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All Life Members are responsible for sending \$5.00 for the Quarterlies Subscription each year. The Membership is indeed Lifetime, but the Quarterlies require a yearly fee. If you do not send the \$5.00, we will assume that you do not want the Quarterlies. We will keep you listed as a Life Member but will no longer mail Quarterlies to you.

Memorials

Memorial contributions were made to the Jewett Family of America, Inc. by Cecilia McGehee in honor of Anthony Wayne Jewett (18273) and Alexander Macmillan Jewett (18223).

Contributions

Volumes III and IV of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* were donated by Marion R. Emmons (17812) to the Connecticut Historical Society in honor of long-time employee Miss Frances Hoxie.

Correction

New member Patricia Jean Perrett Hanket's name was misspelled in 2003 Quarterly No. 2. She is a descendant of Thomas Rawlins Perrett (7641).

Thanks

Thanks to Leslie K. Overstreet, Curator of Natural History Rare Books, Smithsonian Institution Libraries, for material on Charles Coffin Jewett's years as Librarian of the Smithsonian. Thanks also to Julie (Davis) Jewett, wife of Richard A. Jewett (21297,) who happened across the engraving of Charles Coffin Jewett which appears on the cover of this Quarterly. She found the engraving and called Historian Lee Petry to see if the engraving would be of interest. It certainly was since the picture that the Smithsonian Institute had of Charles Coffin Jewett was actually a picture of Dr. Charles Jewett (2782.)

Bon Voyage

Bon Voyage to the members of the JFA tour group who will be in England 26 May - 7 Jun.

President's Letter

Greetings,

Ranny and I were home from Florida the 18th of March in time to celebrate our 50th Anniversary on the 23rd with our family. It was a joyous occasion with five of our six sons and their families. Daughters-in-law pitched in and the seven grandchildren had a great time with one another. A larger party is in the works for this summer with relatives and friends. Ranny and I are anxiously waiting for that.

The new Rowley Public Library at long last will be about completed in the fall. The Jewett Family of America will have its board meeting 11 Oct. We sure hope the many board members will be there. It would be such an honor. The Jewett Family of America donated \$5000 to the Library and a portion of the money will be for the new Local History Room. It would be appreciated if our members would donate money to the Jewett Family of America to replace the finds which were donated to the Library. Giving the large donation at this time is much more beneficial than small amounts over time. All donations to the JFA should be sent to Ted Loran, 114 West Street, Medway MA 02053.

The Trustees of the Rowley Public Library and the Rowley Historical Society have agreed that the portrait of Admiral David Jewett will be on loan to the Local History Room in the Library. They are grateful that this wonderful artwork will have a new home.

My grandfather Amos Everett Jewett, my father Everett Douglas Jewett and my mother Edna Phebe Jewett and many others would be delighted that this is happening after such a long time. They all worked so hard and were so dedicated to the Jewett Family of America. I had heard so much talk of it for so many years, and now it is finally happening.

Submit your stories for the writing contest as soon as you can. They must be received by 1 Aug; send them to Historian Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923. Time is passing us by. This is the last Quarterly before the stories are due.

Have a wonderful spring and let us hope for warmer weather so our flowers will bloom.

Toujours le même, Dorothy Jewett Brigham

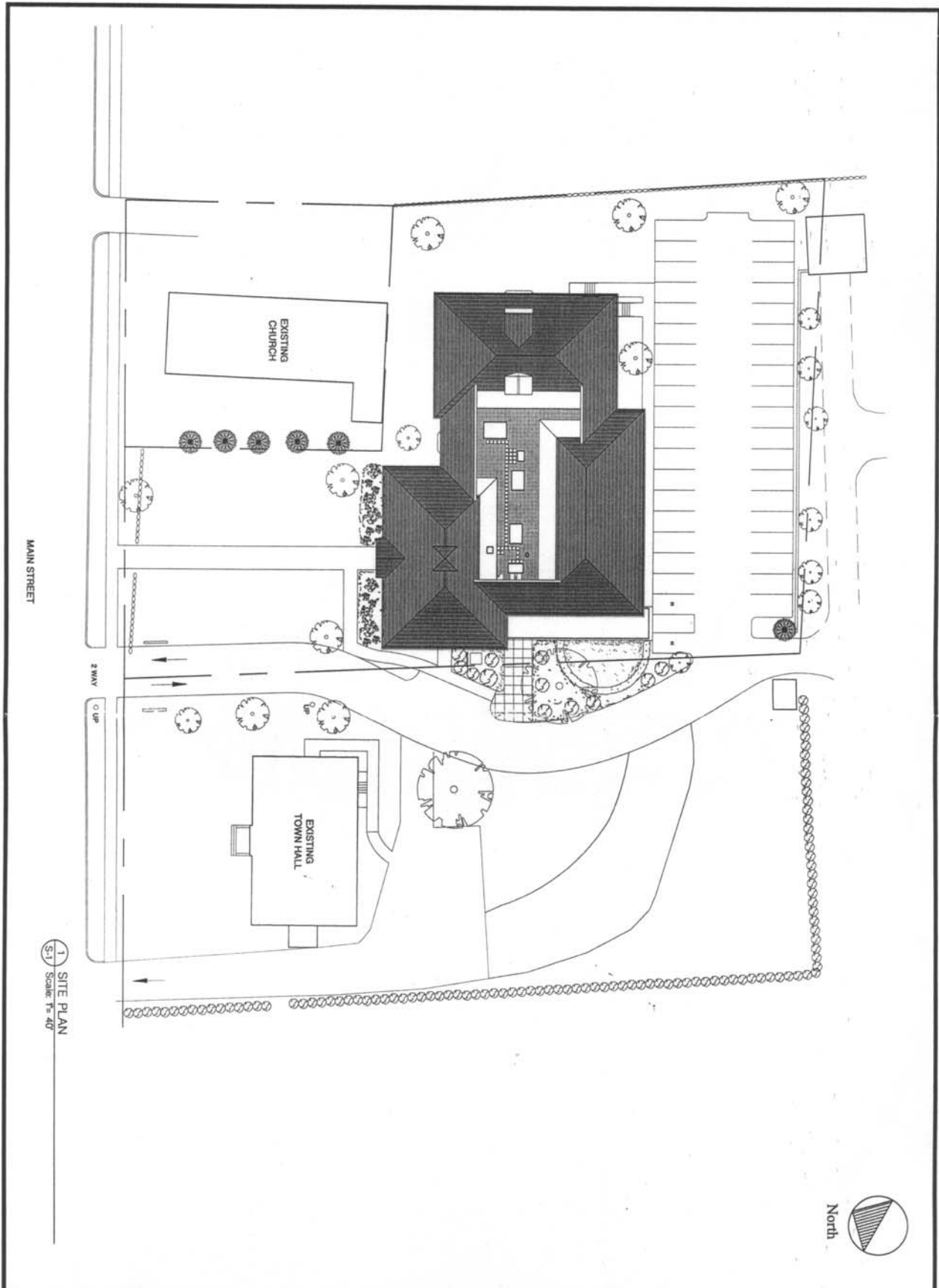
The following letter was received from Timothy R. Young, President, Friends of the Rowley Public Library:

I'm writing to thank the Jewett Family of America for its most generous donation of \$5000 to the new Rowley Public Library which is now under construction in Rowley MA. A portion of the gift will be applied to furnishing the new library's Local History Room. The Board of Trustees of the Rowley Public Library and the Rowley Historical Society also join me in extending our grateful appreciation to the JFA for its loan of the portrait of Admiral David Jewett to the new Library. We are delighted that this wonderful piece of artwork will have a new home.

The new Rowley Public Library construction project is the first significant municipal building to be built in Rowley in 40 years. It is sited on land donated by Ruth Lambert Cheney over 50 years ago. It will occupy a prominent place on Main Street (Route 1A) in Rowley's Historical District between the Town Hall and the Baptist Church and will border the Rowley Cemetery. The new 13,000-square-foot, single-story building will replace the former library located at 17 Wethersfield Street (the former Ezekiel Rogers School), which no longer meets the town's needs. (See page 25)

In addition to greatly expanded book storage facilities, the new building will boast a large, dedicated Children's Room, a meeting room for 75 persons, and a Local History Room with capacity to house and preserve locally significant genealogical materials. The meeting rooms will be available for use by civic and social organizations. The building will be completed in the fall of 2003 and, assuming timely completion of construction, we invite the JFA to use the meeting facilities for its upcoming annual board meeting. (See page 26)

Since the fall of 2000, the Friends of the Rowley Public Library have been raising funds for furnishing, equipping and landscaping the new library facility. (Monies for the actual \$3 million building construction costs were raised through a combination of state and local sources.) The Friends believe that individual members of the Jewett family, representing one of the town's oldest families, may have a special interest in contributing additional funds to the new building campaign. Recognition opportunities are available for legacy gifts, as well as for other levels of donations. If you are interested in contributing to the Library Building Campaign, please send a check payable to The Friends of the Rowley Library - Building Campaign 2003, 17 Wethersfield Street, Rowley MA 01969. Contributions are tax-deductible. For further information contact Tim Young at (978) 948-6169 or tryoung@attbi.com



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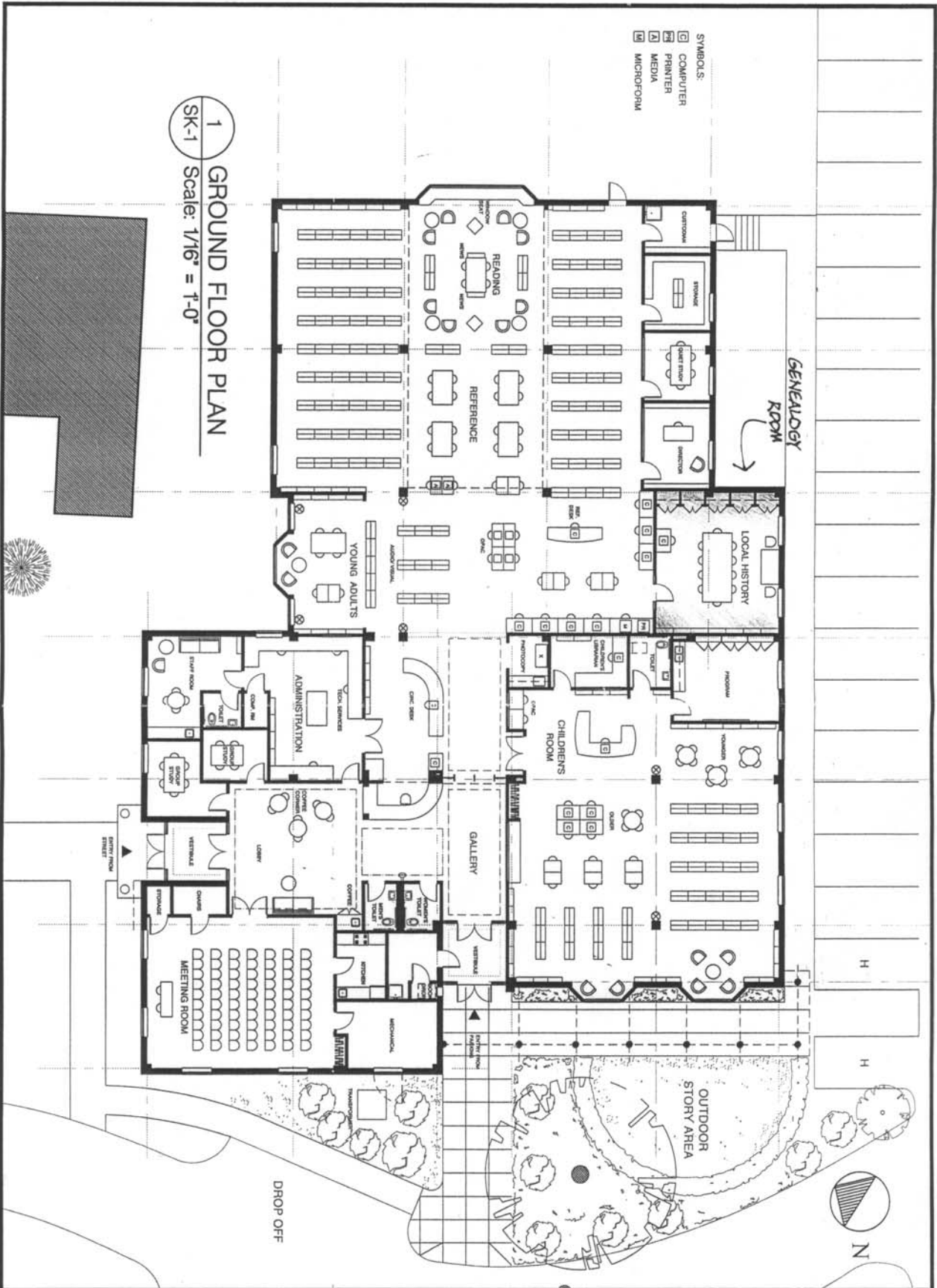
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Genealogical Information

Births

Rebecca Elizabeth Jewett, daughter of Judy (McKay) and J. William Jewett (24618), was born 3 Sep 2002 in St. Jacobs, Ontario, Canada.

Lauren Elizabeth Ellis, daughter of Mary Elizabeth (Ems) and Ryan Ellis, was born 16 Sep 2002 in Littleton CO.

Miles Joshua Chen, son of Heather Katherine (Jewett) (23972) and David Chen, was born 24 Sep 2002 in Sunnyvale CA.

Marriages

Matthew David Jewett (23498) married **Sara Lynn Dyk** 4 Aug 2001 in Jenison MI. Sara was born 10 May 1977 in Kalamazoo MI, daughter of Gerald Henry and Jane Ellen (Mohr) Dyk. Matt is at Boston College working on a Master's Degree in Literature.

Deborah Lillian Gray (18109) married **Nicholas Adam Sharp** 6 Oct 2001 in Sterling CT. Nicholas was born 7 Sep 1978 in Putnam CT, son of Patricia Ruth (Jordan) and Edwin J. Sharpe. Deborah is a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University and is currently a history teacher. Nicholas attended Three Rivers Community College and is a surveyor.

Deaths

Corrected information: **Anthony Wayne Jewett** died 26 Aug 2002 in West Newton PA, Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery, Orlando FL.

Jewett Bonnell Butler (3458 Betsey Comstock Butler, David Jewett Butler, Jewett C. Butler, Jewett Bonnell Butler) died 31 Aug 2001 in Rochester NY, interment Lakeview Cemetery, Brockport NY. Mr. Butler was born and raised in Brockport where he attended school. A 1931 graduate of the University of Rochester, he was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. His was the first class to graduate from the University of Rochester's new River Campus. He attended Harvard University for a year of graduate work, receiving his master's degree from SUNY at Albany. He returned to Brockport in 1933 to teach history at Brockport High School. It was there he met his wife, Jean Clark Butler, also a teacher. Mr. Butler coached tennis and organized noon-hour dancing for the students. Former students at their class reunions spoke fondly of the fun they had with the noon dancing and learning to balance books on their heads to improve their stride.

A veteran of WWII, Mr. Butler served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1945 with the 835th Bomb Group in England. Following the war, he joined Bausch & Lomb as export manager. He worked for Phoenix Mutual Life Co. and later as manager of Union Central Life Company. In 1961 he acquired the Wolfert Agency, now the Wolfert-Butler Agency Inc. The agency has been operated by his sons since his retirement in 1975.

Mr. Butler was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed sailing on Lake Ontario, hunting and fishing. He was interested in conservation, having planted more than 100,000 trees on his properties in the Southern Tier. He enjoyed the challenge of genealogy and had traced his family back to the 1600's. He was a staunch believer in education, was well-read and constantly thirsted for knowledge on any topic related to the world in which he lived. He served as chairman of his 50th class reunion from the University of Rochester and co-chair of the 65th reunion in 1996.

Mr. Butler is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean Clark Butler; his children, Bonnie (James) Nichols of Old Saybrook CT, Ann (Paul) Zarestsky, Jewett Clark (April) Butler, and David A. Butler all of Irondequoit; and seven grandchildren.

David Maurice Jewett (16889) died _____ 2002 in East Brunswick NJ. An industrial engineer, he worked at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital NYC before retiring in 1988. Previously he was employed by Decorated Metal, Milltown NJ and by the New Jersey Hospital Association. Mr. Jewett received a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering from Marquette University, Milwaukee WI, and a master degree in Industrial engineering from Cornell

University, Ithaca NY. He also held certificates in hospital administration and in nursing home management from Rutgers University Extension Division. He served in the Naval Reserves for 32 years, including active duty at sea in both WWII and the Korean War. He was a charter member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in East Brunswick where he served as a trustee, Worship Commission chairman and member of the Finance Committee and the Administration Board.

Surviving are Mary E. Jewett, his wife of 45 years; daughter Barbara Noyes; sons David G. and Richard; a sister, Barbara McNicoll, and seven grandchildren.

Idamay Ellen (Pearl) Richmond (17081) died 5 Dec 2002 in Tolland CT, interment Canterbury CT. She is survived by two daughters Lynn Cameron of East Hartford CT and Janet Atwood of Tolland Ct and four grandchildren.

William Averill Jewett Jr. (16609) died 16 Dec 2002 in Waverly OH, interment in the Jewett family plot in Bath ME. He is survived by second wife Leona I. (Hansen) Jewett (married 5 May 2001 Waverly OH); daughters Susan Duzen and Judith Brewer; son William Averill Jewett III; and two grandchildren.

Nelson Holland Jewett Jr. (22086) died 19 Jan 2003 in Buffalo NY.

Frederick Ford Jewett II (25055) died 24 Jan 2003 at his home in Toms River NJ, interment Arlington National Cemetery. Capt. Jewett, a combat veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, was born in Schenectady NY and moved to Toms River in 1977. He graduated from Elmira Free Academy in Elmira NY and joined the Navy's V-5 Program as a Naval Aviation Cadet in Aug 1942. Navy sponsored Ground School and Civilian Pilot Training at St. Lawrence University and the Navy's Preflight School at Athens GA followed until his discharge to enter the US Naval Academy in Jun 1943. He graduated in 1946 with the WWII accelerated wartime class of 1947. Tours in destroyer-minesweeper Rodman, cruiser Huntington and destroyer Compton followed.

During the Korean War he served as a navigator, operations officer and communications officer of the rocker ship USS LSMR-403; served as an instructor of Ordnance and Gunnery at the Naval Academy; as communications officer and staff navigator for Commander, Cruiser Division SIX while embarked in battleship New Jersey; as an executive officer and navigator of destroyer escort Howard D. Crow followed by a two year assignment at the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey CA where he received his master of science degree in electrical engineering.

In Sep 1960 he assumed his first command at sea, the ocean minesweeper Fearless. In Dec 1962 he was ordered as Officer in Charge of the Naval Mine Engineering Facility, Yorktown VA. Command of the destroyer Beatty followed from Nov 1965 to Feb 1968. From Mar 1968 to Jun 1969 during the Vietnam War, he first served as a plans officer on the staff of Commander, US Military Assist and Command, Saigon, Vietnam, then reported for duty as Commander Task Force Clearwater, the operational commander of all Naval forces on the Perfume and Cua Viet Rivers in the two northernmost provinces in South Vietnam with headquarters in Cua Viet. In 1969, Capt. Jewett assumed command of Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach CA for two years, then served as staff of Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, Norfolk VA. For his final two-year tour in the Navy, he was given command of the NAVSURPLANT Readiness Support Group, Norfolk.

In addition to the Legions of Merit and Combat Action Ribbon, Capt. Jewett was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Korean Service Medal with three engagement stars, Vietnam Service medal with five campaign stars, two Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medals, two Republic of Vietnam unit citations, the Korean War Service Medal and various WWII and other campaign and service medals.

Following retirement, Capt. Jewett began a second career at Admiral Farragut Academy, Pine Beach NJ where he first served as Commandant of Cadets, then as chairman of the mathematics and science departments and teacher of various mathematics courses. He continued to teach at the Academy until its closing in Jun 1994. He was selected teacher of the Year at the Academy in 1986 and 1989. He was an eagle scout and one-time Scoutmaster and was a life member of the Naval Academy Alumni Association, the Retired Officers Association and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years Barbara (Fitzgerald) Jewett; children, Jeffrey Jewett of Bowie MD, Kimberly J. Fiser and Brian Jewett of Champaign IL and four grandsons.

Arlene Lamoine (Jewett) Eriksen (16905) died 3 Feb 2003 in Lansing MI, interment East Lawn Memory Gardens, Okemos MI.

Mary "Molly" Sheafe Jewett, widow of Charles Wood Jewett (4778 Arthur Leroy Jewett, Frederick Leroy Jewett, Charles Wood Jewett), died 26 Feb 2003 in Hartford CT, interment in the family cemetery. (See 2001 Quarterly No. 1 for the obituary of Charles Wood Jewett.) Born in Rye NY, the daughter of Mary Stanley Hoague and Charles Minot Sheafe, grew up in Rye, New Haven and Westchester. She attended Rye Country Day School as well as Mrs. Day's School in New Haven and then attended Mount Holyoke College in MA. She departed after her junior year to marry Charles Wood Jewett 18 Jun 1938 and moved to the circa-1752 farmhouse in Lyme where they resided until their deaths. Mrs. Jewett was active in fund-raising for local and national charities and was a longtime volunteer at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London. On her 400-acre farm she raised horses, cows, chickens, sheep and most recently llamas. She was known for her flower garden and for training and raising dogs. She is survived by sons Jonathan of New York City and Lyme and Charles Jr. of Las Vegas NV, a daughter Jennifer Jewett Smith of Silver Springs MD. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Jewett Family News



William Knox Ewing Jr., son of Cheryl Beth (McCarty) (23433) and William Knox Ewing of Kingston Springs TN, enlisted for four years in the US Navy 6 Aug 2002. He took his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center at Great Lakes IL graduating in Oct 2002. He is now taking cryptology classes at the NTC School, Pensacola FL.

Charles Coffin Jewett (1748)

An article in the October 2003 *Smithsonian* titled "End of an Era" reported the closing of the richly appointed library space known as the Jewett Room of the Arts and Industries Building. The Jewett Room was named for the first librarian of the Smithsonian, Charles Coffin Jewett. At the time of its closing the library was a repository for some 5000 rare books on natural history. The room also housed the archives for the original Smithsonian museum. The material from the Jewett Room will be moved to the new Joseph F. Cullman, 3rd, Library of Natural History. Leslie Overstreet, curator of rare books, graciously forwarded her paper *The early years of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries: To be or not to be a national library?* (30 Dec 1986) which included information on Charles Coffin Jewett.

Englishman James Smithson made a bequest of \$508,000 to the United States to establish an institution to bear his name and to promote "the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." This bequest in 1838 became the basis of the national library following the passage of a Congressional bill in August 1846 approving the founding of the Smithsonian Institution. Joseph Henry, a distinguished scientist and Princeton professor, was appointed Secretary of the Institution on Dec 1846. He in turn hired Charles Coffin Jewett, librarian of Brown University, as Assistant Secretary in Charge of the Library.

In the correspondence of Henry and Jewett prior to Jewett's arrival in 1849, there seemed to be a consensus on the core of the library collection but not a definition its function within the Institution. Jewett envisioned a true national library while Henry believed in a limited working research library subordinate to the scientific endeavors of the Institution.

At the start Henry and Jewett agreed in three areas of collection development:

- Transactions and other publications of learned societies of the world
- Other scientific periodicals and reference works
- Catalogs and bibliographic tools of other libraries in the U.S. and abroad

Henry attempted to establish limits for the library and confine it to a supporting role while Jewett envisioned far more. Jewett's aims were:

- Nation-wide communication and cooperation among libraries
- Improvement and standardization of cataloguing practices
- Professionalization of the field

Jewett believed that the leadership and authority of a national library was essential to attain his goals. He did recognize that Henry had different views and worked to get get around Henry's limited scope without a confrontation. Jewett focused on three ground-breaking projects:

- Compilation of a national union catalog
- Development of uniform cataloguing and the physical production of catalogs from stereotype plates
- Convening of a national conference of librarians

Jewett sent a questionnaire to about 900 libraries asking for a description of their organization and operation and copies of existing catalogs of their collections. In 1850 he published a descriptive cumulation of the information gathered. He planned to merge the catalogs by cutting the entries into individual slips of paper and recombining them into an alphabetic index of collective holdings. This unified catalog would be published and distributed to the participating libraries.

To address the variations and inadequacies of existing catalogs and to minimize the expense of revising and reprinting, Jewett proposed:

- A set of cataloguing standards and rules
- Production of entries for individual titles on stereotype plates or blocks which would be produced by the Smithsonian

The summarization of the plan was published in 1852 and the project was initiated in the Library of Congress. Over 6000 titles were stereotyped, but the clay material used did not work well and the project was a technical failure. However, the cataloguing rules and the idea of a centralized catalogue were sound and were carried out years later by the Library of Congress.

The ideological differences with Secretary Henry over the role of the library within the Institute escalated. The library was not what Jewett had envisioned. Copyright deposit was sporadic since there was no enforcement; in addition, the annual book budget was less than what had been legislated. In order to accomplish his goals, Jewett sought support from the library community. He was the pre-eminent librarian in the U.S. at the time due to his Smithsonian position and his innovations in library practice.

A national conference of librarians was held in New York in Sep 1853 and Jewett was unanimously elected as President. His emphasis was on the importance of professional librarianship, a national library and the stereotype-cataloguing plan. Unanimous resolutions were passed supporting the national library and the stereotype plan and urging the Smithsonian to support the project.

However, the relationship between Henry and Jewett did not improve and Jewett went over Henry's head and appealed to the Regents. Henry, who was unwilling to let the library dominate the Smithsonian, forced Jewett's resignation in Jan 1855. The role of the Smithsonian was debated in the Board of Regents and in the press and Henry's position was upheld. The plan for a national library at the Smithsonian died when Jewett left. The Smithsonian Library was transferred to the Library of Congress, but within a few years many of the volumes as needed by the staff were borrowed back and retained. Soon a new working library was formed through the exchange of publications, purchase using museum funds and donations of private libraries by the staff.

(In 1858 Charles Coffin Jewett became the first general executive of the Boston Public Library. Under his supervision the library flourished. He added an inventive mind and great industry along with his bibliographical training. Under his care the library developed a system suited to a large circulation with all the necessary complexity of checks which rendered the circulation safe while remaining free. He died suddenly in 9 Jan 1868.)

The 1880 census lists Charles Coffin Jewett's widow and two daughters living in Braintree MA:

	George Lincoln	Age 33	Born MA	Works Carpet Store (Rebecca's husband)
3536	Rebecca I. Lincoln	Age 28	Born Washington DC	Keeps House
	Charles J. Jewit	Age 11	Born MA	
	Rebecca Jewit	Age 9	Born MA	
	Roy M. Jewit	Age 2	Born MA	
3538	Elmira J. Jewit	Age 24	Born MA	(Eleanor Punchard Jewett)
	Rebecca G. Jewit	Age 49	Born MA	(Widow of Charles Coffin Jewett)

The three children belong to George M. Lincoln and Rebecca Rose Jewett (3536) even though they curiously are listed as Jewits.

It is possible that Dorothy (Jewett) Stitt is a descendant of Charles Coffin Jewett's son Charles Sidney Jewett (3537.) See Unconnected Cluster 15 in the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*, Vol. III, p.1458.

Queries

Need information on **Dr. David Baldwin Jewett** born 29 May 1880 Rochester NY, son of David S. Jewett and Jennie Hague Pippart, died 12 Jul 1951 Rochester NY. he married **Charlotte Hone** and had two children David Baldwin Jewett Jr. and Josephine (Jewett) Mercer.

Need information on **Parker Jewett** born circa 1849 IN, married **Mary Magdalene Betts**; children Amanda Ellen Jewett, Pearl Malinda Jewett, Marion Franklin Jewett, Jesse Wilson Jewett, Artie Parker Jewett, Vernie Landis Jewett.

Need information on **Hannibal Jewett** born 13 Mar 1863, died 3 Jul 1937 KS, married **Elizabeth Anne Betts**, children Maudie May Jewett, Myrtle Melissa Jewett, Vinton Hope Jewett, Ellen Gertrude Jewett, Perry Henry Jewett, Clarence Willard Jewett, Cecil Ray Jewett.

Need information on **Darlene (Jewett) Fowler** married **Thomas H. Fowler Jr.** who died 8 Mar 2003 in Enosburg VT.

William Augustus Boyce (6402) in the Civil War

William Augustus Boyce joined the 54th New York Infantry Regt. as a Lt. with date of rank 13 Dec 1863, date of commission 31 Dec 1863. The following letters written to Col, Eugene A. Kozlay, commanding the 54th NY, regarding Lt. Boyce, can be found in the Special Collections of the New York State Library in Albany in the Kozlay papers. The regiment was stationed at Folly Island SC during this period.

General Head Quarters, State-New York, Adjutant General's Office, Albany, Jany 22, 1864

Col. Kozlay, Com'g 54th NYV

My Dear Colonel,

This letter will be handed to you by my young friend Lt. Wm. A. Boyce of whom I spoke to you when you were last in Albany, and desired to introduce you to his grandfather, but was unable to do so on account of your short stay in this City. I beg to commend him to your kind attention and hope that you will take some personal interest in him as a favor to me.

I am Colonel, Very truly yours,

Chas. Evans, Col. & A.A.A.Genl.

Geological Room, Albany Jany 25 1864

Col. Eugene A. Kozlay, Dear Sir,

Altho I have not had the honor of your acquaintance I take the liberty of an old soldier of twenty three years service to address you and solicit your kind attention to my grandson William A. Boyce who has the honor of being a Lieutenant in your brave regiment.

I am aware how much a young man wants a friend when he joins a Corps when he is a total stranger for I was placed in such a position what a lad of seventeen years as an ensign.

I am happy that my grandson has been placed in a Regiment that has so high and excellent a reputation which I am informed is excelled by none and my friend Col. Evans bids me have no fear but that you will bestow due care on my young soldier. He is very ambitious of doing his whole duty - with your guidance I have no doubt will perform it. He has been well educated and even associated with gentleman and if he escapes shot & steel I hope will do honor to the "Enfants perdue" and that you will teach him in due time to win his spurs.

I regret exceedingly that I had not the pleasure to meet you in the City but hope to do so at a future time as I am informed you have won honors in many a well-stricken field and it would give me great pleasure to take you by the hand and greet you with that kindly feeling that none know so well as those that have met death face to face in the turmoil of deadly strife.

If Dear Sir you can make the young man worthy of your friendship you may be assured of my most sincere homage & will be sure of the prayers of the noble woman his mother.

I am Sir your obedient Servant, E. Jewett (1972 Ezekiel Jewett), Curator of Natural History of New York

Geological Rooms, Albany Aug 2 1864

Col. Eugene A. Kozlay, My Dear Sir,

I hope you will pardon me for applying to you for information relative to my grandson William A. Boyce who was a Lieut in your Regiment, who has not been heard from for a long time, and which gives great distress to his mother who regularly writes to him every week. If the youth is well & prosperous he is exceedingly ungrateful and I beg you to do me the great favor to inform me if he is well & more especially if he is a good soldier & brave. If he is not I shall try & forget there even was such a person, for it is far worse than to mourn his death. It is humiliating to me to know he is so discourteous to his mother as not to inform her of his (?) & indeed I really fear he is not a true soldier or he could not (?) the author of his being & a noble woman with such studied neglect.

You will confer a lasting favor on an old soldier by frankly stating how the youth stands in your opinion & oblige me greatly if you will advise him to correspond with his mother. For myself I have given up the hope of even having a letter from him, tho he owes me for many favors.

I am respectfully your obedient servant. E. Jewett, Nat-Hist NY State Collection

Geological Rooms, Albany Sept 10 1864

Dear Colonel

Permit me to hope that you will pardon me for again troubling you in relation to my weak & (?) grandson William A.

Boyce.

We have received notice of his dismissal, and his mother is frantic at the disgrace and will be quite I fear if the Boy does not return to her.

I feel oppressed greatly at the disgrace but still hope if he is at home under the eyes of his parents he may yet be reclaimed, and I appeal to you as a fellow soldier and beg you to use your influence to have the lad return to us if he is in your vicinity and if not I pray you to let me know in what direction he has gone, and if he is no better in his habits after this just sentence and I assure you will merit a reward in the gratitude of his distressed family.

I am Sir with great respect, Your Obedient Servant, E. Jewett

Col. E.A. Kozlay, Comdg, Folly Island SC

General Head Quarters, State - New York, Adjutant General's Office, Albany Sept 13 1864

My dear Colonel,

The grandfather of young Boyce who was lately dismissed from the 54th NY called upon me yesterday in relation to his grandson. He says that Boyce's mother is in great distress at the event, but is more troubled that she can hear nothing of him. His friends all think he is ashamed to come home. His father is in comfortable circumstances and will give him employment in his office, if he can get him home.

Now what I wish you would do, is this, my dear Colonel; if the young man is anywhere near you, can you give me any information as to his whereabouts, or for what place he left when he left the Hd.Qu. of yr (sic) Regt? I am much interested in his friends & will take it as a great favor if you will give this request your early attention.

Yours truly, Chas. Evans

Geological Rooms, Albany Sept 29 1864

I pray you will pardon me for again intruding on your time & patience. My only apology is the exceeding anxiety of my family about our unfortunate boy Wm. A. Boyce. His mother is almost frantic for she has not heard from him since his dismissal from the service. Indeed we are all very much distressed, and I beg you to do us the great favor to inform me where he is, or where he was when last heard from, that we may take measures to get him home, and see if he cannot yet be made a man of respectability.

If we knew where to find him measure would be taken to bring him home, for it is hard to give up a youth who has been endowed with some sense & he has had no (?) spared on him.

For myself I acknowledge that nothing in my eventful life has given me so much pain, and I hope your well known generosity & good will prompt you to assist us, for which you may be assured of our lifelong thanks and I hope you will use your influence if the unhappy boy is near you to send him to New York when we can get him home, but should he have left pray tell me where he was last heard from.

My friend Col. Evans of the Adjutant general's office has written you to the same effect.

With a sincere hope that you may never suffer as we have, I am Dear Sir your obedient servant, E. Jewett

Excerpts from the regimental Journal of the 54th NY written by Colonel Eugene A. Kozlay:

August 1, 1864 - I sent in the resignation of Boyce. This young man can not be cured of his chronic alcoholismus. I am sure it will be better for him to go home.

August 7, 1864 - Boyce's resignation I sent in. I am sorry for this young man. [Lt. Col.] Morgan is to be blamed (a) great deal for this young man. When he stole the whiskey from the Doctor's tent and from Capt. Friedle's tent and broke the trunk, the whiskey was carried by him to Morgan's tent, and they drunk there till nearly two o'clock in the morning. This was the mistake committed by Morgan on many occasions. He used to drink with the officers very late in the night, and even got drunk himself, tho' the officers say that he can drink great deal till it has an effect upon him. At that time when Boyce stole this whiskey from the Capt & Doctor, I would have placed him before a Court; but I could not do so without compromising Lt. Col. Morgan, and for sake of Col. Olcott, I could not bring such a disgrace upon his brother in law. September 1, 1864 - Boyce as I expected was dismissed from the service on the 21st of August by Genl Foster, subject to the approval of the president.

September 12, 1864 - Captains Grau and Appleton and also Lt. Wett came over from Morris Island to investigate the case of Lt. Boyd, who was dismissed the Service and whose dismissal was approved by the president. I am sorry for this young man. He has some good qualities; but the whiskey has turned his mind, and he is but an useless individual to the Service. I tried my best to save him, for the sake of his family, his aged mother; but my efforts were useless. Now this investigation will do him more harm yet. His previous acts will be brought up, which will damage him more than anything else.

The following is an excerpt from the autobiography of Anson Augustus Boyce, father of William Augustus Boyce:

"The political events of 1860, which culminated in our Civil War of 1861 to 1864 I need not describe here. I have often wished to draw a veil of forgetfulness and 'oblivious memory' over many recollections of this period. After our sad strife had raged for some short time in bloody carnage, and also in great doubt as to its final result, President Lincoln had a call issued for more men, and a draft was made at Utica for its quota, to be drawn for all liable for military duty, over eighteen years and upwards. Everyone drafted must equip and serve the Union Army, or else hire a substitute, and pay the current rate, which I think was then about \$1000. This draft was made, I think, in June or July 1863, soon after our son William became liable at twenty years of age. As soon as notified that his name was among the first drawn by the U.S. Provost Marshall, I proposed to furnish a substitute, as we believed William too young to endure the hardships and exposure of army life. But he says: 'No, father, I will equip and go and thus save the cost of hiring a substitute.' Accordingly we fitted him out and he reported to headquarters in Albany, from whence he was sent forward with his regiment commanded and offered by Germans...The regiment was ordered to the forts in and about the Harbor of Charleston."

William went to sea for several years following the Civil War and eventually settled in California where he became an editor for the *San Francisco Call Bulletin* and served in that capacity until his death in 1929. He had three children: Lewis Farnham Jewett Boyce born 30 Jan 1874 Lockport NY, Sarah Elizabeth Jewett Boyce born 13 Feb 1876 Santa Barbara CA, and Arnold Jewett Boyce born 10 Feb 1897 CA.

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