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## Origin Of The Family Crest

Over a period of several years we have received numerous inquiries regarding both the origin and meaning of the Jewett Family of America crest. So, for the benefit of our growing family, we take pleasure in reprinting the following which we consider pertinent data. Origin of the information was taken from the "History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America" by Dr. Fred Clark Jewett.

"The family of Jewett is without doubt of Norman origin, but when they settled in England and the origin of the name are surrounded with considerable mystery. The first syllable of the name as now spelled suggests the question whether or not it is derived from Jew, which is a family name. The termination "et" or "ett" could perhaps be accounted for analogically by reference to such a name as Hewett, supposed to be derived from Hugh, Hew, etc. The name Jew or Jews does not imply that the founder of the family was a Hebrew, but, as Newton supposed, from his having slain Jews in Syria when such deeds were considered meritorious. He and Guillian suppose that the name Ives was originally Jeus, which became Jues, and then, by common change of "I" for "J", and "U" for "V", Ives. The coat-of-arms of this family once bore three Jews' heads coupéd. The arms of the family of Jew and its derivatives are, however, entirely different from those of our family, and those of all the families whose names have clearly a similar origin with our own. In all these names the "T" seems to be one of the radical letters, and the uniform presence of the letter "T" seems fatal to this supposed origin.

Bardsley in "English Surnames", concludes that "the name Jewett comes from the diminutive of Juliet," and cites a number of entries from the Rolls of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries to establish his theory.

The "Armorial General Precede des terms du blazon." Per. J. B. Riestap Deuxieme Edition, etc., gives a French family, viz., Ivatte de Boishamon-Bretagne, that settles in England about 1417. The coat-of-arms of this family was "D'azur anchevrom n'arg., acc., re trois quinte feuilles du meme. The name of this family was changed to Juatte, Jouett, Jowitt, etc. The arms, however, of the families of Jeuet and Jowitt are quite different from ours, but appear to be s much later date.

The coat-of-arms of the Jewetts of London Gales was: On a cross argent, five fleur-de-lis of the first. He beareth argent, on a cross of sable, five fleur-de-lis of the first by the name Le Neve. This was the court armor in the time of Henry IV., appertaining to Robert Le Neve, of Tiverskill, in the County of Norfolk.

The arms of Ivat confirmed to Thomas Ivat, of London, June 27, 1628, are similar to ours, viz., Ivatt or Ivat, Argent, on cross gules, five fleur-de-lis of the field (another, the tinctures reversed). Crest--Out of mural coronet, an armed cubit arm holding in the gauntlet all pps. a fleur-de-lis or.

The name of Jueta or Ivets occurs in the Liber Winton. This book contains the survey of the city of Winchester taken by order of King Henry I between the years 1107 and 1128. From that time we find what is supposed to be the name in a great variety of forms. The older forms seem to have been Juatt, Juet, Juett, Ivet, Ivett, Jvat, Ivat, Juit, Juite, (there was a Sir Henry Juite, Baronet, living in Ireland in 1850), Juitt. The Latin forms are Juet, Jouitt, Jeuit, Jewitt, and Jewett.

In a series of articles entitled "American Armorial Families," arranged by Mortimer Delano, Pursuivant of Arms, and published in 1896, he states: "In the following roll will be found those American families that have a well established right to court armor, by inheritance, grant, or otherwise." In this list is given:

Jewett--Massachusetts. Gentlemen.

"Descent: Maximilian & Joseph Jewett from Bradford 1638 to Rowley, sons of Edward Jewett, of Bradford, Yorkshire, m. 1604, d. 1615; descent from Henri de Juatt 1096-9.

"Armorial Bearings--House of Juatt, England.

"Arms: Argent, on a cross gules, five fleur-de-lis argent.

"Crest: An armed arm proper holding a fleur-de-lis or. All upon the wreathed helmet.

"Mantling: Argent and gules.

The above Henri de Juatt was a Knight of the First Crusade, 1096-1099. Our name frequently occurs on the records of the 13th and 14th centuries, and with greater frequency in the later records. July 5, 1486, King Henry VII, of England, granted to



Henry Jewet certain offices for live, viz., "Forrester of Windsor Forest and Parker of Sunning-Hill Park within Windsor Forest, "but no reason is given in the grant for these honors.

Following down to a later date we find in Vol. XVIII of the Harlien Society (English) Reports": "The arms of Jewett, of Chester, England-Argent, on a cross Gules, five fleur-de-lis of the first, in dexter chief a crescent of the second." "William Jewett, of the Cittie of Chester, alderman and Justice of Peace, and was maior thearof Anno D'ni 1578, a seconnde sonne to Thomas Iwett, of Heyton, in Bradforde Dale in the Countye of York wch Thomas mariede Elizabeth daughter to \*\*\*Shakellton of Myddopp in Heptonstall within the vicaredge of Holly-fax Com. Ebor' And mother to the saide William whitch William Iwett mariede Margery daughter to Robert Bellyn late of the Cittie of Chester wch Robert Bellyn married Cicelye daughter to John Poole seconnde sonne to Sr John Poole in Warral County of Chester knight.

"And hee the said Wm. Iwett saythe that there (their) badge is a nightingale. But how or in what sort hee cannot Instructe mee and therefore have I omytted the setting downe of yt till I may doe it p'fectlye.

"Signed Wyll'm Jewett."

Edward Jewett, father of the Jewetts who first came to America, was born in 1580 and lived in Bradford, West Riding of Yorkshire, England. The arms borne by him and which were brought to this country by Deacon Maximilian and Joseph Jewett, and which they were so careful to preserve on the records here is thus described on old records in both France and England: "He beareth, Gules, on a cross argent, Five fleur-de-lis of the first. Crest, an eagle's Neck between two Wings displayed argent, by the name of Jewett."

This is the coat-of-arms recognized by the Viscount de Fronsac, Chancellor of the Aryan Order of St. George in 1891, in an article written by him and with which he gives a fine illustration and states, "these are the arms of the Jewetts of Maine and Texas."

As stated above, our crest is "an eagle's Neck between two wings." The motto is "Toujours le meme."

Much information may sometimes be afforded in genealogical

research by the coat-of-arms. It will be seen on comparing the arms of the Jewetts of Chester, arms of Ivat, arms of Jewetts of London Gales, and of the "House of Juatt," that they are very similar to our own, and that all evidence points to the view that the Jewetts descend from the "House of Juatt, of England," and in the opinion of the Author from Henri de Juatt, the knight of the First Crusade. It is true there is a difference in the crest, but this is not part of a coat-of-arms. The crest is an adjunct to the coat-of-arms, but is often carelessly spoken of as forming part of it. It is often a play upon one's name, or is suggested by the name. Thus the crest of the Harts may be the animal of that name or a heart."

Unfortunately, we are not as well versed in heraldry as we might desire. Therefore, we are not in a position to offer proof positive regarding the authenticity of the foregoing material relating to the origin of the Jewett name, or, of the Jewett crest. However, a few years ago we did unearth a few shreds of information which some day may fall into place in the puzzle. We learned that one branch of the Jewett family moved from Rowley, Massachusetts to Portland, Maine, taking with them the Jewett crest which was brought to Rowley from Bradford, England by Deacon Maximilian Jewett in 1638. Despite continuous and unrelentless searching for additional knowledge regarding the whereabouts of the crest, to date, its resting place remains a secret.

## Weddings

David Jewett Nelson of Lake Mills, Iowa, was married to Miss Louise Weinhold, June 4, 1967, at Princeton, Minnesota. David is the son of Mr. John Nelson; they are descended from Harriett Jewett Taylor and Jonathan Jewett Taylor.

Judy Markeseines, daughter of Elinor M. and granddaughter of the late Arthur Jewett of Clinton, married September 30, 1967, Phillip Savage of Sterling, Massachusetts. They reside at Otis Air Force Base.

Miss Jerille Lynn Heffner, granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Hazelton, was married September 2, 1967, to Larry Lee Schmidt in Fullerton, California.

Connie Jewett Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Jewett, of Des Moines, Iowa, was married August 6, 1967, to Ace Cory of Omaha, Nebraska.

## Notes

Of interest to many of our members and friends in the Jewett Family are the programs of urban renewal and industrial development in the city of Newburyport, Massachusetts. Newburyport, once a part of the town of Newbury and some seven miles from Rowley, is rich in the early history of our Commonwealth and country. Many Jewetts or descendants of Jewetts will know Newburyport well. Today Newburyport is working very hard to realize a great potential. The urban renewal plans will hopefully call for much rehabilitation as necessary demolition and reconstruction.

The industrial development program of which an excellent start has been made by the Area Industrial Development Corp. is of interest to the Jewett Family by reason of the activities of our family President, Mr. Roger Jewett. Mr. Jewett is the Director, Bureau of Commercial and Industrial Development of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce and Development. At a recent meeting of Rotary in Newburyport, President Jewett gave high praise to officials of Newburyport and the AIDC who are working hard in this effort and assured all of his department desire to cooperate in every way. We are pleased and it is an honor for our president and our family for his involvement in the great program.

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A year ago we received a clipping of the death of Jay Soundsleeper Jewett in Nebraska. The letter which came from his father is reprinted here. We thought you folks would like to read it; it shows what some of our family are doing for the good of mankind.

"Thank you for your letter of 3 February requesting information on our late adopted son. Jay was an American Indian boy (we think of the Sioux Tribe) who was born in the Western part of Nebraska on 31 May 1965. We received him in our home on 6 July of that year from the Nebraska Childrens Home. He was initially placed as a foster child, but after a few months the home agreed to allow us to proceed with adoption. He grew and seemed to be a very normal boy, but in November 1966 he became ill with what seemed to be encephalitis of insidious onset. He was hospitalized on 31 October and died one week later on 6 November. The autopsy revealed an extensive malignant brain tumor. He is buried in Beatrice, Nebraska. Actually, the adoption was never quite com-

pleted, but we think of him as "ours" nonetheless. Jay Soundsleeper was his Indian name. We initially planned to change it when adoption was completed, but his classic Indian facial features and stoic temperament suggested to us that the Indian name was more appropriate.

"We have three other adopted children, and now have an infant of 7 months on whom we're waiting adoption. The two oldest children are Panamanian Indians whom we adopted during our two year's residence in the Canal Zone. They are Maritza (a girl) and Miguel, ages 6 & 5 years. The third child is John Calvin, adopted in California. His age is 3 and his mother was Mexican, the father Cherokee and Negro. Our baby is Matthew James, born of a Caucasian mother and mulatto father here in Nebraska. God has blessed our lives with these five children. Though we have great sorrow at the loss of Jay, we never think of him without recalling the great joy all of us shared during the 18 months he lived with us.

"My father (Walter L.) is now the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Aurora, Nebraska, and can be reached at that address.

"We are preparing to leave for India where we will serve as medical missionaries at the Wanless Chest Hospital, Miraj, Maharashtra.

"Thank you for your interest in our family.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Jewett, M. D.  
Omaha, Nebraska 68105  
6 March 1967

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The Morrills, Ralph and Hope, of Ann Arbor, had a nice Golden Wedding celebration on the 17th of December, given to them by their children, Ralph, Phebe Gilliland, and David.

Harlan Jewett of Geneva, Ohio, is now a Captain in the United States Army Reserves. He has also received his private pilot blue seal license.

As of January 2, 1968, Jack Jewett Gilbert is counsel to Lord Corporation of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Gilbert sends us this article on Aberdeen, South Dakota, from "Early History of Brown County, South Dakota" 1965:

"As a wholesale distributing center Aberdeen gained prominence when the Jewett brothers, four in number started the first wholesale business which led to the city becoming a large distribution center.

"Mr. C. A. Jewett and Mr. Harvey C. Jewett, who were among the very early arrivals in Aberdeen, started in 1883 a retail grocery business known as the Red Front. Within a very short time they saw the opportunity for a wholesale grocery for this territory and laid their plans for just such a business. They had a large frame building erected at the Northwestern corner of Main Street and Third Avenue which housed both the retail and wholesale business. The venture expanded rapidly. They disposed of the retail business in 1886 and built a large three story brick building for wholesale purposes only. This building was at the Southwest corner of Main Street and Fourth Avenue and is still standing (1965).

"Mr. R. N. Jewett had joined in the business with his brothers. In 1889 a branch was opened in Sioux Falls with D. C. Jewett in charge and the late C. A. Jewett moved there.

"By 1903 the Main Street location was outgrown and a very large brick building was constructed at Railroad Avenue and Third Street. By this time the Jewett Brothers had started a wholesale drug business which was long under the management of Carl A. Newton. In 1941 the Jewett Bros. Wholesale Grocery was sold, but the wholesale drug business was retained and is now under the management of a grandson of Harvey C. Jewett."

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Mrs. William E. (Mary Carpenter) Wallace, author of that delightful book, "Summer Magic", has been very kind and presented the Jewett Family of America with a copy. It was on display at the 1967 reunion. Other books on view were several titles of Sarah Orne Jewett; "Leaves from the Life of Lyman Jewett" by Finette Jewett. Lyman Jewett was a Baptist missionary to India; a few sermons from our collection of Jewett material and some children's books written by two or three other Jewetts.



It was great seeing so many of you at the reunion, only wish more might have been there. We have had visitors here, but will not try to name them all as I'm sure I'd leave out one or two. Sometime we may keep a diary and then we'd have a record of all visitors. Your letters and cards as well as the many clippings help us greatly in the compiling of this yearbook. We are always glad to hear from you and trust that you will understand that we do try to answer all letters, but just cannot find the time, so answer only those that ask questions we can solve.

Tou jours le meme,

Edna P. Jewett

## Love Those Ancestors!

Dorothy Gladys Jewett Stitt

Get acquainted with your ancestors. Find out what made them tick! You'll find out what has made your country great--and--you may find out what makes you and yours act and react as you do.

There is an old saying that life changes and molds us as we go along. A statement that can be true--and yet, nothing changes people or their progeny as much as one might imagine. A study of one's ancestors makes this very plain.

Now that the psychologists are again of the opinion that heredity may play its part in a person's life and personality, the interested ancestor searchers may finger through accounts of their forebears in curiosity and delight, enjoying the idiosyncracies and the wonderful attributes of those of earlier generations, and noting the similarities of family members down through the generations.

Does your child show unusual interests that seem to differ somewhat from those interests of the rest of the family? Perhaps he loves exploring in the countryside, although you are strictly a city-person. Or does he take a great delight in hand-work of some kind--woodwork, maybe? Although you cannot drive a nail straight? How is his temperament? Different from the rest of your family, perhaps?

Well, perhaps not so different. Not so different, that is IF you could judge your child against many of his antecedents.

If you have planned to look, someday, further into the family line, why not now? Genealogy is fast becoming the armchair recreation of America. Whole-page ads in leading newspapers and magazines offering mounted coats-of-arms attest to this. Suddenly re-awakening historical societies and newly enlarged genealogy sections in libraries and archives bear further witness.

The Jewetts have a running start in this area.

With our wonderful and far-flung Jewett Family Association, our contacts in the present and ties to the past offer fine opportunities to know not only one's relatives, but also one's forbears. Know the relatives as present-day friends and as congenial collaborators. Know the forbears as more than names on an artfully designed family tree.

If you are fortunate to have the Jewett genealogy books, then start there to know your ancestors as vigorous, interesting people. One cannot but be struck by the magnificence of the immigrant stock that first came to these shores in 1638. These were careful, hardworking, determined, courageous, honest people. The wonder of it is that they never once thought of themselves in such superlatives.

Get to know who preceded you as personalities--as characters, if you please. For you will find they were. Strong characters. They had to be, to come across the sea in such a small ship to such a wild country. Only self-contained, self-assured individualists would have pushed on to the west to pioneer the land, risking so much and leaving so much behind.

Once again, one reads and lives the history of our country, because our Family is a part of America's history, through military service, through community leadership, through teaching, through law-making. History comes alive when one's own ancestor is placed against the backdrop of events that molded the young nation. In this day of security and careful planning, what an enchanting delight there is in finding the farmer-ancestor who dropped his plow and heeded the call to defend Boston.

Did a variance of this same act take place in the recent past within your own particular branch of the Family? Down through the generations, people in families change in personality and character far less than may be imagined. And one need only study a family-owned daguerrotype or two, to trace the inherited physical traits.

The past is interesting, illuminating, delightful to recreate. Surprisingly enough, this past that is the life of your forefathers often foreshadows the present and may foretell the future, at least in terms of personality.

How can the amateur search out one's ancestors?

How, you may ask, can one search out facts that give clues to personality?

Really, more simple than you may imagine.

To begin, get out your family tree and try to fill in any vacant spaces. Put at least an approximate date and place. This will

give you the approximate decades of the lives of those you want to search, and perhaps provide a clue to their movements and actions that you had overlooked previously.

If you have not a family chart, start one, beginning with yourself, and go backward in time, naming as many direct and collateral relatives as you can. Leave space under each name for dates of birth, death, and marriages. Also add "Where" to the other facts mentioned. Surprisingly enough, few commercial pedigree sheets ask, "Where?"

Here begins the fun, most often, and the puzzle.

If you have some vacancies, and you will have, the answers are to be found in old birth certificates, marriage certificates, or Bible records. Ask your parents or your aunts and uncles. They may uncover a long-forgotten lineage chart, or recollect the old family Bible stored away in the attic. Possibly stored with it is an old velvet-trimmed picture album, a real treasure trove of family.

A surprising knowledge of a person--his likes, dislikes, his temperament--may be gleaned from his will. Deeds often tell where a man came from. A death certificate often has on it the names of the parents of the deceased. A pension application often reveals almost the entire life of the soldier applying.

Many in the Association already know all this, and have the Jewetts down in print. They are fortunate. But many members do not have the same explicit information on their Jewett family, or on other families in their lines of ancestry. When one considers that each of us has sixteen great-great-grandparents, each with his own distinct line, the possibilities of searching begin to loom.

From your easy chair, a great amount of happy hunting can take place. For a small cost and a postage stamp, the National Archives will search, duplicate and send to you all files it may have on your soldier-ancestor. Just so he was in the service of his country at some time, be it World War, Spanish War, Civil War, War of 1812, Revolutionary War. In these records may be many clues to ancestry and personality.

Start your own Hall of Fame! It may surprise you to discover that almost all of your male ancestors were in the service of our

country in one way or another. The DAR and the SAR include as patriots those who provided service to their country in any form, as an official in a community, as a member of a local committee of safety, or by giving or selling goods that aided the war effort.

Likewise, look into old deeds and wills. Any deed or will registered in a county courthouse is public property and may be read, just for the asking, or photocopies for a fee. People employed in the office of the county clerk, or the office of recorder of deeds, are most accomodating, gernerally speaking, and may well know quite a bit about your family from having worked with various legal documents. And they are used to amateur as well as professional searchers. You may discover that an ancestral home still stands and care to visit it.

Church records to search include marriage, baptismal, vestry meeting records, annual meeting records, etc. You will most likely find your ancestor listed, if only for having his property "walked" at proper intervals.

The records of many old churches are to be found in the local historical societies. At the same place are local directories, lists of local men who have served their country, accounts of town activities, etc. Again, your ancestor will most likely turn up, if it is only on the list of a grocer of long ago.

Never overlook the state or national archives, genealogy libraries, or the libraries and research departments of the great partiotic societies. Search old cemeteries and records of the same.

And don't overlook the voluminous and growing files of the Jewett Family of America. They are kept at Rowley, Mass., and maintained with loving care that extends far beyond the call of duty by our own national officers, Mr. and Mrs. Everett D. Jewett.

Ask your relatives for help in rounding out a picture of your ancestor. You will be surprised at how much detail people remember. Perhaps the person you contact may have heard all he recalls at the knee of a grandparent several generations further removed. This makes the reminiscence all the more personal, interesting, and poignant.

And now for some tidbits of treasure to lure the reader into starting his search. Are you kin to any of these? It would be fun

to compile your own list.

How about the ancestor who was scalped and left for dead, but roused himself, staggered to an outpost, and lived for 20 more years? He had come west with a land-grant after the Revolution.

Did your great-great grandfather live under every president of the United States up to the time of his death in the 1870's? We know of one.

What a knowing father was the ancestor who wrote in his will that all the children were to "share and share alike; and, if any quarrel arise, two of my close neighbors shall be chosen to act as judges and their decisions will be final."

What kind of Pilgrim blood still ran so strong in one of our forefathers that his forbidding discipline and stern Christian zeal caused his son to run away from home and never mention his family to even his own children?

What pride one may have in the ancestor who repaired shoes for the Revolutionary troops after he was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine and unable to carry a gun anymore because of the nature of his wounds.

How human was the ancestor who wrote that if his wife should remarry, then "all of my worldly good shall be taken from her and distributed equally among my nieces and nephews." This will was written in the day when a husband owned even the clothes, feather-bed and side-saddle which a wife wore or used.

What great appreciation is shown in the will of another who willed his youngest daughter a few little extras "because of the great joy she has been to me in my later years." The older children left home to pioneer the West, and left a lonely father.

The adventure of genealogy takes one on wonderful trips of memory or imagination. The end result of historical family research is often to make new friends of distant cousins, and to take a real trip to see where some of these people who came before us lived, loved, worked, and perhaps bled.

Get acquainted with your ancestors! Know them by name and by personality. It's great fun, quite rewarding--and easier than you anticipate. Happy hunting!

## Births

Our past President, Mr. Herschel C. Jewett, reports the birth on May 15, 1967, of his grandchild, Juli Anne Thompson, daughter of Myrl and Mary (Jewett) Thompson.

Other proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Jewett of Long Beach, California, who have Micheal Eric Jewett, the son of Eric and Dee Jewett. Micheal was born January 1, 1967.

Susan Allison Newstrum was born December 10, 1967. She lives in Minneapolis with her brother and sisters; Stephen Allen, Stacey Aileen, Sheryl Arlene, and her parents, Marilyn and Roger Newstrum. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jewett are the parents of Marilyn.

At Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Sarah Hope Jewett was born March 7, 1967, to Rev. Robert Waldo and Mrs. Audrey Hope Jewett. They have two other children, Beth Anne and Jonathan Mansfield Jewett. Mr. Jewett's father is Francis B. Jewett of Needham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Clark announce the arrival of Thomas Leonard Clark on August 20th, 1967. Mr. Clark is a new member.

A daughter, Elizabeth Wycoff to James Francis and Lucia V. (Foster) Adams on April 27, 1967. Lucia is a descendant of Philomelia Jewett who married Moses Johnson, No. 962 in the Jewett Genealogy.

A great-great-grandson of Samuel Jewett, No. 1509, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kyle Spencer, Richard Perry Spencer, was born April 23, 1967.

A daughter, Kellie Anne was born to Edward and Arlene (Smith) Jewett, March 13, 1967. A daughter to Leo and Judith (Jewett) Brenner, Judith Lisa, born December 20, 1967. Edward and Judith are children of Everett D and Edna P. Jewett.

Peter Wade Richardson, Jr. was born February 6, 1968. He is the son of Peter W. and Alice Marie (Jewett) Richardson of Newburyport, Mass. George Perley Milliken, IV, born August 1, 1967, son of George P. and Pamela Mary (Jewett) Milliken of Newburyport, Mass. Alice Marie and Pamela Mary are daughters of Alfred D. and Alice Mary (Marshall) Jewett of

Rowley, Mass.

Mrs. Hazel Jewett Wells reports the birth of a first great-grandson, Mack Emory McLendon, born March 15, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. James (Judith) McLendon of Teague, Texas. Judith is the only daughter of Charles Alan Phelps. Mr. Phelps is the son of Mrs. Hazel Jewett Wells.

## Deaths

In Amherst, Massachusetts, Mrs. Elizabeth (Jewett) Reagan, 84, one of the oldest graduates of Deerfield Academy, died October 9, 1967. She was a sister of Clarence A. Jewett, Sr. and was born in South Deerfield, November 11, 1883. Number 9978 in the Genealogy.

Dana Jewett Farrington of Conway, New Hampshire, died May 17, 1967. He was serving his second term in the State Legislature as Representative from Conway. Until his retirement he owned and operated the Conway Furniture Store. He was a member of the Conway Methodist Church; Pythagorean Chapter, No. 11, A. F. & A. M.; and the Pythagorean Chapter O. E. S., both in Fryeburg, Maine; Swift River Lodge, IOOF; Conway Rotary, Eagle Mountain Grange, North Chatham, N. H.; Knights of Pythias and Eastern Slope Camp of Gideons. He is survived by a brother, Leland Farrington of Conway; two sisters, Mrs. Lois Seabury and Mrs. Lena Pitman, both of Conway, and several nieces and nephews.

In April, Miss Meta Glass Jewett, 87, of Ocala, Florida. She was a native of Wilmington, N. C., she moved to Ocala in 1888. She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and was employed in the office of Dr. R. C. Cumming before retirement. Survivors: five nieces and two nephews including Mrs. Frank Bowen of Ocala. She is number 6935 in the Genealogy.

Also in April of 1967, Mr. Harry D. Jewett of Eustis, Florida. He was born in Portage, New York, 83 years ago. He was a member of Presbyterian Church, Warsaw, N. Y., a retired electrician with Buffalo Electric Company, Buffalo, a member of Masonic Lodge, No. 549, Warsaw; a member of Electrical Workers Union Local No. 41, Buffalo. Mrs. Hazel L. Jewett survives.

We have just heard of the death in 1965 of Mrs. Howard S. Noble of Eugene, Oregon. She was a descendant of No. 7049, Andrew Ellsworth.

Mail has been returned to us marked 'deceased', of Harry Ward Williams, a descendant of No. 1164 in the Genealogy.

From the Muskegon, Michigan Chronicle, September 8, 1967: Mrs. Lula Jewett, 54, of White Cloud, died early today at Gerber Memorial Hospital in Fremont, following a long illness. She was born May 8, 1913, in Dearborn, and was married to Donald

Jewett, June 1928. Surviving are her Husband, two sons, Donald of Muskegon and Robert of Lansing; three daughters, Mrs. Vergie Smith of Hart, Mrs. Bonnie Wheeler and Mrs. Gloria Hudson of White Cloud, and 14 grandchildren. Burial was in Lincoln Township Cemetery.

Alfred Jewett, 75, died recently in Valatie, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Jewett made their home in Ludlow Center after his retirement as head accountant for Lone Star Cement Co., New York, and were members of First Church in Ludlow Center where he was deacon. They moved to Valatie in October, 1965. Besides his wife, the former Agnes Schmidt, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Arnold Tigges of New York.

In Cherryfield, Maine, formerly of Newtonville, Massachusetts, June 26, 1967, Donald C. Jewett in his 77th year. Husband of Mary (Stewart) and father of Mrs. Jayne Woodward of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Nancy Berquist of Auburndale, Mass. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. George Hamilton of Cherryfield, Maine, and 9 grandchildren. He was former Legal Counsel with Stone & Webster, Inc.

Mrs. Anna (Newton) Jewett died March 5, 1967 at the home of her son, Donald R. Jewett of Lakewood, Ohio. She was born in Rochester, Vermont, April 13, 1870; married October 25, 1905 at Rindge, N. H., William Henry Jewett. No. 6413 in the Genealogy.

Miss Amy Elizabeth Nelson died June 30, 1967 at Lake Mills, Iowa. She was born September 4, 1900. Miss Nelson was an Aunt of Mr. David Nelson. Their lineage is from Harriett Jewett Taylor, in Jewett Genealogy, through Jonathan Jewett Taylor and Elsie Taylor Nelson.

Mrs. Marie H. Jewett, wife of our member, Elwin S. Jewett of Grandville, Michigan and mother of our new member, Dr. Robert E. Jewett of Atlanta, Georgia, died March 23, 1967. She had recently returned from a visit with Dr. Robert and was attending a Maundy Thursday Service at the Church when stricken.

Mrs. Stella M. Jewett, 77, wife of Erastus A. Jewett, died at her home in Bath, Maine, August 20, 1967. She was born in Bath, November 28, 1889, the daughter of Irving W. and Emma Jane Emmons Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Jewett celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 27. Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Alvin E. and Clifton I., both of Bath; five



daughters, Mrs. Lucy A. Prescott of New Rochelle, N. Y., Mrs. Edith Dumore of Portland, Mrs. Stella Mank and Mrs. Grace Dersham, both of Bath, and Mrs. Eleanor Willey of Boothbay; three sisters, Mrs. Vera Caton of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Grace Ferris of Bath and Mrs. Bertha Baldwin of Brunswick; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Robert H. Barnes died October 2, 1967. She was a resident of Johnson City, N. Y. She was listed in the 1913 Year-book, No. 11759.

In Brighton, Mass., April 10, 1967, Mrs. Grace (Longley) Jewett, wife of the late Algernon L. Jewett. Interment at Plymouth, Maine.

You all remember William Hathaway Jewett who came to Rowley for the 1955 Reunion with his brother, Arthur. Bill is gone, he died December 26, 1966, aged 94 years. We very much miss his cheerful letters.

Wilbert A. Bishop, 86, retired Lynn, Mass. attorney, died January 22, 1967. He was the husband of the late Lillian G. (Cook) Bishop. Born in Rowley, he was the son of the late Arthur and Mary Elizabeth (Todd) Bishop. He maintained law offices in Lynn for the past 60 years; was a member of the Lynn and Massachusetts Bar Associations. He graduated from Governor Dummer Academy, Harvard College and Harvard School of Law. He leaves two sons; Wilbert A. Bishop, Jr. of Hinesville, Georgia and George P. Bishop of Marblehead; a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Smith of Lynn; and a brother, Lawrence Bishop of Rowley. Mr. Wilbert Bishop had been a member for the last 17 years.

Samuel Ring Peabody, Spec 4, 693rd Engineering Co., was killed in an auto-truck accident in Annheim, Germany, July 17, 1967. He was a great grandson of our former Secretary and Treasurer, Amos E. Jewett, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Lillian) Peabody, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest W. (Sarah Ring) Peabody.

Mrs. Marshall Jewett reports the death in Hollywood, California, of her daughter, Mrs. Janet Barbara Jewett Keck. on April 13, 1967, after a long illness. Janet was only 27 years old.

## New Members

### CALIFORNIA

	Leonard H. Clark	Sacramento
11734	Mrs. N. Warren (Nancy Jewett) Davis	Cortez
17	Mrs. W. Lester (Betty) Lane	Oakland
17	Mrs. Mildred D. Nichols	Sacramento

### CANADA

	Mrs. E.D. (Audrey) Hunter	Calgary, Alberta
	Robert A. Jewett	Ingersoll, Ontario

### CONNECTICUT

17	Mrs. C. Lincoln (Truda) Jewett	Darien
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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

11161	Miss Lucille Howell	Washington
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### GEORGIA

8565	James E. Bridges	Dacatur
2023	Robert E. Jewett, M.D.	Atlanta

### INDIANA

17	William A. Carleton	South Bend
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### KANSAS

10444	Miss Emma Jewett	Olathe
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### MAINE

17	Miss Annie M. Carlton	Bayside
10251	Mrs. George (Grace J.) Dersham	Bath
17	Anthony S. Dodge	Woolwich
10251	Alvin E. Jewett	Bath
17	Mrs. Bernice M. Lee	Augusta
17	Mrs. Paul (Mollie E.) Nickerson	Hampden Highlands
17	Edward F. Webber	South Paris
10251	Mrs. Eleanor J. Willey	Sawyer's Island
		Boothbay

### MASSACHUSETTS

17	Mrs. Margaret M. Babcock	Northampton
	Thomas L. Clark	Chelsea
1519	Glen David Jewett	Clinton
1519	Kenneth Robert Jewett	Clinton
9576	William Walter Jewett	Ipswich
132	Mrs. Frederic C. (Ellen) Merriam	Danvers
17	Mrs. Joseph (Joan Nickerson) Murray	Georgetown
	Mrs. Sarah Jewett Street VanCamp	Williamstown

# MISSOURI

11118	John G. Jewett	Wooldridge
11093	David Rastorfer	Houston
11093	Mrs. H. L. (Nancy M. Jewett) Rastorfer	Houston
11093	Robert L. Rastorfer	Kansas City
11093	Ted Rastorfer	Kansas City

# NEW YORK

923	Mrs. Clarence Chamberlain	Evans Mills
11755	Mrs. William (Doris) Kintz	New Hampton

# OKLAHOMA

1540	Mrs. John H. (Kathleen C.) Byrum	Oklahoma City
1540	Mrs. Parker E. (Frances C.) Costilow	Lawton

# OREGON

10444	Mrs. Elden R. Allen	Eugene
11161	Mrs. Blaine (Vera) Brown	Forest Grove
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# PENNSYLVANIA

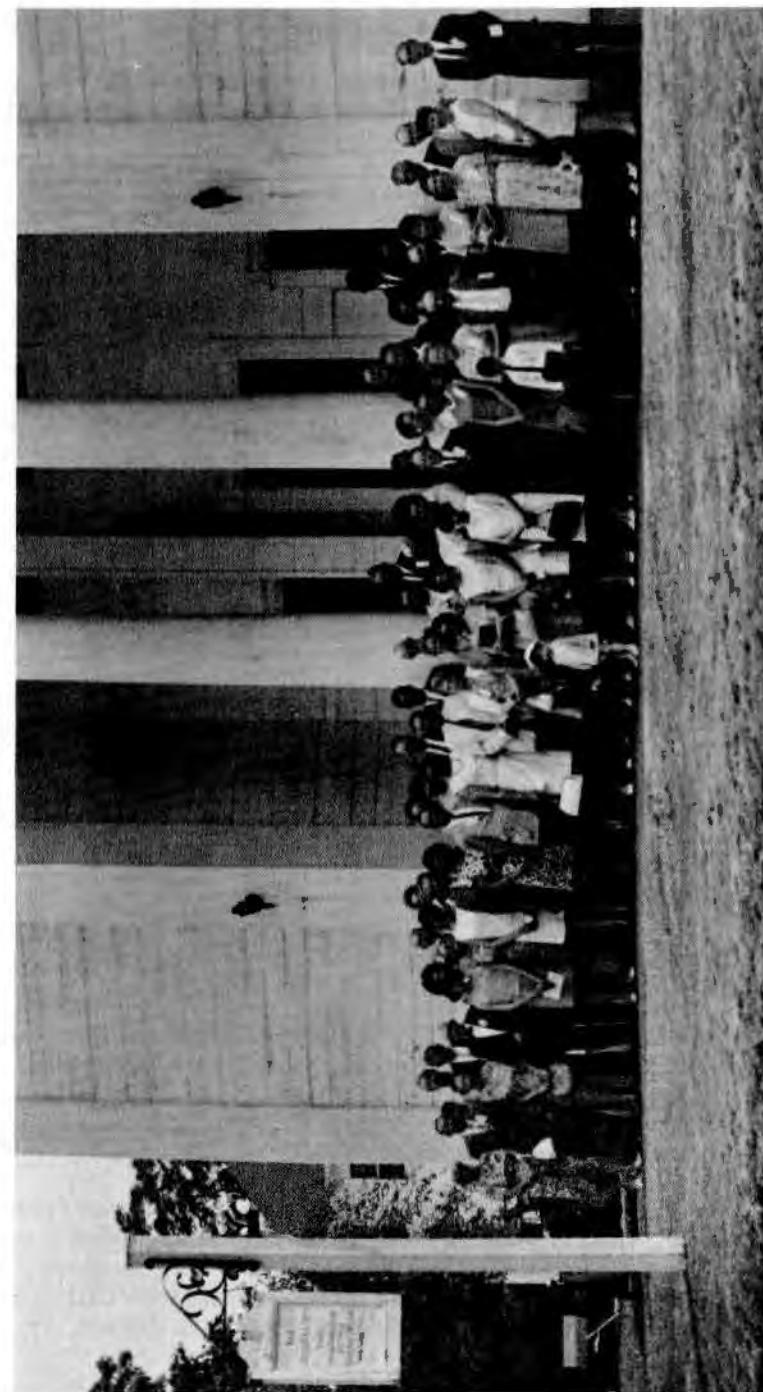
17	M. A. Carleton L. Beal	Gettysburg
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# SOUTH CAROLINA

1540	Mrs. A. M. (Barbara) Kendrick	Sumter
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# VERMONT

690	Mrs. Richard G. (Jane C.) Clark	Rutland
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July 18, 1967 - Reunion - Rowley, Massachusetts

## Director's Meeting

The minutes of the annual meeting of the Jewett Family of America, Inc., Rowley Congregational Church, Rowley, Massachusetts, July 7, 1967.

Those present were:

Roger Jewett, President  
Boston, Mass.  
Willard Jewett, Recording Secretary & Treasurer  
Rowley, Mass.  
Porter Jewett Perkins, Auditor & Director  
Wenham, Mass.  
Mrs. Edna P. Jewett, Corresponding Secretary & Director  
Ipswich, Mass.  
Everett D. Jewett, Historian & Director  
Ipswich, Mass.  
Albert W. Haley, Director  
Rowley, Mass.

Proxies were received from:

Raymond D. Jewett, Director  
Springfield, Mass.  
Herschel C. Jewett, Director  
Mason, Michigan  
Donald R. Jewett, Director  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Alfred D. Jewett, Director  
Rowley, Mass.  
Charles Wood Jewett, Director  
Lyme, Connecticut  
George Harold Pfau, Director  
Tucson, Arizona

The meeting opened at 8:20 P. M. in the Corinthian Room of the First Congregational Church, with Roger Jewett presiding.

On motion seconded it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given covering the period from September 19, 1966 to June 30, 1967. On motion seconded it was voted to accept his report. The President's report was given. He reported on his correspondence and conversations with Clifford L. Jewett, John Jewett Gilbert, and George Frederick Jewett, Jr. He

felt that the Family Directorship would be strengthened, and broadened, by the talents of these men and others. He suggested that all those members 80 years old or older, be made Honorary Members, and he appointed a nominating committee to report in a slate of officers and directors for the ensuing year at the business meeting of the Family Reunion on July 8, 1967. Said committee composed of: E. Tilson Peabody, Chairman; Albert W. Haley, and Porter Jewett Perkins.

The formation of a membership committee to stimulate interest, increase membership and improve our financial structure was discussed.

Continuation of the publication of a Year Book was thought to be a must, but there are problems of time, talent and treasure involved.

The library situation was discussed and all agreed that immediate action should be taken in this matter.

On motion, seconded, voted that the Secretary-Treasurer be given a set of the Jewett genealogical books for use in his office.

On motion, seconded, voted a contribution of \$50 to the First Congregational Church of Rowley for the use of their facilities for the reunion.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P. M.

## Treasurer's Report

September 19, 1966--June 30, 1967

Balance on hand, September 19, 1966	\$163.29
Receipts:	
Dues, including new members	\$494.00
Life Memberships	140.00
Sale of Coats of Arms	4.00
Sale of Year Books	30.00
Sale of Family Plates	37.50
Donations	46.08
Bank Interest	9.47
Total Receipts	770.05
	<u>\$933.34</u>
Disbursements:	
Postage	95.00
Insurance	16.92
Printing	43.78
Year Book	329.50
Rowley Scholarship Foundation	10.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Total Disbursements	500.20
Balance on hand, June 30, 1967	<u>\$433.14</u>

### EDGAR B. JEWETT FUND

Balance on hand, September 19, 1966	\$396.07
Interest (Ipswich Savings Bank)	17.51
Balance on hand, June 30, 1967	<u>\$413.58</u>

Willard Jewett  
Treasurer

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 20, 1968

The above accounts have been audited by me. I find that the receipts, bank balance and records agree with the above report.

Porter J. Perkins, Auditor

## Report Of The Jewett Family Of America, Inc. Reunion

CONGREGATIONAL-MEETING HOUSE  
ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS  
July 8, 1967

### MORNING SESSION - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Registration	Miss Nancy G. Jewett
Organ Recital	Mrs. Sarah F. Peabody
Call to Order	President, Roger Jewett
Prayer	Rev. George L. Cory
	Pastor, Rowley Cong. Church
Our Family Pledge	Assembly
Greetings from the Town of Rowley	Warren C. Grover, Selectman
Response	by The President
The Jewett's Patriotic Song	Assembly
Address	Dr. William Hoyt, President
	Essex County Historical
	Association
Faith of Our Fathers	Assembly
Benediction	Rev. George L. Cory

Following the morning session, group pictures were taken in front of the church.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Invocation	Father Neil O'Connor
	Pastor, St. Mary's Parish
	Rowley, Massachusetts
Dinner served by the Florence Jewett Society, Rowley Congregational Church.	
Recognition of Members & Guests	Albert W. Haley,
	Toastmaster & Co-Chairman
	Reunion Committee
Reading of Letters from	
Absent Members	Willard Jewett, Sec.-Treas.
The President suggested a short recess, after which the business meeting would be held in the Fellowship Hall of the new Christian Education Building.	

### BUSINESS MEETING - 2:30 p.m.

Report of the President	Roger Jewett
Report of the Secretary-Treasurer	Willard Jewett
Report of the Corresponding Sec.	Mrs. Edna P. Jewett



A moment of silent prayer was observed following the reading of the names of those members deceased since the last reunion.

Report of the Nominating Committee      E. Tilson Peabody  
Committee Chairman

Slate of officers and directors for the ensuing year:

Officers:

Vice-President	Clifford L. Jewett Minneapolis, Minnesota
Recording Sec. & Treas.	Willard Jewett Rowley, Massachusetts
Auditor	Porter Jewett Perkins Wenham, Massachusetts
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Edna P. Jewett Ipswich, Massachusetts
Historian	Everett D. Jewett Ipswich, Massachusetts

Directors:

E. Tilson Peabody	Ypsilanti, Michigan
Herschel C. Jewett	Mason, Michigan
Porter Jewett Perkins	Wenham, Massachusetts
George Harold Pfau	Tucson, Arizona
Donald R. Jewett	Cleveland, Ohio
Alfred D. Jewett	Rowley, Massachusetts
Albert W. Haley	Rowley, Massachusetts
Mrs. Edna P. Jewett	Ipswich, Massachusetts
Everett D. Jewett	Ipswich, Massachusetts
Charles Wood Jewett	Lyme, Connecticut
John Jewett Gilbert	St. Louis, Missouri
George F. Jewett, Jr.	San Francisco, California
Honorary Directors:	
Raymond D. Jewett	Springfield, Massachusetts
Shepard L. Jewett	Lynn, Massachusetts

It was voted and seconded that nominations be closed, and the above names be declared elected. The motion was passed.

There being no further business, the President proclaimed this reunion terminated.

Immediately following the business meeting of the Reunion, the newly elected officers and directors present met to elect the President. The meeting was opened, Roger Jewett presiding.

The report of the nominating committee was called for, and they recommended the re-election of Roger Jewett as President. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed, and that Roger Jewett be declared elected. The motion passed. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting.

Then there immediately followed a meeting of the Directors of The Jewett Memorial Library, Inc. The meeting was opened, President Roger Jewett, presiding.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names as Directors for the coming year: Roger Jewett, Chairman, Boston, Massachusetts; E. Tilson Peabody, Ypsilanti, Michigan; Shepard L. Jewett, Lynn, Massachusetts; Porter Jewett Perkins, Wenham, Massachusetts; Albert W. Haley, Rowley, Massachusetts; Mrs. Edna P. Jewett, Ipswich, Massachusetts; Everett D. Jewett, Ipswich, Massachusetts; and Willard Jewett, Rowley, Massachusetts. It was moved and seconded that the persons nominated be elected. It was so voted. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLARD JEWETT  
Secretary-Treasurer-Clerk



## 1967 Jewett Family Reunion

Fifty-five members and several guests of the Jewett Family of America, Inc. attended the Twenty-fifth Reunion of the Family on July 8, 1967, at the Congregational Church in Rowley, Massachusetts.

Coming the greatest distance was Louise Jewett of Booneville, Missouri.

Mrs. Sarah F. Peabody was made an Honorary Member of the Family, in recognition of her long and faithful service, since 1912, as organist at our reunions.

Raymond D. Jewett of Springfield, Massachusetts and Shepard L. Jewett of Lynn, Massachusetts were both made Honorary Directors in recognition of their years of devoted service.

The dinner tickets used were the same ones used for the 1910 reunion.

It was good to meet and to greet relatives, known and unknown before. All who attended had a good time, and are already looking forward to the next reunion.

Regrettably, some of those present did not get registered, but below are listed the names of those who did register:

J. Harris Todd	Rowley, Massachusetts
Marion G. Todd	Rowley, Massachusetts
Rev. Neil J. O'Connor	Rowley, Massachusetts
William D. Hoyt	Rockport, Massachusetts
Lucy J. Prescott	New Rochelle, New York
Dorothy P. Totton	Woodbridge, Connecticut
Sarah F. Peabody	So. Hamilton, Massachusetts
Everett D. Jewett	Ipswich, Massachusetts
Edna P. Jewett	Ipswich, Massachusetts
Louise Jewett	Boonesville, Missouri
Helen H. Keys	Stony Creek, Connecticut
Eunice Medlyn	Stony Creek, Connecticut
Sybil M. Todd	Ipswich, Massachusetts
F. Signuey Todd	Ipswich, Massachusetts
Porter J. Perkins	Wenham, Massachusetts
Sue Perkins	Wenham, Massachusetts
Doris Kintz	New Hampton, New York
Dorothy E. Peret	Owego, New York

Dorothy J. Stitt	Union City, New Jersey
James W. Stitt	Union City, New Jersey
Ellen S. Merriam	Danvers, Massachusetts
Roger Jewett	Boston, Massachusetts
Evelyn L. Jewett	Boston, Massachusetts
Clarence A. Jewett, Jr.	Amherst, Massachusetts
Felicia Jewett	Amherst, Massachusetts
Willard Jewett	Rowley, Massachusetts
Gertrude F. Jewett	Rowley, Massachusetts
Nancy G. Jewett	Rowley, Massachusetts
Shepard L. Jewett	Lynn, Massachusetts
Albert W. Haley	Rowley, Massachusetts
Helen Haley	Rowley, Massachusetts
Eleanor J. Haley	Rowley, Massachusetts
Albert W. Haley, Jr.	Rowley, Massachusetts
Warren C. Grover	Rowley, Massachusetts
Leonard W. Peabody	Georgetown, Massachusetts
Leo T. Brenner	Westbury, New York
Judith Brenner	Westbury, New York
Florence L. Foster	Mattapan, Massachusetts
Russell E. Jewett	Clinton, Massachusetts
Eliot Remick	Chelmsford, Massachusetts
Louise Remick	Chelmsford, Massachusetts
Dorothy Brigham	Ipswich, Massachusetts
David Brigham	Ipswich, Massachusetts
Ranald Brigham	Ipswich, Massachusetts
Natalie J. Bruce	Branford, Connecticut
Irene J. Fultz	Auburndale, Massachusetts
Rev. Arthur F. Fultz	Auburndale, Massachusetts
Walter A. Jewett	Ipswich, Massachusetts
Alfred D. Jewett	Rowley, Massachusetts
Mary A. Jewett	Rowley, Massachusetts
Jennifer Jewett	Rowley, Massachusetts
Nancy Lee	Nutley, New Jersey
Theodore Lee	Nutley, New Jersey
Rev. George L. Cory	Rowley, Massachusetts
E. Tilson Peabody	Ypsilanti, Michigan

(for further details see the Secretary's report)

## Reunions

The last annual get-together of the descendants of Marcus L. Jewett (2859), born in Pelham, Massachusetts, and his wife, Zeviah Carver Jewett, was held in conjunction with the golden anniversary of the marriage of Lucian E. Jewett and Effie K. (Jenson) Jewett. Over 300 relatives and friends signed the guest book at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in West Salem, Wisconsin.

Their son, Lucian A. Jewett and his wife, Alice and their three sons, of Mason City, Iowa, were present.

Since the anniversary Mr. Jewett has retired from all of his many Activities, all connected with agriculture. He served for many years on the County and State Farm Bureau boards and is a member to this day. He served for twelve years on the District Farm Credit Board of St. Paul, which serves the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Michigan. During that time he visited all the twelve Farm Credit Districts in the U. S. He had the opportunity while at Springfield, Massachusetts to locate the birthplace of his father at Ludlow, Massachusetts, now within the city of Springfield. He also visited the historic area around Boston and Rowley. He served as President of the Production Credit Association of Sparta, Wisconsin, for thirty-three years.

Marcus and his family moved from Massachusetts by ox teams to Wisconsin prior to the Civil War; and served for the duration of the war with the Army of the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewett are enjoying their golden years at their home in West Salem, Wisconsin.

### VERMONT REUNION

The annual reunion of the Jewett Family was held at Witchat Falls in Bakersfield with fifty members attending.

Prizes were presented to: oldest lady present, Mrs. Roy Gelbar of St. Albans; the oldest gentleman, Fred Jewett of Montgomery; youngest member, Jeffrey Jewett of Richfield; from the greatest distance, Gerald Jewett, Jr., just back from Vietnam; for the largest family present, Gerald Jewett, Sr., of Fairfield; door prize to Barbara Colburn of Enosburg Falls.

During the business meeting officers were elected as follows: Harold Jewett of Richfield, reelected president; Arlin Jewett of Enosburg Falls, reelected vice-president; Mrs. Geneva Jewett of Enosburg Falls, treasurer; and Mrs. Ruth Jewett of Richfield, secretary.

### EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION

The descendants of Charles Frederick and Harriet Louise Cowles, held their eighth reunion in Wellsburg, New York in the Parish Rooms of Christ Episcopal Church on Sunday, July 23, 1967.

A silent prayer for members not present was offered.

Elections were held and Mrs. Louise Leonard of Apalachin, New York was elected President; Vice-President, Martha E. Hanmer of Wellsburg; Mrs. Lois Horton of Owego, Secretary and Treasurer.

The 29th annual Jewett Family Reunion was held Sunday, July 30, at "Petticoat Pastures" home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Overbaugh, Parsonage Road, Hampton, Connecticut. Many of the family attended the church service in the Hampton Congregational Church prior to the meeting. Mrs. Amy Jewett, from Essex, Connecticut came and played the organ prior to the morning service, she was a former organist at the church.

A pot luck dinner was served at 1:00, forty-eight signed the guest book. Officers elected were President Mrs. Viola J. Clapp, Vice-President Austin E. Emmons, Secretary-Treasurer Miss Susan R. Emmons. Mr. Ulmer Jewett of Norwich, Connecticut presented the President a gavel and gavel block which he had made over 50 years ago. This will be used at each meeting. Three were in attendance that had attended each of the family reunions -- William A. Pearl, Oran Weeks, and Mrs. Viola Clapp. The oldest present was William A. Pearl, 87, and his great granddaughter, Debra Hoyt, age 3 was the youngest. There were several three generation family groups in attendance. Mrs. Florence Pearl Morey of Gorham, New Hampshire, travelled the greatest distance to attend the reunion. A letter was read from the Jewett family in Michigan. In answer to this, Mrs. Eleanor Moon read a letter written by Austin E. Emmons on the Jewett-Pearl family work in the Grange in Connecticut. We lost two members by death this year, Albert Hoffman and Arthur E.

Pearl. Following the business meeting and program, horse-shoes and croquet were played and many stayed on to visit. Mr. and Mrs. Overbaugh invited the family to return next year. It was announced Miss Susan R. Emmons of Columbia, Connecticut had been selected Princess of the Connecticut State Grange and will represent Connecticut at the national Grange Session to be held in Syareuse, New York, in November.

#### MASON, MICHIGAN JEWETT FAMILY REUNION AND NOTES

The 53rd Annual Jewett Family Reunion was held Sunday, July 30th, 1967, at Ingham County Park at Mason. Weather was sunny, clear, warm. The long white covered table was bedecked with lovely flowers. The yellow roses and colorful zinnias were from the gardens of Emery and Lena Jewett. A beautiful bowl of fragrant pink, purple and white sweet peas was brought by Joseph L. Jewett of Grand Blanc. Joe, a teacher for the past twenty years at Grand Blanc Schools, pursues the hobby of growing flowers, also sponsors 4-H Club Floral work and gardening.

The Lord's Prayer was repeated by all at the request of President Joseph L. Jewett. The tables were laden with delicious food. Dinner was enjoyed by all.

Two Golden Wedding Anniversaries were celebrated, one for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jewett which is November 28th, and the other that of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Jewett of Royal Oak, which took place July 19th.

Ralph Fenton Jewett, age 74 and Arthur William Jewett, age 71 are the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Jewett, Sr. of Mason.

Mrs. Forest (Janice Jewett) Anderson of Blissfield sent a double Golden Wedding Cake in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Jewett, and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Jewett. Congratulations were offered, happy memories recalled, 1917 photos displayed and gifts presented.

Forty-four guests were present; out of town guests were as follows; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abraham Jewett of Ingersall, Ontario, Canada, who brought their niece, Dr. Vivian Jewett Richards, an optometrist from Flint, Michigan. Dr. Richards is the daughter of the late Dr. William M. Jewett who was also an optometrist at Flint; other guests included Mrs. Albert (Virginia Jewett) Johnson

of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Miller of Chelsea; Mr. and Mrs. Murl Thompson and baby daughter, Julie Ann, of Holt; Mr. and Mrs. William Balance and son, Bryan Paul, of Lansing; Misses Ann and Janet Bearss of Adrian; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Jewett and Sue Ann of Grand Blanc; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lindsay of Detroit. The reading of two very important letters preceeded the reading of the minutes. One from Mrs. Leon (Viola) Clapp of North Windham, Connecticut. Their reunion is held the same day as ours, always the last Sunday of July. In 1967 it tookplace at the home of their President, Mrs. Dorothy Pearl Overbaugh. Several of their ancestors were Charter Members of Little River Grange, Hampton, Conn. Our fore-father Joseph W. Jewett was active in Ingham County Grange, 100 years ago at Mason, Mich. The U.S. Post Office issued a special Grange 5¢ stamp in 1967. The Connecticut Jewetts extend an invitation to visit them at any time. This is especially important as our Eleazer, 3rd, who settled at Chelsea, Mich. in 1836 originally came from Coventry, Conn. Mrs. Clapp extends personal invitation to visit her.

The other letter was from Mrs. Theodore (Nancy Johnson) Lee of 111 Passioc Street, Nutley, New Jersey. Nancy and her husband were the only ones of our family to attend, on July 8th, the Jewett Family of America, Inc. Reunion at Rowley, Massachusetts. Three hundred twenty-eight years ago Maximillian and Joseph Jewett, brothers, helped to found Rowley and are interred at the cemetery there. A Jewett Boulder was placed there in 1912, with a bronze tablet set into the stone. Few can claim ancestry as far back as Henri DeJuatt, a Knight of the First Crusade, 1096-99. Few of us realize our ancestors must have possessed great courage to seek homes in an unknown new world in 1638. Nancy sent a copy of the Program, The Jewett Family Pledge and Patriotic Song. She mentioned sitting next to Shepard L. Jewett, age 71, of Lynn, Mass., who reminded her of her grandfather, Joseph Carl Jewett. Shepard's grandfather built several of the houses in Salem, Mass., a few of which are still standing. Shepard attended our reunion in 1965.

The minutes of the 1966 Reunion were read and approved; the same officers were elected to serve another year. Joseph L. Jewett, President, Emery H. Jewett, Vice President, Mrs. Madeleine Lindsay, Secretary and Treasurer.

Prizes were awarded as follows: The oldest lady was Mrs. Carl (Blanche) Jewett, age 82, of Mason, who received a box of chocolates; the eldest man was Ralph F. Jewett, age 74, who received a silk tie; the youngest girl was Julie Ann Thompson,



2 1/2 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murl Thompson of Holt. Julie received baby sheets; Sue Ann Jewett and Wendy Dawn Lamphere won toy poodles/ the youngest boy was LaValle Lamphere, age 4, who won baseballs and poodle. The ones who came from the farthest were Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Jewett, Ingersoll, Ontario, who received a tie and candy. The others who came farthest were the Misses Ann and Janet Bearss of Adrian. They are the grand-daughters of Mrs. Ruth Jewett Rossman who regularly attended our reunion in by-gone years. They received an imported china cup and saucer and embroidered pillow cases. Mr. Ralph F. Jewett and Arthur W. Jewett received ties and candy. Mrs. Arthur Jewett, pillow cases and Mrs. Ralph Jewett an Expo Centennial souvenir; in honor of their Golden Anniversaries.

The Jewett Family entertained as guests several of the Lyon Family, the late Mrs. Arthur W. Jewett, Sr. was Lulu Jane Lyon. Many of the Lyon Family reside near Mason and are closely associated with the Jewetts. We welcomed Mrs. Irene Edgar Franklin of Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Chapin of Eden, Mrs. Paul (Annette) Morh of Royal Oak, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Robertson, Diane and Eric of Toledo, Ohio., Mr. Maurice Lyon, Mason, the family of Marilyn Clark Knight, Mr. Knight, Lora and Tracey of St. Johns. Prizes presented to the Lyons were as follows: Mr. Julius Chapin, age 78, a tie; Mrs. Chapin, candy; Mr. and Mrs. Chapin reside at their 125 year old Centennial home, Eden, Mich. Arthur and Lulu Jewett were married there, in the Music Room Parlor, year 1886. Many of the Jewetts of that era attended. The original furnishings of the Chapin home are still intact, now valuable antiques. The Lyons who came from farthest were Mrs. Paul (Annette) Morh of Royal Oak and Mrs. Marilyn Gardner Robertson of Toledo, Ohio. Both received pillow cases. Little Diane and Eric received toys. The Lyon Family of America is also a National Organization. They publish a monthly newspaper called Lyons Tales, at Asheville, N.C. Membership is \$2.00 per year. Mrs. Marilyn Robertson is to be commended for her intensive research. The Lyon Family is associated with the Jewetts through the late Mrs. Arthur (Lulu Lyon) Jewett, mother of Joseph Carleton, Florence Mary, Ralph Fenton, Wilfred Lyon, Arthur William, Emery Haskell, Madeleine Carson and Richard Claflin Jewett.

Many of the Lyons have attended the Jewett Reunion through the years.

Letters of regret and pictures were passed around as follows: from Mrs. Joel (Beverly Jewett) Richert of Palo Alto, Cal.; Mr.

and Mrs. Ronald R. Jewett, Los Lunas, New Mexico; Mrs. Bessie Dermody, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Ronald (Marian Benson) Suriano, Haf Soale, Germany; Mrs. Sam (Roberta Bullen) Cotton of Mason; Mr. and Mrs. Henri Bezinian, Montreal; Mr. Elwin Jewett, Grandville, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Jewett, Mt. Morris; Mrs. Edward (Lettia Jewett) Green of Bakersfield, Cal.; Mrs. Paul (Emma Belle Jewett) Seifert, Rockford, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. William Rossman, Adrian; Mrs. Forest (Janice Jewett) Anderson, Blissfield; Mrs. Walter (Phyllis Jewett) Felke, Kalhaska; Mrs. Walter (Ethel Jewett) Stephan, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Marilyn Merindorf, Mason; Mrs. Albert (Luella Townsend) Masters, Painesville, Ohio.

A wonderful day was enjoyed by all, we were especially glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Jewett of Ingersoll, Ontario, who brought many clippings and pictures. Robert knows nothing of his ancestors except his fathers name was John. He was reared by an uncle, George Dove. He and his son Robert operate the Fleischer & Jewett, Ltd. Auto Electric Co. at Ingersoll. All are invited to visit them.

The many prizes were donated by Mrs. Madelon Lindsay.

Toujours le meme,  
until another year,

Madelon Jewett Lindsay,  
Secretary

## BIRTHS

Julie Ann Thompson, May 15, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Thompson of Holt, Michigan. Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of Herschel C. Jewett of Mason.

Kevin Lynn Jewell, May 24, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton L. Jewell, Jr. of Leslie, Mich.

Steven Frederick Cox, June 20, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. David F. Cox of Bay City, Mich. Mrs. Cox was Mary Ann Frederick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Frederick of Mason.

## WEDDINGS

Thomas Joseph Jewett to Jean Garvin Haughey, August 19, 1967, St. Mary Student Chapel, Ann Arbor. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Jewett, Grand Blanc. A reception was held after the wedding at D'Oggostinos Dinner Club. Open House at the apartment of the newly weds. Thomas has one more year of studies at U. of Michigan.

William Scott Jewell to Betty Ann Marquedaut, September 9, 1967, at United Brethren Church, Eden, Mich. Reception followed in the Parlours of the Church. The newly-weds will reside at Leslie, Mich. William will continue his studies at Michigan State U. Betty is employed at Register of Deeds, Mason. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jewell, Sr.

Phillip Duane Jewett to Rose Barton, October 21, 1967, at Baptist Church, Mason. They will reside at Mason. Phillip is the son of the late Wilfred L. Jewett and Mrs. Jewett.

Cordelia Sue Cotton to Gerald Leland Grandy, June 24, 1967. Cordelia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Cotton, Mason. The Sam Cottons live at the former home of Richard C. Jewett on E. Ash Street. Many would remember this place from the Jewett Family of America Reunion, 1965. The Cottons have added a family room at the rear of the house. Mrs. Cotton is descended from the Sarah Jewett line.

## DEATHS

Mr. Lynn Archie Jewell, age 76, Leslie, Michigan, died Saturday evening, November 19, 1966 at Mason Hospital. He was a member of First Congregational Church of Leslie. A life member F.A.M. Leslie Chapter, 50 R.A.M. Leslie Council, R.S.M. A member Agricultural Stabilization Committee, Past President Ingham County Farm Bureau. He was a retired farmer. Surviving are his wife, Florence Mary Jewett Jewell, one son, Clayton L., Sr. of Leslie, one daughter, Mrs. Allan (Helen) Frederick of Mason, six grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren. Services were held at Lurcht Funeral Home, Leslie. Rev. Russell Hoover officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Leslie. Lynn was a prosperous farmer, well known and respected by many, he loved fishing and spent winters at DeLand, Florida.

Mr. Wilfred Lyon Jewett, age 71, Veray Township Super-

visor for 32 years, died suddenly of a heart attack, Tuesday, March 7, 1967. He and his wife, Pearl, resided at their farm home in Mason, Michigan. Born August 23, 1895, in Jackson, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Jewett, Sr. He was a veteran of World War 1, a Sgt., Co. M. 383 Infantry. A member of V.F.W., Farm Bureau; First Methodist Church of Mason; President, Michigan Artificial Breeding Corp.; twenty years a member of Ingham County Fair Board. Interested in young people and farm work, he furnished the Barn Prize awarded each year at Fair time. Besides his wife, Pearl, he is survived by three sons, Robert Gary of Charlotte, Phillip Duane and Roger Lynne at home; two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Loveland, Mason and Mrs. Sharon Rockhold of Holt, all adopted. Five grandchildren, three brothers, Ralph F. of Royal Oak; Arthur W. and Emery H. Jewett of Mason; two sisters, Mrs. Lynn (Florence Jewett) Jewell and Mrs. Madalon Lindsay. Funeral services were at 2:00 P.M., Friday, March 10, from Jewett Funeral Home. Rev. Keith Hayes officiating, Military Rights by Post 148, American Legion Auxiliary. Burial was in Hawley Cemetery. Pall bearers were; Joe Akers, Joe Bullen, Max Fuller, Lloyd Wheeler, Fred LaVerte and Homer Launstein. Everyone went to Veray Town Hall after the services. A lunch was served by Methodist Ladies. Wilfred was a kind man, a great humanitarian and philanthropist, loved children and animals, helped the elderly and indigent. He liked growing of farm crops, his farm was productive, a show place and his live-stock - Blue Ribbon. He was beloved by many and greatly revered by relatives, neighbors and friends and associates.

Mrs. Florence Mary Jewett Jewell of Leslie, Michigan, died May 11, 1967, at Foote Hospital, Jackson. Mrs. Jewell was a member of Leslie Congregational Church where she was organist for forty years; also a member of Royal Daughters, Theta Sigma E.O.T.C. Club, First President of Leslie Music Club which she founded over fifty years ago; a life-member Leslie Chapter No. 155 O.E.S. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Allan (Helen) Frederick, of Mason; one son, Clayton L. Jewell, Sr. of Leslie; six grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren; three brothers, Ralph F. Jewett, Royal Oak; Arthur W. and Emery H. Jewett of Mason; a sister Madelon Lindsay of Detroit. Services were held Tuesday, May 13 at 2:00 P.M. at the Luecht Funeral Home, Leslie. Pall bearers were: Clayton Jewell, Jr., James Jewell, William Jewell, Jerald Graves, Charles Adams, Mahlon Count. Florence possessed the Jewett spirit of great ambition, determination and fortitude, was an accomplished pianist and organist, loved music. The Rev. Russell Hoover's



eulogy was very touching. He compared her music to her love of life and religion. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Walter Anton Felke, age 70 of Bear Lake, Kalkaska County, died June 9th, 1967, at Saginaw Veterans Hospital after a long illness. Mr. Felke was born September 12, 1896, at Wilmette, Ill., the son of Frank and Barbara Felke. He had been a Bear Lake Township resident 35 years, also served as Township officer. He was a veteran of World War 1, with overseas duty, belonged to V. F. W. He also served as Deputy Sheriff of Kalkaska County for a number of years. January 15, 1944, at Detroit he was married to Phyllis Jewett who survives, as do two daughters, Barbara at home and Betty Schopplein of California, a son Robert at home, three grandchildren; four brothers, Joseph, Edward, Paul, John, all of Indiana; two sisters, Lucille Zabrowski and Mrs. Ann Hiss of Indiana. Funeral services were held, 2:00 P. M., Sunday, June 11 at Schwarz Funeral Home, Kalkaska. Burial in Excelsair Township Cemetery. Walter's father and brothers owned Flower Shops and Greenhouses in Plymouth and Rochester, Indiana; his sister is in the florist business in Chicago, Ill. Walter served in World War 1, overseas, 1st Division, Battery A, 6th Field Artillery, May 1, 1917 to September 20, 1919. He was in Battles of Montdidor, Noyan, Aisne, Marne, St. Michiel, Meuse, Argonne, Somersville, Ansanville, Saigerais and Contigny. He was gassed twice, April 1, 1918, and October 5, 1918. He suffered from Emphysema several years, was faithfully attended and loved by his wife Phyllis. Phyllis is the daughter of the late J. Carl Jewett and Mrs. Jewett.

#### NEWS

Mrs. Arline McKenzie, teacher at Mason Schools in 1966, plans to teach again in 1967. Arline is of the Jewett family of Mt. Morris, Michigan. They originally came from Robinhood, Maine.

Mrs. Carl (Blanch) Jewett, age 82, of Mason, Mich. spent February 1967 touring the Hawaiian Islands. She was accompanied by her sister Mrs. Buelah Bullen of Mason.

Mr. Herschel C. Jewett, son Steven, daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Thompson, spent Christmas, 1966, with Mr. and Mrs. James Dermody in Miami, Florida.

Charles A. Jewett, son of Herschel C. Jewett, is studying law at Wayne University, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henri Bezinian sold their lovely home at Montreal. Henri is recuperating from major surgery; can now spend some time at his office of the Crown Insurance Co.

Herschel C. Jewett of Mason is kept very busy with his rapidly expanding insurance business, his miniature golf course at Higgins Lake, and settling the estate of his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton L. Jewett.

Mrs. Wilfred (Pearl) Jewett of Mason flew to visit Mr. and Mrs. James Dermody of Miami, Florida, in May, 1967. In September she flew to Seattle and was hospitalized there for several weeks due to a fall that broke her shoulder.

Edward Jewett Green, son of Mrs. Lettia Jewett Green of Bakersfield, Cal., is Professor of Geo-chemistry at Carnegie Tech, Philadelphia, and plans to go into research.

The son-in-law of Mrs. Lettia Jewett Green, Mr. Parke D. Snively, is head of U. S. Survey Oceanographic Photography. He, his wife Ann and children reside in Palo Alto, Cal., and spend their summers in Oregon.

Dr. and Mrs. Joel H. Richert, Ruth Ann, Cynthia, John and Carol are now residing in their newly constructed home at Los Altos Hills, California. Beverly is continuing her fifteen hour a week occupational therapy work. Dr. Joel is with Palo Alto Clinic, also, N. A. S. A. Ames Research Center, Moffat Air Station. They spent vacations in Sierra Nevada Mts. and the beach at Santa Cruz. They extend an invitation to all Jewetts to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Jewett, Ronda, Richard and Kelly reside on a ranch at Los Lunas, New Mexico, twenty miles south of Albuquerque. Ronnie is an Area Service Manager for Chevrolet. They spend weekends and vacations exploring Indian National Monuments, Gallup Indian Festivals and local Rodeos. Ronnie's hobby is raising Palominos and Shetland ponies. Joy's is collecting old Spanish antiques and Indian relics of which she has many. Ronda, age 6, rides in rodeos and horse shows, and has won many prizes. Ronald is the son of the late Richard and Murryne Jewett of Mason. Ronald and Joy extend invitations to all to visit them.

Mr. Louis Paul Benson, son of the late Major Edward and Mrs. Benson, spent 1967 in Roch Gia, South Vietnam, teaching English to Vietnamese School Volunteer Students; Louis graduated in 1967 from M. S. U. with honors, winning a scholarship to study on his Masters at University of Hawaii.

Mrs. Mary Benson and daughter, Barbara, of Miami, Florida, attended the graduation exercises at M. S. U. for her son, Louis, then spent several weeks with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Bezinian, Montreal, Canada.

Rev. Ronald E. Benson has been given a Fellowship to study on his Doctrate at M. S. U.

Capt. and Mrs. Ronald P. Suriano are travelling and visiting many places in Europe while the Captain is stationed near Haf Saale, Germany. Mrs. Suriano is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Benson. They plan to return to San Antonio, Texas in December.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Dermody of Miami, Florida, visited her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Rooker and family of Radford, Virginia, also her granddaughter, Mrs. Dee Ann Lawton and husband, at Kingsport, Tennessee. They also toured the Great Smokies and spent several days at Fantana Lodge, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stephan (Ethel Jewett) alternate between their home in Grand Rapids, Mich., their summer home at Ottowa Beach on Lake Michigan, and Sarasota, Florida.

Paul Donald Seifert, age 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Seifert of Rockford, Ill., won the local soap box derby and competed in the National Soap Box Derby at Akron, Ohio. The proud parents, with Mark, Joel and Beth accompanied Paul, flying an all expense paid trip to Akron. Paul won \$500.00, prize money from Chevrolet, but finished out of National Finals.

Mrs. Donald (Emma Belle Jewett) Seifert advises that she discovered an antique - The Sherman Jewett Stove - at a Logging Museum in Haywood, Wisconsin. Logs were shoved in one end door. The size of the logs were 3 1/2 to 4 feet long and up to 10 inches in diameter. A sand pit was made under the stove to prevent charring of the floor. It was strictly a heating stove as there were no grates or space for cooking. A picture has been sent to the Jewett Family of America for their archives.

Capt. Erikson, after nine years in the U.S. Air Force is now with Pan American Air Lines, San Francisco, his wife Carol, and children Erik, Kristin and Bryn now reside in San Jose, California.

Joan Jewett, proprietress of Joan Jewett Schools in East Lansing, Mich., accompanied by fourteen young ladies and her son, Drew, attended the Expo at Montreal. She also enjoyed a visit with cousins Ruth and Henri Bezinian.

Paul L. Mixter of Miami Beach informs that the Jewetts brought the first printing press to America, also, a Jewett bought publishers rights to "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe for \$10,000.

## Priscilla and the Indians

In the 1840's and 1850's many families started out on the long trek across the plains to Oregon. "On to Oregon" was the cry of the adventurer - fur trader - gold seeker and families who were searching for new homes in the West. Many met with death, serious illness and tragedy in many forms, but the dream of Oregon carried them on over the forbidding trail to their heart's desire - "Oregon."

On April 12, 1853 the family of Seth and Lydia Jewett Hayes, he a native of New York, 1785, and a veteran of the War of 1812, and she of New Hampshire, 1793, left Libertyville County, Iowa with the family of seven children along with several of the grandchildren. Many were the exciting incidents they experienced as the days went by. It was the time of Indian stories and every day new adventures came true.

Among these families was Rueben Jewett and wife Lydia Louisa Hayes Jewett; the writers maternal grandparents. They had married in Libertyville in 1848: I believe they were the parents of two or three children at the time of leaving for Oregon. Letters from John and Alanson Jewett, who had preceeded the others in 1847, brought word of the beauty and riches of the new land "----lush fields of shoulder high wild grass, great prairies of rolling land waiting for the plow; forests of pine, fir and oak for the building of homes; great rivers and streams with cool, clear water, abounding in fish; deer, elk, bear, wild pheasants, ducks and geese that blotted out the sun! What an incentive for the trek!

The first Jewetts settled in what was called, "Clatsop Plains", near Fort Clatsop, which was situated near the Pacific Ocean. No doubt their letters had much to do with the large group of the family being fired with ambition to make the trip under any circumstances. There was "Much land, the finest in the world, warmed by the sun and cooled by the soft rains from the ocean, land for all ----first come first served."

So with high hearts and faith in their Heavenly Father, the clan assembled, said their tearful farewells and headed out their ox teams, and the cattle they took along for milk and food, for the five month sojourn to the new land.

The train was a large one made up of many other families, and under the command of Captain Nelson Davis who proved him-

self many times as a fine man, well qualified for the position.

Day after day the train, drawn in most cases by oxen, lumbered across the great expanses of the plains and hills. Near the Missouri River, April the 30th, 1853, according to a "line a day" diary kept by Rev. George Bond, a member of the train and a relative by marriage of our family, "We say our first Indian today," and later on June 5th, "The Sabbath, we saw the first Sioux Indians," and, "July 28, very warm, traveled the spring where the Indians killed Mr. Lambert." So we cannot be sure where the incident I shall describe really happened as Rev. Bond makes no mention of it in his diary. Later the secret of his silence may appear.

As night drew near one evening, at the command of Capt. Davis, the wagons moved into a circle as was the way, in order to more easily protect the pioneers from any danger from Indians, wild animals, etc.

In most cases, not much trouble was met from these; the things most feared were the sudden illnesses such as dysentery and the death which no doubt was the result in many cases of de-hydration; scurvy was common, caused by "the eating of warm buffalo meat." Sudden prairie storms which buffeted them severely, lightening and thunder storms stampeding their stock; swollen streams through which they lost wagons, precious belongings and supplies, these were the heartbreaking things often coming all too often. Saddest of all was the loss by death of dear ones. Many a tiny grave was left behind on the trackless prairie; hastily buried at night so that the wagons could be driven over the graves as they moved out in the morning, were precious ones left behind by heart broken families and friends. There was always the fear that Indians would find the graves and desecrate them.

Here, I should like for you who may read this, to hear the story as it happened, and as told to us children by our grandmother, Lydia Louisa Jewett, who often liked to tell it. How we teased her to tell again and again the story of Great-aunt Priscilla and the Indians. My dear grandmother died when the writer was a small girl but as many times as she told it we thrilled at it's telling. She was a wonderful story-teller. Here then is the story.

"One evening after a terribly hot day, the roads rutted and dusty and the whole company almost ill from the heat and lack

of water and shade, the wagons drew up by a likely stream and soon the smoke of many small fires filled the air with the pungent order of buffalo chips and the women busied themselves preparing the evening meal. Suddenly, the air around was electrified by the voices of children who were playing outside the circle of wagons, screaming at the top of their lungs, they came running, crying out, "Indians, Indians!"

Several men grabbed their guns and went to investigate, but soon returned with three Indian men who were riding beautiful ponies, and gave us to understand that they were friendly and there was nothing to fear.

My youngest sister, Priscilla, was around sixteen at the time, and was quite taken with these fellows, handsomely dressed and with colorful feathers tossing in the evening breeze. Seeing the coquetry in her air, my brother, Ebenezer Hayes, and husband Rueben were keeping an eye on her. The friendliness of the Indians, however, allayed any feeling of fear and Ebenezer and the others asked them to alight and have a cup of tea with us which evidently pleased the Indians very much. They knew some English and supplementing it with sign language, spoke freely with the members of the train. After a time of give and take, the youngest and handsomest of the three reached up on his horse's back and brought down a beautiful, apparently hand woven, blanket. Spreading it out with a flourish for all to see and admire, he glanced around to see the effect, especially on the young girls watching on the side lines. Quite a group of us were standing near as we were quite as interested in them as they in us. Suddenly, our Priscilla, will all the flourish and aplomb of her sixteen years, took the blanket and throwing it around her shoulders, pranced to and fro before the assemblage, her dark curls and sparkling eyes making a pretty picture with the rich colors of the blanket.

Seeing what was going on my brother, Ebenezer, clutched the blanket and pulled it off her shoulders saying, "You little fool, what will you do next?" or words to that effect, and folding the blanket carefully he offered it to it's owner. Instead of taking it he drew himself up to his full, proud height, folded his arms, feet apart and a smile of accomplishment, shook his head and said, "No take - for my squaw - for my squaw." With a rush of consternation we realized he was claiming Priscilla as his wife as by placing the Indian's blanket around her shoulders she had performed the marriage ceremony of this particular tribe of Indians.



With no more ado Ebenezer and Rueben and some of the others quickly hurried our foolish sister to the wagon where our mother gave her a sound scolding. By this time she was badly frightened, as were we all.

The men returned and urged the Indians to leave peaceably but succeeded only after much argument. We were truly worried now because of fear that the Indians would return and try to kidnap Priscilla.

As night fell the Indians had fallen back into the shadows. A special guard was set to watch the night but little sleep was known among the family in spite of it. By early morning light, the Indians, seated on their ponies were visible against the horizon watching the wagon train.

Hurriedly the train was packed and after a cold breakfast, rolled out and on its way. For several days and nights the three Indians followed the train at a distance - sometimes closer and sometimes not appearing for a few hours. At the latter our hopes rose that they had gone, only to have them appear again later.

Finally a consultation was held among the men and the decision was made that it was time something must be done. So, my brothers, Seth Whipple Hayes and Ebenezer, saddled up and rode back to make contact and bring pressure on the Indians to give up their pursuit. Nothing was seen or heard of our men for three days. All of us were worried to death that they had met with disaster.

On the evening of the third day as we had camped for the night someone gave a great shout and we knew he had spotted our returning men. What a time of rejoicing there was! They were hungry and almost to the point of exhaustion, but, after some hot food and chickory coffee they could tell us of their trial--- but only the barest details. No amount of coaxing could gain from them what had happened, much to the disgust of all, especially us women.

As the days went by and the wagons rolled on a close watch was kept at all times; Priscilla had learned her lesson and kept close to mother and her sisters. Months went by and still the wagons rolled on. Several times wagons and all the supplies were lost in swollen streams and the much feared quick sand. A tiny baby girl was born to our sister, Hannah Bond, as we labored over the Blue Mountains in Oregon. She was named Emma.

Hannah also had a little son named Seth, perhaps five years old. When we at last came to the treacherous Cascade Mountains and near the foot of 11,225 ft Mount Hood, our dear sister, who hadn't done well after the birth of her baby girl, died. That night she was hurriedly buried, and as we drove on the next morning, the wagons were driven over her grave. It was the hardest thing to bear that we experienced. To try to comfort little Seth, who had to leave his mother there on the mountain, was heartbreaking for us all.

On September 6th, 1853, we reached Portland, Oregon. In spite of the dangerous trip with it's heartbreaks and hopes we were never sorry that we came to Oregon. My husband, Rueben Jewett, had one of the first tanneries in the state at Halsey, where we settled after one and a half years spent near Fort Clatsop, where John and Alanson Jewett had settled.

Of the ten children born to my husband and me we raised but four and lost two boys when they were in young manhood with scarlet fever. Life was hard after I lost my husband in his 54th year, but I had my brothers to help me. Oregon fulfilled all our dreams of her--- she is a wonderful place to live."

Priscilla married after she came to Oregon, raised a family and has a great granddaughter living in Portland. I can imagine that she smiled to herself when she thought of her escapade in crossing the plains.

Submitted by Vera Howell Brown  
Daughter of Lucelia Jewett Howell

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