

## **THE PRYCE LEWIS COLLECTION COLLECTION #6**

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection, numbering approximately 200 items, was donated to St. Lawrence University by the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, who had received it as part of a larger collection of the papers of Harriet Schoen of Massena. It contains primary documents, correspondence, photographs and newspaper clippings concerning the career of Pryce Lewis, an employee of Pinkerton's Detective Agency during and after the Civil War. In addition, it contains material written by Dr. Schoen about Pryce Lewis, both for publication and as research notes. The collection provides information on an interesting episode in the Civil War and on the celebrated case of A.T. Stewart, the murdered millionaire whose corpse disappeared. Also, incidentally, it shows the frustrations of scholarship in this chronicle of Dr. Schoen's failure to find a market for her material.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Pryce Lewis was born in 1835 in Newton, Wales, where his father owned a woolen mill on the River Severn. He emigrated to the United States in 1856. During the Civil War, he was employed by Pinkerton's Detective Agency and worked as a spy for the Union in Richmond. Captured and sentenced to be hanged, he managed to escape death because of his British citizenship. After his release, he served as bailiff and special detective officer of Old Capitol and Carroll prisons until the end of the war.

In 1868, he married Maria Thwaites, and they had two children, Mary, who gave her father's papers to Harriet Schoen, and Arthur, who died in early manhood. During this period of his life he was working in Chicago in a detective agency which he had founded with William H. Scott, Pinkerton Assistant Superintendent.

Later, Lewis and Scott moved their operation to New York City, where they continued to operate until Scott's death. Lewis became embroiled in the A.T. Stewart case, working first for one side, then for the other because his first employer failed to pay him.

He finally went to work for the Equitable Life Assurance Society where one of his last achievements was running down a gang of men who had heavily insured a friend's life and then killed him. A few years later, a shake-up occurred in the life insurance business and Lewis lost his job.

After he lost the life insurance job, Lewis lived a hand-to-mouth existence, supported largely by friends. He was not eligible for a pension because he had never become an American citizen. Efforts were made to get him a room at the Soldiers Home at Kearney, N.J., but there were difficulties with that project because he had not actually been a member of the armed forces. Finally, on December 6, 1911, Pryce Lewis committed suicide by jumping 365 feet from the top of the Pulitzer Building .

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## DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

\* = accompanying typescript by Shoen

BOX / FOLDER

1 I. MEMOIRS OF PRYCE LEWIS

Three notebooks, Manuscript, Some corrections in another hand. For typescript, see Part One of untitled book about Pryce Lewis by Harries Schoen, Container 4, Folder 4. **[located in phase boxes at start of collection]**

- 1 Photocopies on acid-free paper of notebook #1. pp. 1-84.
- 2 Photocopies on acid-free paper of notebook #2 starting with Chapter 5. pp. 85-167.
- 3 Photocopies on acid-free paper of notebook #3 starting with Chapter 10. pp. 168-309.

2 1 II. CORRESPONDENCE OF PRYCE LEWIS AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES

1860, Nov. 8. Allen, E.J. to ?. New York. a.l.s. Note by Harriet Schoen accompanying this letter read "Allan Pinkerton original-- 'E.J. Allen' used as an alias before the war."

1861, Feb. 18. Bangs, G.H. to Pryce Lewis. Chicago. Typed transcript of letter. Note by Harriet Schoen on top states that the original of the letter was presented to Mr. Ralph Dudley of the Pinkerton Agency on July 9, 1851.

\*1862, May 14. Lewis, T. [3 leaves] to Allan Pinkerton. Shrewsbury. a.l.s. with envelope. a.l.s. by Thos. Mawby enclosed.

\*1862, Dec. 12. Paine, Seth [2 leaves] to Pryce Lewis. Washington, D.C. a.l.s. plus envelope.

(D...?) to Pryce Lewis. Hell Hole. Wednesday ?. a.l.s.

\*1863, March 23. Hutcheson, T.H. to Pryce Lewis. Washington D.C. a.l.s. Attached note by Shoen said "Allan Pinkerton original."

2 1 1863, July 21. Livingston, Frank to Messrs. Lewis and Scully. a.l.s.

1863, Sept. 2. Thurber, H. Frank to "my estimable friend and fellow prisoner Louis [sic]." Richmond. autograph poem, "When This Cruel War is Over."

\* 1863, Oct. 1. E.J. Allen to W.P. Wood. Philadelphia. 3 autograph telegram with envelope.

\*1863, Dec. 31. Wood, William to Pryce Lewis. Washington, D.C. a.l.s. "copy"

1864, Jan. 15. Pinkerton, William to Pryce Lewis. Chicago, Ill. Typescript of letter plus copy of photograph. Note by Shoen states that the original was presented to Ralph Dudley of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency on July 10, 1951.

\*1864, Feb. 2. Powell, James to Pryce Lewis. a.l.s.

\*1864, March 31. Wilkinson, I.H. to Pryce Lewis. Point Lookout, Md. a.l.s.

1864, April 23. Pecky, John to S.W. Wood. Rm. 10 [Old Capitol Prison]. a.l.s. Received by Pryce Lewis and clipped together by Lewis with:

1864, April 26. Pecky, John to S.W. Wood. Rm 10 [Old Capitol Prison]. a.l.s.

1838, June 26. Blackford, I.G. to L.L. Bowling. Parkersburg. a.l.s. with envelope.

1858, June 30. (Buttar ?), Chas. W. to Lewis Bolling. Lynchburg. a.l.s.

**Accompanying note by Schoen about all these letters.**

\* 1864, April 20. Turner, L.C. to [Pryce Lewis]. Washington City. a.l.s.

\* 1864, May 4. Reybold, Barney to Pryce Lewis. Delaware City. a.l.s.

\* 1864, May 24. Wood, William to Pryce Lewis. Washington, D.C. autograph telegram with envelope.

\* 1864, June 11. Wood, William to Pryce Lewis and Henry Smart. Washington. autograph telegram.

\*[1864], Aug. 17. L.B. to Pryce Lewis. a.l.s. with envelope. Extensive notes on this letter by Schoen accompany it.

\* 1864, Sept. 29. Turner, L.C. to Pryce Lewis. Washington, D.C. a.l.s. Note by Schoen.

2 2 1883, Aug. 20. Andrews, Rufus to General S.A. Merritt. New York. a.l.s. with envelope.

1884, Feb. 29. Lewis, Pryce to William Pinkerton. New York. a.l.s. clipping of newspaper article, "The Final Clew [sic]," accompanying.

1884, March 21. Lewis, Pryce to William Pinkerton. New York. a.l.s.

\* 1889, March 30. Cronin, David to Pryce Lewis. New York. a.l.s. Note by Schoen read "Lewis appears never to have made any efforts as Cronin here suggested."

1890, Nov. 7. Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. New Brunswick, N.J. a.l.s. with envelope.

1892, Sept. 19. Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. La Junta, Colo.. a.l.s. with envelope.

1892, Dec. 16. Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. El Paso. a.l.s. with envelope.

1893, March 17. Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. Chihuahua, Mex. a.l.s. with envelope.

1893, July 10. Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. Chicago.

1893, July 15. Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. Chicago. autograph telegram signed with envelope.

\* 1904, Dec. 7. Cronin, David to Pryce, Lewis. Philadelphia. a.l.s. with envelope. [copy]

- \* 1904, Dec. 11. Lewis, Pryce to David Cronin. Jersey City. a.l.s.
- \* 1905, Jan. 27. Cronin, David to Pryce Lewis. Philadelphia. a.l.s. with envelope.
- 1905, Feb. 19. [2 leaves] Lewis, Pryce to David Cronin. Jersey City. typescript by Schoen of letter.
- \* 1905, Feb. 27. Cronin, David to Pryce Lewis. Philadelphia. a.l.s. with envelope.
- \* 1905, March 14. Cronin, David to Pryce Lewis. Philadelphia. a.l.s. with envelope.
- \* 1905, March 20. Lewis, Pryce to David Cronin. Jersey City. a.l.s.
- \* 1905, March 22. Cronin, David to Pryce Lewis. Philadelphia. a.l.s. with envelope. Note by Schoen had bracket around lines 1-5 of the second paragraph. There was a question mark by the lines and the phrase, "He was always a wealthy man and he had many other clients."
- \* 1905, May 12. Lewis, Pryce to David Cronin. Jersey City. a.l.s.
- 2 2 \* 1905, May 15. Cronin, David to Pryce Lewis. Philadelphia. a.l.s. with envelope.
- \* 1905, May 22. Lewis, Pryce to David Cronin. Jersey City, a.l.s.
- \* 1905, Aug. 30. Lewis, Pryce to David Cronin. Jersey City. a.l.s.
- \* 1908, Jan. 5 Halsey, L.W. to W. Anson Barnes. New York. Jan. 5, 1908. carbon letter signed.
- \* 1909, Jan. 20. Cronin, David to W. Anson Barnes. Philadelphia. a.l.s. with envelope.
- [1910] Aug. 19. Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. Jersey City. a.l.s. with envelope.
- 1911, Oct. 19 Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. Jersey City. a.l.s. with envelope.
- [1911] Nov. 25. Lewis, Pryce to Mary Lewis. Jersey City. a.l.s. with envelope.
- \* March 31. Cronin, David to Pryce Lewis. New York. envelope with penciled notes on back.
- ? to Pryce Lewis. autograph note. Note by Schoen read "note which may have been passed on string through crack in floor."
- ? to Messrs. Clark & Lewis. envelope from Anson House, N.Y. Note by Schoen read "Among the Lewis papers there is also an isolated envelope addressed to 'Messrs Clark & Lewis at Anson House, New York' in what looks like Pinkerton's writing."
- [n.d.] [2 leaves] Lewis, Pryce to his wife. New York. a.l.s. Note by Schoen read "Married Jan. 20, 1868. Mary born Nov. 13, 1871. Date was while Mr. Thwaites was still alive. (According to Josia Thwaites' letters, that was before 1873--possibly in 1872.) Only Lewis love letter--1871?".

2 3 **III. LEGAL DOCUMENTS CONCERNING PRYCE LEWIS**

- \* 1861, July 11. Wright, I.G. to Pryce Lewis. Charleston. autograph receipt.

- \* 1861, Jan. 7. E.J.A. to Capt. Lyon. Washington. a.l.s. Note by Schoen with this letter read "misdated letter (should be 1862, a natural error.) Signed E.J.A. (Allen Pinkerton). Giving routine orders to Pryce Lewis."
- \* 1862, Jan. 29. Mehaffey, C.D. to Whom It May Concern. Washington. Pass for Lewis through the army lines filled out by Mehaffey. Note by Schoen with the original read "Pass which proves that Pryce Lewis was still in Washington on January 29, 1862. (It was not taken up at its expiration. Possibly not used)."
- 2     3     \* 1863, April 20. (Heilhut ?), C.C. to Robert Wynne. Richmond, Va.. Summons to Pryce Lewis to appear as a witness before a committee of the Congress of the Confederate States of America.
- \* 1863, Sept. 30 Chamberlain, S.E. Annapolis, Md. autograph pass for Pryce Lewis. Note by Schoen read "Major Chamberlain was Governor of Maine after the war."
- \* 1863, Nov. 26. Wood, William B. to All Whom It May Concern. Washington, D.C. a.l.s.
- \* 1863, Nov. 27. Wood, William to Pryce Lewis. Washington, D.C. a.l.s.
- \* 1863, Nov. 27 Wood, William to White. Washington, D.C. a.l.s.
- \* 1863, Dec. 1. Marston, Brig. Gen. G. and J.W. Patterson. Point Lookout Md.
- \* 1863, Dec. 3. Sherburg, John to Col. Wilson. Washington, D.C. a.l.s.
- \* 1864, Jan. 3. Wood, William to Mr. Donnally. Washington, D.C. a.l.s.
- \* 1864, Feb. 16. Wood, William to Brig. Gen'l Rucker. Washington, D. C. a.l.s. with two notations in different hands on back serving as passes.
- \* 1864, Mar. 22. Cassels, John. Fort Monroe, Va. printed pass for Pryce Lewis.
- 1864, March 23. ? Assistant Quartermaster, U.S.A. to Agent Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Fort Monroe. signed form.
- \* 1864, April 15. Weymouth, HGO. Point Lookout, Md. printed pass for Pryce Lewis.
- \* 1864, April 15. Weymouth, HGO. to Pryce Lewis. Point Lookout, Md. Autograph receipt.
- \* 1864, April 28. Weymouth, HGO. Point Lookout, Md. printed pass for Pryce Lewis.
- \* 1864, April 28. Weymouth, HGO. Point Lookout, Md. 2 printed passes for Pryce Lewis.
- \* 1864, May 3. Weymouth, HGO. Point Lookout, Md. 2 printed passes filled out for Pryce Lewis.
- \* 1864, May 3. Burton, Benj. To the Agent, Point Lookout Boat. Washington, D.C. printed pass filled out for Pryce Lewis.
- \* 1864, June 20. Baker, L.C. to Whom it may concern. Washington, D.C. als. with envelope (Note by Schoen).
- 2     3     1868. Jan. 20. Pryce Lewis and Maria E. Thwaites. Marriage certificate.

- \* 1889, Jan. 31. Memorandum of Agreement between David E. Cronin and Pryce Lewis concerning publication of Lewis' memoirs.
- \* 1897, Oct. 7. Agreement between Jean Beldea and Albert Denans d'Artigues and Pryce Lewis concerning the A.T. Stewart estate.
- \* 1900, Feb. 21. Agreement between Albert Denans d'Artigues and Pryce Lewis concerning the A.T. Stewart estate.

## 2 IV. BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL ON LEWIS AND HIS FAMILY

- 4 **Obituaries of Pryce Lewis** from three different December 1911 issues of N.Y. Times.  
Transcripts by Schoen.

Letters by and documents concerning various relatives of Maria Thwaites Lewis, wife of Pryce Lewis, with biographical notes on the writers by Schoen.

### 5 a. F.H. Pryce Material

1864, March 18. F.H. Pryce to "My dear Maria"

1864, April 9. F.H. Pryce to "My dear Maria"

1864, April 19. F.H. Pryce to "My dear Maria"

1864, Aug. 19. ? Law to "Miss Thwaites"

[n.d.] F.H. Pryce to "My dear Maria"

1869, Dec. 3. F.H. Pryce to "My dear Maria"

Indenture between Frederic Sandoz to Francis H. Pryce and P.N. Leahey for the Settlement of Mrs. Thwaites' share of the Residuary Estate of the late M. Favey.

1872, Feb. 14. F.H. Pryce to "My dear Josiah."

### 6 b. Albert Thwaites Material

1846, Dec. 23. Certificate of Baptism for Albert H. C. Thwaites. D.O.B. 1846, Nov. 6.

1894, June 11. [3 leaves] A. H. Thwaites to "Dear Sister" (Mrs. M. Lewis). envelope included.

## 2 7 c. Josiah Thwaites Material

1852, Jan. 29. Certificate of Baptism for Josiah Samuel Thwaites. D.O.B. 1851, Nov. 29.

[n.d.] March 21. Josiah Thwaites to "Dear Min"

1872, October 27. Josiah Thwaites to "Dear Min"

[n.d.] Aug. J. Thwaites to "Dear Father."

1873, September 12. J.S. Thwaites to "Dear Min"

1874, January 16. Josiah Thwaites to "Dear Min"

1876, December 27. J.S. Thwaites to "Dear Min"

[n.d.] envelope addressed to "Mrs. Maria"

1877, September 1. Josiah Thwaites to "Dear Min"

[n.d.] [?] to "Dear Minnie"

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**d. Peter Thwaites Material**

several miscellaneous notes

1878, Jan 29. [3 leaves] Peter to "Dear Sister"

1878, Mar. 21. "Dear Minnie" [only part of a letter]

1892, Sept. 14. P.J. Thwaites to "Dear Mary." envelope is attached.

1893, March 31. P.J. Thwaites to "Dear Mary."

1895, Sept. 8. [2 leaves] P.J. Thwaites to "Dear Sister" (Mrs. A.M. Lewis) envelope is attached.

1897, Sept. 1. [2 leaves] Peter to "Dear Sister" envelope is attached

1898, March 19. Peter J. Thwaites to "My Dear Minnie" (envelope is attached.

1898, December 23. P.J. Thwaites to "Dear Sister" (Mrs. A.M. Lewis) envelope is attached.

1900, Mch 16. [2 leaves] P.J. Thwaites to "Dear Sister" [on his letterhead]

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**e. Miscellaneous letters to Mrs. Lewis**

1866, April 5. Dogan, Alithia Jane to M.L. Birkenhead [England] a.l.s. Note by Schoen read "To Maria Thwaites from cousin in England. Congratulations on Maria's engagement."

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1877, Nov. 12. Clarke, May E. to M.L. Chicago. a.l.s. w/envelope. Note by Schoen read "May E. Clarke- Mrs. Webster Clarke. Only indication of date when Lewises moved from Waukegan to Jersey City."

\* 1881, Dec. 23. Stewart, Mathew and John Deane to M.L. a.l.s. w/envelope.

1890, June 11. Eaves, Mr. (?) to M.L. (Rustic, N.J.) a.l.s. w/envelope, enclosing sketch of eagle and newspaper clipping photo of lace.

1900, Jan. 13. Drake, W.E. to M.L. Jersey City. typed letter signed with envelope. Note by Schoen read "Must have been received not long before Mrs. Lewis' death. (Lewis said to



me that she died in March 1897 or 98 - not true) (Pryce Lewis said in a letter dated Dec. 11, 1904 that his wife died 4 years ago and his son almost 3 years ago.)"

## 2 10 V. PHOTOGRAPHS

### a. **Photographs used as illustrations in Pryce Lewis, Spy for the Union** (container 4, folder 1).

- 1) "Pryce Lewis, June 1861-photograph by O.F. Weaver, Chicago" (between pp.44-45 of the mss).
- 2) "Allan Pinkerton in 1860-Pinkerton National Detective Agency, Inc." (between pp. 7-8 of the mss).
- 3) "A Group of Pinkerton Men in 1863-Pryce Lewis Collection. The original of this photograph was presented to Pryce Lewis by William Pinkerton, aged 17 (seated at the right.) Seated at the extreme left is Samuel Bridgeman, and, in the center, Seth Paine." (after last page of mss).

### b. **Photographs used as illustrations in untitled Schoen mss about Pryce Lewis** (container 4, folder 4).

- 10 4) Timothy Webster (between pp. 44-45 of the mss).
- 5) "Pryce Lewis in clothes worn on trip to Western Virginia---" (between pp. 6-7 of mss).
- 6) Map of jail in which Lewis was held (bottom of p.84 of mss).
- 7) "Allan Pinkerton in 1862-Courtesy of Chicago Historical Society. From a photograph by Brady taken soon after October 1, 1862 at McClellan's Headquarters at Antietam while Lincoln was there. Although known to the army as Major E.J. Allen, Pinkerton dressed in civilian clothes." (between pp. 57-58 of mss).
- 8) Old Capitol Prison-Washington, D.C. (between pp. 48-49 of mss).

- 2 10 9) "Pryce Lewis in 1863-photograph by Gardner" (between pp. 161-162 of mss).

### c. **Photographs from maroon photo album with Pryce Lewis, Spy for the Union stamped on cover in gold** (in the order in which they were in the album).

- 10) 3 prints and 1 negative of Pryce Lewis in clothes he wore on his trip to Western Virginia.
- 11) 1 carte de visite of above pose
- 12) "Pryce Lewis-1863. Taken the day he escorted Belle Boyd to photographer under orders from Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton" (note on verso).
- 13) Pryce Lewis (note on verso).
- 14) Maria Thwaites.
- 15) Pryce Lewis (in late 1870's or early 1880's).
- 16) Maria Thwaites Lewis (after 1877).

- 17) Mary Lewis (born Nov. 13, 1871)-daughter of Pryce Lewis.
- 18) Mary Lewis, daughter of Pryce Lewis-before 1877.
- 19) Arthur Lewis, son of Pryce Lewis.
- 20) Arthur Lewis, son of Pryce Lewis. Tintype.
- 21) Josiah Samuel Thwaites (note on verso).
- 22) Probably Albert Thwaites.
- 23) Unidentified woman.
- 24) Unidentified woman.
- 25) Belle Boyd-1863.
- 26) Belle Boyd.
- d. 27) Photograph to accompany letter from William Pinkerton to Pryce Lewis. Jan. 15, 1864 (container 2, folder 1).

e. **Miscellaneous photographs**

- 28) Old Capitol Prison, Washington D.C.-Gardner (note on verso).
- 29) Castle Thunder, Richmond-Gardner.
- 30) Castle Thunder, Richmond-Gardner, 1865.
- 31) Libby Prison, Richmond, May 1865-Gardner.
- 32) New York in 1855.

33) Belle Boyd. Print and negative. Copy of picture by Morris of Pittsburgh. This picture hangs in the Confederate Relic Room of the Capitol of South Carolina.

3 **VI. RESEARCH NOTES OF HARRIET SCHOEN**

1 **Biographical Notes.**

1 page typewritten page entitled "Opinion of Harriet H. Shoen, after Historical Study of Letters and Documents" (2 copies)

Family Tree "James, Jessie, Charles & Marge Bower"

[n.d.] [3 leaves] letter to "Dear Jessie" concerning the biographical information about the "Faveys."

2 **Notes on A.T. Stewart Case.**

Article "The Stewart Claimant"

Form of the Surrogate's Court (note written on form "from Index to Wills.")

- 3 2 Form of the Surrogate's Court (note written on form "from Index to Decrees on Accounting 1830-1907.)

Form of the Surrogate's Court (note written on form "Decrees on Accounting.)

6 typewritten pages entitled "The Glastenbury Thorn" sections include: "History of the Cathedral", "Main Part of Cathedral", "The Altar", "The Windows", "The Baptistry", and "The Crypt". Also attached are 3 photos - 2 from the outside and 1 inside.

2 typewritten pages entitled "Judge Hilton Dead; Enigma of Millions" from The World dated 1899, August 25. page 7.

- 3 **Notes on Pryce Lewis during Civil War (some material from this folder stored in RBR flat drawer #1).**

Time lines of Pryce Lewis' career paralleling national events for 1861-1864. **Stored in RBR flat drawer #1**

Excerpt from letter of Col. George Patton to Gen. Cox [1862]

1952, October. Harriet H. Shoen 2 typewritten pages entitled "Notes on the Interpretation of the Pryce Lewis Memoirs for Jim Horan"

[n.d.] Harriet H. Shoen 1 typewritten page entitled "Notes on Castle Thunder"

- 3 3 1952, October. Harriet H. Shoen 1 typewritten page entitled "Ideas for other stories for Mr. Horan"

1952, October. Harriet H. Shoen 2 typewritten pages entitled "Pryce Lewis \* Chronology for 1863 and 1864."

1952, October. Harriet H. Shoen 1 typewritten page entitled "Humphrey Marshall (Notes by Harriet H. Shoen)

1952, October. Harriet H. Shoen 1 typewritten page entitled "Concerning Lewis and Scully's Guilt in the Apprehension of Timothy Webster"

[n.d.] 4 typewritten pages entitled "Brief Outline of the Memoirs of Pryce Lewis of the U.S. Secret Service During the Civil War."

1953, February 2. [2 leaves] William H. Milton, Jr. (Superintendent Virginia Military Institute) to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen.

8 x 10 photograph of a collar with the name H. H. Wise on it.

2 handdrawn maps

- 3 **VII. RESEARCH CORRESPONDENCE OF HARRIET SCHOEN**

- 4 **W. Barrett Brown.**

1964, January 20. W. Barrett Brown (Alexandria, Va) to Dear Dr. Shoen (Harriet Shoen, Ph. D.) concerning a diary of Pryce Lewis.

1965, Janaury 25. W. Barrett Brown (Alexandria, Va) to Dear Dr. Shoen (Harriet Shoen, Ph. D.) asking questions about the Pryce Lewis diary.

1965, Janaury 27. [2 leaves] [Harriet Shoen] to W. Barrett Brown. Giving Pryce Lewis background information.

1965, February 3. [2 leaves] W. Barrett Brown (Alexandria, Va) to Dear Dr. Shoen (Harriet Shoen, Ph. D.) Thanking her for clearing up various details about Pryce Lewis.

1965, March 2. W. Barrett Brown (Alexandria, Va) to Dear Dr. Shoen (Harriet Shoen, Ph. D.) Asking to refer to her studies and cites how.

1965, April 12. W. Barrett Brown to Dear Dr. Shoen. Telling her he won't quote her.

5 **Ralph Dudley (Pinkerton's).**

1911, Dec. 30 article from Harper's Weekly "A Republic's Gratitude: What Pryce Lewis Did for the United States Government, and How the United States Government Rewarded Him" by Willaim Inglis. (xerox copies are attached)

3 5 19 page booklet "Revenge of the Fugitive Romeo" by Spencer Webster. Included are: the obituary of G. H Bangs, listing of the types of Pinkerton service, Pinketon's Policies, and the officers and offices.

1951, July [10]. ? to Mr. Ralph Dudley (Pinkerton's National Detective Agency) concerning Pryce Lewis, the Pinkerotr Agency and their involvement together.

1951, July 18. ? to Mr. Ralph Dudley. Talks of Allan Pinkerton and George Bangs relationship with Pryce Lewis.

1951, July 13. R. Dudley to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen. Thanking her for historical information.

1951, July 17. R. Dudley to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen Giving information on Bridgeman and Scott as to where articles are.

1894, Dec. 21. Photo of S. M. Bridgeman.

1894, December 20. Article from The Chicago Times entitled "Had An Eventful Life: Served Uncle Sam as Soldier, Sailor, and Spy" Article is about Samuel M. Bridgeman.

1894, December 21. Article from The Daily News entitled "Funeral of S.M. Bridgeman.

1894, December 21. Article from The Chicago Evening Post entitled Funeral of S.M. Bridgeman: Remains of the Veteran Detective Interred To-Day at Rose Hill."

1951, July 19. R. Dudley to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen. Talks of Timothy Webster.

1882, August 12. article from The Chicago Tribune entitled "Larch Farm: Allan Pinkerton's Place Near Onarga, Illinois - A Model Speciman of Rural Development."

1883, February 6. article from The Chicago Tribune entitled Larch Farm: Allan Pinkerton's Prairie Home as It Appears in Mid-Winter - Immense Damage to Ornamental and Fruit Trees - Pinkerton as a Practical Joker.

6 **S.L. England.**

1950, May 15. [Harriet H. Shoen] to "My dear Sirs" (The Foreign Office, Downing Street, London, England). Inquiring about Pryce Lewis as he was an Englishman.

1950, June 17. Harriet H. Shoen to [?]. Giving biographical information on Pryce Lewis.

1950, June 17. Harriet H. Shoen to "Gentlemen" (Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, England). Asking for information on Pryce Lewis from their records.

3 6 1950, June 21. Sylvia L. England to Miss Harriet H. Shoen. Introducing herself and explains doing the requested research.

1950, June 26. Public Record Office to Harriet H. Shoen. Informing her that Reocrd Agent "Miss England" will be doing the research.

1950, August 2. Sylvia L. England to Miss Harriet H. Shoen. Updating the research she is doing on Pryce Lewis.

1950, August 31. Sylvia L. England to Miss Harriet H. Shoen. Updating the research she is doing on Pryce Lewis.

1950, September 7. [4 leaves] H.S. to S. L. England. Talks about colleges here in the U.S. and their students.

[n.d.], Sept. 8. Sylvia L. England to Miss Harriet H. Shoen. Telling her she found information for her in the Cridland Papers.

1950, October 2. [Harriet Shoen] to Miss England. Judah P. asking question about a Mr. Benjamin.

1950, Septebmer 22. [2 leaves] Sylvia L. England to Miss Shoen. Updating where the research is.

Attached are:

1862, April 16. [2 leaves] Draft Lord Lyons to Acting Consul Cridland (transcript attached) About P.B. Scully.

1862, May 15. [ 4 leaves] Cridland to Lord Lyons (transcript attached) About British subjects enlisting in Foreign military service.

1862, August 19. [4 leaves] Fred J. Cridland (British Consulate) to Honble William Stuart (H.B. Majesty's Charge d'Affaires in Washington. (Richmond). (transcript attached) Scully being arrested as a spy and condemned to death.

1862, October 4. Geo. W. Randolph (Secretary of War - Confederate States of America War Department) to F.J. Cridland (British Consul Richmond Va.) About a general order prohibiting enrollment of foreigners in the confederate states.

1862, October 8. [2 leaves] Fred J. Cridland to Honorable William Stuart. (transcript attached) About treatment of British subjects living in Va.

3 6 1950, October 10. Sylvia L. England to Harriet Shoen. Sending the Benjamin letter.

Attached are:

1863, Feb. 20. [3 leaves] [copy] J. P. Benjamin (Secretary of State - Department of State - Richmond) to Sir (Inclosure in Mr. Consul Moore's Despatch No. 13. Richmond Feby. 17th, 1863). [transcript attached] Discusses the laws of the State of Mississippi.

1863, February 25. [3 leaves] Geo. Moore to Lord Lyons [transcript attached] Discusses British subjects and their rights.

1863, March 5. [2 leaves] "Geo. Moore Consul" to "My Lord" [transcript attached] Discusses British subjects and their treatment as prisoners.

[2 leaves] includes 5 [Resume] dated 1863, April 3; 1863, April 6; 1863, April 9; [n.d.] April 28; and 1863, June 6. [transcript attached] About a bread riot and the torture of British subjects for resisting conscription.

1863, June 10. J.P. Benjamin to Edmund Molyneux (H.B.M. Consul - Savannah, Ga.) [transcript attached] Informing him there would not be any direct communication between consuls or consular agents of foreign countries.

1863, July 14. [Resume] [transcript attached]. About Mr. Cridland and Mr. Benjamin.

1953, August 29. Sylvia L. England to [?]. Receipt for payments for research services.

7 **Mary Lewis.**

1944, January 12 Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1945, January 2. Lewie [Mary Lewis] (Arlington, Mass) to Harriet Shoen.

1945, January 6. Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1945, January 8. [postcard] Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1945, January 9. Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1945, January 11. Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1945, February 3. Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1945, March 6. Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1945, March 11. Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1945, June 26. Lewie to Miss Shoen.

3 7 1945, July 2. Mary Lewis to Miss Shoen.

1945, July 26. Lewie to Miss Shoen

1945, Aug. 19. Lewie to Miss Shoen.

1947, Feb. 21. Mary Lewis to Harriet Shoen.

1947, Feb. 23. [postcard] M.L. to [?]

1949, April 6. Lewis to Harriet Shoen.

1949, August 2. Mary Lewis to Harriet Shoen.

1945 May 18. Agreement between Mary Lewis and Harriet Shoen for use of Pryce Lewis diary.

Request for a Death Record form for Lewis Pryce from City of New York Department of Health.

Biographical sheet of Pryce Lewis and the Lewis family.

8 **Colonel Louis Sigaud** (some material from this folder stored in RBR, flat drawer #1).

1945, May 24. [Harriet Shoen] to Colonel Louis A. Sigaud.

1945, June 1. [Harriet Shoen] to "Gentlemen" (The Dietz Press)

1945, June 10. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet H. Shoen.

1945, June 11. [Harriet Shoen] to Colonel Louis A. Sigaud

1945, June 18. [2 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet H. Shoen

1945, June 19. [Harriet Shoen] to Colonel Louis A. Sigaud

1945, June 29. [5 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet H. Shoen

1945, July 2 [2 leaves] [Harriet Shoen] to Louis A. Sigaud.

1945, July 5. [4 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet H. Shoen

1945, July 9. [Harriet Shoen] to Louis A. Sigaud.

1945, July 12. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet H. Shoen.

2 typewritten pages "Draft of various Items for Proposed Supplement to Third Edition.

1945, July 23. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen. attached is a copy of the Draft above.

1945, July 24. [Harriet Shoen] to Louis A. Sigaud.

1945, August 1. [6 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

3 8 1945, August 4. [4 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1945, August 26. [2 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1945, August 28. [Harriet Shoen] to Louis A. Sigaud.

1945, September 4. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1945, November 23. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen. Attached is 3 typewritten pages  
"From the (unpublished) Memoris of Pryce Lewis."

1945, November 26. [Harriet Shoen] to Louis A. Sigaud.

1945, November 29. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1946, March 12. [2 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1946, March 25. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1946, March 30. [Harriet Shoen] to Louis Sigaud.

1946, August 14. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1946, October 14. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1947, February 24. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1947, February 25. [Harriet Shoen] to Louis Sigaud.

1947, November 11. [2 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1948, January 4. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen. Attached is a xerox copy of a letter to  
Abraham Lincoln from Belle Body Harding.

1950, May 3. Harriet H. Shoen to Col. Louis A. Sigaud.

1950, May 8. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1950, August 7. [Harriet Shoen] to Louis Sigaud.

1950, August 9. [2 leaves] Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen. **[article referred to in this  
letter is in the flat file, drawer #1 RBR]**

1951, January 24. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

1951, July 10. [Harriet Shoen] to Louis Sigaud.

1951, August 20. Louis A. Sigaud to Harriet Shoen.

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**Armitage Watkins.**

1950, June 9. Harriet H. Shoen to Mr. Watkins (Ann Watkins Inc. New York)

1950, October 11. Harriet H. Shoen to Mr. Watkins.

1951, February 14. Armitage Watkins to Harriet H. Shoen.

1951, July 10. Harriet H. Shoen to Mr. Watkins.



Ad for "The Pinkerton Story" by James D. Horan and Howard Swiggett.

10 **Miscellaneous.**

1950, May 18. Harriet H. Shoen to "Gentlemen" (The Equitable Life Assurance Society - NY)

1950, June 1. J. R. Boldt (Vice President - Equitable Life Assurance Society) to Harriet H. Shoen.

1950, May 31. [?] (The Under Secretary of State Foreign Office - London) to Harriet H. Shoen.

1951, July 10. [Harriet Shoen] to Miss Norma B. Cuthbert (Huntington Library - California)

1950, June 9. [Harriet Shoen] to Gentlemen (New York Life Insurance Company - NY)

1950, June 16. Harry J. Larmee (Chairman - Committee on Death Benefits - NY Life Insurance Company) to Harriet H. Shoen.

1950, May 3. Harriet H. Shoen to "My dear Sirs" (the British Embassy)

1950, May 9. Mrs. J. Lcoke (Information Officer British Embassy - Washington) to Harriet H. Shoen.

1947, December 9. [2 leaves] Lamar Wm. Smith (University of Alabama) to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen.

1948, Jan. 15. Lamar Wm. Smith (University of Alabama) to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen.

1950, May 4. [2 leaves] Harriet H. Shoen to Miss India W. Thomas (Confederate Museum Library - Richmond, Virginia)

1950, June 22. Inida W. Thomas to Harriet Shoen.

1950, May 4. Harriet H. Shoen to William J. Van Schreveen (Archives Virginai State Library - Richmond, Va.).

1950, May 3. [Harriet Shoen] to Director of Archival Service, The National Archives - Washington D.C.).

3 10 1950, June 16. [2 leaves] Elizabeth Bethel (for Philip C. Brooks, Chief Archivist, War Records Branch - The National Archives) to Harriet H. Shoen.

1950, Mary 17. Henry Ulasek (Justice and Executive Section) "Reference Service Report: Request for recrods concerning Col. L. C. Baker and Old Capitol Prison."

1950, May 10. William J. Van Schreeven (State Archivist - Commonwealth of Virginia) to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen.

4 **VIII. MATERIALS WRITTEN FOR PUBLICATION BY HARRIET SCHOEN**

1 Pryce Lewis, Spy for the Union. typed mss. with autograph corrections 92pp. and notes illus. (photocopy in container 5, folder 1).

- 2 1958, July 1. Pryce Lewis, Spy for the Union. typed prospectus for publishers.
- 1959, Jan. 18. Pryce Lewis, Spy for the Union. typed prospectus for publishers.
- 3 British Protection. typed mss with autograph corrections 17pp. (apparently intended to be chapter 12 of Pryce Lewis, Spy for the Union. See prospectus for publishers in folder 2).
- 4 Untitled book on Pryce Lewis. Typed mss with autograph corrections. 164pp. Illus. and prospectus. Part one is an edited typescript of Lewis' Memoirs. Part two is still in the prospectus state except for chapter 17 (see folder 5). Illustrations have been removed at Owen D. Young Library and filed elsewhere. Slips indicating 1) where they were to have been used and 2) their present location, have been placed in appropriate places in the manuscript. (Note by Schoen on another copy of the contents page read "Some of the dates are established by Harriet Schoen, after considerable comparative study of events."). Photocopy in container 5, folder 2.
- 5 Pryce Lewis and the A.T. Stewart Heirs. typed mss. with autograph corrections and notes on revisions to be made. 49pp. (Note by Schoen on folder read "as written in 1951". Apparently intended to be chapter 17 of the untitled book in folder 4). Photocopy in container 5, folder 3.
- 6 Lace and Bones. typed mss with autograph corrections 57pp. (a biographical sketch of A.T. Stewart). Photocopy in container 5, folder 4.
- 7 Miscellaneous mss page concerning Pryce Lewis and David Cronin.

4 **IX. CORRESPONDENCE OF HARRIET SCHOEN CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF HER PRYCE LEWIS MATERIAL.**

- 8 **E.P. Dutton Co.**  
 1958. Jan. 8. a.l.s. Harriet T. Kane to Scott Bartlett [E.P. Dutton Publishers.]  
 1959. January 19. H.S. to Scott Bartlett.  
 1959, March 5. Scott Bartlett to Harriet H. Shoen.

4 9 **Jim Horan**

- 1951, Sept. 6. James D. Horan [Assistant City Editor - Journal American] to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen.
- 1951, September 8. ? to James D. Horan.
- [n.d.] xerox copy of an article entitled "They Seldom Slept: The Pinkerton Story."
- 1951, Oct. 3. Jim Horan to Dr. Shoen.
- 1951, November 9. ? to Mr. Horan.
- 1952, Jan. 25. Jim Horan to Doctor Shoen.
- 1952, January 28. ? to Jim Horan.
- 1952, July 2. Telegram from Jim Horan to Dr. Harriet Shoen.
- 1952, July 9 [3 leaves] Jim Horan to Doctor Schoen [sic].

1952, July 25. Willis Kingsley Wing [Authors' Representative] to Miss Harriet H. Shoen.

1952, July 28. ? to Mr. Wing.

1952, July 25. [2 leaves] Willis Wing to Harriet H. Shoen. agreement for Tales of the Civil War between Shoen and Horan.

1952, Oct. 9. Jim Horan to Dr. Shoen.

1952, October 22. check stub to Harriet H. Shoen for \$150 for revenue for Tales of the Civil War.

1953, January 9. receipt for manuscripts British Protection and Memoirs of Pryce Lewis As Told To Major David E. Cronin in 1888.

1953, Jan. 14. James D. Horan to Miss Shoen.

1953, January 25. [2 leaves] ? to Mr. Horan.

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1953, Jun 16. [postcard] Jim Horan to Miss Shoen

1954, January 8. James D. Horan to Miss Shoen. envelope attached note says "Delivered by Journal-American messenger afternoon."

1954, January 8. Harriet H. Shoen to Willis Kingsley Wing.

1954, January 12. Willis Kingsley Wing to Dr. Harriet H. Shoen with cc to James D. Horan.

1954, January 16. ? to Mr. Horan.

1954, February 10. ? to Mr. Horan.

1954, February 12. [2 leaves] James D. Horan to Miss Shoen.

1954, February 10. note from? to Mr. Horan.

1954, March 1. note of Harriet H. Shoen to Mr. Horan. [2 copies]

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### **Mavis McIntosh**

1958, September 12. note. ? to Miss McIntosh. attached is Harriet H. Shoen Columbus story. [2 leaves]

1958, August 7. Mavis McIntosh to Dr. Shoen.

1958, November 4. Mavis McIntosh to Dr. Shoen.

1958, November 10. [2 leaves] ? to Mavis McIntosh.

1958, November 18. Mavis McIntosh to Bernard Shir-Cliff [Ballentine Books, NYC]

1958, November 21. Mavis McIntosh to Harriet Shoen.

1958, November 26. ? to Mavis McIntosh.

1958, December 4. Mavis McIntosh to Harriet Shoen.

1958, December 13. ? to Mavis McIntosh.

11 **Miscellaneous**

1953, Feb. Article "Lincoln's Secret Ride on the PRR"

Article "The Pinkerton Story" by Rufus Jarman. Part 1 and Part 2.

Small clipping "News From Rebel Sources: The Gallows in Richmond -- Two Spies To Be Hung."

Article "The Fate of a Spy: How the Rebels Hung a Northern Man who Could Not Stand."

4 11 Article "Escape of Desperate Characters from Castle Thunder -- A Sentinel Murdered."

Part 3rd Castle Song - original and transcript included.

Poem "Sunday In Prison" - original and transcript included.

Poem "The Southern Soldier Boy" - original and transcript included.

Letterhead "Confederate States of America" written on it is "Castle Thunder March 1863.

1863, Feby, 15. F.A. Redburn (Baltimore, Md.) to Col. Wood. about Mr. Lewis and Mr. Scully being confined in Castle Thunder. (transcript is included)

Affidavit of the District of Columbia County of Washington.

7 typewritten pages entitled: "Memoirs of Pryce Lewis - as told to Major David E. Cronin, 1888."

6 typewritten pages entitled: "Pryce Lewis & The A.T. Stewart Heirs".

Xerox copy of what looks like a picture of a collar.

Several other miscellaneous notes included.

5 **Photocopies of Schoen manuscripts**

1 Copy of Pryce Lewis: Spy for the Union. Original in Container 4, folder 1.

2 Copy of Untitled book on Pryce Lewis. Original in Container 4, folder 4.

3 Copy of Pryce Lewis and the A.T. Stewart Heirs. Original in Container 4, folder 5.

4 Copy of Lace and Bones. Original in Container 4, folder 6.

7 Diaries (in poor condition pages are extremely brittle)

Book 1 The Career of Pryce Lewis prior to 1861

Book 2 Starts with Chapter V ends with Chapter IX

Book 3 Starts with Chapter X ends with Chapter XIX

February 2011 edition of *Civil War Times* containing an article titled "Super Spy from Wales" by Gavin Mortimer