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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.

Facebook Sites of Interest

Jewett Families of America Site:
www.Facebook.com/JewettFamilyOfAmerica

Jewett Family Group Page: by Tal Hazelden
www.facebook.com/groups/239945182856883/

From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to Gay Kielbania, Jessie Jewett Elliott, Carri Cole, Carolee Smith Murray, James Jewett and Greg Jewett for their contributions to this edition of the Quarterly. Your time and efforts are most appreciated. Please forward any birth, death and marriage information to both the family historian, see left, and myself, for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

Contemplations of your President



You may remember that my last letter talked about the weather station and weather camera that I installed at our house in mid-coast Maine. Well, it continues to perform as hoped and has provided some additional benefits as well. If the power goes out and the station doesn't broadcast to the internet, Weather Underground notifies me by email and then notifies me again when it goes back on line. Now I can tell when the power is out without having to call the number and seeing if the answering machine picks up. The house is located on an ocean river (salt water and nice views but not directly on the coast) and it can be difficult to determine exactly what, weather-wise is occurring. Often it will be raining on the coast, snowing heavily just inland, and who knows what, where on the house is situated, in between. With the weather camera, I can now tell (provided the power stays on) exactly what is happening by accessing the weather camera on-line. The picture in this message shows the results of the early winter storm on November 11 – about 2” of snow for us which accumulated to over 6” in some of the surrounding towns (fortunately it was gone within a couple of days).

The JFA Directors teleconference fall meeting was successful and we spent a fair amount of time discussing the events proposed to occur during the 2015 Reunion in Rowley. Greg Jewett is chairing the Reunion committee and has some outstanding plans in mind. There will be a preliminary outline in this quarterly with many more details to come in the near future. Please plan to visit Rowley the first weekend of August 2015 and keep an eye on the JFA facebook page where additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

I am about to start editing the revised information supplied to me by Directors Barbara Shaw and Bernice (Bunny) Mansir (also known as the twins) on early Jewetts buried in the Rowley Burial Ground. The previously provided material was preliminarily published in booklet form. Barbara has reviewed the book as it is and provided additional information and corrections. We have also decided to reorganize it so that the numbering and layout matches information previously published. We expect to have it published in time for the 2015 Reunions. We also discussion of how to improve dues and publication fee payments. Less than half of the people on the mailing list pay dues or publication fees each year. Those people are paying extra so that the non-paying members can continue to receive the publication. Some of the things discussed were giving a discount for those who can get the quarterly by email or charging extra for those who require printed copies. Please let me know if you have any feelings on the subject. Printing and mailing the quarterlies is the biggest expense the JFA encounters.

Hope everyone is prepared for winter (I know that it is not a big deal for many of you in southern climates but for some of us it is) and I hope you all have a great holiday season.

Toujours le même,

Ved Loramy

**Jewett Family of America
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by JFA president Ted Loranz at 5:05 pm.

Roll call:

Present via conference call: Ted Loranz (pres), Greg Jewett (sec), Esther Jewett (treas), Mary Gorbball (audit), Johanna Jennings, Mike Jewett, Cecilia McGehee, Rodney Jewett, Bernice Mansir, Barbara Shaw

Absent: Linda Remley (vpres), Carri Cole (hist), Tom Jewett (editor), Jessie Elliott, Mitchell Jewett, Jeff Gorbball, Pat Purdy, Sarah King

Old Business:

- The minutes of the 2013 Spring Meeting was approved. Mary Gorbball moved to approve, Barb Shaw second, all approved.
- The Treasurer's report presented by Esther Jewett. Starting balance was \$23,130.78. Income for period was \$6,686. Expenses for the period were \$4363.63. The ending balance was \$25,453.23. It was noted that in the future the merchandise totals will not be included in the report. Cecilia McGehee moved to approve, Barb Shaw second, all approved.
- Barb Shaw and Ted Loranz provided an update on the book "Early Jewett Gravestones" by Bernice Mansir and Barbaara Shaw. Ted is in the final stages of review. Barb Shaw noted that Susan Hayes of the Historical Association provided a map of the cemetery.
- Greg Jewett reported that the mailing list contains 359 names of which 182 or 50.7% pay dues (18 family, 91 individuals and 73 life). Of the 182 dues paying members, 101 provided e-mail addresses. The cost/year per person (359) is \$9.02. Ted and Cecilia agreed to put something in the next newsletter.
- Ted Loranz provided a report on JFA in the social media. The Facebook account has been very well received. We need an administrator of the Facebook account.
- There was further discussion on investigating the tax-exempt option for the Jewett Family. Johanna Jennings agreed to investigate. Ted Loranz made the motion to approve investigating the tax-exempt option, Cecilia McGehee second, all approved.

New Business:

- Ted Loranz proposed that we continue our practice of sending \$200 grants to Rowley Historical Society, Grandview Foundation and Oberlin Heritage and \$100 grants to Rowley Library and Rowley 1st Congregational Church. Ted will write the letters and forward them on to Esther Jewett. Mike Jewett second, all approved.
- Greg Jewett provided an update on the 2015 reunion. It will be held on Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2, 2015 in Rowley, MA. The Rowley 1st Congregational Church has been reserved. Greg will prepare an article for the next newsletter.

Elections:

- Ted Lorz presented the following incumbent candidates for an additional term as directors: Jessie Jewett Elliott, Johanna E. Jennings, Mitchell Dean Jewett, Thomas Jewett, Linda D. Remley and James M. Jewett. Barb Shaw second, all approved.
- Ted Lorz presented the incumbent slate of officers to an additional term: Alfred B. Lorz – president, Linda D. Remley – vice president, Gregory L. Jewett – secretary, Esther K. Jewett – treasurer, Carri A. Cole – historian, Thomas J. Jewett – editor of publications, and Mary Gorball – auditor. Cecilia McGehee second, all approved.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Gregory L. Jewett
Secretary



Holiday Treats

Turtles

1 pound package light caramels
2 Tblsp water
3/4 pound pecans
6 oz chocolate chips

Grease baking sheet, or layer it with wax paper. Arrange 36 groups of 2 pecans halves, about 2 inches apart on the baking sheet. Heat caramels and water in double boiler until melted. Drop mixture by teaspoon onto the nuts. Melt chocolate chips over boiling water. Drop melted chocolate by teaspoon on top of caramels. Cool until firm.

Cornflake Candy

2 (6 oz) packages semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (6 oz) packages butterscotch pieces
6 cups cornflakes

Melt chocolate and butterscotch pieces in heavy saucepan over low heat, or over hot but not boiling water. Mix until smooth and well blended. Add Cornflakes, stirring until well blended, crushing the cornflakes slightly as you stir. When the cornflakes are well coated, shape tablespoon full into mounds on waxed paper. Let stand at room temperature until firm and thoroughly cooled. Yield 3 1/2 dozen. Keep well in refrigerator.

Anise Candy

2 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 tsp anise oil
1 cup water
3 - 4 drops red food coloring

Cook syrup, sugar and water until the mixture reads 310F. Remove from heat. Let stand 3 minutes. Add coloring and anise oil. Mix well. Pour into buttered pan (8 x 8 inch or 7 x 10 inch). When the candy is cold, crack into pieces Note, the candy can be cut into pieces with a metal spatula, if you let it set about 5 to 8 minutes.

Jewett Family of America, Inc.
Treasurer's Report FY 2014
September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014

OPENING BALANCES SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

Checking	\$4,911.37	
Wells Fargo Investment Account	\$16,127.74	
		Total on Hand as of 9/1/13 \$23,130.78

INCOME

Book Sales	\$ 30.00	
Donations	\$ 325.00	
Dues, Publication Fees, etc.	\$3,235.00	
Merchandise Sales	\$ 0.00	
Wells Fargo Investment Account Gain	\$3,096.08	
		Total Income \$ 6,686.08

EXPENSES

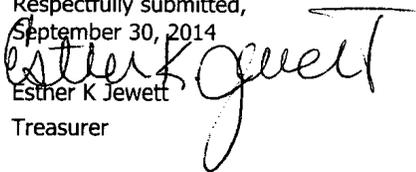
Publication Printing	\$2,655.81	
Postage/Shipping Expenses	\$ 636.96	
Bank and State Fees	\$ 39.45	
Directors Expenses	\$ 231.41	
Donations	\$ 800.00	
		Total Expenses \$ 4,363.63

Checking	\$ 4,137.74	
Wells Fargo Investment Account	\$21,315.49	
		Total on Hand as of 8/31/2013 \$25,453.23

INVENTORY ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 2014

Volumes 1&2 (sets) - 0	Gold plated charms/pendants - 0
Volumes 3&4 (sets) - 16	Gold plated cufflinks - 0
Gold plated pins - 21	Tote Bags - 0
Bronze pins - 6	Ornaments - 0

Respectfully submitted,
 September 30, 2014
 Esther K Jewett
 Treasurer



FYI and Announcements

Births

Paisley Diane Clark was born on July 15, 2013, in Crown Point, Lake Co., IN to Michele Loraine Mullenurg (JFA #14,062) and Kevin Clark.

In Sympathy

Karoline Lenore (Kielbania) Kurlander, (JFA #17,014) passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at Martin Memorial Hospital. She was born January 4, 1966 in Nurenberg, Bavaria, Germany. She attended St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Pompano Beach, Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, and Santa Fe College Gainesville. She lived most of her life in Lighthouse Point prior to moving to Stuart, Florida where she resided at the time of her death. She was proud of her membership activities in the Halpatiokee chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Allerton Colony of the Mayflower Society. Karoline is survived by her son David A. Kurlander, her parents Gay and Ken Kielbania, her sisters Kristine Cupelli and Katherine Danio and Katherine's husband Erik, her nieces Felicia Danio and Carina Cupelli, and her nephew Matthew Cupelli. She has gone to join her beautiful daughter Devon in heaven.

Submitted by Gay Kielbania

Donald Lee Claypole, 80, died October 24, 2014 at his home in Hutchinson, with his daughter at his side. He was born December 10, 1933 in Enid, OK, the son of Joseph and Amanda L. Brady Claypole. A resident of Hutchinson most of his life, he was owner and operator of Claypole Heating and Refrigeration. He served in the United States Army. On October 13, 1953 he married Elizabeth Jane Jewett (daughter of Albert Perry Jewett, granddaughter of Samuel Pomeroy Jewett, JFA #7,235). She died May 22, 1971. Survivors include a daughter, Debbie Yutzy and husband Roger, Hutchinson, a son, Bill Claypole and wife Janice, Wichita, 3 grandchildren, Beth Bacon, Shane Claypole, and Jeremy Claypole, one great granddaughter, Kylie Bacon, 7 nieces, and 3 nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Tom Claypole, a sister, Norma June Branton, and 2 brothers, Gene and Coleman Claypole.

James F. Jewett, age 80, of Albany and formerly of Hilliard, passed away Saturday, November 15, 2014 at his residence. He was born July 22, 1934 in Worthington, OH, son of the late Martin G. and Dollie B. Lawrence Jewett, and grandson of Fred Clark Jewett JFA #7,717. He was married to Blanche Conley Jewett for 57 years who survives. He was retired from Columbus Coated Fabrics, a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Wilkesville Orphan's Friend Lodge F. & A.M. #275. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Conley Jewett; son, Jimmy (Pat) Jewett, of Wilkesville; daughter, Annette (Harold) Troutman, of Columbus; granddaughters, Amy Fri and Kayla (Josh) Maerker; great granddaughters Kolbie and Kaylyn Fri.

Harold Kenneth Jewett, 76, passed away at St. Peter's Hospital on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. Born in Cohoes and raised in Berlin, he was the son of the late Harold and Dorothy Jewett and big brother to Ronald, and the late Joan Jones and Beverly Hoffman. He was a descendant of Abram Jewett, JFA #931. Ken attended SUNY Cobleskill and the University of Albany before entering the Army in 1961. After serving his term in the U.S. Army Security Agency, Ken worked at Bendix, and then at Borden's as a bookkeeper, and as a carpenter for his Uncle Bill in Syracuse before starting his own construction and logging business which he continued to operate for over 30 years. Ken is survived by his daughter Kristina, his son-in-law Chris, his grandson Gavin, his sons Adam, Trevor (Rachel, Haley and Layne), and Kelvin and his granddaughter Kayleen. Ken is also survived by his many nieces and nephews.

Kevin Emerson McCarty (JFA #23,434) was born September 8, 1964 in Wichita, KS and passed away in Nashville, TN on September 8, 2014 at the age of 50 after a long battle with cancer. He was the son of Jessie Jewett (JFA #23,406) McCarty Elliott, Madison, TN and the late Owen McCarty, both formally of Marion, KS. Kevin was baptized at the Inglewood Baptist Church on July 15, 1975, Nashville, TN. He graduated from the Glendale Community College, Glendale, CA. He was independently employed doing computer web design and payroll processing in Nashville, TN. He was especially proud for his dog Bobo being chosen for the Pet Assistance Network calendar, August 2012. www.PetAssistanceNetwork.com and to be on the cover of Catt Dahman's book Smooth. In this horror book the dog, Katie, was Bobo. He was preceded in death by his father, Owen McCarty; his stepfather, Willis Elliott; his brother Owen Eric McCarty and a nephew, Craig B. Copen. He is survived by his life partner of 20 years Michael Ondek, Nashville, TN.; his mother, Jessie Elliott, Madison, TN; one brother, Shawn (Kim) McCarty, San Jose, CA.; three sisters, Verginia Copen, Murfreesboro, TN; Charlotte (Randy) Parker, Murfreesboro, TN; and Cheryl (Bill) Ewing, Kingston Springs, TN; nieces; Megan (Ryan) Peters, Kalisa Ewing, both of Nashville, TN, Genna (Nick) Holder, Murfreesboro, TN; nephews, Shane Copen, Murfreesboro, TN, Travis Copen, Morgantown, WV, Bill (Lauren) Ewing and their children, Landen, Brielle, Liviana, and Liam, Hermantown, MN; 3 stepsisters Roxanne (Gary) Giumetti, Farmington Hills, MI, Jackie Haga, Decatur, AL, Charlotte Rene (Darrel) Matthews and their sons Chris and Daren; many uncles, aunts and cousins plus many friends from all around the world, and last but not least was his dog, Bobo, that was always at his side.

Submitted by Jessie Jewett Elliott

Mina C. Jewett, of South Burlington, VT, beloved wife of Theodore N. Jewett, (a descendant of Sewall Jewett JFA #8,113) passed away in Burlington, VT, on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014. She was born in Newport, VT, on Jan. 29, 1942, to Dorothy (Korb) Carter and the late Melvin Carter. Mina became a dental hygienist and worked for several area dentists in the past. She and Ted live in South Burlington, VT, and also have a summer home in Morgan, VT. Mina was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed her family and their visits. She spent several years as a major caregiver to her daughter, Melissa. She was a guardian ad litem in Newport. Mina is survived by her husband, Ted, of over 50 years; by her sons, Matthew Jewett and his wife, Jacquelyn, of Duxbury, MA, and Brian Jewett, of South Burlington, VT; by her mother, Dorothy Carter, of Newport, VT; and by her sister, Janet Selby, and her husband, Homer, of Morgan, VT; by her grandchildren, Tim, Elizabeth and Cyrus Jewett; and by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Melissa, and her father, Melvin H. Carter.

*Reprinted from The Barre Montelier – Times Argus
Oct. 21, 2014*

Mary Dickinson Jewett Ems, daughter of George Parbury Pollen Jewett #8680, was born in New York City, NY on August 13, 1926. She passed away in Littleton, Colorado on October 13, 2014. She is preceded in death by her beloved children Mary Winifred Austin Sargent and Michael Jean Brannon Ems. She is survived by her cherished husband Adolf Frederick "Fred" Ems, whom she met in the 8th grade in 1941 and married in 1954 and her loving family Melinda and Steve Streeb; Tim, Hannah and Everett Streeb; Scott and Danilda Streeb; Lisa and Austin Case; Ric Ems; Dave, Megan, Raleigh, Kyle, Charlotte and Brannon Ems; Liz, Ryan, Jessica, Tanner and Lauren Ellis; Willow, Bryan, Derek and Erin Ems.

Bruce Edward Jewett, JFA #25,504, and son of Dr. Elmer Leroy Jewett and Rose Bernice Ertl passed away unexpectedly following a brief illness at Santa Paula Hospital ICU. Bruce was born in Ventura and spent his whole life living in Santa Paula where he attended elementary school and high school graduating in 1976. After high school, he was employed by GTE for 25 years. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. E.L. Jewett (9-9-12) and several aunts and uncles. He will be greatly missed by his family: mother Rose Jewett, brother Craig Jewett, nephews Bradley and Brian Jewett, niece Jamie Mata (Tony), and his great niece

Aaliyah Mata. He will also be missed by his lifelong friends, Glen and Diana McLaughlin and family of Porterville, CA. A private family service was held in his memory.

Reprinted from the Santa Paula Times

October 10, 2014

Lucille Jewett, 84, of Cheboygan MI, passed away Thursday, October 30, 2014 at home. A lifelong resident of the area, Lucille was born August 18, 1930 in Inverness Township, the daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Vieau) Barrette. On September 20, 1947 in Cheboygan, she married Robert Jewett, Sr. (a descendant of Solomon Steward Jewett JFA #2,548), who preceded her in death in 2003. She was employed as a housekeeper at the UAW Center on Black Lake for over 20 years, retiring in 1995. Surviving are her children, Robert "Skip" (Jill) Jewett of Cheboygan, Terry (Mark) Makima of Cheboygan, Nancy (Dave) Romanauski of Cleveland, Ohio, and Charlotte Jewett, also of Cheboygan, 13 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, a sister, Shirley Brovage of Cheboygan, and many nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two children, daughter Linda Bukacel, and infant son, William Jewett, son in law, Dragenel Bukacel, three sisters, Agatha, Mary, and Alice "Tiny", and five brothers, Arthur, Albert, Andrew, Alex, and Benjamin "Adolf" Barrette.

Barbara H. Jewett, 89, of Latham, beloved wife of the late Harold Jewett (son of Benjamin Nash Jewett and descendant of Abram Jewett #931), passed away peacefully on Wednesday November 5, 2014. Born in Watervliet on August 29, 1925, she was the daughter of the late William and Gladys (Smith) Williams. She was married to Harold Jewett on March 4, 1941 and the two shared a loving and blessed union of 71 years prior to his passing on December 6, 2012. She is survived by her loving children: Judith (James) Rigney of Clifton Park, Margaret "Peggy" Jewett of Latham, and Harold "Hank" (Barbara) Jewett Jr. of Clifton Park as well as her cherished grandchildren: Patricia (Philip) Fardig and Robert (Lisa) Jewett. Adored Great Grandchildren: James DeVoe, Robert Jewett, Ashley Jewett and Great Great Grandson, Aiden Jewett. She is also survived by her sister: Nancy Marshall of Spiegeltown and her brother Douglas Williams of Latham.

Norman L. Smith, 82, of Yates City, died at 4:05 a.m. Sunday, November 16, 2014 at Proctor Hospital in Peoria. He was born on May 1, 1932 in Boonville, MO to Lester E. and Irene (Jewett) Smith. He married Rosemary Ellsworth, the love of his life on July 4, 1953. She preceded him in death on September 27, 2003. He then married Carol Dudley in May 2009. She survives. Norman was a coal miner for 40 years, last working for Mid-State Coal Co. in Rapatee. He was a member of the UMWA Local #7110, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Other survivors include three children Micheal (Karen) Smith of St. Petersburg, FL, Karen Smith of Elmwood and Lisa (James) Nichols of Monmouth, his granddaughter Amanda Nichols of Webster City, IA, brother Howard (Mary) Smith of Chillicothe, OH and sister Carolee (William) Murray of New Berlin. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter Cynthia and his parents.

Submitted by Carolee Smith Murray

Muriel Starbird Jewett died, September 5, 2014. Muriel was born in Sangerville, Maine, on April 22, 1919, to Irving and Florence Rollins Starbird. She and her husband, Wendall Ralph Jewett (son of Lynn Arthur Jewett, Grandson of George Ira Jewett JFA #6,167), were farmers in Dexter, Maine and moved to Florida in 1953 after Wendall's father visited Florida and reported he had "found paradise". In Florida she was employed by the Pinellas County Government and retired as the supervisor of the Recording Department at the Pinellas County Courthouse. is preceded in death by her husband Wendall, her daughters Sharon Lynch and Judi Lane, and her great-grandson Sean Jewett. She is survived by her son John and his wife Margaret, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Grace Merrill Jewett JFA #6,126

“Dame Fashion”

From Emily Schwartz (2010)

Grace Merrill Jewett Austin was born on January 12, 1872 in Laconia, New Hampshire. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A.H.C. Jewett. Grace graduated from Laconia High School in 1888 and went on to graduate from New Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College in Tilton, N.H. in 1891. She later attended Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Her family moved to Washington, D.C. in 1891. She lived with them until her marriage to Francis M. Austin on March 8, 1893. Their wedding trip included a stop at the Columbian Exposition of 1893 in Chicago, Grace’s first glimpse of Illinois. They had three daughters: Elizabeth, Lois, and Marion. Looking back on her life, she considered it in the fashion of a mathematical chart. The line would reach from one corner to another in zigzags as she moved across sections of the country. This is how she highlighted the various events in her life. The two most important points on her chart of life were her first twenty years as a faculty wife at Illinois Wesleyan and then her twenty-four years as a newspaper woman for *The Bulletin* and *The Pantagraph*.

The first pinpoint on her chart was her birth and up bringing in New Hampshire, the second her marriage in Washington, D.C. However, she considered her story to start in 1901 on the fourth pinpoint. Grace, her husband, and two children had moved back to Washington, D.C. from Massachusetts where her husband had been a professor at the Wesleyan Academy in Wilbraham, MA. While in D.C., Grace was able to care for her widowed mother while her husband Francis commuted to and from Washington, D.C. to complete his doctorate at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

In 1902 Grace and her family moved to Bloomington where her husband had accepted a position at Illinois Wesleyan University. Grace recalled later in life the day when her husband had decided to move the family to Bloomington. They were vacationing at Harper’s Ferry, WV when he received a telegram announcing his election to the chair of Latin at Illinois Wesleyan University. Although he had been offered a fellowship at John Hopkins, the mid-west called to him. Grace and the children remained in Washington, D.C. while Francis moved to Bloomington to set up a household. Francis sent letters back to Grace stating that he liked the city and IWU. Grace considered her interim months in Washington, D.C. between 1901 and 1902 as the simplest. She maintained an active social life despite plans to move to Bloomington. Grace attended several functions including the “Congress of Mothers” and heard Susan B. Anthony speak on Women’s Suffrage. She also was a member of the Big Metropolitan Church in D.C. where many U.S. Presidents chose to worship. The Pastor of the church hailed from Kankakee, IL and told Grace that Bloomington was one of the most beautiful cities in the mid-west.

Later in the year Grace and her children finally made their way to Bloomington where they would reside in a home located on Prairie Street. Grace recalled later in life that her first year in Bloomington was a trying one. The children had the measles and mumps, Frank suffered from rheumatism, and Grace ailed from grippe, (now called the flu). To add to the mess, the streets were not paved which caused the mud to wreak havoc on her household. And finally, Grace was attempting to cook with soft coal and hard water which created lime deposits on her cookware. Her only salvation during that first year was a Japanese student by the name of Sukesige Yanagiwara whom they took in as a boarder. He was earning his degree at IWU and in need of a place to stay and income. Francis, knowing of Grace’s difficulties, welcomed him into their home. Not only did Grace find a friend and helper in the young student, but she also learned about the rich and diverse Japanese culture. When he left, Grace

stayed in touch finding that he had returned to Japan after a brief period in New York City. Following the departure of Sukesige, their house on Prairie Street was sold and they would be forced to find a new place to live. With a housing shortage, there was little prospect of them finding another home near the campus. Grace packed up and took the children for an “extended visit” to her mother’s in Washington, D.C.

After her “extended visit” in Washington, Grace and her children returned to Bloomington permanently. She would make a mark as a faculty wife and in the community as well. Grace devoted time to working with children in the community and in the church. Grace and her family joined Grace United Methodist. Within the church, Grace formed a junior league for young boys and girls not yet old enough for other young people’s groups. She taught Sunday school and organized plays and pageants. Grace also became one of the first Campfire guardians in Central Illinois. This group was not affiliated with a national club but was sponsored by her church. The Camp Fire Girls included teens from Sunday school and a missionary organization. The group eventually became non-denominational as girls from other churches wanted to join.

Grace also began writing during this time. She consistently published her writings which appeared in both religious and secular magazines. She was first and foremost a poet and playwright. Among her varied works she penned throughout her life were *Scythe Left Behind* (1941), *The Pot O’ Magic* (1922), and *Sarah Bradlee Fulton, A Patriot, A Colonial Drama in Three Acts* (1919).

Unfortunately, with outward success came personal tragedy. First, Grace’s daughter Lois died on July 8, 1919, at the age of 28 from a goiter, (a swelling of the thyroid). She had just graduated from the University of Illinois a month prior. Next, Grace’s husband Francis passed away on February 22, 1922 from pneumonia. The death of her husband and the need for a way to continue to raise and support their youngest child Elizabeth would require Grace to enter the workforce.

At the age of fifty she took a part-time job at the *The Daily Bulletin* in the summer of 1922. Grace had never before worked a day in her life outside of family and social duties. She did however have poems printed on a daily basis in *The Daily Bulletin* during the final year her husband was alive. The paper had offered her a part-time job but her duties at home as a wife and mother kept her from accepting it at the time. However, after the death of her husband, this was the solution to her problem. She was expected at her desk at seven in the morning every day. As a society writer, she would often stay late into night if there were any social or civic occasions to be reported on or until her review of concerts etc... was written to her satisfaction. Examples of events she would have reported on included afternoon teas, charity events, and visitors to Bloomington. In addition, to avoid any favoritism she worked hard to appropriately present the news of all the local country clubs and colleges.

Grace was very successful in her work writing for the society page. In fact, she was so successful that her bosses promoted her to editor of the Women’s Interest Page a year and a half after she began writing at *The Daily Bulletin*. They praised her work stating that “the altitude the social column has reached after its long stretch of development brings home a bit of laurel to Bloomington....*The Bulletin’s* Woman’s Interests Page, under the direction of the capable Grace Jewett Austin, pleasingly attests.” Grace was now expected to write a daily column of style notes for women. This entailed interviewing stores that advertised the latest in women’s fashion. The column became known as *Dame Fashion Smiles*. Upon her accepting this position, Grace was interviewed by a trade journal known as *The City Editor and Reporter*. In this interview she was asked whether she felt that she could handle the social page alone. She replied that she felt she could even though she had a heavy burden of responsibility from three sources: the city, her editor, and the foreman of the composing room. She had to work hard to balance the needs of those three sources to put out an accurate, respectful, and quality page. She also said that the part of the work she enjoyed the most was the hour she spent in the morning “taking the pulse of the city...in my mind I call it a quest for happiness...I am supposed to register only the bright hours; illness and death and sorrow are not for me, but I am in search of records of people’s happy journeying, and the guests they are welcoming.”

Her work developed so successfully that it became syndicated by the *Western Newspaper Union* and was distributed in several hundred small town newspapers throughout the country. Several papers including the *United States Publisher* carried her column, which lauded her ability to mix fashion and philosophy. Grace was from now on known as “Dame Fashion.” She had such a following that many stores in Bloomington dressed their store windows to meet her approval. One such store advertised, “Fabrics Sponsored by Dame Fashion Compose the Fall Displays.” Amid her achievement, *The Bulletin* went out of existence having been bought out by Bloomington’s other daily newspaper, *The Pantagraph*, in 1927. Luckily, Grace retained her job as society page editor and from that day on, Grace was now a member of *The Pantagraph* family until her retirement in 1940.

Beyond writing, she had a rather unique hobby of collecting elephant trinkets in all sizes. Her collection numbered over 2,600 elephants. Grace even made the acquaintance of the woman, Miss Vera Warrock of Rosebud, Texas, who owned the record collection of 11,000 elephants. Although Grace’s collection fell short of the largest, she believed she held the second largest collection in the United States.

In 1946 she moved to Dallas, Texas to live with her daughter Elizabeth. After just two years living in Texas, Grace passed away on September 27, 1948 in Dallas. Grace Jewett Austin’s lifelong stories and adventures could fill pages. For a half century she traveled and gave lectures, but never strayed from her passion as a poet and playwright. Even though her gifts to the city of Bloomington were numerous, her greatest contribution can be found in the hearts of her friends.

Descendants of Grace Merrill Jewett

Generation No. 1

1. GRACE MERRILL JEWETT born 12 Jan 1872 in Laconia, Belknap, New Hampshire, and died 27 Sep 1948 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas. She married FRANCIS MARION AUSTIN 08 Mar 1893 in Washington, District of Columbia, son of DAVID AUSTIN and LOIS SMITH. He was born 03 Jan 1862 in Mt. Pleasant, Clinton, Ohio, and died 04 Feb 1922 in Normal, McLean, Illinois.

Children of GRACE JEWETT and FRANCIS AUSTIN are:

2. LOIS MERRILL AUSTIN, b. 16 Oct 1895, Wilbraham, Hampden, Massachusetts; d. 08 Jul 1919, Normal, McLean, Illinois.
3. MARION JEWETT AUSTIN, b. 16 Jan 1897, Wilbraham, Hampden, Massachusetts; d. 15 Oct 1967, Urbana, Champaign, Illinois.
4. ELIZABETH GRACE AUSTIN, b. 10 Oct 1908, Bloomington, McLean, Illinois; d. 25 May 1982, Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Generation No. 2

2. MARION JEWETT AUSTIN was born 16 Jan 1897 in Wilbraham, Hampden, Massachusetts, and died 15 Oct 1967 in Urbana, Champaign, Illinois. She married JOHN JAY PARRY 22 Jan 1921 in Bloomington, McLean, Illinois, son of WAYKYN PARRY and AUGUSTA BUEK. He was born 30 Sep 1899 in Rome, Oneida, New York, and died 1954 in Urbana, Champaign, Illinois.

Children of MARION AUSTIN and JOHN PARRY are:

5. ANN ELIZABETH¹² PARRY, b. 07 Jun 1922, Urbana, Champaign, Illinois; d. 28 Jun 2004, Savoy, Champaign, Illinois.
6. JOHN JAY PARRY, b. Abt. 1926, Urbana, Champaign, Illinois.

3. ELIZABETH GRACE AUSTIN, was born 10 Oct 1908, Bloomington, McLean, Illinois and died 25 May 1982 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas; She married DAVID ABSALOM MILLER, 03 Jan 1931, in Bloomington, McLean, Illinois; b. 28 Nov 1906, Lincoln, Logan, Illinois; d. 25 Nov 1975, Dallas, Dallas, Texas.



The Jewett Family of America, Inc.
Announces the
34th National Reunion
Friday, July 31 – Sunday, August 2, 2015
In
Rowley, Massachusetts

Mark your calendars for the 34th Jewett Family National Reunion. There are activities planned for the whole family. Come learn about the Jewett Family, meet your cousins and have a fun time! The details and registration will be in the next newsletter but mark your calendar now so you don't miss this exciting event!

Friday will tee off in the morning with a golf scramble at the Rowley Country Club. The afternoon will be filled with a walking tour of Rowley, a presentation at the Rowley Library with a private tour of the archive room where a portrait of Admiral David Jewett hangs and a special ceremony honoring our Jewett founding brothers (Maximillan and Joseph) at the Rowley cemetery. The day will end with a private dinner at the Village Pancake House with food, entertainment and a special presentation. The Village Pancake House is Abraham Jewett's house so eat where your ancestor lived!

Saturday will be a full day where we will be welcoming Marta M. Mobley, writer and movie producer and Jewett family member, as the guest speaker. The day will then include a family meeting, reunion picture, Rowley Historical Society tour where you will see many Jewett artifacts and a field trip to tour the Crane Estate in Ipswich. The day will end with an evening showing of the Hallmark movie "Amish Grace" with introduction by the producer, our own family member Marta M. Mobley.

On Sunday the Jewett Family will gather at the Rowley 1st Congregational Church for worship in the church that our family helped to found and where Mark R. Jewett built the current church building in 1841. If possible, we would like Jewett family members to participate in the service.

If anyone has Jewett artifacts, has musical talent or is a minister, please contact Greg Jewett, 2015 reunion committee chairperson (jewettgp@aol.com, 419-721-1260 or 255 Agners Mill Road, Lexington, VA 24450). We may have a place for you to participate in the reunion.

Mark your calendars for this exciting event in the life of the Jewett Family.



Martha M. Mobley

Over the last twenty years, Martha has worked on over 65 independent film and television projects, developing and producing more than 40 films, 4 reality series and 2 drama series for *HBO*, *Lifetime Television*, *The Disney Channel*, *The Hallmark Channel*, *The FX Channel*, *Showtime*, *Starz*, *Cinemax*, *The Sci-Fi Channel*, *TV Land*, and *AMC*.



Martha recently produced two films for *Lifetime Television*, **Amish Grace** (*the highest rated movie in Lifetime's 10 year history and winner of the Christopher Award*) and **Secrets in the Walls**, in addition to producing a biopic, **JOURNEY TO JAMAA** with *World Vision & Believe Pictures*. In 2009-2012 she produced three films for *The Hallmark Channel*, **Safe Harbor**, **Mrs. Washington Goes to Smith** and **Citizen Jane**.

Martha also produced the film project **Blessed Unrest** based on the New York Times bestselling book written by Paul Hawken. The book shares how the greatest social movement came into being and why no one saw it coming. Martha is currently the writer and producer on the *Sony Pictures* mini-series based on the book series **How Few Remain** written by New York Times Best Selling author Harry Turtledove that will be directed by Pierre Morell. She created and developed a family drama television series **The Mill Valley Book Club** with *Sony Pictures Television* and *Phoenix Pictures* that she is currently writing a novel of.

As an executive producer, Martha has held development deals at *ABC*, *Fox Studios* and *VH1* and has produced four reality television series for *The FX Channel* and *TV Land*. She also produced 22 one-hour episodes of a scripted television series for the *Sci-Fi Channel*.

Martha spent five years as a Studio Head/Vice President of Production and one year as Vice President of Worldwide Distribution for Roger Corman's *Concorde-New Horizons Entertainment*. And was the Vice-President of Production for the Award-winning *DNA Studio*, one of the entertainment industry's top companies for digital media and marketing solutions specializing in producing rich media solutions, original content and mobisodes for the online media world.

Martha is an ongoing independent producer for *The Hallmark Channel* and *Lifetime Television*, as well as an independent producer for various other production companies. She is currently participating in the Stanford University Creative Writing Program, The Integral Leadership Collaborative and is an Advisor and Trustee for GATE – Global Alliance for Transformational Entertainment with Jim Carey and Eckhart Tolle.

Martha is a member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and on the board of the Television Academy Blue Ribbon Panel that awards the Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers) Memorial Scholarship. Martha has been a Board Member of The American Heart Association, Explorers, The New Media Foundation, Marianne Williamson's The Center for Living and The Variety Club. And has given lectures or served on panels at GATE/StoryCon, UCLA, SUNY Purchase, Sony Pictures, paramount Pictures, Chapman University, AFM, Hollywood Film Institute and the new York Film Finance Forum.



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