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Biographical / Historical

Osie Eleanor Grose Lewis was born on 1891 February 6, in Persinger, West Virginia, daughter of Andrew Dixon Grose and Margaret Armentrout Grose.

Walter Dix Lewis was born in 1891 September, son of Frank and Lillie Lewis of Nicholas County, West Virginia.

Osie and Walter Lewis were married in 1911. They lived in Morgantown, West Virginia, and had six children. Walter chiefly worked as a carpenter. Walter Lewis died in 1958. Osie Lewis died on 1979 November 11. Children included Denver Dix Lewis, who died on 1962 July 25; Dexter Lewis; and Reva Margaret Lewis Forbes, who died on 2002 January 5.

Scope and Contents

Papers of Walter Dix Lewis (1891-1958), his wife Osie Eleanor Grose Lewis (1891-1979), and their descendants. Includes correspondence (postcards, telegrams, letters), photographs, pay slips, sound recordings, motion pictures, and miscellaneous items.

Series include:

Series 1. Postcards; 1908-1985 and undated

Series 2. Letters and Telegrams; 1913-1946 and undated

Series 3. Photographs; circa 1890s-1996 (bulk undated)

Series 4. Walter Lewis Pay Slips; 1949

Series 5. Sound Recordings; 1972-1975

Series 6. Miscellaneous; 1911-2006 and undated

Series 7. Motion Pictures; 1988-1995 and undated

Series 8. Artifact; 1993

Separated Materials

Two 33 1/2 RPM vinyl records, *Anniversary Keepsake Album*(1972) and *1983 WV United Methodist Annual Conference Choir "Live" at Wesley Chapel, Buckhannon, West Virginia* separated to WVC Sound Recordings.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Postcards

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/187842

Unit Date 1908-1985 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1-4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Some postcards include correspondence, mostly to Osie. Postcard images include photographic postcards of family, friends, circus animals, and the lumber mill in Richwood, WV, where Walter presumably worked. Many of the photographic portrait postcards are labeled; family names of subjects include Armentrout, Grose, Groves/Graves, Lewis, McVay, Persinger, Sparks, and Spenser. Also included are non-photographic postcards depicting landmarks, many in West Virginia, and other scenes.

Series 2. Letters and Telegrams

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/187843

Unit Date 1913-1946 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

The letters (1913-1946 and undated) are written mostly to Osie; topics include life and work, farming, and religious revivals. Telegrams (1931-1946) announce the deaths of family and friends.

Series 3. Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/187844

Unit Date circa 1890s-1996 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6-8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This series includes mounted black and white portraits, one tintype portrait, black and white photographs of musicians and soldiers (presumably from WWI), and additional photographs in both black and white and color. Some of the family and friends in the portraits are identified.

Series 4. Walter Lewis Pay Slips

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/187845

Unit Date 1949

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These pay slips show wages, hours worked, and tax withheld during 1949, when Walter worked for Forrest A. Strickler of Morgantown, WV, who did cabinet work and building contracting.

Series 5. Sound Recordings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/187846

Unit Date 1972-1975

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

There are four 45 RPM vinyl records: 2 of "The Little Wooden Church" by Rev. Katie Davis and "Down the Sawdust Trail" by the Koon Family (1972), and 2 of Missionary-Nurse Mary Flynn and "Russ Fluharty and his Oldtime Dulcimer" (1975) by the Circuit Rider Ministry.

Series 6. Miscellaneous

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/187847

Unit Date 1911-2006 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11-12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Items include religious materials, grocery lists, pamphlets, greeting cards, receipts, obituaries, a jury summons for Walter, a lock of hair from Lillie F. Lewis, a Columbus Card Company Pocket Sample Case, parking passes, cigarette silks, and an apple butter recipe.

Series 7. Motion Pictures

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/187848

Unit Date 1988-1995 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This series includes 6 VHS tapes: 2 of "Bowers Auction" (undated); 2 of Johnson Chapel United Methodist Church's "Heritage Day 1990"; 1 of "Johnson Chapel UM Church Heritage Sunday April 24, 1988"; and 1 of "WV Day 1995--Helvetia: the Swiss of West Virginia--Dead Can Dance."

Series 8. Artifact

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/187849

Unit Date 1993

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This plaque bears a piece of a goalpost from the WVU vs. Miami football game on November 20, 1993.