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All life members are responsible for sending \$5.00 for the Quarterly subscription each year. The membership is indeed lifetime, but the Quarterlies require a yearly fee. If you do not sent 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.

Note from the Editor

I hope everyone will have patients with me as I try to find my style for the newsletter. Also I wanted to invite those of you who have a Jewett connection to feel free to send me your family histories so they can be shared with our readers. We have a large an diverse family which embraces all races and religions and members are spread all over the world and information about these different families help all of us to better understand what it means to be a Jewett in name or decent, so please share with us!

Reminder

Directors meeting 27 September 2004 at the Rowley Public Library. Members are invited to attend.

Genealogical information

Births

Ava Katherine Haas, daughter of Janet (Kennedy) and Steven Robert Haas (15,277) was born 1 September 2003 in Manhattan, New York. The family recently relocated to Sherman Oaks, California.

Andrew Matthew Jewett, son of Andrew Burns Jewett, Jr. (18,287) and Malissa Winters was born 20 April 2004 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Marriages

Michael Joseph Toss, IV, (16,458) son of Michael Joseph and Mary Patricia (O'Brian) Tosso Jr. married Monique Cherie Colon-Baudier on 17 April 2004 in New Orleans, LA. Monique is the daughter of Adrian Anthony and Jeanne Mary Ann (Savoie) Colon of New Orleans. Monique was born in New Orleans 18 July 1967 and was the widow of Michael Baudier.

Dr. Diane Mary Sinclair, (16,481) daughter of Dr. Daniel Stirling and Charlene Diana (Mary) Sinclair, married Randall Allan Smith on 24 January 2004 in New Orleans, LA. Randall is the son of Robert S. And Sally L. Smith of Washington, DC..

Matthew John Jewett, son of Jeffrey Robert and Pamela Francene (Alcom) Jewett, Robert Peter Jewett, Harvey M. Jewett, Frank S. Jewett (8874), was married May 24, 2003 at the Wabash Presbyterian Church in Auburn, Washington to Karen Lynn Richards, daughter of Carl Bruce and Ellen Jane (MacAdam) Richards. Karen was born 18 November 1976 in Enumclaw, Washington and Matthew was born 8 July 1976 in Auburn, Washington.

Deaths

Maria Lola Jewett, #18,263, born: 25 September 1948 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, California died 18 April 2004 at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Miami, Dade county, Florida. Her ashes were taken to Oregon.

Gladys Lucille (Jewett) Brown, Myron Pixley Jewett, John Henry Jewett, Aaron Crosby Jewett, Henry Jewett (944), 95 years 7 months, of Silverdale, Washington died Sunday 21 March 2004 at Harrison Hospital in Bremerton, Washington. She was born in Anaconda, Montana to Myron and Aurora (Haeger) Jewett 21 August 1908. She married 18 June 1927 to Guy Brown who preceded her in death 22 Jan 1978. Mrs. Brown was an active person who enjoyed dance and gardening. She was genuinely interested in everyone she met. Survivors include a son, Thomas Brown of Sitka, Alaska; four grandchildren, Sally Brown of Seattle, Julie Brown of Portland, Ore., Joseph Brown of San Diego and Kenneth Brown of Juneau, Alaska and three great-grandchildren. In addition to

her husband, Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by a son, Donald Brown, and 13 siblings. A celebration of her life was held at 1 p.m. Monday at Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home in Bremerton.

Joy G. (Jewett) Brown, 92 formerly of Cumberland, passed away peacefully at Freeport (Maine) Nursing Home on June 5, 2004. She was born 8 September 1911 in North Yarmouth, daughter of the late Ralph and Laura Jewett (Noah Jewett 1821, Noah Jewett 1782 (1342)). Joy graduated from Portland High School in 1930 and continued on to Shaw's business School. She was the treasurer for many years for the We Neighbors Club, she belonged to Gamma Phi Chi, and she was a long time member of the Congregational Church in Cumberland. For many years Joy helped her late husband, Paul, run the Brown Texaco Gas Station in Cumberland, where she did the bookkeeping and even pumped the gas when needed. She loved cooking, baking, for her family and grandchildren. She also had a passion for dancing, croquette, cards, and absolutely adored her cat Taffy, who was very picky about who could pet him, in fact Joy was the only one allowed near Taffy.

Joy was predeceased by her husband Paul J. Brown, her son Ralph J. Brown, a granddaughter Carol White and a grandson Kevin Brown. She is survived by 4 daughters Mary Dunn of Sugar Hill, GA., Fay Bolduc of Cumberland, Sandra White of Fultonville, NY, Paula Borwn of Buford, GA., and Daughter-in-law Marilyn Brown of Cumberland. Joy is also survived by her sisters, Roberta Young of Gray, and Verena Brown of Freeport, and brothers Pleem Jewett of Pownal, and Ellery Jewet of Pownal. She also has 11 grandchildren and 21 great grand children.

Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, June 9, rom 6-8 p.m/ at Linquist Funeral Home. A funeral service was held Thursday June 10th, at 1 p.m., at the Congregational Church in Cumberland. Burial followed at Moss Side Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of Joy to the: Cumberland Rescue Unit, 290 Tuttle Road, Cumberland, ME 04021 or the Freeport Nursing Home Activity Girls, 3 East Street, Freeport, ME 04032. Arrangements were with Linquist Funeral Home, One Mayberry Lane, Yarmouth, ME 04096.

Wayne F. Durlacher., age 60, or Eagle Point in Shelby county, passed away on Tuesday, January 20,2004. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tessie and Ferdinand Durlacher of Clifton, NJ.(son of Jonas Ferdinand and Florence E, (Jewett 7694) Durlacher. Durlacher recently completed ten years of employment with South Trust Bank, N.A., where he was senior vice president and manager of the Corporate Special Assets Department. Previous employment included positions at Chase Manhattan, J. Henry Schroder, Landmark Land, Dixie Federal Bank of Montreal, FNJ and Hiberna Bank.

Wayne was known to his co-workers, family and friends as an avid golfer, friend of nature and long time Republican, a man of intellect, humor and great integrity. Mr. Durfacker held a BS and a MBA from Farleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, New Jersey, where he met his wife, and served in the U. S. Marine Reserves. While a 14-year resident of Mandeville, LA, he was a member of the Drewe of Bacchus and the Beau Chene Golf & Racquet Club.

Mr. Durlacher is survived by his wife of 35 years, Leonre Hintz Durlacher, son Erich, an

Attorney with Burr, Forman, LLP, Atlanta; daughter-in-law Ashley and grandson August “Little Gus” Durlacher, Atlanta; and father-in-law August J. Hintz of Wayne, New Jersey, now of Birmingham. A loving husband, doting father and adoring grandfather, he was, above all, “a true professional,” as noted by a close friend.

A wake was held in his honor at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, where he was a member, located on Highway 119 in Indian Springs, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., Thursday evening, January 22nd. A memorial mass, led by Reverend Father Michael White, was held at the church at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning, January 23rd, Southern Heritage officiating. Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March 2003, Wayne, sustained by Lenore’s diligent research and stalwart optimism, sought every possible treatment option and developed enduring kinships with other families throughout the country experiencing similar victories and struggles. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his memory to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, PO Box 1010 Torrance CA 90506. Death occurred in Birmingham, Alabama .

Lloyd Henry Jewett, March 14, 1938- April 17, 2004, Funeral arrangements by Jenkens Funeral Home Cremation and Reception Center; Mr. Lloyd Jewett, aged 66 years, resident of Thunder Bay (Ontario) passed away on Saturday Apr 17th 2004 at his home with his family at his side. Born in Sifton Township, Rainy River District, he was the son of the late Harold and Mary Jewett. Lloyd was self employed working in the logging and construction business. His main interest were his family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is survived by his wife May of 45 years, his daughter Lorraine (Vic) , Loretta (Torry), son Jim (Kim), daughter Joyce (Shaun), son Dwayne (Trish), daughter Diane (Don), Rhonda (Paul); 14 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, brothers Ed (Linda), George (Jeanette), Gordon (Sharon), Ben, Lawrence (Edith), Gary (Bobbi); sisters Lillian (Leroy), Bess (Terry), Margaret (John); numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, grandson Shane, sister-in-law Grace and a sister in infancy. Cremation has taken place. **Note:** If anyone knows Lloyds ancestry please contact us with that information.

Jewett News

Jewett automobiles; Hemings Motor News for May 2004 reports on the sale of two Jewett cars at auction. The first is a 1923 touring sedan, one of about 26,000 units manufactured that year, the second year of production of Jewett Motors inc., a subsidiary of Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co. Whose president was Harry Mulford Jewett. The touring Model sedan was sold by Kruse Auction at its Phoenix sale in January 2004. The car sold for \$6000.00 well above the \$3600 average for similar automobiles. This was in spite of a serious oil leak from the rear main engine seal. The car’s body was yellow an black with red spoke wheels.

The second Jewett was to be auctioned off on May 22, 2004 at the Pioneer Auto Museum in Murdo, S. D. This car was a 1925 Sedan which had undergone restoration at one time. More information about Jewett Motors Inc., its founder, his family and the company can be found in “The Graham Legacy: Graham Paige to 1932,” by Michael E. Keller. (This information submitted by Katherine R. Haas-Sawaya (15,276),

Washington Atlee Burpee

Burpee, Washington Atlee, seedman, was born at Sheffield, New Brunswick, Apr 6, 1858, son of David and Anne Catherine (Atlee) Burpee. On his father's side he was of Huguenot descent, the name being originally Baupre, and on his mother's side he was descended from William Pitt, Earl of Chatham.

He was educated at the Friends' Central School of Philadelphia, and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1876 he left college, and opened a store in Philadelphia, in association with G. S. Benson, Jr., dealing in seeds, pigeons and poultry. Within a year he took in a third partner. Shortly thereafter he withdrew from the firm and started by himself under the title of W. Atlee Burpee & Co. He was the first seedsman to make a big success of the mail order business, and he did it by sticking absolutely to the truth in all his advertising. Backed by reliable products and progressive business methods, the firm grew steadily until at the time of Mr. Burpee's death it had 300 employees and handled nearly 10,000 orders daily. The keystone of this great success may be found in a few sentences of an address delivered by Mr. Burpee to the French Federation of Seedsmen Societies in Paris, "Quality," he said, "is long remembered after cost is forgotten. Rightly considered, that which pays in the long-run is the struggle for improvement."

He early saw the desirability of instituting field trials for his crops. These were at first conducted at the eastern end of Long Island, but about 1888 he purchased the big farm (Fordhook), at Doylestown, Pa., which has since been the chief trial grounds. Later he purchased Sunnybrook, a farm near Swedesboro, New Jersey, where the soil is favorable for the growing of special varieties of tomatoes, egg plants, peppers, squashes and certain flower seeds. He also purchased ground at Lompoe, California, for the special purpose of cultivating sweet peas. Large and productive as these farms were, they raised only a small fraction of the seeds sold by W. Atlee Burpee & Co., and the firm had contracts with growers in England, France, Germany and Holland.

The farms, however, were the scene of constant valuable experiments and produced many new and improved varieties of flowers and vegetables. In 1890 Mr. Burpee introduced the original large bush lima bean, which created the present popularity of large Limas, and this was succeeded by Burpee's Improved and Fordhook which were introduced some years later.

He was also instrumental in the improvement of cabbage, sweet corn and squashes, and introduced many notable varieties of tomatoes, culinary peas, onions, lettuces and celery. Among flowers he was especially noted for sweet peas, in which his firm did an enormous business. Next to them came pansies, gladioli, nasturtiums, Phlox drummondii, balsams, heliotrope, begonias, zinnias, petunias and calendulas.

Apart from the firm of W. Atlee Burpee & Co., Mr. Burpee had many and varied interests. He was a director of the Market Street National Bank and the Northern Trust Co., president for many years of the American Seed Trade Association; a director of the Wholesale Seedmen's League; member of the board of managers of the Howard Hospital and Sanitarium Association and the

National Farm School at Doylestown, Pa. a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Board of Trade; a life member of the Transatlantic Society; president of the Canadian Society of Philadelphia; vice president of the National Sweet Pea Society, and a life fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society of London and the Societe Nationale Horticole, of France. His clubs included the Union League, art, University, Racquet, City, Bachelors, Barge, Poor Richards, Meriou Cricket and Harris, of Philadelphia; Country of Landsdowne, Pa., and the National Arts; City and Sphinx of new York.

"Though he came to be know as a leader in his line of business,; sad the Philadelphia "North American" editorially, "his finest achievement was the cultivation of a nature so thoughtful for others, whatever their place or portion, that every one who came within his radiance was warmed by it and in some measure inspired to kindlier thinking and doing. . . . His largest pleasure seemed to lie in making others happy and comfortable and safe."

Mr. Burpee was married April 30, 1892 to Blanche, daughter of Peter B. Simons, of Philadelphia, Pa., and is survived by two sons: David and Washington Atlee, Jr. He died at Fordhook, Doylestown, Pa., Nov 26,1915.

It was of interest to me that no mention of a 3rd son, Stuart who was born in 1902, listed in the 1910 census as son. Stuart was most likely retarded as he was listed in 1930, age 28 at the Bancroft Training School as feeble minded. I think it was common in that time to not mention such a condition as it was a source of shame for the family.¹

David Burpee

David Burpee was born in 1893 and when his father, W. Atlee Burpee died, David dropped out of Cornell University at the age of 22 and took over the family business.

While his father's main area of interest was vegetables, David was interested in flowers. World War I cut off over seas seed supplies and caused food shortages in the United States. David began a (War Gardens) campaign, that formed the basis for the Victory Gardens campaign during World War II. These programs were generally aimed at city and suburban people and taught them how to grow food during shortages caused by wartime.

¹Seedsman Hall of Fame

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1900 census of Philadelphia County p 205

1910 census of Doylestown township dist 18 p 263 B

Reg. of the General Society of War of 1812, Biographical Sketches and Lineages of Members, Page 480

The National Cyclopedia of American Biography v 16 p286

In the 1930's the company began cross-breeding to produce hybrids that were healthier and more resistant to disease. The Big Boy tomato was developed during this time, along with the Ambrosia cantaloupe, as well as new kinds of petunias, nasturtiums, and red and gold marigolds. In the 1940s the company created new forms of flowers by altering their chromosome structure with a chemical called colchicine. This led to varieties Bright Scarlet and Rosabel snapdragons and Ruffled Jumbo Scarlet zinnia.

In 1970, David Burpee sold his company to General Foods. In 1979 the company passed to ITT. David Burpee remained as a consultant until his death in 1980. In 1991 the Burpee company was acquired by George J. Ball, Inc., a diversified horticultural family business.

Jonathan Burpee, the founder's grandson, was the last family member to work for the company. He left the company in 1993.

The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography V16 p 286-287.

Burpee, David, seed merchant, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Apr 5, 1893 son of Washington Atlee Burpee and Blanche (Simons) Burpee. He was educated at Blight School, Philadelphia, the Doylestown High School, and the Culver Military Academy, and subsequently pursued a course at the Agricultural College of Cornell University. He was obliged to leave before finishing his course on account of his father's illness and at once became identified with the Burpee business. Upon the death of his father, in 1915, he became head of the firm of W. Atlee Burpee & Co. He has achieved remarkable success in the conduct of the company's affairs, displaying unusual executive ability, wisdom and business acumen.

He is not only a close student of horticulture and agriculture, but is also a true devotee of science. The firm has large farms in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and California. At Fordhood Farms, Pa., more than twenty two thousand tests are made annually to prove the quality of their seeds. Floradale Farms are recognized as the the California home of sweet peas. Many years ago when the Spencer type of sweet pea was discovered in England, the company first imported it to this country and since then has continued to develop that new type of flower, recognized as the leader both in America and England.

In 1916, when food panics threatened many large cities because of conditions due to the war, the company established demonstration war gardens in various cities of the East, where people were taught how to produce food in their own back-yards. As a result the business has almost doubled and they are continuing to give this same real service on even a larger scale. Because of the impossibility to import any bulbs from Holland after America entered the war, many firms discontinued the bulb business. When the embargo seemed likely, the Burpee company at once made preparations to handle from and exclusive source large quantities of Dutch bulbs, American grown. A large edition of a special catalog was distributed, and American bulbs of the finest quality are now being sold at a price even lower than the original bulbs from Holland. It is exclusively a mail order house and issues a million catalogs yearly.

Its enormous business, with headquarters in Philadelphia, is handled in a series of buildings containing the most modern equipment for the handling, cleaning and packing of seeds. More than 400 men and women are employed during the spring months when upwards of 20,000 letters are received daily. As a hobby Mr. Burpee conducts an immense farming enterprise of his own. On the Castle Valley Farms near Doylestown, Pa., he has 8,000 peach trees in prime condition.

Mr. Burpee is vice-president of the American Seed Trade Association, and a director of the Market Street National Bank of Philadelphia; The Bucks County Trust Co., of Doylestown; Broomfield & Co., Inc., of New York; the National Farm School of Pennsylvania; the Canadian Society of Philadelphia, and the Howard Hospital of Philadelphia. He is a member of the American Sweet Pea Society, the Society of American Florists, the National Sweet Pea Society of Great Britain, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the American Dahlia Society, Societe Nationale d'Horticulture of France (life member), the American Forestry Association, the National Association of Audubon Societies, the National Security League, the National Conservation Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the Playgrounds Association of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Society of New York and the National Municipal League. His clubs are; the Union League of Philadelphia, Poor Richard, City (Philadelphia), Harris, Merion Cricket, Merion Golf, Lansdowne Country, Huntingdon Valley Country, Huntingdon Valley Hunt, and the Sphinx, of New York. Ancestry of Washington Atlee Burpee is as follows: **Dr. David Burpee III, (1827), David Burpee (1786), David Burpee (1752), Jeremiah Burpee (1726), Jonathan Burpee (1699), who married Hannah Platts #145, daughter of Isaac Platts and Elizabeth Jewett #31, daughter of Ezekiel Jewett #6, son of Maximilian Jewett.**

David Burpee died June 1980

Walter Atlee Burpee, Jr. Was born October 21, 1894 and died Oct 25, 1894.

Pictures found



Samuel Scott Jewett (7314) Florence May (Albaugh) Jewett

Pictures submitted by Mel4411@aol.com. Also provided was the birth date and place for Florence, born 19 Apr, 1874 in Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas daughter of Theodore T. Albaugh and Sarah Eliza Longfellow. She died in 1955 and both Samuel and Florence are buried in the Mission Burial Park Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. They had no natural children but raised an adopted child Lillian Delores Robbins who was born 5 December 1903.



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