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THE WOODVILLE REPUBLICAN - 1823 - 2023 - 200 Years!



This is an extraordinary and historic photograph because Lili Rouprich Lewis and Andrew Jackson Lewis represent:

- The oldest newspaper in Mississippi
- The oldest business institution in the State
- The Lewis family are original settlers in this County
- And so are Lili's . . . Woods family ancestors
- And the Woodville Methodist Church was founded in 1823

The Lewis Family is one of Many families in town who Date back over 200 years

Andy's great-grandfather, Captain John South Lewis acquired the newspaper in 1879, he was followed by Andy's grandfather, Robert Lewis, as Editor, then Andy's Dad, John South Lewis, except for his four years serving this country in WW II . . . so it will have been a 144-year run for the family when they hit their historic 200th Anniversary!

Andy began helping out at the Republican not long after he graduated from college in 1975; and after they married, Lili spent a couple of years at the hospital as a Med Tech, then she taught for two more at WCCA, but not long afterwards she joined the family at the office.

THE WOODVILLE REPUBLICAN MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 26, 2023

On Sunday the 26th of March, the Woodville Civic Club will host an open house at the Wilkinson County Museum honoring Andy and Lili Lewis on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the founding of what is now the oldest newspaper in Mississippi.

The museum will be open from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and visitors will be welcome to join the Lewis Family, as the Woodville Civic Club and the Wilkinson County Museum recognize this extraordinary milestone. Coffee and light brunch fare will be served There will be no charge but donations will be welcome.

CONSIDER BEING A \$200 PATRON

A Woodville Republican 200 Patron List for the occasion is now being assembled and will be permanently displayed at the museum for donors of two hundred dollars or more to the museum.

Donations can be made to The Woodville Civic Club, PO Box 1055, Woodville MS 39669

EXHIBITS AND CIVIC CLUB NEWS



Salisbury is one of our several new exhibits at the museum. Plan on coming to the Woodville Republican reception and see what has been going on! These owners gave our first major accession of crystal, silver, & china.

FACEBOOK LIVE SALE!!!

Every Thursday Night
7 p.m.

Follow us:
Main Street Market
PHONE: 601-888-3449

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Progress being made At Beth Israel Cemetery

On Saturday morning, October 1st, a group of volunteers headed by Russell Fry and Whitney Seal of the Main Street Association, had a massive clean up at the cemetery and we are well on our way to saving this very important historic landmark in our community.

In the last few weeks the Friends of Beth Israel have been the recipients of a family gift toward the restoration of the gravestones, most of which are in need of repair. The donors are descendants of Lee Charles Schloss, who was born in Memphis in 1863, and came to Woodville in 1884.

He was one of the most prominent businessmen and residents of Woodville, especially known for the mercantile establishment, Schloss and Rothschild, at 169 Boston Row, the building still standing and noted for its prominent pediment stating 1869. A successful man, he was also owner in his early years of the Woodville Courier.

He built one of the identical Queen Anne houses, in 1893 at 739 First South Street . . . the other being the house built by his good friend, Isaac Sinclair Joseph. Both houses are still standing in our 242 site National Register Historic District and are featured



in our 309 page Volume III of Journal of Wilkinson History . . . The Woodville Historic District published in 1992 and written by Stella Pitts . . . available with PayPal at www.woodvillecivicclub.com

Mr. Schloss died in Woodville, and was buried at Beth Israel on September 26, 1933.

The family donors of \$1000 each are to date William L. and Sharon K. Nusbaum of Norfolk, VA; Barry and Gay Curtiss Lusher of Denver, CO; Robert C. and Suzanne K. Nusbaum of Longboat Key, FL; and Randy and Beth Curtiss of Mayfield Heights, OH

This entire community is so very grateful to these Schloss family descendants for so generously kicking off this worthy project.