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A.L. Lewis Collection of Architectural Drawings, 1921-1975

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**Biography/History Note**

Abraham Lincoln Lewis worked as an architect in the Albany, N.Y. area from 1934 until 1985. He holds a teaching certificate from the City of New York dated June 24, 1921 and a diploma from the Hebrew Technical Institute for instruction in Mechanic Arts from June 4, 1924. He was employed by the New York State Department of Public Works (NYSDPW) from 1934 until 1966. He began as an assistant architect. In 1948 he became a senior architect. From 1953 until he left NYSDPW in 1966 he was an associate architect.

Lewis began working for himself in 1967 at 85 Watervliet Avenue, Albany, N.Y. and in 1969 he joined forces to create Lewis & O'Connor, Architects. (He also worked together on area projects with the architects Julius Tauss, O. Fuchs, Joseph T. Hammer, Peter W. Pagano and as Lewis & McGrath.) In 1970 he had his own company, A.L. Lewis Associated Architects, which he maintained until 1974. He then retired for a short time. In 1981 he began working again as an employee of Harris A. Sanders Associates at 40 Colvin Avenue, Albany, N.Y. and remained there until he permanently retired in 1986.

While working for NYSDPW, A.L. Lewis also designed independently. In February 1954 he designed a home for Dr. and Mrs. Irving S. Dribben in Loudonville, NY. From March 1954 until June 1956 he designed a series of supermarkets called Empire Supermarket for Wappingers Falls, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, New Paltz, and Glens Falls, New York.

After leaving NYSDPW, A.L. Lewis was productive as an independent architect in the Albany, N.Y. area. He began drawings in 1965 for a well-known Albany area shopping plaza, Stuyvesant Plaza. These drawings date from 1965-1967 and 1970. He and associate architect Peter W. Pagano were responsible for the development of the entire plaza and the nearby L'Ecole Restaurant.


A.L. Lewis resided in Albany, N.Y. with his wife Marjorie at 54 Pinewood Avenue from 1934 until 1936 and then at 84 1/2 Sycamore Street until 1964 when they moved to Florida.

**Scope and Content Note**

The A.L. Lewis Collection of Architectural Drawings, 1921-1975, predominantly consists of architectural plans for Albany, N.Y. area building development dating from 1954 to 1975. Plans include corporate buildings such as National Commercial Bank, Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank and Stuyvesant Plaza. There are also drawings for smaller area business developments. In addition, the collection contains business papers outlining contract agreements from 1956 to 1958 for the building of Stuyvesant Plaza. Included are photos of renderings and realty brochures of completed buildings. Lewis' personal life is not covered in the collection. The Albany City Directory however, outlines a long map of his career as an Albany architect.
Container List - Architectural Drawings

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National Commercial Bank (1971-1972)

a) Ten Story Office Building 54 State Street (Key Bank)
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   Complete plans - Drawings A-1 through A32
   Date: 12/6/71

b) Ten Story Office Building 54 State Street
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   Complete floor layout plans L1-L11, (basement through tenth floor).
   Also included are legend and partial first floor plan.
   Date: 5/25/72

c) National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. and 54 State St.
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   1) Alterations to 60 State St. partial 1st floor plan
      Date: 11/29/72, 12/12/72
   2) Preliminary drawings for ramps for handicapped not dated
   3) Ten story office building, 54 State St. first floor plan
      Date: 12/6/71
   4) Entrance plaza details, 54 State St.
      Date: 12/6/71

Oversize Folder 2

National Commercial Bank (1971-73, 1975)

a) National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., 54 State St.
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   1) Auditorium stage details
      Date: 11/1/72
   2) Partial floor plan: ninth floor
      Date: 12/5/72
   3) Partial floor plan: Fourth floor
      Date: 6/14/72
b) National Commercial Bank: The Bank
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   1) Five Drawings for signs for 10-story office building
      Date: 3/9/73
   2) Drawings for alterations, flagpoles on south wall
      Date: 3/8/72

c) National Commercial Bank and Trust Co.
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   Various plans include a legend for drawings L1-L14 and plans for waste processing area, special banking counters and elevations of second through fourth floors. One drawing untitled.
   Dates: 5/25/72, 7/14/72, 9/25/72

d) National Commercial Bank: Alterations to 60 State Street
   Architect: A.L. Lewis
   1) M-1 through M-3: 1st, 2nd and basement floor plans
      Date: 11/29/72
   2) C-2 through C-11: details of various alterations
      Date: Sept.-Dec. 1972
   3) Preliminary drawings for ramps for the handicapped
      Date: 10/7, 10/20/74

e) National Commercial Bank & Trust Company
   Architect: A.L. Lewis
   1) Details of base and lighting for Lucite sculpture
      Date: 1/75

f) National Commercial Bank & Trust Co. Alterations to 70-72 State Street
   1) C-1: first floor and basement plan
      Date: 2/26/73
   2) C-2: elevations and details
      Date: 2/26/73
   3) C-3: front details
      Date: 2/26/73
   4) M-1: first floor and basement plans
      Date: 2/26/73
   5) Also included 3 drawings for fixture details and fixture floor plans by Wells and Coverly
      Not dated.

  g) Signage Proposal for National Commercial Bank & Trust Co. (The Bank)
     Architect: Federal Sign Corp.
     Outer elevations and plans for sign.
     Date: 1/18/71 and 2/29/72
h) Alterations to 70-72 State Street
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   First, second and third floor plans and details
   Date: 2/26/73

Oversize Folder 3

   a) Mechanics Exchange Bank and Office Building
      First, basement and 2nd-7th floor plans and details included.

   b) Proposed Bank and Office Building for Picotte Bldg. Co. (Mechanic's Exchange)
      Architect: A.L. Lewis and O. Fuchs Assoc. Architects
      Includes various non-specific drawings for proposed building. None dated.
      Also includes one elevation plan for Mechanic's Exchange Bank and
      Office Building Washington Ave. elevation.
      Date: 9/6/61

   c) Office Building at 194 Washington Ave. Albany, N.Y.
      Architect: A.L. Lewis A.I.A. Architect
      1) Alterations to building relating to partitions Third floor plan (3 drawings)
         Dated: 8/24/73
      2) Alterations to building related to partitions Fourth floor plan (3 drawings)
         Dated: 8/24/73

   d) Mechanic's Exchange Savings Bank Building Albany, N.Y.
      Architect: Julius Tauss & A.L. Lewis
      Drawings for notes to D.A. Lanzetta Marble Co. Inc.. Drawings 1-4
      of four elevations.
      Dated: 2/12/62

      Architect: Julius Tauss & A.L. Lewis
      Drawings from:
      Otis Elevator Co., Buffalo
      Cold Spring Granite Co., Cold Spring, MN
      Flour City Architectural Metals Division, Minneapolis, MN
      Cupples Products Corp., St. Louis, MO
      Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.
      D.A. Lanzetta Marble Co., Albany, NY
James McKinney & Son, Albany, NY
Pioneer Fireproof Door Co., Mount Vernon, NY
Cutler Mail Chute Co., Rochester, NY
Construction Specialties, Inc., Cranford, NJ
McManus, Longe, Brockwehl, Inc., Albany, NY
George W. Clark - Architect, New York, NY

Oversize Folder 4

Empire Supermarkets (1954-56)

a) Empire Supermarket
   Rte. 9 & New Hackensack Rd. Village of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess Co., NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis, A.I.A. Architect
   Plan Drawings 1-5
   Date: 3/21/55

b) Empire Supermarket
   So. side of 150 West Fowler Ave. Town of Poughkeepsie, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis A.I.A. Architect
   Plan drawings 1-5 and plumbing & heating
   Date: 8/10/54

c) Empire Supermarket - Rhinebeck, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis A.I.A.
   Drawings P1 (plumbing and water supply) and drawings 1-4.
   Date: 11/15/55

d) Empire Supermarket - Glens Falls, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis A.I.A. Architect
   Six drawings for building, one roof plan and one plumbing plan
   Date: 7/55

e) Empire Supermarket - Glens Falls, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis, A.I.A.
   1) Plan 1: plot plan
   2) Plan 2: Foundation plan
   3) Plan 3: Floor plan
   4) Plan 4: roof plan
   5) Plan 5: elevations and sections
   6) Plan 6: exterior details
   7) Plan 7: exterior details
   Also included are six untitled sketches for Empire Supermarket.
   All plans not dated.

f) Empire Supermarket - Glens Falls, NY
Architect: A.L. Lewis, A.I.A.
1) Plan 1: plot plan
2) Plan 2: foundation plan
3) Plan 3: floor plan
4) Plan 4: roof plan
5) Plan 5: elevations and sections
6) Plan 6: exterior details
7) Plan 7: plan revisions
Date: 5/56

g) Empire Supermarket - New Paltz, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis, A.I.A. Architect
   1) Foundation plan
   2) Floor plan
   3) Roof plan
   4) North and South elevations
   5) Additional floor plan
   Date: 11/55

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Stuyvesant Plaza and Restaurant (1965-67, 1970)
a) Proposed Restaurant (L'Ecole Rest.) 44 Fuller Road
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   1) Preliminary plan
      Date: 8/17/66
      Revised 1/3/67 and 1/23/67
   2) Interior elevations
      Date: 10/3/67
   3) Location plan
      proposed additions to Stuyvesant Plaza
      Date: 10/22/67
   4) Air-conditioning plans
      Date: 9/21/67
   5) Covered-entry plans and details
      Date: 10/2/67
   6) Floor plans and details
      Date: 9/15/67
   7) Elevation from Executive Row
      not dated

b) Stuyvesant Plaza Guilderland, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Architect
   Proposed additions to existing stores
   Date: 10/17/61
c) L'Ecole Restaurant Lessee
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   Six drawings includes one floor plan and five elevation views
   Dates: 10/21/67, 6/6, 18, 19/70.

d) Stuyvesant Plaza Building Complex Development
   Architect: A.L. Lewis, Architect
   1) Scheme drawings for office building in Executive Park South
      Date: 2/66
   2) Proposed office building for SBC Corp.
      Date: 5/65
   3) Proposed Restaurant
      Date: 12/13/65
   4) Proposed office building for Executive Park
      Date: 5/13/66

e) Hellman Theatre, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany
   Architect: Einhorn and Sanders Assoc. Architects
   1) First floor plan
      Date: 10/27/65

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Drawings for Homes (1949, 1954, 1973-74)

a) Two Family Residence for Joan Frisbee
   Architect: James S. Shattuck, (G.L. Van Auken Assoc.)
   Date: 5/14/49

b) Addition to Residence at 34 Cherry Tree Rd., Loudonville, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Architect
   1) Addition to residence drawing
      Date: 6/26/73
   2) Preliminary drawing (2 copies)
      Date: 10/24/74

   c) House for Dr. and Mrs. Irving S. Dribben, Loudonville, NY
      Architect: A.L. Lewis, AIA.
      Includes construction drawings numbers 1/10 and blueprints numbers 1-4
      Date: 2/1/54

Various State Street Drawings (1973)

   a) Untitled and Undated Plans
      Possible Insurance building of State Street or Picotte Building.
      Eight pages of building views and survey map of property at 244-248 State
Street
Surveyor: Ben B. Hershberg
Date of survey 5/23/49
All other pages neither signed or dated

b) Office Building for Picotte Realty Co. Developer
   Architect: Lewis & McGrath Associated Architects
   1) three scheme drawings of floor plans and elevations Date: 6/18/73
   2) first floor plan and typical floor plan
   3) State Street Elevation
   4) Typical level plan
   5) Cross section view
      Date: 6/18/73

c) Twelve Story Building for Picotte Realty Co.
   Architect: Lewis & McGrath - Assoc. Architects
   One page including first floor plan and typical floor plan for 5th floor and above.
   Date: 6/18/73

A. L. Lewis Untitled Plans (1953)

a) A. L. Lewis Untitled Plans
   Architect: A. L. Lewis
   Three drawings: A Convalescent home, a motor hotel and an apartment.
   Date: none

b) Six or Seven Stores to be erected on the North Side of Albany Ave. East of Masonic Club, Kingston, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis A.I.A. Architect
   1) Plans for seven stores pages 1-5
      Date: 7/20/53
   2) Plans for six stores pages 1-6
      Date: 6/24/53

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Temple Beth Emeth, Albany, N.Y.

a) Temple Beth Emeth, Albany, N.Y.
   Architect: Percival Goodman, Architect
   1) Complete blue-print plans A-1 through A-13
      Date: 9/20/54
   2) Blue-print plans 1-5 electrical
Date: 9/20/54
3) Blue-print plans 1-8 plumbing
   Date: 9/20/54
4) Blue-print plans 1-5 heating and ventilating
   Date: 9/20/54

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Urbach, Kahn and Werlin (1973)

a) Sixty-six State Street Alterations for Urbach, Kahn and Werlin
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   First, second and third floor plans and details
   Date: 3/5/73

b) Sixty-six State Street Alterations to Urbach, Kahn and Werlin and Alterations to 60 State Street
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   1) C-1: first floor and second floor plans
   2) C-2: third floor
   3) C-3: door and frame schedule and interior finish schedule.
   4) C-4: details
   5) C-5: partial front elevation details
      Date: 5/3/73

   Alterations to 60 State Street
   6) C-2: partial first floor plan
   7) C-3: first floor plan and details
   8) C-4: alterations to third floor
   9) C-5: alterations to existing vestibule
   10) C-8: Norton Street (south) alterations
    11) C-11: alterations
    12) M-1: basement floor plan
    13) M-2: first floor plan
    14) M-3 (?torn): third floor plan
    Date: 11/29/72, 12/12/72

Albany Public Market (1972-73)

a) Albany Public Market, Inc.
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
   Floor plan.
   Date: 3/73

b) Albany Public Market Alterations to Rensselaer, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
Albany Central Federation of Labor Temple 890 Third St., Albany, NY (1965-66)

a) Albany Central Federation of Labor Temple 890 Third St. Albany, NY
   Architect: A.L. Lewis, Architect
   1) Heating and Plumbing  Date: 2/19/66
   2) Preliminary drawing  Date: 10/3/65
   3) First floor plan, foundation plans and details  Date: 1/17/66
   4) Elevations, building sections and framing plans
      Date: 1/17/66

Charter Supply Corp., Philmont, NY

a) Charter Supply Corp., Philmont, N.Y.
   Architect: Harris Sanders, Architect
   1) Plot plan  
      Date: 6/14/63
   2) First floor plan and door schedule
      Date: 4/22/63
   3) Elevations and sections
      Date: 4/22/63, revised 6/14/63

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Wolberg Electric Warehouse (1967, 1973)

a) Warehouse for Wolberg Electric Supply Co.
   Architect: Lewis & O'Connor, Architects
   1) Plan 1: site plan
   2) Plan 2: foundation and details
   3) Plan 3: floor plan and finish schedule
   4) Plan 4: partial 1/8 floor plan
   5) Plan 5: elevations
   6) Plan 6: section and exterior details
   7) Plan 7: details
   8) Plan 8: reflected ceiling plan
      Also included are a general site plan, plans for plumbing and plans
      for alterations.
      Dates: 3-4/67, 8-9/67, and 6/73

b) Warehouse for Wolberg Electric Supply Industrial Park Road, Albany, NY
   Architect: Lewis & O'Connor Architects
1) Heating plans and details (2 drawings)  
   Date: 4/24/67  
2) Office and warehouse floor plan and sprinkler plan  
   Date: 5/20/67  
3) Additions and alterations to warehouse area (2 drawings)  
   Date: 6/15/73  
   Also included are sketches for Wolberg Electric signs.

Glens Falls Insurance, Fuller Rd. (1964)  
   a) Proposed Office Building for Glens Falls Insurance Agency, Fuller Road,  
      Albany, NY  
      Architect: A.L. Lewis, Architect  
      1) Proposed Office Building for Glens Falls Ins. Co.  
         Date: 6/19/64  
      2) Proposed office building for Fuller Rd., Albany  
         Date: 12/19/64  
      3) Fuller Road elevation (3 drawings)  
      4) First floor plan  
         Date: 12/24/64  
      5) Second floor plan  
         Date: 12/24/64

Related Documents from A. L. Lewis  
   a) Abraham Lewis, Teaching Certificate from City of New York  
      Date: 6/24/21  
   b) Abraham Lewis, Diploma for Hebrew Technical Institute  
      Date: 6/4/24

Proposed Sign 28 Essex Street (1969)  
   a) Proposed Sign for 28 Essex Street (NYS DOH)  
      Architect: Lewis & O'Connor  
      Drawing and Notes  
      Date: 2/3/69

Albany Felt Company Corporate Engineering, Albany, N.Y.  
   a) Albany Felt Co., Albany, N.Y.  
      Six drawings for equipment  
      dated April, Sept., Oct. 1964 and April 1966  
      Architect: F. Bilewski
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West Albany Industrial Warehouse Development (1969, 1972)
   a) West Albany Industrial Park Warehouse Development W.L.C. Industries
      Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
      1) Plot Plan
         Date: 1/2/69
      2) Three site plans
         Date: 10/17/72
      3) Ten pages site and floor plans and details
         Date: 11/72
         Also included survey map by H.S. Distributors of Albany, NY
         Date: 11/22/72

Additions to Saratoga Grade School (1951)
   a) Additions and Alterations to Grade School, Saratoga Co., NY
      1) Plot Plan - misc. details
      2) Basement and first floor
      3) Elevations and sections
      4) Window details
      5) Roof plan and exterior details
      6) Foundations plan and heating
      7) First floor plan heating
      8) Basement and first floor plans electric
      9) Preliminary Drawings 1 & 2
         All dated 9/28/51

Pyramid Mall, Saratoga
   a) Pyramid Mall, Saratoga
      Architect: Architectural Design Assoc. Bruce A. Kenan, A.I.A. and
      Edward W. Benjamin, A.I.A.
      1) Site plan
      2) Building #5 foundation and details
      3) Floor plans and elevations
      4) Wall sections (3 pages)
      5) Reflected ceiling plan
      6) Toilet room plans and elevations and details
      7) Roof plans and details
      8) Door details and misc. details
      9) Entrance door and window details
     10) Door schedule
     11) Room finish schedule
         Date: Nov. and Dec. 1972

Oversize Folder 11
Display Boards for The Bank, Northway Mall, Albany, N.Y.
   a) Display boards for office furnishings
      Architect: A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
      1) Five display boards for The Bank, Northway Mall Office.

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Photographs of Renderings of Buildings and Display Boards for The Bank, Northway Mall, Albany, N.Y.
   a) Photos of Renderings of Buildings and Display Boards for The Bank
      1) Center for the Disabled. No other info.
         Architect: A.L. Lewis
      3) Executive Tower, Stuyvesant Plaza, Inc. Owners
         Architect: Lewis & O'Connor Architects
      4) Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank, 111 Washington Ave., Albany, NY
         Architects: J. Tauss & A.L. Lewis Assoc. Architects
         (rendering)
      6) Rendering of office interior (no other info)
      7) Three display boards for The Bank interiors
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| 1   | 1      | A) Parking Lot Specifications  
B) Bus Stop Canopy Drawing 1  
C) Bus Stop Canopy Drawing 2 |
| 2   |        | A) Exterior Elevation Drawing  
B) Plot Plan Drawing  
C) Elevation Drawing  
D) Exterior Drawing Proposed Bank  
E) Trusses - Misc. Drawing |
| 3   |        | A) Plumbing Specifications Copy 1  
B) Plumbing Specifications Copy 2  
C) Site Plumbing and Drainage Office Copy  
D) Plumbing Specifications Bldg. "D"  
E) Addendum for Plumbing |
| 4   |        | A) Electrical Specifications for Bldg. "D" |
| 5   |        | A) Heating and Ventilating Specifications for Bldg. "D"  
B) Letter from George J. Michon, Professional Engineer  
C) Heating, ventilating and air conditioning drawing copy 1  
D) Heating, ventilating and air conditioning drawing copy 2 |
| 6   |        | A) American Stores Co. Specifications for Manual of Standard Drawings |
1. Stuyvesant Plaza
   A) Original Construction Specifications for Labor and Materials
   B) Specifications for Painting
   C) Continued Specifications for Labor and Materials

2. Stuyvesant Plaza
   A) Complete Manual of Construction Specifications

3. Stuyvesant Plaza
   A) Complete Manual of Construction Specifications Revised

4. Stuyvesant Plaza
   A) Architectural Outline Specifications for W. T. Grant Co.
   B) Outline Specifications for Proposed Building W. T. Grant Co. (manual)

5. Realty Brochures
Container List - Architectural Drawings

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5  Stuyvesant Plaza and L'Ecole Restaurant Guilderland, N.Y. and Hellman Theatre, Albany, N.Y.

6  Various State Street Drawings, Various Untitled Drawings and Drawings for Homes

7  Temple Beth Emeth, Albany, N.Y.

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9  Wolberg Electric Supply Co. Warehouse Industrial Park Road, Albany, N.Y.
   Albany Felt Company
   Sign for 28 Essex Street, Albany, N.Y.
   Glens Falls Insurance Co. Wolf Road, Albany, N.Y.
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10 Saratoga Grade School Alterations Saratoga, N.Y.
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