Andrew, the second son of John Lewis, resided on the Roanoke, in Botetourt County, as did his brother, Charles. The will of Lewis, which is on record in the county court of Botetourt – dated in 1780, and admitted to record in February, 1782, showing that he died between those two periods – devises to his son William two thousand acres of land lying on Roanoke River. This embraces the fine body of lands lying west of Salem for many years owned by Dr. John Johnston, on which there is a magnificent spring, which, in years gone by furnished the water power for a manufacturing mill that has long since disappeared. It also embraces the very valuable farm known as “Dropmore,” containing one thousand acres, bought from Captain William Lewis by Nathaniel Burwell, and was sold in 1869 for $100,000 – one hundred dollars per acre – probably the largest sale of the same quantity of land that was ever made in Virginia. As will be more particularly stated hereafter, General Andrew Lewis, who owned this land at the time of his death in 1781, was buried on an eminence overlooking the beautiful valley of Roanoke River, spreading out for six miles above and below the spot where the grave is now marked, from which spot I hope his dust will be removed at an early day to the public cemetery nearby.

Some of the descendants of General Lewis are now living in Roanoke County. Col. Thomas Lewis and his brother Andrew, and great-great grandchildren – also Major Andrew L. Pitzer, and other children of Madison Pitzer, who married Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Captain Andrew Lewis – also the children of Col. Elijah McClanahan, who married Agatha Lewis, daughter of Colonel Andrew Lewis, of Bent Mountain. Mrs. Colin Bass, now residing in Salem, is one of these children. Captain Andrew Lewis married Jane McClanahan, a sister of Colonel Elijah and James McClanahan, and at the close of his life resided on the farm now owned by Capt. Robert B. Moorman, half a mile west of Big Lick Depot.

Colonel Andrew Lewis, of Bent Mountain, formerly in Montgomery County, now in Roanoke, was one of the sons of General Andrew Lewis, who died about the year 1844, at an advanced age (about 84). My personal recollections of Colonel Lewis are very distinct, having often seen him in my boyhood, at my father’s house, and at his own house on Bent Mountain, where he owned an immense body of lands that were valuable for pasturage and raising fine cattle in former days, and where, like Alexander Selkirk, he reigned as “monarch of all he surveyed,” for a great number of years. I also met with him a few times in the latter part of his life, after religion (which he embraced when near eighty years old) had softened some of the rough points of his character. Like all of the Lewises, he was a man of commanding figure and appearance, reminding one of the description given by Stuart in his “Historical Memoir” of General Andrew Lewis: “ He was upwards of six feet high, of uncommon strength and agility, and his form of the most exact symmetry. He had a stern countenance, and was of a reserved and distant deportment, which rendered his presence more awful than engaging. “

Colonel Andrew Lewis was married twice – first to a daughter of Thomas Madison, by whom he had three children: one Charles who died unmarried, and Thomas, who was killed by McHenry in a duel fought with rifles which was fatal to both parties. The event created great interest at the time of its occurrence, not only on account of the high standing and character of the parties, but of its tragic termination. The only daughter of Col. Andrew Lewis by this marriage was Agatha, who married Col. Elijah McClanahan and left a large number of descendants. By his second marriage with Miss Bryant, he had one daughter, Kitty, who married Joseph King, and is still living on Bent Mountain with her son, Joseph R. King.

Doctor Andrew Lewis was another member of the Lewis family, who lived and died in Botetourt. He was a son of Captain William Lewis, who was twice married – first to a daughter of Thomas Madison, and afterwards to Nancy McClanahan, sister of Colonel Elijah McClanahan. Dr. Lewis rose to great eminence
in his profession and married Maria Walton, who is now living near Salem, and had three children, two daughters and one son. One of the daughters, Lucy, married George W. Shanks; the other, Mary, married a daughter of Rev. Dr. McFarland, and left a daughter and son, Frank Lewis, who is now at the Seminary, preparing for the ministry.