioners Court Minutes, 1821-1822; History of the Lawrence County Fair by Edith Stoltz; correspondence, 1948-1963; history of the Electric Telegraph System in Lawrence County; list of early prominent men; The Marking of Local Historic Sites in Illinois: a statement of policy; First National Bank, Bridgeport, IL; The Shannon Massacre; composition book belonging to Luella Lewis with entries dated 1933-1949.
	2	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL railroads and roads, 1964-1966; Lawrence County, IL map, n.d.; minutes of Lawrence County Welfare Services Committee, 1962; masonic information.
	3	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL railroads, including <i>Railroads of Lawrence County</i> , a term paper written by Connie Jones, a local high school senior.
	4	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL ministers and officials.
	5	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL physicians; composition book with entries of physicians' names A-E, 1800s.
	6	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL physicians, names F-Z; newspaper clippings of series on Lawrence County, IL physicians in the 1960s.
	7	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL roads, 1958-1959; IL depart of Public Works & Buildings booklet.
Box 11	1	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL schools; Allen, J.W. (1961). <i>The vanishing country school</i> . Daily Record.
	2	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL soldiers, 1831, 1851, 1925; Names of men inducted into military service from Lawrence County, IL, their nearest relative, and address; Men inducted into the students' army training corp units, naval units, and the name of their nearest relative and address; Men inducted into military service and rejected at camp; Volunteers; Blank Order of Induction into Military Service of the United States (GPO Form 1028.P.M.G.O. with instructions, 1917.
	3	Papers regarding Lawrenceville, IL First Christian Church, 1924, 1933, 1958; 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pamphlet; last will of Maurice Trimble; history of the First Christian Church; list of ministers.
	4	Papers regarding Lewis Family Reunions, 1923-1927; register book; announcements 1923-1933, 1935-36, 1938-39; meeting

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		minutes 1937; account of the reunion, 1938.
	5	Papers regarding Lewis Family Reunions; announcements, 1923, 1940-1941, 1943-1944, 1946-1947, 1952, 1961; programs, 1957-1960, 1962-1963, 1969-1970; register, 1940; births and deaths.
	6	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL, 1965-1966; Lawrence County, IL Cultural Features; Lawrence County Historical Society papers; correspondence regarding Lawrence County, IL history; <i>The Living Museum</i> , v. XXVII, no. 10, Feb. 1966, publication of the Illinois State Museum; Hell's Half Acre history; Mason, R.L. Narrative of Richard Lee Mason in the Pioneer West, 1819, New York: 1915, pp. 40-50.
	7	Newspaper clippings, mostly relating to the Lewis family weddings, obituaries, and reunions 1920s, 1940-60s.
	8	Papers regarding Lawrence County, IL, and miscellany; Lawrenceville Lodge 1208 B.P.O. Elks, 1960; Water Mill; Vincennes tract; Burr Conspiracy; Lincoln Marker.
Box 12	1	Typed copies of newspaper articles regarding Abraham Lincoln, 1928-1963.
	2	Correspondence, typed copies, mostly re: the "Lincoln Way"; Byron to J. S. Ruddy; Peter Smith to J. Warren Keifer; A history of Peter Smith & J. Warren Keifer; Byron to Wm. E. Finley, Rep. of 48 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District; Charles M. Thompson to Byron; Typed copies of newspaper articles.
	3	Genealogy records of Lincoln Family; Correspondence – Chas. M. Thompson to Byron and vice versa, 1913; copy of Gettysburg Address in Lincoln's handwriting; correspondence – Curtis Shake; History of Lincoln & Vincennes; Lincoln Trail way notes; correspondence – W. G. Anderson to Abraham Lincoln; Harry E. Pratt to Byron; Newspaper clippings re: Lincoln.
	4	Miscellaneous correspondence; certificate of appreciation from Kiwanis Club of Sumner, Illinois; Membership certificate to the Roosevelt memorial Assoc.; charter – Vincennes Historical & Antiquarian Society; Invitation to 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons; Land claims; American State Papers; Photocopy of membership certificate to Ozark-Shawnee Scouts.
	5	Correspondence – James Eaton to Caius Eaton; Caius Eaton to Chauncey Durkee; Eaton Family; O'Haver genealogy; 1970 Board of Trustees for VU (Feb. 15, 1970); Genealogy notes.
	6	Papers; Genealogy, Lewis Family; Land entries 1800s, 1900s; Probate Records; Marriages.
	7	Misc. Agricultural material – 1940s; War Production Program

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		Farm Plan 1943; Allotment Notice; Wheat crop documents; 1941 Farm Plan; Farm Defense Program 1942 Farm Plan.
	8	Misc. Ag. Material – 1930s, 1940s; Wheat allotment; Wheat settlement sheets; application for payment for one farm. 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program; application for 1940 parity payment.
	9	Correspondence – misc.
13	1	Papers, misc. – roads, bridges; genealogy notes; Lincoln Trail; correspondence – typed copies – Curtis Shake.
	2	Papers, misc. – genealogy notes; Wabash Bridge; covered bridges; Lincoln Way; correspondence; photograph b/w of Medical Certificate from VA.; copy of immigrant roster signatures, Philadelphia, November 7, 1754; indenture contracts copies.
	3	Papers, misc. – genealogy notes; Mississippi Valley Consistory April Class 1915; composite photo; booklet.
	4	Papers, misc. – correspondence; genealogy notes; Guest book – reception honoring Byron P. Lewis' 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday; class record books belonging to B. Lewis, 1913.
	5	Papers, misc. – primary certificate of nomination for Byron Lewis 1940 Senatorial Committeeman for 48 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District; certificate of election of Senatorial Committee 1942.
14	1	Date books 1923, 1925; Illinois state teacher certificate 1930; B. Lewis Illinois motor vehicle registration card 1929 Chrysler Sedan; certified mail certificate.
	2	Papers; Revolutionary soldiers; Melton graveyard, Lawrence County, Illinois.
	3	Papers – Muscle Shoals; genealogy notes.
	4	Papers – re: Richland County, Illinois.
	5	Senatorial Committee Papers – 1942-1952; Correspondence – letters, postcards; primary certificate of nomination 1948, 1954; certificates of resolution.
	6	Papers – Old Time reminiscences, 1919.
	7	Papers, misc. – cryptology, cryptograms; teacher's certificates 1900, 1910, 1912, 1920; certificate of health 1934; certificate of nomination, 1914, county superintendent of schools; certificate of election as delegate to the national nominating convention of the Democratic party 1936; deeds; chattel mortgage 1932; will of Isaiah Lewis.
	8	Teacher's contract 1917; warranty deed 1939, 1887, 1886,

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		1928, 1927, 1924, 1926; oil & gas lease 1955; summons 1936; tax sale certificate of purchase 1885, 1887; mortgage 1884; tax deed 1889; quick-claim deed 1884, 1890, 1891, 1882; satisfaction of mortgage 1927, 1928; Last Will and Testament of Perry Lewis; delayed record of birth 1897; bill of sale Chrysler Royal Sedan (77) 1929.
	9	Miscellaneous papers; people of Illinois; certificate of membership in the University of Illinois 1905; request for credit transfer from VU to U of I 1906.
	10	Papers; Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) George Rogers Clark Chapter.
15	1	Papers – 1887-1970; Sigma Pi original material.
	2	Papers – 1891-1965; Sigma Pi original material.
	3	Sigma Pi correspondence, 1897-1925.
	4	Sigma Pi minutes & misc. 1898-1970.
	5	Sigma Pi correspondence 1926-1970.
16	1	Papers; Roads – Illinois and Indiana.
	2	Sigma Pi Fraternity Correspondence 1948-1962 – letters, postcards, telegram.
	3	Papers – Vincennes, Indiana; obit for Byron Lewis included in file.
	4	Sigma Pi Fraternity correspondence 1963-1964.
	5	Last Will and Testament of Byron Lewis, 1975.
	6	Sigma Pi Fraternity Correspondence 1965-1973.
	7	Papers – Travis Family Letters (fragile and torn).
	8	Papers – Maurice Trimble Papers.
	9	Oil Leases.
	10	Papers – Sumner, Illinois.
	11	Papers – letters on the subject of Alice of Old Vincennes.
	12	Travis Letter and Miscellaneous – letters and a photo of a baby.
	13	Miscellaneous – program for Dedication Ceremonies for the Byron E. Lewis Historical Collections Library, May 28, 1967; citation for Alumni Citation Extraordinary to Byron Lewis, May 1956; citation to Byron Lewis for the William Henry Harrison Citation for 1964.
17	1	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
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	3	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	4	Genealogy Collection – John Lewis/Priscilla Brooks – includes newspaper clippings.

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	5	Genealogy Collection – early clans & families VA. Etc.
	6	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	7	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	8	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	9	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	10	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
18	1	Genealogy Collection – Lewis – Byron R. personal.
	2	Genealogy Collection – Lewis – Isaiah’s will.
	3	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	4	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	5	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
18	6	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	7	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	8	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	9	Genealogy Collection – Lewis/Eaton.
19	1	Genealogy Collection – Lewis – Neal Family, Philip Lewis, McCleave/Bruffey, Ridgley, Eaton.
	2	Genealogy Collection – Lewis – Jacob Lewis, Berkshire Family, Potts Family.
	3	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	4	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	5	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	6	Genealogy Collection – Lewis – Lydia Lewis.
	7	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	8	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
	9	Genealogy Collection – Lewis.
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20	1	Byron R. Lewis Collection – photographs – trip to Cuba in 1898 includes photos of the “USS Maine” wreckage, views of sites in southern United States and of people (some photos have written notations on the back).
	2	Byron R. Lewis Collection – inspection group at Lawrenceville looking for site for prison – photographic negatives.
	3	Byron R. Lewis Collection – photos – photographs, negatives, contact sheets – (notations on back of photographs).
20	4	Byron R. Lewis Collection – pictures of parade in Bridgeport (negatives).
	5	Byron R. Lewis Collection – May Day parade in Bridgeport (negatives).
	6	Byron R. Lewis Collection – Cullison Family of Knox County.
	7	Byron R. Lewis Collection – trip to Lake Erie (negatives).
	8	Byron R. Lewis Collection – pictures of Bridgeport (negatives).
	9	Byron R. Lewis Collection – Eaton Family (negatives).
	10	Byron R. Lewis Collection – pictures of Bridgeport used in Barker 1959 (negatives).

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	11	Byron R. Lewis Collection – family photos North Abragton Mass (negatives).
	12	Byron R. Lewis Collection – pictures of squirrels (negatives).
	13	Byron R. Lewis Collection – groundbreaking of new factory Bridgeport? (negatives).
	14	Byron R. Lewis Collection – glass plate of church in Bridgeport.
	15	Byron R. Lewis Collection – unidentified members of Lewis Family? (negatives).
	16	Byron R. Lewis Collection – grave of Albert White (negatives).
	17	Byron R. Lewis Collection – root cellar (negative).
	18	Byron R. Lewis Collection – miscellaneous (negatives).
	19	Byron R. Lewis Collection – Olney Rotary Club (negatives).
	20	Byron R. Lewis Collection – home (negative).
	21	Byron R. Lewis Collection – Air Guard from Tennessee Air National Guard at Red Hill State Park, circa 1956? By John Wayne Allison.
	22	Byron R. Lewis Collection – Yellowstone National Park (1915), Glacier National Park, Chicago and other sites and photographs of people (negatives and photographs).
	23	Byron R. Lewis Collection – assorted negatives.
	24	Byron R. Lewis Collection – photo book
21	1	Byron R. Lewis Collection – Masonic Lodge book – <b>DO NOT CIRCULATE – SEE DEAN BEFORE OPENING THIS FOLDER.</b>

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