

large female academy. He lived in Georgetown nearly three years and then removed to a farm on Elkhorn, in Franklin county, about six miles from Frankfort, on the Georgetown and Frankfort turnpike. This place he named Llangollen, after his former residence in Virginia. Here he taught a private school, which I attended until I was about sixteen years old. At the age of eighteen and a half, I was married on the evening of the 24th of February, 1841, to Alexander Augustus Patteson, who lived then at the Forks of Elkhorn, near my father's house. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Achilles DeGrasse Sears, a minister of the Baptist denomination, and was the first marriage ceremony ever performed by him.

John Lewis, my father, was the son of Col. Zachary Lewis, of Bel-air, Spotsylvania county, Virginia, who was commissioned by Governor Dinwiddie at the same time with General Washington, and they were friends and at one time shared the same tent, and at parting exchanged swords. The sword given by Washington to my grandfather I have often seen, and my father at his death left it to his oldest grandson. Colonel Lewis married Anne Tetrell, a lady of English descent, and they raised a large family, of whom my father was the third son. The founder of the Lewis family was Jean Louis, a French Huguenot, who fled from persecution at the time of the revocation of the edict of Nantes and settled in Wales. He afterwards became famous as a military man under the Duke of Marlborough and was made a field marshal and received the titles of Earl Ligonian and Baron Juniskillén as a reward for his bravery. His descendents settled in Virginia, and were some of them known in Revolutionary times, one branch being connected by marriage with the family of