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# Biographical/Historical Information

Clifford Lewis III, a native of Pennsylvania, was a stockbroker by occupation, a historian by avocation. He married twice, first to Mary Butler (d.1970). After her death, he married Virginia Gibson Bullitt (d.1979).

# Scope and Content Information

Research materials compiled by Clifford Lewis III (b.1904-d. 2000), including notebooks containing summaries of his research; publications which resulted from Lewis's research and correspondence concerning his publications; photographs and negatives of research sites and family members; materials regarding his research related affiliations; also, correspondence with researchers, libraries and booksellers, family members.

# Index Terms

## Family Names:

Plowden family.

## Persons:

Lewis, Clifford.

Plowden, Edmund, Sir, 1590-1659.

## Subjects:

Indians of North America (East, U.S.)

## Geographical Names:

Delaware--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600- 1775.

Maryland--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.

New York (State)-- History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.

# Organization

This collection has been organized into 7 series:

- Series 1. Affiliations
- Series 2. Correspondence
- Series 3. Research Notebooks

- Series 4. Photographs and Negatives
- Series 5. Publications
- Series 6. Research Materials
- Series 7. Oversize Materials

## Contents List

### **Series 1: Affiliations, 1933-1992.**

**Box-folder** 1:1-1:5

**Extent** 5 folders.

#### **Scope and Content**

Lewis's affiliation with the following organizations is documented in this series: Maryland Historic Trust (1974-1989), Maryland Historical Society (1933-35), St. Mary's County (Maryland) Historic Society (1975-1992), and The Society of Architectural Historians (1956-1975).

#### **Maryland Historic Trust, 1974-1989.**

**Box-folder** 1:1

**Extent** 8 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Includes correspondence, an annual report, a brochure, and newsletters.

#### **Maryland Historical Society, 1933-1935.**

**Box-folder** 1:2

**Extent** 8 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Includes correspondence and a magazine.

#### **Miscellaneous, 1936-1940.**

**Box-folder** 1:3

#### **Scope and Content**

Includes certificates and an invitation.

#### **St. Mary's County Historic Society, 1975-1992.**

**Box-folder** 1:4 (Folder)

**Extent** 2 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Includes a magazine and research information.

#### **Society of Architectural Historians, 1956-1975.**

**Box-folder** 1:5

**Extent** 13 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Includes a magazine and conference materials.

### **Series 2: Correspondence, 1927-1991.**

**Folder** 1:6-1:15 (Box-folder)

**Extent** 10 folders.

#### **Scope and Content**

This series contains correspondence between Lewis and various researchers and research institutions, and family members. Primary correspondents included: Francis L. Berkeley, Jr. (1953-1954), Burford Butcher (1936-1937), Lucy Drucker (1937-1940), Margaret Franklin (1965-66), Peter Guilday and William Kelley, (1941-1960), Mary Hoss Headman (1933-1937), F.H.T. Jervoise (1939-1956), Walter J. Kaye (1934), Philip C. Plowden (1932-1969), and Hilda S. Reid (1935-36).

#### **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by major correspondent with miscellaneous correspondence and some financial records at the end.

### **Francis L. Berkeley, Jr. correspondence, 1953-1954.**

**Box-folder** 1:6

#### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes concerning Beauchamp Plantagenet research.

### **Burford Butcher correspondence, 1936-1937.**

**Box-folder** 1:7 (Folder)

**Extent** 9 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence concerning Sir Edmund Plowden research.

### **Lucy Drucker correspondence, 1937-1940.**

**Box-folder** 1:8

**Extent** 109 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes concerning Sir Edmund Plowden research.

### **Margaret Franklin correspondence, 1965-1966.**

**Box-folder** 1:9 (Folder)

**Extent** 16 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes concerning Plowden family genealogy.

### **Peter Guilday and William Keller correspondence, 1941-1960.**

**Box-folder** 1:10

**Extent** 15 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes concerning Keller's dissertation on Sir Edmund Plowden.

### **Mary Hoss Headman correspondence, 1933-1937.**

**Box-folder** 1:11

**Extent** 26 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes concerning the New Albion settlement attempt.

### **F.H.T. Jervoise correspondence, 1939-1956.**

**Box-folder** 1:12

**Extent** 7 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence concerning Sir Thomas Jervoise.

### **Walter J. Kaye correspondence, 1934.**

**Box-folder** 1:13 (Folder)

**Extent** 6 items.

#### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes concerning the New Albion settlement attempt.

### **Miscellaneous correspondence, 1927-1991.**

**Box-folder** 1:14-1:15

**Extent** 2 folders (103 items)

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence on various topics.

**Philip C. Plowden correspondence, 1932-1969.**

**Box-folder** 2:1-2:4 (Folder)

**Extent** 4 folders (140 items)

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes concerning Plowden family genealogy.

**Philip C. Plowden correspondence, 1932-1935.**

**Box-folder** 2:1

**Extent** 38 items.

**Philip C. Plowden correspondence, 1936-1939.**

**Box-folder** 2:2 (Folder)

**Extent** 39 items.

**Philip C. Plowden correspondence, 1940-1959.**

**Box-folder** 2:3

**Extent** 39 items.

**Philip C. Plowden correspondence, 1960-1969.**

**Box-folder** 2:4

**Extent** 24 items.

**Hilda S. Reid correspondence, 1935-1936.**

**Box-folder** 2:5

**Extent** 21 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence concerning the New Albion settlement attempt.

**Financial records, 1933-1973.**

**Box-folder** 2:6 (Folder)

**Extent** 31 items.

**Scope and Content**

Contains correspondence and receipts related to research efforts.

**Miscellaneous materials, 1940-1988.**

**Box-folder** 2:7

**Extent** 71 items.

**Scope and Content**

Contains items related to research interests, newspaper clippings, notes, and a 1989 Villanova University grade report.

**Series 3: Research Notebooks, ca. 1930-1951.**

**Box-folder** 2:8-3:6

**Extent** 8 folders.

**Scope and Content**

These notebooks were used by Lewis to summarize or organize aspects of his research findings.

**"1642-1648 America," ca. 1930.**

**Box-folder** 2:8

**Extent** 1 item.

**"1648-1659 England," ca. 1930.**

**Box-folder** 2:9

**Extent** 1 item.

**"Beauchamp Plantagenet," 1951.**

**Box-folder** 3:1

**Extent** 41 items.

**Scope and Content**

Research compilation and related notes and correspondence.

**"A direction for adventurers and a description of the province of New Albion."**

**Box-folder** 3:2

**Extent** 2 items.

**"Directions for adventurers."**

**Box-folder** 3:3 (Folder)

**Extent** 15 items.

**Scope and Content**

Research compilation and related manuscripts copies and notes.

**"Notes on Sir Edmund Plowden."**

**Box-folder** 3:4 (Folder)

**Extent** 1 item.

**"Plowden memorandum for Mr. Kaye," 1934.**

**Box-folder** 3:5

**Extent** 1 item.

**"Some original records relating to Sir Edmund Plowden and his province of New Albion," ca. 1930.**

**Box-folder** 3:6 (Folder)

**Extent** 1 item.

**Series 4: Photographs and Negatives, 1934-1993.**

**Box-folder** 3:7-4:3

**Extent** 12 folders (122 items)

**Scope and Content**

This series contains photographs and negatives of manuscripts Lewis was researching, including A Direction for Adventurers and "The Finest Part of America." It also contains images of locations such as Plowden Hall and Middle Temple Hall in England, Bushwood and Resurrection manors in Maryland, and of individuals including Lewis himself, and "Patrick and Rachel," surname unidentified.

**801 No. 64, 549 E. Herman, 1938.**

**Box-folder** 3:7 (Folder)

**Extent** 15 items.

**Annotated Beauchamp Plantagenet.**

**Box-folder** 3:8

**Extent** 15 items.

**Bushwood, 1934.**

**Box-folder** 3:9

**Extent** 16 items.

## **"A direction for adventurers" and related manuscripts.**

**Box-folder** 3:10

**Extent** 17 items.

## **Edmund Plowden's signature.**

**Box-folder** 3:11

**Extent** 1 item.

### **Scope and Content**

Photographed from a 1641 document.

## **"The Finest part of America."**

**Box-folder** 3:12 (Folder)

**Extent** 16 items.

### **Scope and Content**

1784 document.

## **Middle Temple Hall, London, 1952.**

**Box-folder** 3:13

**Extent** 3 items.

## **People, 1986.**

**Box-folder** 3:14

**Extent** 4 items.

## **Plowden Hall and Vacation in England, 1937-ca. 1959.**

**Box-folder** 3:15 (Folder)

**Extent** 35 items.

## **Resurrection Manor, 1993.**

**Box-folder** 4:1

**Extent** 58 items.

## **Unknown.**

**Box-folder** 4:2 (Folder)

**Extent** 2 items.

## **William Batt Letter.**

**Box-folder** 4:3

**Extent** 2 items.

### **Scope and Content**

Original letter dated 1656.

## **Series 5: Publications, 1937-1965.**

**Box-folder** 4:4-4:13

**Extent** 10 folders (420 items)

### **Scope and Content**

Several publications emerged from Lewis' research. Copies of the publications, related correspondence and notes for the following publications by Lewis: "Some Notes on Sir Edmund Plowden and his Province of New Albion" (c.1937); an entry for the Dictionary of American History titled "Plowden's New Albion" (1938); "Some Extracts Relating to Sir Edmund Plowden and Others from the Lost Minutes of the Virginia Council and General Court 1642-1645" in the William and Mary Historical Quarterly (January 1940); a talk to the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society titled "Plowden's New Albion" (c.1956); "Sir Edmund Plowden and the New Albion Charter, 1632-1782" in The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography" (April 1959).

**"Plowden's New Albion" for the Dictionary of American History, 1937-1946.**

**Box-folder** 4:4 (Folder)

**Extent** 26 items.

**Scope and Content**

Includes correspondence and advertisements for the Dictionary.

**"Plowden's New Albion" for the Dictionary of American History, 1937-1940.**

**Box-folder** 4:5

**Extent** 11 items.

**Scope and Content**

Draft copies.

**"Plowden's New Albion: a talk to the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society," 1956.**

**Box-folder** 4:6

**Extent** 2 items.

**Scope and Content**

Draft of the address.

**"Sir Edmund Plowden and the New Albion Charter, 1632-1782," an offprint from The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, 1959.**

**Box-folder** 4:7 (Folder)

**Extent** 7 items.

**Scope and Content**

Copy of offprint, drafts.

**"Sir Edmund Plowden and the New Albion Charter, 1632-1782," an offprint from The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, 1959-1965.**

**Box-folder** 4:8

**Extent** 60 items.

**Scope and Content**

Contains correspondence and notes.

**"Some extracts relating to Sir Edmund Plowden and others from the Lost minutes of the Virginia Council and General Court, 1642-1645" in the William and Mary Quarterly, 1940.**

**Box-folder** 4:9 (Folder)

**Extent** 7 items.

**Scope and Content**

Reprints of publication, drafts.

**Correspondence concerning: "Some extracts relating to Sir Edmund Plowden and others from the Lost minutes of the Virginia Council and General Court, 1642-1645," 1939-July 1940.**

**Box-folder** 4:10

**Extent** 125 items.

**Correspondence concerning: "Some extracts relating to Sir Edmund Plowden and others from the Lost minutes of the Virginia Council and General Court, 1642-1645," 1940-1953.**

**Box-folder** 4:11

**Extent** 97 items.

**"Some notes on Sir Edmund Plowden and his Province of New Albion," ca. 1937.**

**Box-folder** 4:12 (Folder)

**Extent** 1 item.

**Scope and Content**

Draft copy.

**"Some notes on Sir Edmund Plowden and his Province of New Albion," 1937-1943.**

**Box-folder** 4:13 (Folder)

**Extent** 22 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes.

**Series 6: Research Materials.**

**Box-folder** 5:1-9:10

**Extent** 59 folders.

**Scope and Content**

Research materials concern Sir Edmund Plowden (1590-1659), a member of the English aristocracy who was granted a charter in the seventeenth century to colonize present day Maryland, Delaware, and New York, an area Plowden called New Albion; also research covers colonial Maryland's history; the geography of the Middle Atlantic; the genealogy of the Plowdens and related families from the seventeenth century to the end of the twentieth century.

**Research on Archbishop Carroll and Father Charles Plowden, 1975.**

**Box-folder** 5:1

**Extent** 17 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and a brochure.

**Research on Batchelor's Hope, 1985-1990.**

**Box-folder** 5:2

**Extent** 2 items.

**Scope and Content**

Articles.

**Research on books and libraries, 1937-1956.**

**Box-folder** 5:3

**Extent** 90 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and library publications.

**Research on books and libraries and the Virginia Colonial Records Project, 1955-1957.**

**Box-folder** 5:4

**Extent** 16 items.

**Scope and Content**

Finding aid and survey reports.

**Research on Bushwood. 1933-1986.**

**Box-folder** 5:5

**Extent** 69 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles

Correspondence, notes and articles.

**Research on Bysshe, Plowden's Irish title, 1881-1935.**

**Box-folder** 5:6

**Extent** 4 items.

**Scope and Content**

Notes and articles.

**Research on A description of the Province of New Albion by Beauchamp Plantagenet, 1937-1980.**

**Box-folder** 5:7-6:2 (Folder)

**Extent** 8 folders.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes, articles and photostats.

**Research on A description of the Province of New Albion by Beauchamp Plantagenet, 1951-1971.**

**Box-folder** 5:7 (Folder)

**Extent** 21 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence: "Beauchamp Plantagenet's identity."

**Research on A description of the Province of New Albion by Beauchamp Plantagenet, 1938-April 1939.**

**Box-folder** 5:8

**Extent** 155 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence: "English search."

**Research on A description of the Province of New Albion by Beauchamp Plantagenet, May-August 1939.**

**Box-folder** 5:9 (Folder)

**Extent** 74 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence: "English search."

**Research on A description of the Province of New Albion by Beauchamp Plantagenet, 1937-1980.**

**Box-folder** 5:10 (Folder)

**Extent** 59 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence: "Successful."

**Research on A description of the Province of New Albion by Beauchamp Plantagenet, March-May 1938.**

**Box-folder** 5:11

**Extent** 62 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence: "Failures."

**Research on A description of the Province of New Albion by Beauchamp Plantagenet, 1938-1939.**

**Box-folder** 6:1

**Extent** 103 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence: "Failures."

**Research on A description of the Province of New Albion by Beauchamp Plantagenet, 1964.**

**Box-folder** 6:2

**Extent** 18 items.

**Scope and Content**

Photostat copy of Description and related articles and notes.

**Research on the Eltonhead family, 1935-1965.**

**Box-folder** 6:3

**Extent** 20 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes.

**Research on English records, 1937-1964.**

**Box-folder** 6:4

**Extent** 58 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles.

**Research on a Georgetown University gift, 1935-1955.**

**Box-folder** 6:5

**Extent** 32 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, reports and notes.

**Research on Thomas Gerard, 1935-1959.**

**Box-folder** 6:6

**Extent** 2 items.

**Scope and Content**

Article and notes.

**Research on the Indian tribes of New Albion, 1945-1979.**

**Box-folder** 6:7

**Extent** 14 items.

**Scope and Content**

Draft article by C.A. Weslager, correspondence and notes.

**Research on Irish records, 1939-1964.**

**Box-folder** 6:8 (Folder)

**Extent** 31 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes.

**Research on Sir Thomas Jervoise, 1651.**

**Box-folder** 6:9

**Extent** 2 items.

**Scope and Content**

Court records.

**Research on maps, 1934-1966.**

**Box-folder** 6:10-6:11

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, maps, articles and notes.

**Research on maps, 1934-1966.**

**Box-folder** 6:10 (Folder)

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence.

**Research on maps, 1924-1964.**

**Box-folder** 6:11

**Extent** 24 items.

**Scope and Content**

Maps, articles and notes.

**Research on Martin's Hundred, 1979-1980.**

**Box-folder** 6:12

**Extent** 14 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and articles.

**Research on Maryland church records, 1968-1973.**

**Box-folder** 6:13

**Extent** 22 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes.

**Research on Maryland Historical Magazine query responses, 1940-1941.**

**Box-folder** 6:14 (Folder)

**Extent** 20 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence.

**Research on Maryland records, 1938-1960.**

**Box-folder** 6:15

**Extent** 17 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles.

**Research on Maryland tourism, 1975.**

**Box-folder** 1975.

**Extent** 14 items.

**Scope and Content**

Maps and brochures.

**Research on Edward D. Neill,**

**Box-folder** 7:1

**Extent** 4 items.

**Scope and Content**

Articles and notes.

### **Research on the New Albion boundary, 1965.**

**Box-folder** 7:2

**Extent** 4 items.

**Scope and Content**

Draft article by C.A. Weslager, correspondence and notes.

### **Research on the New Albion charter, 1933-1974.**

**Box-folder** 7:3

**Extent** 78 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes.

### **Research on the New Albion petition,**

**Box-folder** 7:4

**Extent** 5 items.

**Scope and Content**

Notes.

### **Research on a New Albion spoon, 1887.**

**Box-folder** 7:5

**Scope and Content**

Articles.

### **Research on New Jersey records, 1940-1964.**

**Box-folder** 7:6

**Extent** 19 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles.

### **Research on New Netherlands and New York records, 1936-1965.**

**Box-folder** 7:7

**Extent** 29 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles.

### **Research on newspapers.**

**Box-folder** 7:8

**Extent** 15 items.

**Scope and Content**

Notes.

### **Research note cards.**

**Box-folder** 7:9 (Folder)

**Extent** 52 items.

**Scope and Content**

Notes.

### **Research on Plowden genealogy, 1767-1995.**

**Box-folder** 7:10-8:1

**Extent** 6 folders.

**Scope and Content**

Copies of articles, bible records, correspondence, notes, pedigree charts and reports.

**Research on Plowden genealogy, 1767-1975.**

**Box-folder** 7:10

**Extent** 45 items.

**Scope and Content**

Photocopies of articles.

**Research on Plowden genealogy, 1972.**

**Box-folder** 7:11

**Extent** 5 items.

**Scope and Content**

Bible records.

**Research on Plowden genealogy, 1933-1995.**

**Box-folder** 7:12 (Folder)

**Extent** 73 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence.

**Research on Plowden genealogy, 1934-1987.**

**Box-folder** 7:13 (Folder)

**Extent** 41 items.

**Scope and Content**

Notes.

**Research on Plowden genealogy,**

**Box-folder** 7:14

**Extent** 41 items.

**Scope and Content**

Pedigree charts.

**Research on Plowden genealogy, 1933-1935.**

**Box-folder** 8:1 (Folder)

**Extent** 16 items.

**Scope and Content**

Reports.

**Research on Plowden manuscripts, 1965-1966.**

**Box-folder** 8:2 (Folder)

**Extent** 35 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and photocopies of manuscripts.

**Research: Plowden notes.**

**Box-folder** 8:3 (Folder)

**Extent** 3 items.

**Scope and Content**

Reports.

**Research on Sir Edmund Plowden, 1804-1991.**

**Box-folder** 8:4-8:6

**Scope and Content**

Articles, correspondence, notes and reports.

**Research on Sir Edmund Plowden, 1804-1972.**

**Box-folder** 8:4

**Extent** 16 items.

**Scope and Content**

Articles.

**Research on Sir Edmund Plowden, 1933-1991.**

**Box-folder** 8:5

**Extent** 69 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence.

**Research on Sir Edmund Plowden, 1804-1972.**

**Box-folder** 8:6

**Extent** 68 items.

**Scope and Content**

Notes and reports.

**Research on Plowden's Commentaries, 1815-1939.**

**Box-folder** 8:7 (Folder)

**Extent** 5 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and articles.

**Research on Resurrection Manor, 1992-1993.**

**Box-folder** 8:8

**Extent** 26 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, articles and notes.

**Research on St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1959-1989.**

**Box-folder** 9:1

**Extent** 30 items.

**Scope and Content**

Brochures, maps, guides and correspondence.

**Research on the settlers and partners of New Albion, 1940-1953.**

**Box-folder** 9:2

**Extent** 77 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles.

**Research on "Sir Edmund Plowden's New Albion (1632-1650) revisited," 1989.**

**Box-folder** 9:3 (Folder)

**Extent** 2 items.

**Scope and Content**

Graduate school term paper.

**Research on Sotterly, 1934-1994.**

**Box-folder** 9:4

**Extent** 10 items.

**Scope and Content**

Articles and correspondence.

### **Research on the Strafford Papers, 1938.**

**Box-folder** 9:5

**Extent** 7 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes.

### **Research on the Streeter Clairborne manuscript, 1934-1966.**

**Box-folder** 9:6

**Extent** 31 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and a photocopy of a manuscript.

### **Research on Swedish records, 1934-1940.**

**Box-folder** 9:7 (Folder)

**Extent** 22 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles.

### **Research on Thomas Varlo, 1933-1939.**

**Box-folder** 9:8

**Extent** 32 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence and notes.

### **Research on Virginia records, 1934-1956.**

**Box-folder** 9:9

**Extent** 43 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles.

### **Research on Thomas Young and Robert Evelin, 1944-1960.**

**Box-folder** 9:10

**Extent** 51 items.

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes and articles.

## **Series 7: Oversize Materials.**

**Box** 10

**Extent** 134 items.

**Physical Location** Oversize.

**Scope and Content**

Contains 66 maps of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and New York; 38 genealogical tables of the Plowden and Lewis families; 27 reproductions of manuscripts; 2 reproductions of portraits of Sir Edmund Plowden; and 1 article.