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**Lewis Family Collection
circa 1911-2011 and 2021**

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These materials were originally stored together in an art portfolio in oversized sheet protectors. The folder labels correspond to the order in which the materials were organized within the portfolio. The presence of blank pages is indicated by a lapse in numbered sequence; there are no known missing materials.

Box 1

Wolf Lewis

- Page 1: Wolf Lewis (photos and a lease agreement), 1923 and undated
- Page 2: Wolf Lewis and W. Lewis & Co. (photos, a newspaper clipping, and copies from J.R. Stewart's *A Standard History of Champaign County Illinois*, vol. 2), 1918, 1952, and undated
- Page 3: Obituary for Wolf Lewis, 1942

Leonard Lewis

- Page 4: Leonard Lewis (photos and a newspaper clipping), 1980 and undated
- Page 5: Herman and Leonard Lewis (newspaper clippings), circa 1974 and 1976
- Page 6: Memories of W. Lewis & Co. (newspaper clippings), 2001 and 2007
- Page 7: Death of Leonard Lewis (matted copy of a department store photo and a letter), 1980 and undated

Arthur Lewis

- Page 8: "Humanitarianism the Main Hobby of Arthur Lewis" (newspaper clipping), 1979
- Page 9: "'Life Was So Much Simpler Then'" (newspaper clipping), 2005
- Page 10: Legacy of Arthur Lewis (copy of a newspaper clipping and a photo), 1957 and 2008

Employees

- Page 11: 60th anniversary celebration for W. Lewis & Co. (photos), 1957
- Page 12: Interview with Albert Hoffman, longtime employee at W. Lewis & Co. (newspaper clipping), 1954
- Page 13: Photo of Al Hoffman driving a company truck, undated
- Page 14: Postcards from the Employee's Annual Picnic and a photo of North Neil Street (copy), undated

Promotional materials and catalogs

- Page 15: Promotional mail and a copy of *Store Life*, 1922 and 1929-1932
- Page 16: Company picnics (photos and a newspaper clipping), 1911, 2011, and undated
- Page 17: Promotional booklets (includes an office photo), undated
- Page 18: Department Managers' Sale catalog, undated
- Page 19: Store Catalogs, undated
- Page 20: Copy of a partial store catalog page, undated

Sinai Temple

- Page 23: Article by Asa Rubenstein, "Midwestern Jewish Commitment and Practical American Idealism: The Early History of Sinai Temple, Champaign, Illinois," 1982

Page 24: Issue of *The News-Gazette* featuring Arthur Lewis in "Celebrating Sinai Temple," 2004

Page 25: "Sinai Temple's Anniversary Program Set" (newspaper clipping and a note), undated

Page 26: 50th anniversary celebration for Sinai Temple (newspaper clippings, some copies), 1954

Family Deaths

Page 27: Bernice Lewis (copies of photos, a copy of a letter, and note cards), 1961 and undated

Page 28: Correspondence, 1961 and 1979

Family Legacy

Page 29: Certificate presented to Mrs. Leonard Lewis by the Champaign-Urbana Chapter of Hadassah, undated

Page 30: "A Testimonial to Wolf Lewis in Honor of His Eightieth Birthday," 1938

Page 31: "Bonnie and Ralph's Story" (written by Bonnie Lewis Mandell), undated

Page 33: Booklet by the Charles W. Christie Foundation, "Twenty-Five Years of Memories," 1997

Page 49: Biography of Wolf Lewis from *Access Genealogy*, 2021