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**MS 435  
Arthur Lewis Collection  
1870 - 1966****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of personal and business papers related to Arthur Lewis between 1870s and 1966. Family documents and correspondence include property documents, tax statements, and two folders of letters related to Kansas relatives and affairs. Business documents center around three hotels for which Lewis owned or was the proprietor for in California and Tucson, AZ. Hotel materials include bank statements, guest ledgers, receipts and bills for periods between 1927 and 1965. Three boxes of photographs accompany the collection unfortunately with very few labeled images. Photographs are likely family related with many mounted images with Kansas and Tucson photographers. One folder (#70) consists of identified images of family members and friends. Folder #94 has a faded color image of the Lewis Hotel. One small photo album contains images of a 1914 family trip to Florida, Washington D.C., and Havana, Cuba.

10 Boxes, 6.5 linear ft.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Arthur Lewis was from Kansas where it is believed he was born in 1883. His initial employment was as a schoolteacher in Osage County, Kansas from 1902 to 1905. In 1906 he was employed with Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad as a brakeman. Arthur and his wife Jane purchased property in both California and Tucson Arizona. As a partner in the Lewis and Cox Hotel and Land Business, Inc. of Tucson they purchased the Lewis Hotel in 1917 and later maintained ownership of the Apache Hotel, American Hotel (in Tucson), and the King George Hotel in San Diego, CA.. Arthur Lewis married Jane D. Barr in 1921 and died in 1965.

**ACQUISITION**

Unknown

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was reprocessed by Dave Tackenberg in December 2005

## Box and Folder Listing

### Box 1

#### Series 1: Business and Family Records, 1870 - 1966

Folder 1	Arthur Lewis Cards and Clippings	1920
f.2	Lewis Family Relatives	1916-1960
f.3	Property Documents – Kansas Family Properties	1870-1931
f.4	Lewis Family Member Property Tax Statements (Kansas)	1898-1913
f.5	Lewis Marriage Certificate	1921
f.6	Lewis Membership in Organizations	1921-1961
f.7-8	Lewis Diaries	1934/1947-1964
f.9-10	Correspondence	1899-1965
f.11	Correspondence	N.D.
f.12	Memo Book Provided by St. Louis Southwestern Railroad	1914
f.13	Pamphlet: “Rules & Regulations of the Operating Department Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railroad System”	1901
f.14	Arthur Lewis Teaching Certificate – Kansas	1902-1905
f.15	Gulf Mining & Reduction Company	1921
f.16	1440 Oil Company	1919
f.17	Lewis & Cox Hotel and Land Business, Incorporated	1919-1923

### Box 2

f.18	Property Documents – California Properties	1927/1932
f.19	Property Documents – Tucson, AZ Properties	1923-1957
f.20	San Pedro Mining Stock	1948
f.21	Insurance Policies – Tucson Properties	1950-1966
f.22	Insurance Policies – MISC.	1891/1913/1964
f.23	Lewis Income Tax Forms	1923-1929/1961
f.24	Lewis State & County Official Papers (Arizona)	1959-1964
f.25	Tucson Financial Statements	1924-1964

#### Series 2: Hotel Records and Documents, 1911 - 1965

f.26	Arthur Lewis & King George Hotel – San Diego, CA	1927
f.27	Insurance Policies on King George Hotel	1927-1932
f.28	Workmen’s Compensation Policies on King George Hotel	1929-1931
f.29	Receipts and Bills for King George Hotel	1928-1932
f.30	Purchase of Willard Hotel – Tucson, AZ	1927
f.31	Receipts and Bills for Lewis Hotel	1937/1964-1965
f.32	Receipts and Bills for Apache Hotel – Tucson, AZ	1934-1951
f.33	Hotel Expense Ledger (Apache/Lewis Hotel?)	1959-1965
f.34	Hotel Room Occupancy Ledger	N.D.

### Box 3

f.35	Year Books – Hotel Income & Guest Listings	1957-1964
f.36	Ledger – Apex Laundry Service	1930-1932
f.37	Ledger – Room Rents & Laundry Services	1934-1955

f.38	Names and Address Books	N.D.
f.39	Memo Book: Personnel Listing with Numerical Order	1911
f.40-41	Receipt Books	1949-1963

#### **Box 4**

f.42	Receipt Book	1964-1965
f.43	Arthur Lewis' I.O.U. Notes	1930-1964
f.44	Banking Check Book (No Bank Identified)	1937
f.45	First National Bank – Bank Statements	1927-1929
f.46-47	First National Bank – Checks and Bank Book for King George Hotel – San Diego, CA	1927-1931
f.48	Bank of Italy – Checks and Bank Book – San Diego, CA	1927/1931
f.49	Bank of America – Checks and Bank Statements for King George Hotel – San Diego, CA	1030-1932
f.50	Southern Arizona Bank and Trust – Banking Books	1918-1927/1957-1965
f.51	Southern Arizona Bank and Trust – Bank Statements	1927-1964
f.52	Southern Arizona Bank and Trust – Check Books	1960

#### **Box 5**

f.53-57	Southern Arizona Bank and Trust – Check Books	1960-1965
f.58	Southern Arizona Bank and Trust – Canceled Checks	1927/1948/1958/1961
f.59	New Testament of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Gideons)	1941
f.60	MISC. Receipts and Bills	1884/1925
f.61	Identification for Leon E. Willis	
f.62	Poems	
f.63	Certificate of Pedigree for Dog	1946
f.64	Bad Checks	1963
f.65	Military Papers and Correspondence for Fred s. MacIntosh	1945/1957
f.66	Unrelated Correspondence	1964

#### **Box 6 (Oversized Box)**

f.67	Ledger – Hotel Guest Register	1921-1927
f.68	Ledger – Hotel Guest Register	1930-1932
f.69	Ledger – Hotel Guest Register	1961-1964

#### **Box 7**

##### **Series 3: Photographs**

f.70	Identified Individuals	
	Louise Holliday	
	R.W. (Bobby) Lewis	
	A.J. (Buddy) Lewis	
	William S. Trueblood	
	Billy Ray	
	Paul Lewis	
	Betty Jean Lewis	
	Mrs. Witten	

Margaret Moir  
Robert W. Lewis

- f.71 Jane D. Lewis (Believed to Be)
- f.72-73 Unidentified Portraits from Tucson Photographers
- f.74-75 Unidentified Women from Photographers Outside Arizona
- f.76-77 Unidentified Women – No Locations
- f.78 Unidentified Men from Tucson Photographers
- f.79 Unidentified Men from Photographers in Kansas

**Box 8**

- f.80 Unidentified Men from Photographers in Kansas
- f.81 Unidentified Men from Photographers Outside Arizona and Kansas
- f.82 Unidentified Men - No Locations
- f.83 Unidentified Children from Tucson Photographers
- f.84 Unidentified Children from Photographers Outside Arizona and Kansas
- f.85 Unidentified Children from Photographers in Kansas
- f.86 Unidentified Children - No Locations
- f.87 Unidentified Children with Adults
- f.88 Group Photos – Kansas Locations
- f.89 Women and Children Wading in Stream
- f.90 Family Gathering – No Location
- f.91 Unidentified Couples – No Locations
- f.92 Unidentified Groups of People – No Locations

**Box 9**

- f.93 Unidentified Groups of People – No Locations
- f.94 Photo – Lewis Hotel
- f.95 Road Trip in New Mexico 1957
- f.96 Trip to San Xavier del Bac
- f.97 Trip to Tumacacori Ruins
- f.98 Cactus
- f.99 One-Room School House with Students (Kansas??)
- f.100 Tucson Rodeo 1927
- f.101 Canyon Scenery (Sabino Canyon??)
- f.102 Trip to Nogales, AZ and Military Encampment
- f.103 Group in Wagon in British Columbia
- f.104 Street Scenes & Parade in Tucson, AZ
- f.105 Tucson, AZ Scenes
- f.106 Animals
- f.107 Buildings and Homes
- f.108 MISC. Images
- f.109 Out-of-State Postcards

**Box 10**

Photo Album with images of a trip to Palm Beach Florida, Richmond Virginia, Washington D.C., and Havana Cuba in 1914. Additional images show people (believed to be family and relatives) and homes.

**Outside Items:**

Panorama Photo of National Association of Chiropodists at 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
Los Angeles, CA 1931

Panorama Photo of Gotch-Hackenschmidt World's Championship Wrestling Match, at  
White Sox Ball Park, 1911

Certificate for Jane D. Barr from National Association of Chiropodists, 1915

Certificate for Jane D. Lewis from National Association of Chiropodists, 1915