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Jewett Website

Jewett Family member, Rodney Jewett has volunteered to host and maintain his Jewett website for our benefit. He does own the domain name. You can access the website at www.jewett.org. Back issues of the newsletter, and yearbooks have been added. Current issues of the newsletter are not available at this time but will be added at a later date.

From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to Mitch Jewett for his contribution to this edition of the newsletter. I was so pleased when he expressed an interest and allowed his picture and article to be printed.

I invite Richard Harriman to send a picture of his family, including his mother and an article for the September newsletter.

Thank you to Robert Young for his article. Jewett Family members are involved in so many activities and organizations.

I still want your stories, genealogy and news items. We all have so much to share. I have enjoyed hearing from so many of you.

For the DAR members attending Continental Congress in June, I would love to meet you. I will be at the President General's Project table. And I plan to attend the Northeast States Ice Cream Social.

Linda

Contemplations of your President

I am writing this on Mother's Day so it is probably appropriate that I am thinking about my parents. They passed away about 10 years ago and it is amazing to discover how much a part of your lives they were and are. The unfortunate part is that we don't usually discover this until after they are gone. I was fortunate to obtain lots of genealogical information from my parents – not because they were overly interested in family history, but because I pestered them for details they thought unimportant. I regret I was too young to pester my Grandparents for their family recollections before they died.

My mother (Grace Lincoln Boyce) is my Jewett connection, which is confirmed all the way back to Joseph. Her family tree, like most, had several enigmas. Her fraternal Great Grand Father was named Shadrach Boyce. He appeared from nowhere in Swansea, MA in the 1830s and married my Great Grandmother Anne (Nancy) Mason. The record of his marriage listed his father as John Boyce from Acton, ME, while the record of his death stated his father was Samuel Boyce from Somersworth, NH (the two towns are not all that far apart in spite of being in different states). You would think that the name Shadrach would make everything easy because it is unusual. In this case, it didn't help at all because there are few records for a Shadrach Boyce (it is also listed as Shadrach Boice in several records which only adds to the confusion). Shadrach remarried after the death of Anne Mason and, for some reason, became sort of a "black sheep" Nobody knew much about what happened to him. He lived within miles of his grandchildren before his death, but my mother and aunt had no recollection of anyone mentioning or visiting him, and no one knew where he was buried. At least we solved a couple of the mysteries. Claire and I made many trips to Swansea, MA and Warren, RI (the state/town border moved around) and braved cemeteries overgrown with brambles until I finally discovered his and his 2nd wife's grave in an overgrown area beside a farm field near a Catholic school in Warren, RI. We still don't know from whence he came, but at least we located his burial site and his 2nd wife's name. Perhaps some day we will find further clues and be able to solve the mystery.

My Dad and I drove from Massachusetts to Clarinda, IA (his home town) in 1986 to try to fill in some of the things he had forgotten and, in some cases, didn't even know. We knew the Loran family was prominent in the development of Clarinda. They were Mayors, Postmasters, helped found the local Presbyterian Church (they brought the first church bell from Illinois), and ran an abstract and loan business. We were not prepared to discover a whole different branch of the family - a result of my Great Grandfather's 2nd marriage - while driving through the Clarinda cemetery (fortunately there is only one) and noticing a second monument with the Loran name on it some distance from the one to which my father directed me. He knew of it previously, but never investigated. On the trip, he met some of the people he had known as a youngster. We both had a good time and learned a lot about the history of the Loran family.

As we celebrate our parents on this Mother's day and Father's day on June 17, I hope this will serve as an inspiration to all of you to document your family history NOW while you still have access to it (and be sure to send a copy to our Historian, Lee Petry).

Toujours le même,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Loran". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell D. Jewett

Mitch was elected to the Emergency Nurses Association National Board of Directors for a three-year term. The ENA is a professional organization made up of 31,000 plus members. The organization is recognized internationally for promoting excellence in emergency nursing through leadership, research, education and advocacy.

Mitch is from the “great state of Kansas”. He was born in Manhattan, Kansas, raised in Overland Park, Kansas, and attended Emporia State University, Wichita State University and Kansas State University. His nursing degree is an AND (Advanced Degree Nursing) from Johnson County community College in Overland Park, Kansas. Mitchell has been with Newton Medical Center in Newton Kansas since 1989 and is the emergency department manager. Mitch commutes to Newton from Halstead, a twenty-minute drive. Newton Medical is the only hospital in the county, so it is extremely busy.

Mitch is married to Patty. They have an eight-year old son, John Mitchell. Until recently, they lived on a rural acreage outside Halstead, Kansas. They raised chickens, and guinea hens, “to keep the bug population at bay”. Mitchell says the guinea hens roost in the trees and are “ugly as sin”. Halstead is “home” to Mitchell. His great grandparents lived in the Halstead area in the 1800’s. His father is Melvin D. Jewett, grandson of John Jay Jewett, and great grandson of William Henry, son of Jay Franklin.

Babcock Family

Guil and Gwen Babcock are extreme travelers, visiting family and generally being tourists. They added 7,000 miles to their motor home (good thing it was in the fall of 2006 and not paying 2007 gas prices). Gwen and Guil visited the Biltmore Estate in Ashville, North Carolina, and the Johnson and Bush Libraries in Texas. Genealogy was not forgotten. Cemeteries were visited in Connecticut and Vermont in search of ancestors.

Gwen is active in her garden club, is an overseer at the Huntington Library, serving on grounds and garden committees. Guil serves on the grounds and finance committee for the library. And Guil is involved with the Pasadena, California Educational Foundation. He truly believes education is a main “weak point” in a wonderful city.

Their children include Sarah, Annie, Susan and John (Laura). Sarah lives near Richmond, Virginia on a 22-acre farm in a vintage (circa 1750) farmhouse. Sarah is busy remodeling the house and turning the property and pond into a “showplace”.

Susan and Sarah attended the Olympic Games in Torino, Italy, February 2006. It was Sarah’s seventh Olympic Games, beginning with the summer games in Los Angeles, 1984.

Annual family reunions take place at Thanksgiving. Forty relatives (three generations) attended in 2006 and the family hopes more will attend the next reunion in 2008.

Kudos

Samantha M. Jewett was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in May 2006. She graduated from Franklin Pierce Law Center after leaving the corporate world to enter the family law business. She joined a law firm that traces its heritage to her great-great grandfather. Judge John Glines Jewett served the public in various positions including Judge of the Laconia, NH Police Court. President Benjamin Harrison appointed him city postmaster. Col. Stephen S. Jewett. Colonel Jewett entered the profession with the law firm of Honorable Charles F. Stone and was admitted to law practice in 1880. Col. Jewett changed the name of the law firm to Jewett and Jewett when son, Theo S. Jewett joined the firm. Samantha's late father, Stephen S. Jewett, II joined the practice in 1949. He served as a special justice of the Laconia District Court and was considered one of the state's finest title research lawyers. Samantha graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley with a BA and MA in Education. She taught gifted children before joining Allergy Research Group, a nutraceutical company. She was vice president of operations when she decided she was ready for a change. At her mother's suggestion, she returned to school, choosing the legal profession. The firm of Jewett and Jewett became Haughey Philpot and Laurent when Bill Philpot's mentor Judge Stephen S. Jewett II passed away. The legacy has come full circle, as Bill Philpot is Samantha Jewett's mentor. Jewett historical items have been retained by the law firm and are on display. Samantha would like to see the family name displayed on the front of the law firm.

Submitted by

Mary Orton (her loving mother)

Printed in the New Hampshire Bar News

Editor's note: the name of Haughey Philpot Laurent and Jewett seems appropriate.

Dean of Students Emerita, Jeannette Fuller Hausler (18,241), and JD 53 is the first woman recipient of the Alumna of Distinction Award.

May 16, 2006, the University of Miami School of Law honored Dean of Students Emerita, Jeannette Hausler with the 2006 Alumna of Distinction Award at a gala. The Alumna of Distinction Award is granted to a graduate for outstanding contributions to the University. Funds were raised to endow the Richard and Jeannette Hausler Scholarship

Education has always been a central theme throughout her life, including her distinguished career of fifty years in law. She enrolled in Westbrook College. She transferred to the University of Miami receiving her BA in 1951. She entered the School of Law, graduating in 1953. Jeannette quipped that not all professors saw the value of educating women in the law. She was a teacher and principal at Kinlock Park Junior High School before accepting a position as Dean of Students at the University of Miami. It is said that she has significantly impacted legal education and has influenced the lives and careers of countless students and lawyers. Dean Hausler is the current Chair Emerita of the St. Thomas University School of Law Board of Advisors. She is an active member of the Church of the Epiphany. Jeannette is a Dame of Malta, the designation reserved by Pope Paul II for those who resolve to work tirelessly with a spirit of deep and generous devotion for those less fortunate. Today, her devotion and love continue to make an impact on the lives of those who are lucky to cross her path.

Submitted by

Sarah Jewett King

In Sympathy

Ellen Elizabeth Hausler (18,304) beloved wife of Richard M. McGonigal, was tragically killed in an automobile accident, February 15, 2007. Ellen is the daughter of Jeannette Fuller Hausler (18,241) and the late Richard Hausler. She is the grand daughter of the late Jennie Jewett Fuller (18,215). A brother, Donald and two sisters, Philomena and Jennie survive. Also surviving is Jewett Family member, Sarah Jewett King. Ellen was born July 8, 1957 in Miami, Florida. She was the Managing Director-Compliance Counsel for Deutsche Bank AG. Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, she was an Associate General Counsel at Citicorp Global Markets, Inc. Previous positions included senior attorney level with Paine Webber, Inc., senior attorney level in the Enforcement Division of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's Northeast Regional Office. She began her law career as an associate attorney with the Miami, Florida office of Morgan, Lewis and Bockius. She served a law clerk to the Honorable Peter T. Fay, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Honorable James Lawrence King, United States District Court for the Southern district of Florida. Her academic achievements include a Juris Doctorate from Duke University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in English with honors from Mount Holyoke College. She loved literature and was fascinated by the written word. Services were February 22, 2007 in Florida.

The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
February 22, 2007

Eva Mae LaTerra (17,825) died Sunday, March 4, 2007 at W.W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, Connecticut. She was born August 12, 1929 in Stafford, Connecticut. Eva was the daughter of the late Wesley H. and Edna (Pearl) Colburn. She graduated from Windham High School in 1947. Eva worked for the Southbury Training School in South bury and American Thread in Willimantic until her marriage to Saverio R. LaTerra, June 25, 1960. Eva was a member of the Montville Center Congregational Church for forty-seven years, serving as Treasurer for twenty-five years. Her children, Kimberly Sprague, Richard LaTerra and Karen LaTerra, survive Eva. Five grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive. Her husband and two brothers predeceased her.

Services were held Friday, March 9, 2007 at the Preston City Congregational Church, Preston, Connecticut.

Norwich Bulletin
Eastern Connecticut
March 7, 2007

Arnie Eugene Krupula, Sr. (#17886) died April 17, 2007 at the age of 69. He was born February 16, 1938 in Willimantic, Connecticut. The son of Carl and Alice (Pearl) Krupula, he lived most of his life in the Ossipee/Tamworth areas. He was employed in various fields, the last as a groundskeeper and maintenance for Riverside Speedway in Groveton, New Hampshire. His children, Phyllis, Joanne, Karen, Cheryl, Chris, Kim, Jill, and Arnie, Jr. and their respective spouses survive him. Daughter, Robin predeceased her father.

New Hampshire Union Leader
Grovetown, New Hampshire
April 23, 2007

Henry Clay Jewett (6019)
The Jewett Stock Farm
Floyd and Norma Souders

No development has done more to put the Cheney, Kansas community on the map than the famed Jewett Stock Farm of 5,160 acres. It was operated from 1884 to 1897. In 1884, N.F. Niederlander, insurance and land broker of Wichita, Kansas wrote: "Last year we effected a sale of over five thousand acres to H.C. Jewett, Esq. of Buffalo, New York, which is to be known as the Jewett Stock Farm". The purpose is to breed and raise thoroughbred horses and cattle. Mr. Jewett has been successfully engaged in this industry for a number of years in the State of New York, and "we take it as a substantial endorsement of this county (Sedgwick) that he should select this locality after a thorough canvass of the Western States as far as California." The soil, climate, water and quality of grasses, being of greatest importance were found suitable to the business. The purchase price of the land, its length from corner to corner was seven and one half miles, was \$60,000.00

Seven hundred acres of corn and wheat were to be planted and over a thousand acres to be cultivated by eleven teams of matched draft horses. April 1884, two stallions arrived at the Jewett Farm. One, Sedgwick was a record-breaking pacer. He was to be put in training to race, but his bloodlines made him too valuable. The other stallion, Roland was a top bred Percheron. Thirty-two head of colts with outstanding bloodlines were added to the herd.

When it was time to harvest the exceptionally tall corn, an ad in the Wichita Eagle, September 6, 1884 stated that the Jewett Farm was looking for men six feet four inches in height. They were to be employed for seven months. Extra wages were to be paid to bachelors.

Henry Jewett spared no expense developing the farm and had the most modern equipment of the time. Eleven windmills supplied water. Trees were planted for fruit, shade and shelter. He constructed a race-course for his horses. More horses and cattle were added to the farm. All were top stock with the best bloodlines.

But the Jewett Stock Farm was to suffer a reversal in prosperity from the panic of 1893. A number of employees were discharged in an effort to curb expenses. Crops did not receive the value of previous years and sales of top bloodstock became half that of 1886. Acts of God joined in the panic doling out havoc for the farm and the town of Cheney. In 1894, a windstorm blew down a steel windmills. A fire followed in December destroying the largest barn on the Jewett Farm. A dust storm ravaged the area in 1895, followed by a rain and hail storm. A heavy frost followed damaging the gardens. The wheat market continued its fall. All those tragic events led to the sale of the farm. It was sold to A.E. Harmon who in turn sold the property in sections to a number of individuals.

The horses were moved to Jewettville, New York. Among them were Joe Patchen and Patchen Wilkes. Patchen Wilkes was the sire of Joe Patchen, the fastest horse in the world at that time. Joe Patchen sired Dan Patch, a world champion harness horse. He held the pacer record from 1905 until 1938. While pioneer horse lovers said that Dan Patch was foaled on the Jewett ranch, it was not true. He was foaled March 1896 at Oxford, Indiana.

Kansas and the West

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1976

Submitted by Cecilia Jewett McGehee

Jewett Family members active in New Orleans Mardi Gras



Pictured left to right:

George J. Vulevich, Sr., Yolande P. (Bay) Mary (16,392), Michael J. Toso, Jr. (16,384) Kathleen Munch Perrin (16,400), Robert J. Young (16,387), Anne Munch Thomas (16,399) and Roy A. Perrin

A number of Jewett family members belong to various carnival organizations that celebrate New Orleans Mardi Gras by participating in the parade and balls. Among the major Mardi Gras Krewes are the Knights of Babylon and Krewe d'Etat. "Krewe" is the New Orleans term for social club. There are over sixty krewes that participate in the Mardi Gras season.

Today, the krewe known as Knights of Babylon explore the streets of New Orleans each year on the Thursday before Mardi Gras. They participate in the parade followed by a grand Mardi Gras Ball. The Knights of Babylon are one of the oldest Mardi Gras krewes, founded June 24, 1939. Dr. Charles C. Mary (16, 351), one of 15 children of Loretta E. Jewett (16335) and Paul Eugene Mary, Sr. was one of the founding members of Knights of Babylon. He was chosen King for one of the Mardi Gras seasons. Captain is the highest office in a krewe and Dr. Mary served in that capacity from 1961 through the 1988 Mardi Gras season. His wife, Myrtle Franichevich Mary served as Captain of the Krewe of Niobeans (a lady's krewe), during much of that period. Dr. Charles C. Mary, Jr. (16388) became Captains of the Knights of Babylon is 1988 and served through the Mardi Gras season of 1997. His son succeeded him. Brandon E. Mary (16475). Brandon Mary served as Captain of Knights of Babylon through the 2007 season. Brandon Mary and his family have recently moved to Perth, Australia. Thus ended three generations of Mary family members serving forty-seven years serving as Captain of Knights of Babylon.

Pictured left to right, standing:

Robert J. Young (16,387), Robert P. Rosamond, Sr., Michael J. Toso, III (16,458) Thomas C. Poindexter, Jr., Lawrence J. LeBon, III (16,413), Dr. Brian G. LeBon (16,414), Dr. Donald R. Toso, Sr. (16,385). Seated, left to right: David O Melancon, (16,448), Donald E. McKay (16,455), Paul M. Melancon, Jr. (16,444) and Donald R. Toso, Jr. (16,464). Jewett Descendant cousins Krewe d'Etat annual Lunch, February 2, 2007.



Thomas Lightfoot Jewett

The National Encyclopedia of American Biography v 7 p 548

The Howe Historical Collections of Ohio v 1 p 979

Thomas L. Jewett was born in Maryland about 1890. He was a lawyer in Steubenville, Ohio. And at one time he served as a Judge. When Thomas became interested in the construction of the Pan Handle Railroad, he was elected President and eventually became a “conspicuous” railroad manager. As the State of Virginia was unwilling to grant a charter for a connecting line across her territory for the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, Judge Jewett sought the interposition of the General Government. He died in 1875. Hugh J. Jewett was a younger brother. Hugh became a railroad president like his brother.

Virtual American Biographies

Jewett, Thomas L., railroad president, born in Maryland about 1810, died in New York City, November 1875. He was a practicing lawyer in Steubenville, Ohio. He was a judge in a state court, but became interested in the construction of the Pan Handle railroad, and was chosen its president. As Virginia was unwilling to grant a charter for a connecting line across her territory for the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, Judge Jewett sought the interposition of the government at Washington. When a system of railroad government by commissioners that were nominated by the companies was in contemplation, he was selected as one of the commissioners. He was long well known as a railroad manager in Ohio, and held important offices in various companies. His brother, Hugh J. Jewett, also a railroad president, was born in Deer Creek, Harford, County, Maryland about 1812. He studied law, and was admitted to the bar. In 1840 he removed to St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he began practicing his profession. In 1848 he settled in Zanesville, Ohio and soon became noted for his skill in cases involving financial questions. He was elected president of the Muskingum branch of the Ohio State Bank in 1852, a presidential elector the same year, and a state senator in 1853. He was soon appointed United States District Attorney for the southern district of Ohio. His experience as a railroad financier began in 1855 when he was elected a director of the Central Ohio Railroad Company, becoming vice president and general manager in 1856 and president in 1857. In 1860 he was nominated for member of congress and in 1861 Governor of Ohio, and in 1863 for United States Senator. He was defeated in each election. He was returned to the State Senator in 1867, and elected a member of congress in 1872. His success as a railroad manager led to his election to the presidency of Little Miami, Columbus and Xenia railroad company in 1869 and shortly afterward to that of the Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley Railroad Company. On removing to Columbus, he was elected vice president of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company. In 1871 he retired from active railroad management and was appointed general counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Two years later he resigned his seat in congress to accept the receivership of the New York and Erie Railroad Company, to which he had agreed to devote his whole time for a period of ten years. He succeeded in extricating the discredited and bankrupt corporation from its embarrassments, secured its release from the jurisdiction of the courts. And became president of the reorganized board, on the expiration of his ten years' contract; he retired to his home in Zanesville, Ohio, being succeeded in the presidency of the newly named New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company by John King. The Democratic Party mentioned Mr. Jewett's name as a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1880.

The Story Behind the Star Spangled Banner

*Submitted by Sarah Jewett King
Exerpts From ATS, Garland, Texas*

It is August 13, 1814, and the citizens of Washington, D.C. watch in horror as their city burns. The White House, the Capitol and most of the other government buildings are ablaze. England and the United States are engaged in the War of 1812.

As the British retreat to their ships anchored in Chesapeake Bay, they take captive one William Beanes, a prominent physician and friend of Francis Scott Key. Key, a lawyer and plantation owner quickly secures permission to negotiate for the release of his friend. Although Key is successful, he and Beanes are detained overnight on the British ship *Minder*. The British fear the two men have learned of their intentions to attack Fort McHenry.

Key and his party watch as darkness falls, obscuring Fort McHenry and the fifty-foot American flag flying overhead. They intently survey the fort until the last gleaming of the twilight. Suddenly a cannon fires, then another, filling the sky with bursts of light. Throughout the night the exploding bombs and glaring rockets offer flashing glimpses of the still waving flag.

As the next day dawned, “Old Glory” was still flying defiantly over the bay. The Americans rejoiced that the Fort had stood. Key was so thrilled that he grabbed an envelope from his pocket and began to write from his heart. He began:

*O say! Can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Key finished his poem the next day in a Baltimore hotel room. Sung to an English tune known in the United States as “Adams and Liberty” by John Stafford Smith, the poem became so popular that the US Congress declared it their national anthem in 1931. The flag that flew over Fort McHenry is now on display in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and the original copy of Key’s poem is displayed at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore.

Francis Scott Key was a devout Christian who believed deeply in liberty and freedom. It is reported that he freed the slaves he inherited from his wealthy father in 1817. Key died on January 11, 1843, and Old Glory, by order of the government, still flies over his burial place in Frederick, Maryland.

Many soldiers in Fort McHenry gave their life’s blood on that fateful night so that all Americans might live in freedom. Today, multiplied thousands of American men and women lie in Flanders fields and in countless other burial places where crosses mark their graves, row on row. They, too, gave their lives for our freedom, freedom to live, work and play without the fear of tyranny.



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