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Lewis, Virgil Anson, 1848-1912

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## Scope and Contents

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Valley of Lost River.

Authors -- Letters and papers

Civil War - West Virginia 9th Volunteer Infantry.

Education

Education. SEE ALSO Schools.

Freemasons

Indians of North America

Frontier and pioneer life

Revolutionary War - Tory Insurrection.

Revolutionary War.

Rivers and river valleys.

Schools. SEE ALSO Academies

Statehood politics -- West Virginia

Women's history -- 1850-1899  
Women's history -- 1900-1929  
Atkinson, Geo. W. (George Wesley), 1845-1925  
Barbe, Waitman, 1864-1925  
Dandridge, Danske, 1858-1914  
Dawson, William M.O.  
Hall, Granville Davisson, 1837-1934  
Lewis, Virgil Anson, 1848-1912  
Maxwell, H.  
Miller, Alex. McVeigh, Mrs.  
Post, Melville Davisson, 1869-1930  
Rowan, Andrew Summers  
Skinner, B.M.

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**Methodism In West Virginia -- Notes, Manuscripts -- By Virgil A. Lewis (published October 1941)**

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**"Stuart's Memoirs of the Indian Wars and other occurrences and kindred papers"**

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**"The Credibility of the Christian Story From the Standpoint of History" Read by Virgil A. Lewis before District Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church at Ravenswood, West Virginia, June 4, 1911**

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**"Manuscript" -- A History of Jamestown "By Virgil A. Lewis of Charleston"**

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**Miscellaneous Documents (folder 1 of 2; includes typescripts); Important Historical Data for History of Big Sandy Expedition**

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**Miscellaneous Documents (folder 1 of 2; includes typescripts); "Young Kate of The Rescue - A Tale of the Great Kanawha"**

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**Miscellaneous Documents (folder 1 of 2; includes typescripts); "Indian Wars on the Ohio River of A Brief History or the Settlement at Bellville In Western Virginia..." by Samuel Preston Hildreth, 1839**

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Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

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**Miscellaneous Documents (folder 1 of 2; includes typescripts); Typewritten Extracts from Newspapers Concerning Governor Pierpont (Peirpoint) and the Restored Government of Virginia**

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**Miscellaneous Documents (folder 2 of 2; includes typescripts); Biographical and Historical Memoirs of the Pioneer Settlers of the State of Ohio... By S.P. Hildreth**

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**Miscellaneous Documents (folder 2 of 2; includes typescripts); Excerpts from the "Calendar of Virginia State Papers"**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 1 of 4); Thomas Dunn English**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 1 of 4); "Last Leaves from Public Documents of History of West Virginia"**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 1 of 4);  
History of Beauchamp Family**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 1 of 4);  
Education**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 1 of 4);  
Notes, etc. on Records of the Revolutionary War**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 1 of 4);  
Damon and Pythias**

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Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 2 of 4);  
Lecture (includes "Josephine," "Why the Boy Leaves the Farm," and "Take the Best")**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 3 of 4);  
"Heroines of History"**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 3 of 4); Odd  
Historical Data**

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Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 3 of 4); "Take the Best and Leave the Worst" by Lewis**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 3 of 4); "Last Soldier of the Revolution"**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 3 of 4); "Notes for "Upper Potomac Region in Colonial Times"**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 3 of 4); Notes on Lafayette**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 3 of 4); "A Word with the Boys and Girls"**

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**Miscellaneous Addresses, Articles on West Virginia, etc., by Virgil A. Lewis (folder 4 of 4)**

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**Newspaper Clippings, etc.**

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**Various Articles Written by Lewis on West Virginia Subjects (folder 1 of 2); "Early Newspapers in the Virginias"**

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**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

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**Various Articles Written by Lewis on West Virginia Subjects (folder 1 of 2); "James Rumsey; and Early Steam Navigation on West Virginia Rivers"**

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**Various Articles Written by Lewis on West Virginia Subjects (folder 1 of 2); "Letart Falls in History"**

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**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Various Articles Written by Lewis on West Virginia Subjects (folder 2 of 2); "The Big Sandy River Expedition Against the Shawnee Indians..." (contains typescript and manuscript material)**

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**Correspondence; ca. 1895-1912**

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**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

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**Miscellaneous (includes biographical sketch, miscellaneous printed material, news clippings of Mr. Lewis, Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1896)**

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**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

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**Ledger (contains important historical dates and Indian/Native American Geography [names])**

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**Methodism in West Virginia**

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**"Biographical Sketch of Samuel Kercheval, Historian of the Valley"**

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