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**Andrew Jackson and William B. Lewis correspondence**

1806-1864 [bulk 1814-1845]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845

**Title:** Andrew Jackson and William B. Lewis correspondence

**Date:** 1806-1864 [bulk 1814-1845]

**Size:** .76 linear feet (4 volumes)

**Source:** Donated by J. Pierpont Morgan, 1899 as part of the Ford collection, and purchase, 1946

**Abstract:** Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) was a soldier, politician, and seventh President of the United States. William Berkeley Lewis (1784-1866) of Tennessee was Andrew Jackson's friend and political advisor. The Andrew Jackson and William B. Lewis correspondence, 1806-1864, is an artificial collection consisting of their letters, 1814-1845; correspondence of the two men with other prominent individuals; and a few miscellaneous documents, chiefly military returns signed by or relating to Jackson, 1813-1814. The bulk of the Jackson-Lewis letters are written by Jackson to Lewis, spanning Jackson's military and political careers and retirement at The Hermitage. Lewis's letters to Jackson are Lewis's own copies.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Alternative Form Available:** A calendar of the Jackson-Lewis letters is published in the Bulletin of The New York Public Library, Volume IV, No. 9 (September 1900), pp. 292-320. Some letters are fully transcribed in the same volume, No. 5 (May 1900), pp. 154-162, and No. 6 (June 1900), pp. 188-198, as identified in the calendar.

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## **Creator History**

Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) was a soldier, politician, and seventh President of the United States. He gained national fame during the War of 1812 as a major general in the Tennessee militia and later in the U.S. Army. Jackson was a U.S. representative and senator from Tennessee, military governor of Florida in 1821, and U. S. president from 1829 to 1837. He married Rachel Donelson in 1794, and resided at The Hermitage, a plantation near Nashville, Tennessee.

William Berkeley Lewis (1784-1866) of Tennessee was Andrew Jackson's friend and political advisor. He served as quartermaster under Jackson during the Creek War and War of 1812, and was a member of the "Kitchen Cabinet" in the Jackson administration, holding considerable influence until Jackson's second term. In 1830 Jackson appointed Lewis as Second Auditor of the Treasury, a position he lost in the Polk administration.

## **Scope and Content Note**

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The letters of both men concern American politics and government, with occasional sharing of personal and family news. Lewis's later correspondence pertains to the loss of his Treasury Department job, and historical details concerning Jackson's life and career.

**Arrangement:** Items are in chronological order.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Creek War, 1813-1814  
Indians of North America  
Presidents -- United States

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Legal documents  
Military records

### **Occupations**

Politicians  
Presidents  
Soldiers  
Statesmen

### **Geographic Names**

Tennessee -- Politics and government -- To 1865  
United States -- History -- 1783-1865

United States -- History -- War of 1812  
United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865

**Names**

Blair, Francis Preston, 1791-1876  
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845  
Lewis, William Berkeley, 1784-1866  
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849  
Santa Anna, Antonio López de, 1794?-1876  
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862  
Tennessee. Militia

## Container List

- v. 1 Order to Mr. Roberts from Robert Butler for six plates 1806 September 10
- v. 1 Provision return of Captain William Carroll's company 1813 March 9  
Signed by Andrew Jackson
- v. 1 Roll of deserters from the 1st Regiment of Tennessee militia 1813 November 1
- v. 1 Edward Bradley to Andrew Jackson 1813 December 4 (Attested copy)  
Enclosure to letter below from Jackson to William B. Lewis dated 1814 March 5
  
- v. 1 Order, Andrew Jackson to Isaac Roberts 1813 December 31
- v. 1 John Coffee to William B. Lewis 1814 February 3  
With a separate note from Coffee to Lewis containing further remarks
  
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1814 February 15
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1814 February 21
- v. 1 John Coffee to William B. Lewis 1814 March 2
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1814 March 5
- v. 1 John Coffee to William B. Lewis 1814 April 18
- v. 1 James Winchester to Andrew Jackson 1815 January 15
- v. 1 James Winchester to Andrew Jackson 1815 January 22
- v. 1 Morning report of the 44th Regiment of U.S. Infantry 1815 February 13  
Signed by Major H.D. Peire
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1815 May 8
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1815 May 15
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1815 May 20 (Fragment)  
Item acquired by purchase, 1946
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis [1819]
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1819 January 25
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1819 January 30
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1819 November 23
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1820 July 15
- v. 1 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1820 July 15
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1820 July 16
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1822 March 19
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1822 July 1
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1823 December 7
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1823 December 22
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1824 February 22
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1824 March 31
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1824 May 7
- v. 1 *William B. Lewis to Columbian Observer of Philadelphia* 1824 September 20  
(Autograph draft)
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1825 January 21
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1825 January 24

- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1825 January 29
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1825 February 7
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1825 February 20
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to a committee of the 79th Tennessee Militia 1825 July 1  
Jackson's draft reply written on their letter inviting him to a Fourth of July dinner, sent to Lewis for review
  
- v. 1 Statement of Elizabeth Craighead 1826 December 2  
Copy in Lewis's hand, sent as an enclosure in his letter to John C. McLemore 1827 April 9, and returned by McLemore in his letter to Lewis 1827 May 30
- v. 1 William B. Lewis to Elijah Hayward 1827 March 28
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to James Allen 1827 March 31 (Copy partly in Jackson's hand)
- v. 1 William B. Lewis to Thomas Cadwalader 1827 April 1 (Fragment)
- v. 1 William B. Lewis to [John C. McLemore] 1827 April 9
- v. 1 John C. McLemore to William B. Lewis 1827 May 30
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1827 June
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1827 June 13  
Enclosed fragment of Thomas Jefferson's handwriting not found
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to John H. Eaton 1827 July 27  
Letter to Eaton courtesy of addressee William B. Lewis, with added message for Lewis
  
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1827 August 16
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1827 August 22
- v. 1 Caleb Atwater to Andrew Jackson 1827 November 30
- v. 1 Caleb Atwater to William B. Lewis 1827 November 30 (Addressed "care of Andrew Jackson")
- v. 1 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1827 December 18  
The above letters of Caleb Atwater dated November 30 were enclosed in this letter  
  
Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1827 [December] (Not found)  
Item described in NYPL Bulletin, Volume IV (1900), p. 296
  
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 March 3
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 June 22
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 July 10
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 July 16
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 August 5
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to Robert Weakley 1828 August 5
- v. 2 John H. Eaton to William B. Lewis 1828 August 8  
Ford collection; item not listed in calendar of letters, NYPL Bulletin, Volume IV (1900)
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 August 13
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 August 15
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 August 16
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 August 19
- v. 2 Robert Butler to Andrew Jackson 1828 September 15
- v. 2 James A. Hamilton to William B. Lewis 1828 October 3
- v. 2 William B. Lewis to Amos Kendall 1828 October 11 (Autograph draft)

- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 October 15
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1828 October 19  
Enclosure not present
- v. 2 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1829 September 8 (Autograph copy signed)
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1829 September 10
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to John Overton 1829 December 31  
Copy in Lewis's hand signed by Jackson, with a postscript by Lewis
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 June 26
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 June 28
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 July
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 July 21
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 July 28
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 August 7
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 August 15
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 August 17
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1830 August 25
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1831 March 29  
Jackson's note to Lewis regarding Major Cameron is written on a Martin Van Buren letter of 1831  
March 29 to Jackson on the same topic
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to Messrs. Campbell, Smith, Randolph and Lewis 1831 June  
22
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1831 June 26
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1832 August 18
- v. 2 Louis McLane to William B. Lewis 1832 September 22
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis [1833]
- v. 2 Financial scheme proposed as a substitute for a national bank [1833]  
Outline of Jackson's plan written and signed by Lewis
  
- v. 2 William B. Lewis to an unidentified correspondent [Thomas Ritchie?] 1833  
March 25 (Fragment)
- v. 2 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1833 April 3  
Copy in Lewis's hand with his explanatory note
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1833 April 29
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1833 May 4
- v. 2 James K. Polk to William B. Lewis 1833 August 13
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson, Jr. to William B. Lewis 1833 August 17
- v. 2 William B. Lewis to Thomas Ritchie 1833 August 28
- v. 2 William B. Lewis to Thomas Ritchie 1833 September 17
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1834 July 26
- v. 2 Henry Clay to [Joseph Gales] 1834 August 8
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1834 September 8
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1834 September 14
- v. 2 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1834 October 25
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1835 April 27

- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1835 July 18
- v. 3 *William B. Lewis to the editor of the Courier and Enquirer* 1835 August 15
- v. 3 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1835 September 17  
Endorsement note by Lewis is dated 1835 December 19
  
- v. 3 William B. Lewis to Sam Houston 1836 October 27
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson memorandum to William B. Lewis 1837 January
- v. 3 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1837 February 28  
Jackson's response of same date is written on letter. Enclosed check is not present
  
- v. 3 William B. Lewis to Allen A. Hall 1837 July 12 (Autograph copy signed)
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1837 August 3
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1837 October 19
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1838 January 1
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1838 December 10
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 March 4
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 April 18
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 May 29
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 August 13
- v. 3 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1839 August 30 (Autograph copy signed)  
Follows letter of Worthington C. Ford to Wilberforce Eames 1910 April 29 enclosing this item
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 September 9 (Autograph copy signed)
- v. 3 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1839 October 6
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 October 19
- v. 3 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1839 November 5 (Copy emended by Lewis)
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 November 10
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 December 19
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1839 December 21
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1840 May 22
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1840 October 27
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1840 December 26
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 August 19
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 August 24
- v. 3 Louis McLane to William B. Lewis 1841 August 26
- v. 3 Louis McLane to William B. Lewis 1841 August 30
- v. 3 Louis McLane to William B. Lewis 1841 September 9
- v. 3 David Henshaw to William B. Lewis 1841 September 10
- v. 3 Louis McLane to William B. Lewis 1841 September 15
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 September 23
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 September 30
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 October 1
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 October 25
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 November 18

- v. 3 William B. Lewis to Andrew Jackson 1841 December 6 (Autograph copy signed)
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 December 28
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1841 December 28
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 January 1
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 January 15
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 February 12
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 February 28
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 March 15
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 March 26
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 March 30 (Signed with postscript by Jackson)
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 March 31
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 April 2
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 April 23
- v. 3 Antonio López de Santa Anna to William B. Lewis 1842 May 3  
In Spanish
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 May 23
- v. 3 Louis McLane to William B. Lewis 1842 May 26
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 June 2
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 June 15
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 August 3
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 September 1
- v. 3 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1842 December 20
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 January 17
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 January 20
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 January 20  
Extracted copy made by Lewis for William Darby as per Lewis's note dated 1843 February 8
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 January 24
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 February 6
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 February 13
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 February 27
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 March 24
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 July 19
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 July 25
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 September 12
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 September 18  
With emended copy in Lewis's hand
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 October 23
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 October 31
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 November 27
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1843 December 15
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 January 18
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 February 22



- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 February 24
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 February 27
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 March 5
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 March 11
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 March 22
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 April 8
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 May 3
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 May 7
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 May 11
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 June 28
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 July 12
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 August 1
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 August 15
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 September 17
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 September 27
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1844 October 9
- v. 4 [Andrew Jackson] address leaf to William B. Lewis undated  
Document has two endorsement dates, 1844 December 19 and 1842 January 15
- v. 4 William B. Lewis to [Lewis Cass] [1845] (Incomplete copy)
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 January 1
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to Benjamin F. Butler 1845 January 4
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 January 15
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 January 15
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 January 15
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 February 11
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 February 12
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 March 3
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 March 22
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 April 8
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson to William B. Lewis 1845 April 10
- v. 4 William B. Lewis to James K. Polk 1845 May 8 (Autograph copy signed)
- v. 4 William B. Lewis to James K. Polk 1845 May 15
- v. 4 William B. Lewis to James K. Polk 1845 May 19
- v. 4 *Newsclipping from the Nashville Whig* 1845 June 17
- v. 4 *Newsclipping from the Nashville Republican Banner* 1845 July 9
- v. 4 *William B. Lewis to the editor of the Nashville Republican Banner* [1845 July]  
(Draft in Lewis's hand with explanatory note)
- v. 4 John C. Spencer to William B. Lewis 1845 August 14
- v. 4 Lewis Cass to William B. Lewis 1845 August 18
- v. 4 Joel R. Poinsett to William B. Lewis 1845 August 22
- v. 4 Joel R. Poinsett to William B. Lewis 1846 January 5
- v. 4 William B. Lewis to Mary Pageot 1846 April 2

- v. 4 Thomas H. Benton to William B. Lewis 1847 March 15
- v. 4 Francis P. Blair and John C. Rives power of attorney to William B. Lewis and Francis P. Blair Jr 1855 April 2
- v. 4 Francis P. Blair, Jr. to William B. Lewis 1855 April 20
- v. 4 Andrew Jackson, Jr. to William B. Lewis 1856 June 24
- v. 4 Francis P. Blair to William B. Lewis 1856 July 21
- v. 4 Francis P. Blair to William B. Lewis 1856 August 25
- v. 4 Francis P. Blair to William B. Lewis 1856 September 2
- v. 4 Francis P. Blair to William B. Lewis 1856 October 5
- v. 4 Martin Van Buren to William B. Lewis 1859 April 10
- v. 4 William B. Lewis to [Martin Van Buren] 1859 April [22]
- v. 4 Martin Van Buren to William B. Lewis 1859 May 5
- v. 4 Martin Van Buren to William B. Lewis 1859 September 14
- v. 4 Martin Van Buren to William B. Lewis 1859 September 19
- v. 4 Francis P. Blair to William B. Lewis 1859 October 25
- v. 4 Martin Van Buren to William B. Lewis 1859 November 7
- v. 4 Martin Van Buren to William B. Lewis [1860] January 17 (Dated 1856 January 17 by Van Buren, endorsed 1860 January 17)
- v. 4 Martin Van Buren to William B. Lewis 1860 March 4
- v. 4 Lewis Cass to William B. Lewis 1861 November 17
- v. 4 Francis P. Blair to William B. Lewis 1864 May 26