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The Blew Ankor, Lynn, Mass., 1643

John Lewis, son of Edmund and Mary ( - ) Lewis was born c. 1631 in England, died 1710 at 79 in Lynn, Mass. He married 17 June 1659 Hannah Marshall, daughter of Captain Thomas Marshall, a soldier with Cromwell. He married second, Sarah, widow of Ralph King.

In 1635 Edmund Lewis and his family set sail from Ipswich, England in the ship Elizabeth and landed in Massachusetts. The family settled for several years in Watertown and then about 1640 removed to Lynn. There the family owned land near the sea in the eastern end of town, now named Lewis Street.

John Lewis married Hannah Marshall whose father, Capt. Thomas Marshall, had purchased from Joseph Armitage The Blew Ankor, a tavern. It was situated on the west side of the Saugus River, the first tavern in Lynn, established about 1643. It was halfway from Salem to Boston. On the death of Capt. Marshall in 1689 John Lewis inherited the Blew Ankor.

John had been a lieutenant in King Phillip's War. He was granted land in Souhegan West (now Amherst) New Hampshire for his services. He was made a freeman 16 April 1691 and at the Town Meeting of 8 January 1692 was elected a Deacon in the church. His wife and he settled into keeping the inn. Before 1699 Hannah had died and he married his second wife, Sarah. He held many town offices in Lynn: chosen Selectman, Overseer of Fences, Constable and Perambulator of the Bounds, among other civic duties. John died in 1710 at the age of 79. There were nine children by his first marriage and one by his second.

-Elizabeth Lewis Rich  
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