

CAPT. EVEN LEWIS, a veteran of the Civil war, residing at Smicksburg, Pa., was born Feb. 21, 1829, in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, son of Samuel and Abigail (Hallowell) Lewis.

David Lewis, father of Samuel Lewis, had the following children: Joseph, Evan, Robert, John D., Sarah, Josiah, Nancy, Elizabeth, Samuel, David, George and Margaret.

Samuel Lewis, son of David Lewis, was born in Blair county, Pa., settling in West Mahoning township, where he died in 1831. His children were as follows: Mary, who is deceased; Even; Elizabeth and Mattie, twins, the former dying and the latter marrying Samuel G. Smith and living near Johnstown, Pa. After the death of Samuel Lewis, his widow married David Smouse, and their children were; Nancy, who married Paul Smith and lives in Clarion county, Pa.; Sophia and Thomas, twins; Susan, who is deceased; David and Abbie, twins. Of these children, Thomas died in childhood; his twin sister, Sophia, married M. B. Hogue, of Pittsburg, Pa.; David, who is living in Cambria county, Pa., married a Miss McCollough.

David Smouse lived in West Mahoning township. Prior to his marriage with Mrs. Lewis he was a farm laborer. Mrs. Smouse lived to be seventy-five years old.

Capt. Even Lewis, son of Samuel Lewis, attended local schools to a limited extent, and spent one summer at an old academy in Indiana, while Thomas Morgan was a teacher of the institution. Upon the death of his father, when he was but two years old, he was taken by his grandfather Hallowell, and remained with him until he attained his majority, learning how to work to some purpose. After beginning life for himself Captain Lewis was a charcoal burner for a time, and then marrying he settled on a farm two miles east of Smicksburg, which was heavily wooded. A tornado in 1860 destroyed the greater part of the timber and the buildings he had erected. Not discouraged, however, Captain cleared away the broken timber and built a log cabin, and began anew the work of redeeming his land. At first his holdings consisted of eighty-four acres, but he added to his farm until he had 131 acres, all well improved, when in 1897, he moved to Smicksburg, which has since been his place of residence. For six years he was postmaster at Smicksburg, and for ten years held the office of school director, while he also served in other capacities. Originally a Whig, he later became a Republican. In addition to his other lines of endeavor, for the past sixty years, Mr. Lewis has worked as a stonemason when there was a demand for his services.

Like so many of the older generation, Captain Lewis has a very interesting war record, having enlisted on Aug. 27, 1861, in Company I, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer infantry, at Camp Orr, Kittanning, Pa.; He was made second sergeant. The regiment was sent to Louisville, Ky., and he participated in the battles of Nashville; La Vergne, Oct. 2, 1861; Stone River, Dec. 31, 1862, and Jan. 1, 1863; Hoover's Gap, June 24, 1863; Tullahoma, July 1, 1863; Dug Alpine, Sept. 11, 1863, Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1863; Chattanooga, Nov. 23, 1863; Lookout Mountain, Nov. 24, 1863; Missionary Ridge, Nov. 25, 1863; Rocky Face Ridge including Tunnel Hill, Mill Creek, Buzzard's Roost and Snake Creek Gap; Dalton,

May 5 to 9, 1864; Resaca, May 13, 1864; Adamsville, May 17, 1864; Dallas, Ga., also called New Hope Church; Burnt Hickory; Pumpkin Vine Creek; Allatoona Hills; Kenesaw Mountain, June 9 to 30; Peach Tree Creek, July 20, 1864; Atlanta, July 22, 1864, and Pulaski, in September 1864, receiving his honorable discharge Nov. 4, 1864. For three months over one year he served as second lieutenant. After his return he served as captain in the Pennsylvania National Guard for six years. For years Captain Lewis belonged to the G.A.R. Post at Plumville, Pa., having been its first commander. At present he belongs to the veterans' Society at Smicksburg, as well as the veteran Legion, Camp No. 29, organized at Smicksburg. Since 1850 he has belonged to the Baptist Church and is active in its good work.

In 1851 Captain Lewis was married to Catherine Keel, of Canoe township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob Keel, a Baptist minister, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., but later located at Plumville, Pa., and still later lived in Canoe township, this county, where he engaged in farming in addition to his ministerial work. His death occurred in South Mahoning township. He was a well-known man in both Indiana and Jefferson counties. By this marriage Captain Lewis had children as follows: Elizabeth married J. H. Colkett, and both are deceased; Cyrena is deceased; Jane D. married James Stiteler, of Nebraska; Milton k., who is a stonemason, of Smicksburg, Pa., married Edith McCurdy; Addie A. married William Stiteler and (second) George Irwin, of Smicksburg; James N., who is a carpenter of Smicksburg, married Minnie Dinkle; John Newton, who is a stonemason and bricklayer as well as cement contractor of Smicksburg, married Lulu DeLancey; Lemer and Eleanor are twins; the former married Clara Stiteler and lives in Oregon; the latter married Charles McCurdy and (second) George Minnick, of Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Margaret died in infancy; Susanna May married Homer Hillbury, of Plumville, Pa.; Mollie died in infancy; Myrtle Edith married George Miller, of Johnstown, Pa. The mother of this family died in 1889, aged fifty-four years. The second wife of Captain Lewis was Sarah R. Neff, of South Mahoning township, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Jane Neff. Mr. and Mrs. Neff were early settlers of South Mahoning township, coming from eastern Pennsylvania; He was a farmer, and died when ninety-three years old, his widow surviving until she was ninety-four years old. Four years after marriage Mrs. Sarah R. Lewis died, and Captain Lewis subsequently married Lydia Work Lewis, of South Mahoning township; the maiden name of his wife was Farnsworth. His parents settled in Indiana county when the four Mahoning townships were in one, and they had only one voting place. The pioneer of the family built the "Stone House" now occupied by John B. McCormick in West Mahoning township, and was a man well and favorably known in this locality, Ephraim Lewis and his wife spent their lives in South Mahoning township in the house now occupied by his son Enoch Lewis. He was a man whose probity was unquestioned and he had many friends in his neighborhood. Mrs. Lydia W. Lewis) Lewis died in January, 1902.

Captain Lewis is one of the best examples of the high type of American citizenship Indiana county possesses. True and tried, he proved his patriotism beyond any question on the battlefield and in private life, and although now

somewhat advanced in years can still be counted upon whenever his services are needed.