

LEWISVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY.

10 MILES EAST OF CHESTERVILLE, SO. CAR.

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The Scolastic year will be divided into two sessions of five months each, commencing on the 5th, of January, and the 21st, of July.

TERMS PER SESSION.

Pestalozzian Department.....	\$4.00	Wax work	\$8.00
Junior	6.00	Oil Oil Painting	18.00
Senior	9.00	Fancy Needle Work.....	8.00
Music, Piano or Guitar.....	18.00	Use of Drawing Patterns	
		" " " Books &c.	50
Use of Instruments	2.00	Boarding	37.00
Different kind of Drawing			
and Painting-each.....	8.00	Washing per. Month.....	1.00
The Languages - each	8.00	Stationary.....	1.00

The Rev. L. McDonald, influenced only by his anxious desire to further the interest and increase the advantages of the Institute, will lecture on Mental and Moral Philosophy, Evidences of Christianity, &c. &c.

Lectures will be delivered on the circle of the Physical Sciences by Drs. WILLIAM and A. P. WYLIE, and Dr. W. W. MOBLEY.

This school will be very desirable, and recommends itself to Parents and Guardians, as well by the very moderates of tutition as by the healthiness of its location, Much more time and attention is given to the healthful exercise of the pupils than is usual in similiar establishments. The best books of reference will be kept at hand for the use of pupils. In sickness resident pupils will be attended free of charge.

It is desired that pupils begin with the session, but they will only be charged from the time of entrance. deduction will be made for occasional absence. In cases of protracted illness the proper discount will be made.

All accounts must be paid at the end of each session.

The only articles required to be brought by the pupils are combs, brushes, and towels. The latter must be distinctly marked with the owner's name and "Lewisville Seminary" written under it. They will be required to write home every fortnight, and such attention and criticism will be devoted to the Composition and Penmanship or their letters as to make the exercise improving to their Scholarship. The P. S. is never to be read by a teacher. Any instructions relative to their correspondence will be strictly observed. Boarders may continue to reside at the Institute during vacation, and will receive from some of the teachers remaining with them, a general superintendence over their course of study and readings only part of the day being devoted to their regular school pursuits. In all other respects their management and discipline will be without charge. For board, Tutition, &c. during the summer recess the charge will be the same as in term. This arrangement it is hoped will be appreciated by those entrusted with the care of Orphan girls for whom a premanent home and school are to be provided.

REFERENCES:

REVISIONS TO THE CURRICULUM

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NEW COURSES TO BE ADDED

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HIS EXCELLENCY GOV. MEANS, FAIRFIELD,	JAMES H. WITHERSPOON, LANCASTER.
EX-GOV. JOHN P. RICHARDSON, SUMTER,	SAMUEL B. EMMONS, "
GEN'L. JAMES W. CANTEY, CAMDEN,	MINOR CLINTON, "
SAMUEL SPENCE	"

The Rev. Laughlin McDonald was pastor of Union, A. R. P. Church in Chester Co. about five or six miles below this school, from Dec. the 10, 1839 until Sept. 5, 1870 From Rev. Robert Lathan's History of the Union A. R. P. Church", page 58. This circular was on blur paper and seemed older than the one on white paper. Neither were dated. Originals in possession of Mrs. James R. Reid, Richburg, S. C. in 1934.

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Rev. L. McDonald, -----Superintendent.
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With Assistants in the Various Departments.

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Mr. John Cherry----- Mr. Jas. A. Lewis -----Mr. Wm. Knox
Dr. A. P. Wylie -----Mr. Wm. A. Rosborough --Mr. James Drennan

The Scholastic year will be divided into two sessions of Five Months, commencing always the third Monday in January, or the third Monday in June--there will be no Summer vacation. A Vacation of two months will take place in the Winter.

PREPARITORY COURSE

This precedes the regular course for the benefit of such pupils as are not sufficiently advanced, or too young to be admitted to the regular classes,--the age for admission to these being thirteen.

It comprises Reading; Orthography, Penmanship, Geography, Grammar, and History, U.S.

PRIMARY CLASS.

1st Term	2nd Term
Arithmetic -----	Arithmetic ---- Continued
Grammar-----	Grammar -----do.
Geography -----	Geography -----do.
Ancient Geography -----	History -----do.
History Universal-----	Natural Philosophy

JUNIOR YEAR.

1st Term	2nd Term
Astronomy -----	Geometry, (Completed)
Chemistry -----	Botany
Algebra -----	Rhetoric
Geometry, (begun)-----	Physiology
Analysis, (Towns)-----	Grammar, (completed)

SENIOR YEAR

1st Term	2nd Term
Natural Philosophy, (Reviewed)---	Mental Philosophy (Abercrombie in connection with Lectures)---
Elements of Criticism, (Kame')---	Moral Philosophy, (Mayland's)
Logic, (Hedge's) -----	Analogy of Natural and Revealed Religion, (Butler's)
General Review-----	General Review.

Orthography, Reading, Penmanship, Calisthenics, Composition, and Scripture History are pursued throughout the course.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
The office of the Registrar
Mr. J. McDonald, Registrar
Mrs. A. B. White, Principal
Miss Anderson in the various departments

THURSDAY

Mr. John Berry, Registrar
Mr. J. B. White, Registrar

The scholastic year will be divided into two sessions
of five months each, commencing always the first Monday in
September. The first session is the longer, and will be
terminated by the end of the month of June in the
evening.

UNIVERSITY COURSE

This program is the regular course for the benefit of
graduates who are not sufficiently advanced in the study
admitted to the regular classes, and the age for admission is
these being fifteen.
It comprises Reading, Orthography, Penmanship, Geography,
Grammar, and History, U.S.A.

PRIMARY GRADE

1st Term
Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, Penmanship, Orthography, Reading, U.S.A.
2nd Term
Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, Penmanship, Orthography, Reading, U.S.A.

JUNIOR YEAR

1st Term
Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, U.S.A.
2nd Term
Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, U.S.A.

SENIOR YEAR

1st Term
Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, U.S.A.
2nd Term
Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, U.S.A.
General Review, Penmanship, Orthography, Reading, U.S.A.

REFERENCES:

Hon. John P. Richbrdson-- Sumter ----Hon. F. J. Moses ---Sumter.
Hon. John H. Means ----Fairfield ----Dr. T. A. Elliott --Orangeburg
Gen'l. Jas. W. Cantey -Camden -----A. Q. Dunovant -----Chester
James H. Witherspoon---Lancaster ----R. E. Kennedy -----Chester
Dr. R. E. Wylie -----Lancaster ----Rosser & Warren ----Charleston
Rt. Rev. Thos. F. Davis, D. D. -----Henry B. Williams Esq.
Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. Wm. Martin ----- Camden -----John G. Bowman ----Columbia.

MEMBERS:

Mr. John F. Richardson - Treasurer
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CONDITIONS OF ADMITTANCE.

Preparatory Course -----	\$4 to \$6	per Session
Primary Class -----	8.00	" "
Junior " -----	9.00	" "
Senior " -----	10.00	" "
Boarding, Washing, Fuel, and Lights -----	50.00	" "

EXTRA CHARGES.

French or Latin -----	\$10.00	per Session
Drawing, Painting in Water Colors Each -----	10.00	" "
Music--Piano or Guitar -----	20.00	" "
Wax Work -----	10.00	" "
Fancy Needle Work -----	8.00	" "
Oil Painting -----	15.00	" "
Use of Drawing Patterns, &c.-----	.50	" "
Charge for Patterns in Oil according to Value.		

All Accounts must be paid at the end of each Session.

Diplomas Are awarded to young ladies who have passed a satisfactory examination in the full course of English Studies--while latin or one of the Modern Languages is earnestly recommended and pursued by many, it is not considered indispensable.

All pupils are expected to remain from the time they enter until the close of the Session, and will be charged accordingly. No deduction made for absence during the Session, except in cases of protracted illness. No charge is made for medical attendance. Towels, Combs and Brushes are expected to be furnished by the pupils--all articles of Clothing should be distinctly marked with the owner's name in full.

It is to be hoped that Parents and Guardians will see the necessity of sending their Daughters and Wards at the commencement of the Session. The classes are then formed and pupils can enter upon their studies with much greater advantages than afterwards. A few days absence at the commencement or during the Session, is extremely prejudicial to the advancement of the pupil.

CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED STANDING

Before admission to an advanced class a rapid review will be required in all the studies of the regular course, with which the candidates suppose themselves to be thoroughly acquainted. In this review the length of the daily lessons will be regulated by the promptness and accuracy of the recitations. Where there is a deficiency in the common branches, time must be taken to make up this deficiency.

A record of Scholarship is daily kept by each Teacher, which is read weekly to the School, and publicly at the close of the Session.

Parents and Guardians are earnestly requested not to furnish their Daughters with Jewelry, or needless articles of Clothing.

A carriage will meet any pupil coming as far as Lewis' Turn Out, on the Charlotte & S. C. Rail Road, when timely notice is given.

Leesville
Oct. 21, 1854.

Rev. Geo. Haigler

Dear Sir:

Your very welcome missive came to hand some weeks since and should have been responded to immediately. I thank you kindly for the influence you have been making an effort to spring in my favor and have no doubt but what you will be successful.

I now write to you to beg you to act as my agent in the sale of scholarships. I am selling them at one hundred dollars for six years tuition in the English Department, several thousand dollars worth has been disposed of. I will allow you for every ten names that you procure, one scholarship for your own benefit for the same time and if you succeed in getting more than that, I will make a liberal deduction in board when ever your children are of age to send to school, for instance, say you could procure me twenty names, you would be entitled to your tuition and boarding for \$85.00 per annum, instead of \$100.00.

The building we propose to put up will accomodate 100 pupils is situated on the Charlotte and L.C. R. Road on one of the highest points between Charleston and Charlotte and is universably acknowledged to be one of the most delightful situations in the State. If you will accept of this Agency, you can have it in addition to what I proposed to you in my first letter. There are a good many who might wish to attend the School, but who would not care to buy a scholarship, to those allow \$5.00 commision. Mr. J. N. Bookhart has two daughters at our Institution, Mr. I. F. Shuler has one. Mr. Shingler has one, Mr. Madison Way has one a Sister I believe Mrs. Darcus McGrew had two. one of her daughters was taken very suddenly with Conjestion of the stomach and brain and died after an illness of a few days, The other Sister returned with the corps and found her mother so ill she did not return this Session, but I received a letter from her to-day saying she was making preparations to return next session. These young ladies with one or two others in that neighborhood expect to return in January, the school opens always the third Monday in the month. If you would like to visit us I will propose to the parents of the children to put them under your charge, and they will defray your expenses, in the mean time you may be able to procure some scholars that I have never had and bring up with you, when you will receive your commision of course, but it is customary whenever Scholars are brought in that way for the Parents to defray expenses and you should have that understanding with them. We have been perfectly healthy although we had one death, but that might have happened any where and was brought on by eating a quantity of green nuts &c and is the only case by sickness we have had. My school increases every year, and my house is not large enough to receive as many as I should like to take this session I was abliged to limit my number to forty scholars, but as I intend moving after next year. I shall transform my drawing room into sleeping apartments for the present. All of those who take scolarships will be required to pay the money when the school goes into operation, which we think will be in January 1856. If you will accept of the Agency please let me know immediately and I will send you the plan of endowment,

and you are the only one I have applied to in your District
and I do not care for, but one only.

I remain in haste,
Very truly yours,

A. S. Wylie

(Amanda Slade Johnson Wylie,)
(Dr. Wm. Wylie's 1st wife)

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I remain in haste,
Very truly yours,

A. S. Wolfe

(Wanda Pearl Johnson Wolfe)

Citadel Academy
Monday Evening, July 3rd/54

Dear Aunt Amanda,

A word to you and family this evening. The weather is very warm at this time: the thermometer ranging from 90° to 98°. I never have suffered as much from heat before during my life, as I have for the last few days. It is quite dry here, no rain having fallen during the last nor the present month. I suppose the dry weather is much better for health, than wet, as it would appear from the very healthy condition in which Charleston is at present. It is said that the city is much healthier now than it has been(at) this time of the year, for a number of years past. No rumors at all of Yellow Fever, or any other epidemic, as yet, though it is very uncertain how long that state of affairs will exist.

Tomorrow being the 4th, we purpose celebrating it in the following manner, Viz--Invitations having been sent to different families and individuals, we expect a goodly number here, and before them and the corps, Azbury Coward, a member of the first class will deliver and address, prepared by him, for the occasion. After that at about twelve oclock we will fire "une salute national de trente un coup de Canan." From that time until retreat, I expect the Maj. will allow us to visit the city.

Could I but enjoy the celebration at Chester tomorrow, how happy would I be. I suppose you will be there. A word about my studies VC. I have made very good progress(with)my studies thus far this session (as)well as having got along pretty well with all of my other duties. I am much better contented this session than last, and hope that I may become perfectly satisfied, and perhaps my endeavours may be crowned with success.

John arrived safely having had a chill on the cars the day he came down. His health is very good at present, having had no chills since his return. I believe he is getting pretty well up with his class, which he had fallen considerably behind. I saw your advertisment the other day, the arrangement of which I like very much. What about the Banner? Every one asks how are the ladies of Lewisville getting along with it. They say they know from all accounts it will be something extra, and consider it a very high compliment indeed. I send enclosed a prospectus, which you can judge of for yourself. I am very well acquainted with the gentleman who prop(oses) the work, and think he is competent to do all that he proposes, with success. He has a son in my class, who is a very nice Boy. If you think of taking a copy, and should you get any subscribers among whom you might chance to show it, (the prospectus) you can send the Prospectus, with the names attached, to me, and I will attend to it for you. There are a great many persons going to take copies of it, and appear to think it worthy of notice. Nearly all of the cadets have subscribed for a copy a piece. The names of those who have attached testimonials, are I consider sufficient recomenda-tions to it.

Tattoo is now beating off and I must close this poor scroll. My love to all, and receive the same from your nephew.

P.S.

Lafayette Strait

Be celebrating my () shortly.

Tom Lucas request me to remember him to you and Uncle Wm. and sends his best respects. L.S.

Citadel, Charleston, So. Ca.
April 13th, 1854

Dear Anna,

I received your interesting letter on last evening, and snatch a few moments from numerous academic duties, in order to pen a hasty answer.

I am at this time, and have been, since I saw you, enjoying most excellent health—my progress in my studies is about as usual.

Lafayette is getting along very well—he will write to you soon. I have received accurate accounts from various sources, of everything connected with Uncle Alex's trial, and cannot express my surprise at T. Mill's conduct. He certainly placed himself without the sphere, in which I should wish to move. Everything will be right in the end.

The Southern Commercial convention is now sitting in Charleston, and the number of delegates from the different southern states is very great.

Our Semi-annual Examinations commences on next Monday. You may imagine how anxious many of the Cadets are as to the results in reference to themselves. I fear that many will graduate as our Friend Thos. Beckham did—rather early.

My studies are peculiarly interesting this year, and I hope will continue to be so during the remainder of my stay, which is not so enormously long, as it may seem to be. I assure you it is a pleasant reflection that in about eighteen months I will bid adieu to the Military Academy. I am very sorry that a soldier's duties will prevent me from attending your examinations. It would afford me no small degree of pleasure to be present, for I am almost, if not altogether as partial to the Lewisville seminary as to our laud institution—However this will not be the only May Examination at Lewisville, and I will live on the hope of a future visit. How are you getting along with your studies? When you write again, which I hope will be soon, I wish you to give me a synopsis of your studies. Have you yet commenced Crayon drawing? I wish you to draw me a piece. I will bring it down here with me and have it neatly framed, and give it a conspicuous place in Mother's parlor.

We will commence our tour through the upper part of the State on next Wednesday. I will be in Chester about the first of May, and see you if (I) possibly can. I think we will remain in Chester two days. If so I will see the portion of my relatives in Chester Dist.

I anticipate great sport in our route—however there will be much fatigue and privation. When it is finished I will know better. I intend to keep a journal on the march, and when I again come on furlough, I can tell you all about my adventures.

Ask Uncle William if he has received a letter from me lately. I wrote to him not long since. Did Mifs Mother get the music from Mr Jos. Wylie? I wrote Grand-Pa a long letter on last Saturday also.

Tell Aunt Amanda that I have been long expecting a letter from her. Anna Eliza promised to write to me—please remind her of her promise. Anna, you must really excuse this miserable apology of a letter. I am so pressed with studies that I scarcely have time to use my pen. My next letter shall be better than this I assure you, or I will never write you another.

I am to be examined on next Monday, on about 800 pages of different textbooks, and you may guess I am in rather a bad plight for writing letters, especially to a young lady—but I hope the promise to write a neater and more interesting letter the next time will be a sufficient excuse to a cousin.

Remember me to all my friends and acquaintances. Give my best love to All relatives—Grand-Pa, Uncle Jacob, Uncle William, Uncle Alex, and their families. I am looking anxiously for a letter from Sallie and also one from Uncle Jacob. Do write to me often.

Your affectionate cousin,
John D. Wylie

Mifs Anna C. Baskin
La Grange P. O.
Chester Dist. S. C.

(John D. Wylie was the son of Richard Evans Wylie^{M.D.} and Rachel McCollough, daughter of Samuel McCollough. Rachel died in the spring of 1858 and Richard remarried—(Mrs. Alice Crawford). John D. Wylie became a Captain of the 5th Regiment. His cousin Lafayette Strait did not survive the war, but died at his Uncle A.P. Wylie's M.D., home in Chester. Anna C. Baskin was another cousin, daughter of Katherine Wylie and Joseph Baskin.)

An account of the Wylie-Strait-Hicklin-Gaston House
By Rosa Baskin Strait, born March, 12, 1892, the daughter of
William Francis Strait, M.D. and Rosa Perry Gaston.

Dr. William Wylie and his wife Amanda Johnson had a school for "young ladies"—Lewisville Academy. The house had three doors opening on a porch. The parlor, the main room, was used as a bedroom by Uncle Jason and Aunt Sallie Hicklin, and the "green room" probably in the days of the school was a drawing room. The French wallpaper gave the room its name. I believe the piano was in this room during the time of the school. Marion, however, says Cousin Sade told her sixteen girls slept there. There were three large rooms across the back. One was used as a dining room. The kitchen was a large room outside and connected by a walkway. The upstairs was one large unfinished room. The school itself was a short distance behind the house and I presume the boarding students were housed upstairs over the classrooms. In my childhood the house (school ?) was in vines and somehow I did not explore it. I suppose Aunt Sallie told us it was "off grounds."

My grandmother Mary McCullough Baskin, her sister Elizabeth Wells Baskin (Aunt Betty) attended this school as did Aunt Sallie (Sallie Strait), Cousin Annie Roddey (Anna Cowser Baskin). They spoke of a Victoria Sharp and others, but I don't recall the names. My grandmother certainly learned spelling and English—that is, correct spoken and written English, drawing, and fancy work. Aunt Betty studied music. My grandmother spoke of going to school with Daisy Massey and Corrie Massey, who married Mr. Edward Mobley, our neighbor across the street on Johnston Street.

All this was "before the war," and I don't know how many years the school was run, but Aunt Amanda died I believe about the time of the beginning of the war.

My Aunt Sallie was married before the war to Jason Hicklin and lived in the house. One day the former overseer rode up in a new buggy drawn by two horses. He said, "Miss Sallie, the bottom rail is on top now." I believe after my grandmother Isabella Wylie Strait died, my grandfather Jacob Fox Strait and my father William Francis Strait, M. D. came

to live with Aunt Sallie.

My father practiced medicine and Aunt Sallie was quite a fine "horse doctor." It was said she helped make bread pills, or placebos. On one occasion my father stopped to pick up a hot iron from the fireplace where they had used the irons for ironing clothes, wrapped it in paper, and took it up the road to a negro house where the woman of the house was in a "transome." My father put the hot iron to her back and quick as a flash she came out of the trance.

I remember the fruit trees, one pear tree with several varieties of pears,—the Wylies and my grandfather were great grafters—the cream colored figs, apple trees, peach trees, and the walnut trees, white walnuts my Aunt Sallie called them, the nuts being very light colored. Cousin Belle usually had some fruit gathered. If not Aunt Sallie would say, "Belle, see if you can find some fruit for these children."

Cousin Sade invariably had a jelly cake in the old wardrobe which was used for special food. Perfectly delectable cake, very thin layers stacked with tart jelly between. I have "Sarah's Cake" recipe. I found out why it was always "jelly cake." Sallie Gaston liked that kind. The cakes I think must have been Aunt Susan Wylie's recipe for in one of the old letters Aunt Susan's Jelly Cake Recipe was spoken of. I have the recipe.

In the yard was the doctor's office, but you know I never went inside. Maybe I feared it might have a skeleton there as I was told Uncle John Newton Gaston had a skeleton in a box in one of the closets in Grandma's company room closet.

Going back to the original house, it was built of logs. Gaston Quantz says that he believes Uncle Will told him that the original log house was a stopover for the stage coach, but I never heard this.