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**THE ELIZABETH L. (LEWIS) OTEY (1880-1974) COLLECTION**

The collection includes family letters and genealogical notes concerning the OTEY, LEWIS and related families. Also included are materials added to the original papers by a member of the Library staff.

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**ELIZABETH DABNEY LANGHORNE LEWIS OTEY**

Elizabeth Dabney Langhorne Lewis, daughter of John H. LEWIS and Elizabeth Dabney LANGHORNE, was born 4 October 1880 in Lynchburg, Virginia. She attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and was graduated from Bryn Mawr College. She received her Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of Berlin in 1907. [Obituary, *Lynchburg News*, 1 March 1974, Sect. B, p. 4, col. 1; Margaretta Harper, "Elizabeth Lewis," Elizabeth L. (Lewis) Otey Collection (hereinafter Otey Collection), MS1424, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; "Application for Membership, Virginia Society, Colonial Dames of America," Otey Collection.]

Elizabeth L. LEWIS married Dexter OTEY on 4 June 1910 in Lynchburg, Virginia.  
["Invitation," Otey Collection.]

Mrs. OTEY was an active suffragette. "All during the 1920s Mrs. OTEY was preaching political and economic equality for men and women, always stressing the point that equal rights bring equal responsibilities." [Harper, "Elizabeth Lewis," loc.cit.]

In 1921, Elizabeth OTEY ran for statewide office on the Republican ticket. Later she was a candidate for the House of Delegates on the Socialist ticket. [Harper, "Elizabeth Lewis," loc.cit.]

Following the death of her husband, Elizabeth OTEY moved to Washington, D. C., to work in the new Social Security Administration. She later worked in the State Department until she retired in 1948. [Harper, "Elizabeth Lewis," loc.cit.]

During her retirement, Elizabeth OTEY lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Taiwan. In 1965, they returned to Lynchburg, where Mrs. OTEY was active in several organizations, including the Unitarian Church, the Colonial Dames, the Southern Memorial Association, and was actively involved in work to restore Point of Honor. [Harper, "Elizabeth Lewis," loc.cit.]

Elizabeth Dabney Langhorne (LEWIS) OTEY died 28 February 1974. [Harper, "Elizabeth Lewis," loc.cit.]