

Asa Lee Davidson Lewis Gonzales County Gunsmith

Asa Lee Davidson Lewis, known as A.L.D. Lewis, a talented gunsmith and rifle maker was born in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on July 19, 1810. He arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1839 and married Zilpha Jane Stephens on December 3, 1840, in Liberty County, Texas.

The family lived in Liberty County until 1846 and moved to Gonzales County, Texas in 1847 and in 1850 were found enumerated in the census living in Lavaca County where Smith worked as a gunsmith.

In 1850 and 1851, Lewis purchased several lots in Block 22 in Petersburg from Lavaca County at public auctions. In September 1853, he sold his land holdings in Petersburg to Augustus Jones and the Smiths returned to Gonzales County.

Smith remained in Gonzales County until his death on April 22, 1886. He is buried in the Baldrige Cemetery in Gonzales County.