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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](http://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 Cecilia McGehee, Sarah Jewett King, James A. Locke Miller, Jr., Katherine Sawaya, and Jim Jewett for their contributions to this edition of the Quarterly. Your time and efforts are most appreciated.

My "store" of information, articles and news is low again. In fact it is almost nonexistent. Please send stories, articles, pictures and even interesting web sites for the next Quarterly.

I have an appeal in this edition for my replacement. I find that my commitments are increasing, and my time diminishing. Perhaps it is age that is overtaking me. No, that cannot be, since I work and play at the same pace as always.

Have a very fun and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I hope you will all spend it with family and friends. Please take a moment to reflect on our blessings and remember our Military members serving in other countries.

Linda

## Contemplations of your President

It is really amazing how time flies. Here it is May and time for the quarterly which Linda just sent to me by email. It caught me a little by surprise and I had not really thought about what I would say in my message. In any case, there are several JFA items that need to be addressed.

Our Editor of Publications Linda Davison Remley has done a great job but has decided to step down as editor at the end of this year. She has been trying to find a replacement but has not as yet. Editing the quarterly can be fun. I do a monthly newsletter for my Oldsmobile club and once the format is set up, the rest isn't difficult – just plugging in the information. Probably one of the toughest jobs is obtaining information to publish. I know Linda said it elsewhere in this quarterly, but send information to her – anything from pictures to news about you, your family and any events that have occurred or that you may be planning. Please also consider taking on the job of editing the quarterlies. If you have some computer skills or want to learn them, this is a perfect opportunity. All it takes is a computer, Microsoft Word, some photo editing software (we can help with the software) and a little time. You don't even have to leave your house and we would be glad to help you get started. If you are interested contact Linda or me for more details.

The JFA has had a tradition of holding a national reunion in Rowley every five years. It was adjusted in 2000 to coincide with the Rowley celebration and we held our last reunion in 2005. I well remember the first reunion I attended in 1991. It was there that Hank Jewett recruited me to be the JFA corresponding secretary and it went forward from there. I don't know exactly how many people attended the 1991 reunion but it was a large affair and the Rowley Church was filled to the brim with family members. We have had three national reunions since then and each of them has had fewer attendees. I don't have records for 1991 but the 1996 reunion had over 150 attendees while the 2005 event had only 55. Planning an event like a national reunion requires a lot of work by many people and we want to make sure it is well attended before committing to it. If you are interested in attending a JFA national reunion during the summer of 2010 in Rowley, please let us know. If we get a good response, we will go ahead with plans for the event. Even better, let us know if you would like to help us with the event – you don't have to be local to help us.

Spring is coming slowly but surely to the northeast. This picture is of our home in Maine in April before the leaves were out and on a cloudy day. The same picture taken in June or July would show a lot more green and many more watercraft on the river (then again, maybe not with today's fuel prices).



It was taken with my digital camera which automatically stitches three shots together to provide the end result. Isn't technology amazing? Wishing you all a happy and relaxing summer.

Toujours le même,

*Ved Loran*

April 8, 2008

Alfred Loranz  
114 West Street  
Medway, MA 02053

Dear Mr. Loranz.

I have been a member of the Jewett Family for many years. I am always interested in reading about so many family members.

There is one person in my Jewett family that I would like to See -- picture of my Grand Mother Ruth Sophia Jewett. If anyone has any ancestral pictures of the following family I would appreciate seeing them.

William B. Jewett,	Gratia Ward Jewett,
born Oct 7, 1820	born Dec. 20, 1817
died July 17, 1904	died Oct. 4, 1871

There first child was my Grandmother, Ruth Sophia Redford  
born Sept. 25, 1845  
died Dec. 15, 1917

I would be happy to receive pictures of any of these families hoping one of the girls would resemble my Grandmother. All I remember my parents saying to me about her is that she had red hair and was very pretty.

I'm 84 healthy years old, but do not have many more years to wait.

I would be glad to reimburse for any costs.

The dates quoted are from the Family Bible of William B. Jewett (of Bloomfield, WI) and Gratia Ward (of Buckland, MA). Married in Buckland, MA. Sept. 24, 1844.

Sincerely,

*Hazel Drebus*  
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**FYI**

From Katherine Sawaya (#15247) comes a request. Her father, Thomas Haas is “thinning” his books and has one he thinks might be of interest to a family member. It is titled ‘*Harvest of the Years*’, by Edmund Gale Stuart, Inc. of New York. The date of publication is 1947. The book consists of three poems ‘Weather Report’ describing moods created by the weather in the valleys of the midwestern rivers. ‘*War Lord’s*’ concerns the Russian leadership and the first World War. The last work is ‘*Own Life – A modern Requiem*’ a reflection on the times of the first decades of the last century. If anyone is interested, please contact: T.F. Haas 520 Oak Ave. Woodland, CA 95695.

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From President Ted Loranz and Linda Remley, Quarterly Editor: A plea for a family member to become Quarterly Editor beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> edition in 2009. Unfortunately, the current editor will not be able to continue in this capacity for another three year term. It is truly unfortunate as this has been a true learning experience and a lot of fun as well. The best part is meeting family members through e-mail, telephone and the U.S. Postal Service. The old adage holds true: if I could do it, anyone can and probably easier and better. *Linda*

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Family member Jim Jewett has (at his son’s urging), a web site. It is to share his research and collection of information (for a fee). It is a beautiful site and worth exploring. Jim would enjoy hearing from you with your thoughts and inquiries. The site is: [Jewettconnections.com](http://Jewettconnections.com).

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Query from Eugene Graham III. He wishes more information about his Jewett ancestors. His mother is Tammie Lorain Jewett Grahn, born May 17, 1966 in Haywarden, IA. She died November 4, 2005 in Chippewa Falls, WI. She was the daughter of Maxwell Walter Jewett, born 13 or 14 June 1948 and Caroline Sonby born August 26, 1948. Maxwell was the son of Maxwell R. Jewett. Replies may be sent to Eugene Grahn 359652, CCI, PO Box 900 Portage, WI 53901

**Kudos**

Lauren Claire and Aidan Joseph Hass were born, September 3, 2003 at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, CA. Proud parents are Steven Robert Haas (#15277) and Janett Haas of Lake Balboa, CA. Grandparents are Thomas Frederick Haas (#15276) and Wanda Joy Haas and John and Kay Kennedy. The picture was submitted by “joyful Aunt”, Katherine Sawaya.

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Matt Marasco and Jennifer Lair (#18348) were married July 21, 2007 at Prestonwood Baptist Chapel in Plano, TX. The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Debbie Lair of Frisco, TX. The groom is the son of Carol and Mike Marasco of Wichita. Jennifer is the grand daughter of Archie and Cecilia Jewett McGehee (#18228).

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Congratulations to Manuel Jorge Rodriquez (#18342) and Adriana Perez Flores on their marriage, January 4, 2008. The ceremony was held at the Oasis Banquet Hall, Miami, Florida. Manuel is the son of Manuel Rodriquez and Jannett Jewett Rodriquez (#18,208). Adriana is the daughter of Miguel A. Perez and Carmen Luisa Flores Perez of Valencia, Venezuela, S.A.

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Francisco Sanchez, Jr. was born July 31, 2007 in South Miami Hospital, Miami, Florida. Francisco is the son of Sara Olidia Jewett Sanchez (#18,345) and Francisco Sanchez, Sr. Francisco junior is the grandson of Allester M. Jewett (#18,270) and Sara DeArmas Jewett.

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George A. Jewett celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, Saturday, February 16, 2008. George is the brother of Sarah Jewett King and Cecilia Jewett McGehee. The celebration was held at his son, Allester Jewett’s ranch near Arcadia, Florida. More than one hundred thirty guests attended the all day event. Attending were five brothers and five sisters, including Cecilia and Archie McGehee of Ottawa, Kansas. The celebration continued into Sunday as the guests stayed overnight at a hotel in Arcadia.



"Dear Brother

"Altho our brother Henry Deseaved [deceived] you with regard to his affairs he gave me a general idea of them in --- truly odires and detestable manner, but I am unhappy when I think that he deseaved you in such a manner. One who is happy in his prosperity and unhappy when adversity Came. I rec'd your letter of which Samuel Gage was the bearer, and found a general statement of his affairs of which I was not a stranger.

I am happy to think that altho he deseaved you, he is willing to acknowledge the truth to me and I think that his heart rending lamentation for his past Conduct is a sufficient proof of doing better than he has ever yet don therefore it gives me the greatest reason to believe that he will husband his time in the best way and manner that he is capable.

Now I sincerely beg that altho you had obliged him Ninety and nine times yet do not refuse to show him the hundredth favor which will be gratitude to his destroyed wife, I sincerely beg that you would not discover to my brother Benjamin the truly odious situation of his affairs, the reason is because he expects to have a piece of land of his and it might be disadvantageous on many principals which are too many to relate.

You may let them that I shall not assist my brother to pay any debt if they come he will take advantage of the ten pound act and if they be more than ten pounds he will take advantage of the poor mans act and of consequence they must lose then there trouble and cost.

But tell them that if they will wait with patience I will do all in my power to see that he shall make them whole.

You sd that you wishd I would come down but you may depend I should be happy to have Come but my Children is in such a situation that is was not possible for me to leave them. but I went to Sangerfield and engaged Benjamin to go...Remember my most harty respect to all inquiring friend Mrs Jewett remembers her sincere respects to you and all friend, from your friend and brother..Saml Jewett"

Letter from Samuel Jewett, Whitestown, NY March 11, 1798

to David Jewett, Jaffrey, NH

Sons of Jonathan Jewett (#360)

Part of a collection of letters found in an attic in New Hampshire

Letter sold for \$410.99 on e-bay recently

The high price is due to the mention of the Ten Pound Act and the Poor Man's Act

E-bay listed the letter as being on hand made paper and hand carried to the addressee

*Submitted by Jim Jewett*

*In Sympathy*

**Umberto Trueba, Sr.** died 24 October 2007 in Miami, Fl at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, Antonia Jewett Trueba (#18,229). Surviving are Humberto Trueba II and Kim Trueba. Patricia Sainz, Annette and Eddie Rodriguez. Also surviving are Antonia's sisters, Sarah King Jewett and Cecilia Jewett McGehee.

*Submitted by  
Sara King Jewett*

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**Gladys M. Rundlett**, a lifetime member of the Jewett Family of America passed away 15 December 2007 in Manchester, MA. She succumbed to Alzheimer's Disease after a ten year battle. Survivors include her daughter Pamela M. Hickey of Newburyport, MA

*Submitted by  
Carri Cole, Historian*

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**Shirley Ethel Satterlee Leckert** (#16364) died 13 August 2007 in Chattanooga, TN. Shirley was born 11 February 1916 in New Orleans, LA. She lived in New Orleans all her life, until Hurricane Katrina destroyed her home. She moved to Chattanooga, TN to be near her daughter, Ann Thomas (#16399). Her daughter survives.

*Submitted by  
Carri Cole, Historian*

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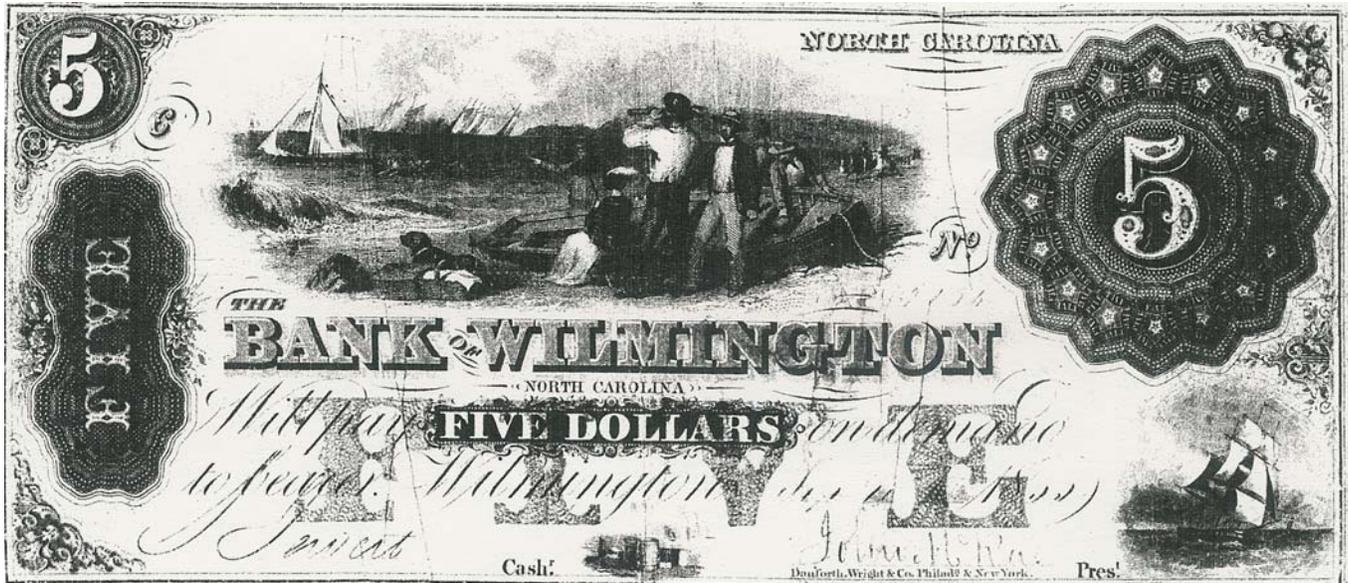
*In Sympathy*

**Mary Edna Spence McFarland Jewett**, 86, of Nashua, NH, died 30 March 2008. She was born 30 August 1921 in Lowell, MA Mary was the daughter of the late Hollis and Dorothy (Dimmick) Major. She was the widow of Harold Spence and Maurice S. Jewett. Maurice was the son of George Frank Jewett (#5423). Mary was educated in Lowell, MA before moving to Nashua. She was employed by Sprague Electric and Sears. Mary was a devoted wife and mother. She was involved in the Nashua and Hudson Seniors Activity Centers, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the YMCA Widows Group. She enjoyed all types of sewing and custom upholstering. She knitted, crocheted and played Bingo. Mary was predeceased by her son, Michael T. McFarland, three brothers, Hollis, John and Ralph Major, sisters Dorothy Clark and Marjorie Shaffer. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Norman Prevett, Nancy and William Duffy and Lynne and Robert Kostka. A son, David and daughter-in-law, Jackie Spence, also survive. Mary had ten grand children, numerous great grand children, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. Services were held in Nashua, NH at Davis Funeral Home.

*Submitted by  
Jim Jewett  
Reprinted from the Nashua, NH Telegraph  
April 2, 2008*

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This “obsolete” bank note was sent by James A. Locke Miller, Jr. for publication in the Quarterly. The banknote is signed by Stephen Jewett IV, great great grandfather of James Miller.



Stephen Jewett was appointed United States Postmaster at Smithville, NC, on the Cape Fear River, now Southport, NC. He wed a private school mistress. She died on a trip with him to Southern Pines, NC. He later wed Miss Lucy Anna Bradley, the daughter of the Bank of Cape Fear Officer, Richard Bradley, Jr. Richard’s summer home site is now the city of Wilmington, NC, public park known as Airlie Gardens”. Stephen Jewett is buried at “Airlie Gardens”, Bradley’s Creek, Wilmington-Wrightsville Beach, NC.

You can just read the name ‘Jewett’ on the bottom left of the banknote.

*Submitted by  
James A. Locke Miller, JR*

The Family of Archie and Cecilia Jewett (#18228) McGehee



Pictured are:

In front from left to right

Meghan McGehee, Samantha McGehee, Sara Lair and Chris McGehee

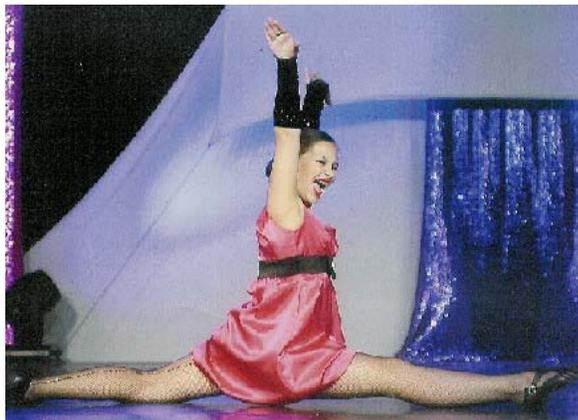
Pictured in the second row from left to right:

Cecilia Jewett McGehee, the Bride, Jennifer Lair Marasco and Debbie Lair

Pictured in the back row from left to right are:

Archie McGehee, Jeff Lair and Sam McGehee.

Not pictured is the groom: Matt Marasco



Sara Lair (#18349) received the Platinum Award for her solo dance performance June 2007 in Orlando, FL Sara received a high Gold Award for the duet performance at the same competition. Special Kudos to Sara, as she competed with the 16-18 year olds. She was 13 at the time. 2007 was Sara's last year of competition as she is now a member of the Frisco High School Dance Team, Frisco, TX.



## Irving Berlin and “*God Bless America*”



Irving Berlin, composer of this patriotic masterpiece, was born Israel Baline in Eastern Russia on May 11, 1888. Israel was exposed to music early in life. His father, Moses Baline was a cantor in the synagogue. The family moved to New York in 1893 to escape violent persecution in Russia.

By 1907, he had published his first song, and in 1911 wrote his first international hit, “*Alexander’s Ragtime Band.*” This success came after his days as a singing waiter in a Chinatown café in New York City. During his life, he wrote hundreds of songs, many that are as popular today as they were when composed. They include: “White Christmas” and “Always”. “God Bless America” was written as a prayer of thanksgiving for his adopted homeland. The song rose in popularity when presented by Kate Smith at an Armistice Day celebration in 1939. She recorded “God Bless America” soon after. It was to become her signature piece.

Irving Berlin was a true patriot. His expression of patriotism and allegiance to his country can be found in the words to “God Bless America”. So profound was his feelings for the United States of American, that he donated millions of dollars in royalties to the Boy Scouts of America, the Army Emergency Relief Fund and the Girl Scouts of America.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower presented Irving Berlin with the Congressional Gold Medal for “God Bless America” in 1955. President Gerald Ford presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Irving in 1977.

Irving Berlin died at his home in New York City, September 22, 1989 at the age of 101.

Our ancestors, like Irving Berlin gained their freedom in this country as immigrants. We, their descendants were born “free”. The blessings of living in freedom are ours to enjoy. Perhaps this year when Daniel Rodriquez sings “God Bless America” at Yankee Stadium, we can reflect on our good fortune.

*Short biography of Irving Berlin*  
*Submitted by Sara Jewett King*  
*From ATS Garland, TX*



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