Watson F. Lewis Chronology

August 3, 1882                 Born, Brackney, Pennsylvania
September 29 or 30, 1910    Married Mildred Goss
September 5, 1918            Signed two year contract as Secretary to International
                              Committee of the YMCA
ca. September 20, 1918       Sailed from New York
October 5, 1918              Arrived London, England
November 5, 1918             Tea at Windsor Castle hosted by Princess Alice
November 11, 1918            Witnessed Armistice Day celebration in London
November 12, 1918            Departed for Scotland
November 17, 1918            Departed from Dundee, Scotland for Russia
November 24, 1918            Arrived Mourmansk, Russia
ca. December 2, 1918         Arrived Archangel, Russia
April 22, 1919               Son (Gordon) born in Minneapolis, Minnesota
September 18, 1919           Arrived London, England
ca. October 12, 1919         Departed London for New York
October 21, 1919             Arrived New York
October, November, December, 1919  Travel in U.S. to Minneapolis
January 5, 1920              Arrived San Francisco
January 7 or 9, 1920         Departed San Francisco on S.S. Korea Maru for Honolulu
January 13, 1920             Honolulu
January 17, 1920             Crossed International Dateline
January 25, 1920             Arrived Yokohama, Japan
January 31-February 6, 1920  Visited Kyoto and Nara, Japan
February 9, 1920             Arrived Vladivostok, Siberia
April 22, 1920               Departed Harbin, Manchuria
ca. April 1921               Arrived Shanghai
ca. April 9, 1921            Employed by St. Louis and St. Louis County (Missouri
                              YMCA)
1924-44                      Marjorie Louise Lewis born
May 21, 1924                 Resigned as Executive Secretary of St. Louis County
                              (Missouri) YMCA; ordained Congregational
                              minister; accepted Pastorate of Congregational
                              Christian Church, Blair, Nebraska
January 1944                 Died
November 15, 1949
April 7, 1998

Box 1:

Provenance Information
Biographical Information
Passport and Visa, August 1918, November 1919
Newspaper Clippings 1918-19
   Photocopies of clippings from London Sunday Times, Waseca, Minnesota Journal-Radical, and Minneapolis Journal
Tribuna Molodezhi, Vladivostok, March 12, 1920
   Newsprint copy
   Photocopy
Science of Power, Benjamin Kidd, Methuen and Co., 1918
Travel Souvenirs
Postcards, Japanese and Manchurian scenes
   15 color postcard booklet "Souvenir of Nara"
   41 color postcards of Kyoto
   10 color postcards of Japan General
   Vladivostok (1)
   Mukden, Manchuria (2)
Concert Program, Vladivostok, March 16, 1920
Correspondence
   To: William Clement, editor Journal-Radical, Waseca, Minnesota, October 31, 1918
   To: Mrs. Watson (Mildred) Lewis; Undated postcard announcing safe arrival overseas
Letters Home
   Transcriptions of correspondence, January 1920-March 1921 (2 folders)
   1918
   1919

Box 2:

Correspondence
   To: Mrs. Watson (Mildred) Lewis
      January-June, 1920
      July-December, 1920
      1921
      Mildred Lewis to Watson Lewis, 1919 (Including telegram announcing birth of son)
      To: Edgar McNaughton, September 30, 1920 (reporting on work with boys at Harbin YMCA)
      Serophimo Rovensky to Watson Lewis, Harbin ca. September 27, 1921
Envelopes, 1918-21
   Selection of envelopes separated from correspondence after dating information on letters was verified. Some with marks showing review by censors.
YMCA Agreement, Certificate of Identification, and Letters of Introduction, 1918-19
YMCA Correspondence and Reports 1919-21
   Letters from YMCA officials to Watson and Mildred Lewis and reports written by YMCA Secretaries regarding work of Lewis and Y in general in Russia and Manchuria.
   Accounts by B. E. Merriam, C. Alexander, Clifford C. Hatfield, Crawford Wheeler, R. C. Ostergren, and Tom L. Cotton
YMCA Reports on Russia November, 1920 - Vladivostok, Narva, Siberia, and War Prisoner's exchanges by Donald Lowrie, Carl Yettrub, A. A. Simmon, E. A. Ropes, and R. J. Reitzel

Box 3:

Original Prints with Identifications (#s match replacement prints in box 4)
Photograph Album, 1918-1921 (Archangel to Harbin)
Photographs
Watson Lewis
Baby (Gordon Lewis)
Scotland, North Russia, Archangel
Pacific Trip - San Francisco, Honolulu, S.S. Korea Maru
Japan - General, Kyoto, Mt. Fujii, Nara, Tokyo, Yokohama
Vladivostok
Harbin, Manchuria
Including YMCA people and activities
Russia and China General

Box 4:

Reference album for Watson Lewis photographs
CDs of Digital Image Files from Nitrate Negatives

Note: 410 original nitrate negatives were destroyed after safety replacement negatives, preservation prints, and digital images were made by Chicago Albumen Works in 2006. The replacement negatives reside in University Archives’ Negative and Glass Plate File (Record Series 39/2/22) grouped under Master Negative Number 18426.

Preservation replacement prints 001-090; Watson Lewis Album

Box 5:

Replacement prints 091-182; Watson Lewis Album
Replacement prints 183-212; Japan, General
Replacement prints 213-231; Vladivostok
Replacement prints 232-236; Watson Lewis/Gordon Baby

Box 6:

Replacement prints 237-289; Japan, Kyoto, Nara, Tokyo, Yokohama (2 folders)
Replacement prints 290, 291; Scotland, Archangel
Replacement prints 292-339; Harbin, Manchuria (2 folders)
Replacement prints 340-366; Russia and China, General
Replacement prints 367-372; Pacific Trip
Replacement prints 373-410; Harbin (2 folders)