

*Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory*

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 300 Space: G 119

Find A Grave # 11916135

Name: **Lewis, Dr. Benaiah L.**

Birth date: July 15, 1848 Death date: July 30, 1920 Burial Date: August 2, 1920 Age: 72

Spouse: 1<sup>st</sup> wife: Georgeanna Sorden Lewis (1850-1881), m. 1875; 2<sup>nd</sup> wife: Anne "Annie" Pennewill Lewis (1859-1937) m. May 7, 1884

Children:

Parents: Jacob F. Lewis (1806-1879) and Rachel E. Lewis (1807-1899)

Siblings: Henry Richards Lewis (1850-1939); John Lewis (1859- ); Stephen Lewis (1844-1880 or 1918); Leah Ann Lewis (1829-1905)

Residence: Harrington, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next page

Service/occupation information: Physician, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA 1873; also, DE State Senate and Speaker, and De State Auditor

Officiate:

Lot Owner: Pennewill

Inscription:

Benaiah L. Lewis  
1848 - 1920

DIMENSIONS: H 9" x W 19" x D 9"

Family Monument Inscription:

LEWIS

DIMENSIONS: H 47" x W 32" x D 13"

STYLE: headstone and family monument

Repairs needed: cleaning



Inventory date: August 14, 2020

Recorder: Nancy Quinn

Marriage records: May 7, 1884

Dover Jacob F. Lewis, Vernon Rachel Lewis, Cambridge  
 (Sister S. Pennewill, Doer) Emily Haughey, Wilmington  
 DE Marriage Records, May, 1884  
 W. H. W. Jarlone 21. - 24.  
 J. F. Stonecipher 27. - 27.

DE Marriage Records May 1884  
 200 Beniah L. Lewis, 35 W Harrington physician Annie S. Pennewill 26 W

MARRIAGE RECORDS  
 VOL. 35 P. 12  
 DE Marriage Records May 1884

Know all Men by these Presents,  
 That we, Beniah L. Lewis and James L. Wallace are held and firmly bound to the State of Delaware, in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, lawful money of the said State, to be paid to the said State of Delaware, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each of us, jointly and severally, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this Seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five

The Condition of the above written Obligation is such, That if Beniah L. Lewis aforesaid and Miss Annie S. Pennewill may lawfully unite themselves in marriage, and if there be no legal objection to celebrating the rites of marriage between them, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in force.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of  
 Beniah L. Lewis  
 James L. Wallace

Death Certificate, 1920

3708  
 2004

STANDARD DEATH CERTIFICATE  
 DELAWARE  
 Registered No. 138  
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME, instead of street and number.)

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Kent  
 Hundred Harrington  
 Village or Hamlet Harrington  
 City No. Se. Ward

2 FULL NAME Benjamin L. Lewis

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS  
 3 SEX Male  
 4 COLOR OR RACE America  
 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Married  
 6 DATE OF BIRTH July 15, 1848  
 7 AGE 72 yrs. mos. 15 ds.  
 8 OCCUPATION Retired  
 9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Del  
 10 NAME OF FATHER Jacob B. Lewis  
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Del  
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Rachel E. Lewis  
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Del  
 14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) B. W. Harrington  
 (Address) Harrington Del

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
 15 DATE OF DEATH July 30, 1920  
 16 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from July 27, 1920, to July 30, 1920, and that I last saw him alive on July 30, 1920, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 P. M.  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:  
 Chronic secondary anaemia (Cause unknown)  
 Contributory Acute gastric Enteroitis  
 (Duration) 5 yrs. mos. ds.  
 (Duration) 2 yrs. mos. ds.  
 (Signed) Dr. Thompson, M. D.  
 July 31, 1920 (Address) Harrington Del.

17 STATE THE DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, OR, IN DEATH FROM VIOLENCE, STATE (1) MEANS OF INJURY AND (2) WHETHER ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE.  
 18 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (For Hospital, Institution, Transient, or Resort) At place of death in the State of Delaware  
 19 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Home or usual residence  
 20 PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION Christ Church Del  
 21 DATE OF BURIAL Aug 2, 1920  
 22 UNDERTAKER Shaw & Harrington

MARGIN RESERVE FOR BINDING  
 WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD  
 Do not write in this space. It is reserved for the use of the State Health Department in the event of a change in the classification of the cause of death.

The News Journal, Wilmington, DE, Saturday, July 31, 1920

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### DEATH OF DR. B. L. LEWIS.

Dover, July 31.—Dr. Beniah L. Lewis, for many years a prominent practicing physician at Harrington, former member of the Delaware State Senate and Speaker of that body, also former State Auditor, died at his home in Harrington, yesterday after an illness of several months.

He was past 70 years of age and leaves a widow, formerly Miss Pennewill.