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A Boy Goes to War by Albert Henry Clay Jewett (3576) was donated to the Jewett Family of America by J.A.L. Miller, Jr. of Charlotte NC in memory of Wilmington NC Confederate Patriots Pvt. Stephen Jewett V (4533), 44th Georgia Regiment, Ripley's Brigade; Richard Bradley Jewett (4532), Sgt. Maj., Co. C, 1st Battalion, NC Heavy Artillery; the Black Confederate Sniper (page 40 in the book), an Extraordinary Southern Patriot; and Lt. A.H.C. Jewett (3576), Worthy Enemy of the South.

Note from the Historian

Please be sure to include complete information when you submit birth, marriage and death information. This means that you need to list the complete name, the Jewett connection (if known), the date of the event, and the place of the event (including the county). For a birth, include the parents' names. For a marriage, include the birth information and parents' names for both bride and groom. For a death, please include the place of burial. A form was included in the 1997 Quarterly, No. 3 which may be duplicated and used for submitting genealogy information.

Volumes I and II on CD-ROM

Volumes I and II of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* are now on CD-ROM available from Heritage Books Inc., 1540 E. Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie MD 20716 at a cost of $28 + $4 shipping. The title of the CD-ROM is *Families of America, Histories and Genealogies of the Jewett, McCray and Moore Families*. It is easy to use and an great way to search the volumes.
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President's Letter

Greetings to you all,

Ranny and I hope you all had a nice holiday and got over the Y2K all right and are all ready to get into the new year head on. We thank each and every one of you who sent us letters, notes and Christmas cards - and, of course, your e-mails. It was so nice to hear from so many of you.

I hope you have all decided to come to the **BIG National Jewett Reunion** in August. It is shaping up nicely. There are still a few more plans to iron out, and it will all work out as time goes on. What we need from you are your reservations for the Clam Bake on Friday, August 17th and the Costume Ball Saturday, August 18th ASAP. The tickets are selling out fast, according to the Rowley coordinator Ed Desjardins. You may send the money to Ted Loranz along with your application for attendance which is on page 4. It sounds like a great time! (And no GREENHEADS. For you who have never seen them or been bitten by one, look out! They will be gone when you get to Rowley. When they bite, they leave a welt the size of a half dollar.)

Ed Desjardins informed me that the Rowley Historical Society was having an Open House early in December. In conjunction with the Open House, they planned to bury a time capsule. I took my four year-old granddaughter Amanda down to Rowley, and she had her picture taken putting a Jewett Coat of Arms into the box. She was so cute. I told her she would be eighty when the time capsule was opened, and she should be there to help for me. She said she would!! We also put in some Jewett papers as well as DAR papers and magazines.

When you receive this Quarterly, I shall be down in Florida and plan to stop in and visit a few Jewetts to say "Hello." With the **Reunion** coming up in August, there will be a lot of work for Lee, Ted, Natalie, Russell and me when I return from Florida. We will be busy working on it. There will be a couple of committee meetings; so please let us know what you can do to help. Most everything will be planned, but we will need folks to oversee. I'd like to thank those who have already said they would like to help. There will be **Reunion** activities for all ages - along with the Tenney Family (another of the early settlers of Rowley.) - with lots of fun things for all.

Have a great Winter and Spring! I will be back in late February when the snow flies up here!!
Toujours le même, Dorothy Jewett Brigham

Reunion 2000

Jewett Family of America, Inc.
National Reunion
Rowley, Massachusetts
August 17-19, 2000

Yes, I, _____ , will be attending.

Address _____

Phone Number _____

A total of _____ people will be included in my party.

Their names are:

Family Registration - $25 Per Family = _____

Individual Registration - $10 Per Person = _____

We wish to purchase in advance the following tickets:

Clam Bake (August 17) _____ @ $30 = _____

Costume Ball (August 18) _____ @ $30 = _____

Total - Enclosed is a check for _____

Mail to: Ted Loranz, 114 West Street, Medway MA 02053

Jewett Family News

Jewetts Hold 44th Reunion

The 44th Annual (Berkshire) Jewett Reunion was held September 5, 1999 at noon on Hill West in Montgomery VT, starting with the Lord's Prayer. It was a potluck picnic enjoyed by 33 family members. Prizes were awarded to the following:
Eldest Man: Arlin Jewett (25442), 80. Eldest Woman: Buelah Jewett Messier, 82. Youngest Child: Tyler Jewett, 9. Family traveling the greatest distance to attend was Kathryn Barnes Swecker (25534) of Harrisonburg VA, 850 miles. Prize for the family with most in attendance went to Arlin Jewett of Berkshire Center with seven family members present.
Door prize was won by Kathryn Barnes Swecker.

The 45th Annual (Berkshire) Jewett Reunion will be held at the same location on Hill West in Montgomery VT. These reunions were started by Ora Jewett Murray (25366). She was the great granddaughter of George Jewett (25272) born 17 Apr 1785 who it is belived migrated to Vermont from Connecticut and whose ancestry is still in question.

JFA President Dorothy Jewett Brigham also attended the Reunion and talked to the attendees about the Jewett Family of America Inc. She sold several sets of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* and signed up new members.

Couple Honored by Cemetery Group

Arlin (25442) and Geneva Jewett of Berkshire Center VT were honored by the Berkshire Center Cemetery Association on 15 May 1999 with the unveiling of a granite plaque in recognition of land they donated to the Berkshire Cemetery Association. Many friends, neighbors and family were present.

The Granite Plaque is supported by columns skillfully designed by Rayburn Donna. Donna gave a speech on behalf of the Cemetery Association expressing appreciation to the Jewetts for the land donation.

Friends and neighbors met for refreshments at the Jewetts' home after the ceremony. The Jewetts expressed their appreciation to everyone who attended the ceremony.

Genealogical Information

Marriages

Stephanie Prados Melançon (16447) married **Hamilton Laftin Martin** 28 Feb 1998 in New Orleans LA. Her Jewett link comes through her maternal great grandmother who was Loretta Elizabeth Jewett (16335). Loretta was the daughter of Margaret Donald and Edwin Carlostin Jewett (4218). Margaret Donald grew up in New Orleans and is buried there. Edwin Carlostin Jewett was a Sea Captain in the India Trade. He and Margaret eventually divorced, and he moved back to Bangor ME where his grave in Mount Hope Cemetery overlooks Penobscot Bay. (Wedding photograph on page 7.)

Leslie Claire Jewett Herrmann (22195) married **Kent William Rechner** 12 Sep 1999 in Nantucket Island MA. Leslie studied at Dwight-Englewood School, St. Paul's School in Concord NH, Ethel Walker School in Simsbury CT, Ridgewood (NJ) High School, Reed College in Portland OR and Columbia University. Mr. Rechner, President of Rechner Industries of Albuquerque NM, is a graduate of the University of Illinois. After returning from a honeymoon in Britain and Ireland, the couple reside in Albuquerque NM. (Wedding photograph on page 8.)

1 Groom - Hamilton Laftin Martin
2 Bride - Stephanie Melançon Martin
3 Father of Bride - Paul Mire Malançon
4 Mother of Bride - Elizabeth Prados Malençon
5 Sister of Bride - Elizabeth Melançon Poindexter
6 Sister of Bride - Celeste Melançon Rosamund
7 Brother of Bride - Paul Mire Melançon, Jr.
8 Brother of Bride - David Olivier Melançon
9 Niece of Bride - Elizabeth Gray Poindexter
10 Brother-in-Law of Bride - Thomas Cleary Poindexter, Jr.
11 Brother-in-Law of Bride - Robert Preston Rosamund
12 Sister-in-Law of Bride - Alys Lopiccolo Melançon
13 Great Aunt of Bride - Alice Mary Toso
14 Great Aunt of Bride - Loretta Mary Ceralu
15 Great Uncle of Bride - Milton Blaise Mary
16 Great Aunt of Bride - Yolande Mills Mary
17 Aunt of Bride - Jeanne Prados Higgins
18 Uncle of Bride - James Bowes Higgins
19 Aunt of Bride - Edwina Prados Hughes

Marriage

Kent and Leslie Rechner, Suzanne Barros-Herrmann

Deaths

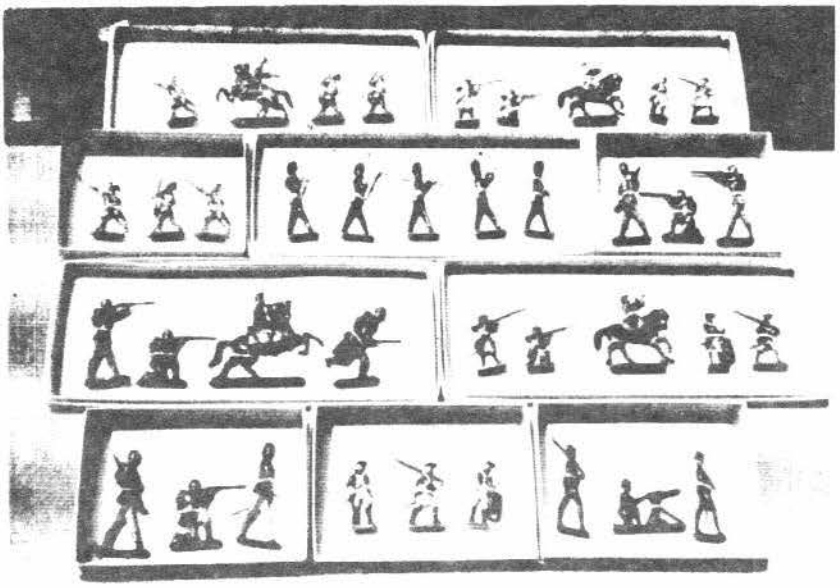
Howard Irving Jewett (24173) died 19 May 1999 in Overlook Hospital, Summit NJ and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield NJ. He is survived by his wife Frances (Wehrell) Jewett; two daughters, Barbara Sue O'Desky and Linda Claire Thorn, and five grandchildren.

Howard graduated from Pratt Institute in 1940 as a mechanical engineer. Immediately he was employed by Sperry Gyroscope Co. and started visiting Army and Naval Air Stations instructing personnel in the use of the gyroscope for automatic control in flying. His first assignment was Wright Air Field in Ohio where he met Jimmy Stewart who was preparing to enter the service. Howard was not a veteran as he was "frozen" in his job for the duration. He married Fran 24 May 1941 in Norfolk VA where he was attached to the Naval Air Station. WWII started and he was relocated to New Orleans where he constantly traveled in Texas, Florida and Oklahoma before returning to Sperry's the home plant on Success NY.

After the war there were some rough years since Flight Instrument Engineers were a drag on the market. Eventually Howard relocated with National Lead as an Instrument Engineer in manufacturing. Howard was a Deacon in the Community Congregational Church in Short Hills NY and was also a dedicated trout fisherman, taught by his father and grandfather, and loved the woods. For a period of ten years he and Fran enjoyed many trips to Europe where their main interests were the art museums and galleries

One of his daughters asked him to make some toy lead soldiers for her little boy and out came his old, old German metal molds from his childhood. This became an absorbing hobby, and as the years passed, he became know as "The Soldier Man." Howard's grandfather, Edward Wyman Jewett (9068), had started a toy store many years ago, and Howard's father, William Phineas Nelson Jewett (24254), had assisted his father in the store for many years. One Christmas Howard received the soldier molds as a present. There were cowboys and Indians; WWI figures, cannons, and machine gunners; French Foreign Legionnaires; and Confederate and Union soldiers. Howard and his brother spent many enjoyable hours casting and painting the little figures. Being a little businessman himself, Howard made sets of boxes of soldiers and sold them very reasonably in his father's store. He also delivered them by bicycle to a toy store in the next town. As time past his interests changed, but once he was asked to make some soldiers for his grandson, the interest was renewed, and one thing led to another - a craft show here and there, a boutique, decorator's showcases, many museum orders and several prizes. Some were even taken to Japan by an exchange

student as a hostess gift. It was thought they would soon be marching back, mass produced, but they did not.



Lucyle Jewett (14339) died 29 Sep 1999 in Halstead KS. She was born 26 Jun 1899 in Halstead KS, and her entry in Volume III of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* makes no mention of her extraordinary gift to quilting. The following is a memorial to Lucyle which appeared in the Winter 1999 issue of *Blanket Statements*, a publication of the American Quilt Study Group, which is quoted here by permission of the author, Sara Reimer Farley:

Remembering Lucyle J. Jewett

"Let's talk quilts." With these words, Lucyle J. Jewett greeted Nancy Hornbeck one day in 1985 when Nancy returned some quilts that Prairie Quilt Guild had borrowed, and thus began a conversation that was to endure for fourteen years. It was a conversation I was privileged to join, and in its course, Lucyle was to become a dear friend.

Lucyle J. Jewett was born in a white house on Chestnut Street in Halstead KS where she was to live for nearly all her life. She worked as a clerk in the post office and later as a secretary for the local high school, retiring in 1964. Lucyle was passionate about quilts, books, music, family, and record-keeping. Her quilting career began at age four with a Kite's Tail, a task her mother Rachel Adella Smith Jewett gave her to calm her "sick headaches." Although Lucyle did not initially view this work as engaging or artful, quiltmaking and the documentation of quilts soon became an enduring vocation.

By the 1930's, Lucyle had gained wide recognition as an exceptional quiltmaker. When she aired quilts on the clothesline in her backyard, word would get around Halstead, and local residents would come up the alley to view the impromptu quilt show. She won prizes at county and state fairs in Kansas, Missouri, and California; her work was featured not only in the local paper, but also in Woman's Day ("Aunt Rachel's Star" in 1943) and Good Housekeeping ("Autumn Harvest" in 1984). So distinctive was her quilting style that a Lone Star quilt entered in [a] California fair was recognized as a Jewett quilt by a former Halstead resident who had not previously seen this quilt or knew that Lucyle had even entered a quilt in the fair.

Lucyle Jewett kept careful, meticulous accounts of the 251 quilts she made, their current owners, the thread she used, and prizes she was awarded. These details were referenced and cross-referenced in a quilt record book she maintained from 1927 to 1988, when she stopped quilting because of blindness. In addition to recording her personal work, Lucyle compiled a scrapbook with notes on quiltmaking and a descriptive and photgraphic record of family and community quilts that she admired. These records preserved not only her life's work, but also portrayed the quilting sensibilities of a small Midwestern community.

We will remember Lucyle Jewett, the lively discussions of books, music,and quilting, her wit and keen memory, the quilts on her bed that changed weekly and seasonally, and her fondness for Russell Stover chocolates. She will be missed.

Samuel J. Jewett, 71, died 17 Oct 1999 at Copley Hospital, Morrisville VT. He was born in Montgomery VT 30 Jul 1928, the son of Martin and Irene (Ariel) Jewett. Samuel was the husband of the former Esther (Holmes), whom he married 26 Aug 1948. She predeceased him 15 Oct 1993.

In his earlier years, Sam was employed by Rock of Ages in Barre, and worked in a fender and body shop in Waterbury. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the Navy from 1945-1947. He continued his service to his country in the Vermont national Guard Army Reserves from 1949-1963.

He is survived by six children: Jerry Jewett of Morrisville, Leanor Jewett of Waterbury, James Jewett of North Hyde Park, Jonathan Jewett of Morrisville, Jeffrey Jewett of Yarmouth MA, and Jeanne Jewett of Morrisville; two gradchildren, Travis and Joanne Jewett; three sisters, Olive Lewis of RI, Lida Caples of St. Albans, and Carolyn Grubb of Waterloo, Quebec; a brother Carl Jewett of Burlington. Sam was predeceased by a sister: Orlina Bogue and a brother Martin Jewett. Graveside services were held in the Riverbank Cemetery in Stowe VT. (Does anyone know the lineage of Samuel J. Jewett?)

Note: The following article originally appeared in the 1999 Quarterly, No. 1 but was incomplete. New member Elaine Jewett Baell had a copy of the original article, and it is printed below in it entirety.

Stephen Jewett, Pioneer Citizen, Dies at Age of 75

Won distinction in the War Between the States - Well Known in Business

Stephen Jewett (4533), Civil War veteran and life-long citizen of Wilmington (North Carolina), after a long illness died yesterday at his home at 405 North Second street. Mr. Jewett was seventy-five years old. He was born in this city on January 9, 1846.

His parents were Stephen and Lucy Jewett and his father [actually it was his uncle, George Washington Jewett (2661)] conducted a famous school here. The family have long been identified with the history of Wilmington.

Mr. Jewett has an admirable war record. He donned the gray at the age of sixteen and in Ripley's Brigade, July 1, 1862, he began his period of efficient and faithful service for the Southern Confederacy. He was in the engagements at South Mountain, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Warrenton Springs, Morton's Ford, The Wilderness, Gettysburg and Spottsylvania, where he was captured May 10, 1864, and taken to Fort Delaware. He remained a prisoner until March 10, 1865, when he was sent back to Richmond on parole, and was on parole furlough when the surrender of the army of northern Virginia ended the war.

Dr. James Sprunt, a classmate and fast friend of Mr. Jewett, in his "Chronicles of the Cape Fear River" says of him: "He entered the army as a private when he could scarcely carry a musket, and he continued to serve throughout the war in that capacity with ever increasing efficiency. Steadfastness, tenacity of purpose, cheerfulness in devotion to duty, a high sense of integrity, have marked his career from boyhood to old age."

Mr. Jewett for a number of years had a book store on Front street. Later he went into business with J.C. Stevenson. He was connected with this firm for ten years. Afterwards he worked for J.A. Taylor for fifteen years. Mr. Taylor says he was an expert accountant, a man of fine character and excellent habits. He was connected with the Acme Fertilizer works for some years.

For a long period Mr. Jewett served as superintendent of St. James Sunday school and will long be remembered by those who go there, Up to the time his sickness prevented, Mr. Jewett was adjutant of Cape Fear camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Jewet is survived by his wife, Isabelle Carpenter Jewett: a son, Alfred C. Jewett (Alfred Carpenter Jewett 6933), of Portersville, California, and a daughter Emilie Eve Jewett (21025); also a brother, Dr. R.D. Jewett (Richard Bradley Jewett 4532), and a sister, Mrs. E.Y. Wooten (Eliza Yonge Jewett 4535), both of this city.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at St. John's church, 5 o'clock by the Rev. R.E. Gribbin. The interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

The pallbearers will be as follows: Active, Robert Strange, Milton Calder, Warren Sanders, Eugene Le Grand, Clayton Giles Waddell Watters, Ancrum Lord, Winston Smith; honorary, J.A. Taylor, W.H. Sprunt, L.G. Black, John H. Brown, W.G. James, J.W. Perrin.

Confederate veterans of the city are requested by Dr. Albert M. Baldwin to meet at the late residence of Mr.

Jewett, 405 North Second street at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon to attend the funeral.

Executrix's Notice

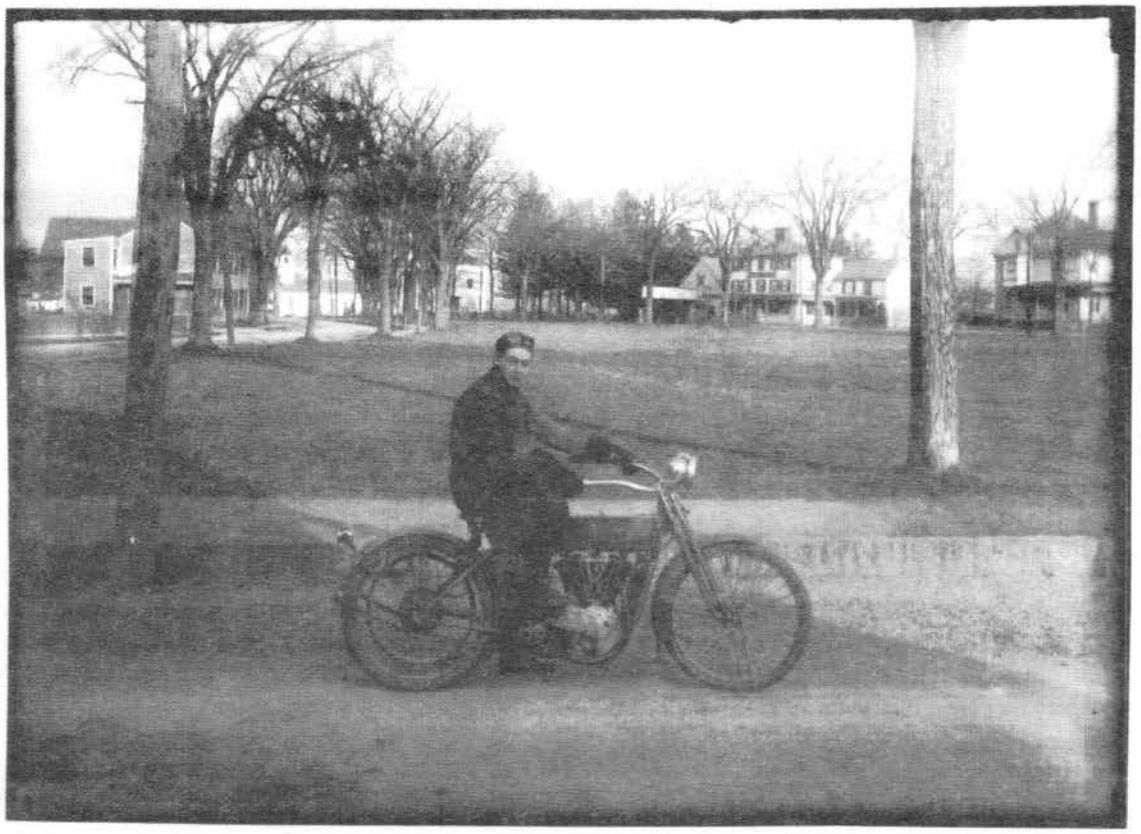
Having qualified as executrix under the will of Stephen Jewett (4533), deceased, notice is herewith given to persons holding claims against the estate to present them to me for payment, duly verified, on or before the sixteenth day of October 1921, or this notice will be plead in bar of the recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

ISABELLE C. JEWETT

Executrix of last will and testament of Stephen Jewett, deceased, Oct. 16, 1920.

Line of New Member Elaine Jewett Baell

4533 Stephen Jewett
6933 Alfred Carpenter Jewett
Alfred Cammack Jewett
Elaine Marie (Jewett) Baell



This picture was taken about 1910 on the Rowley MA Common.
It is Grenville Jewett (9572), son of Amos Everett Jewett (9093), on an early Harley Davidson motorcycle.

A New Englander

by Carole Jewett [Mrs. Edward Jewett (21775)]

The organ plays unobtrusively, vying for attention above the hum of the congregation settling into their seats. Parents, grandparents and other relations gathered in the cavernous interior of Winchester Cathedral, to honor achievements of sons and daughters.

Strong and solid, Winchester Cathedral was a gift from William the Conqueror to his half-brother Odo, Bishop of Winchester in 1074. It is built of stone reputed to come from his lands in the Isle of Wight. Stone crafted so delicately that it belies its strength. Bosses of English Roses bloom from the ceiling joined by ribbons of stone. An intricate patterned screen dripping from the ceiling in uniform precision, its outline sharpened by the November sun that streams through the stained glass windows. Aisles of flagstones worn and shaped by thousands of worshippers over hundreds of years of paying homage. The whole a testament to man's skill and devotion to God.

The mood of the music changes, a Bach fugue commands the congregation's attention. The procession of dignitaries is approaching. Capped and gowned, some with silk hoods of crimson, blue, white and gold; some in fur trimmed robes and carrying symbols of office, it passes through the standing congregation. Mayor, Dean, Bishop; Educational, Religious. In the secular twentieth century it is easy to forget that in other centuries education was for the few. Religion governed the masses and controlled Education. Men died or left their homeland for religious freedom. They retained their Englishness, but as with all migrant colonies evolved along a different path from the Mother Country. Educational advancement came sooner in the USA than in England. By 1906 it was possible for a clever son of a Machinest and the bright daughter of a Quaker Organ builder to receive degrees from Boston University. To then go on to teach Latin, Mathematics and History in American High Schools.

As the strains of the Te Deum die away, the clear clipped tones of the Dean invite the Bishop of Winchester to decalre open this congregation for the conferment of degrees. Names are called, parents strain to catch a glimpse of son or daughter receiving their scrolls, amidst bursts of applause. Line upon line of them fresh faced, newly qualified, proudly wearing their black gowns and silk hoods. Dress from another time alien to this new breed of teachers, more at home in jeans and T-shirts.

The Organist begins to play the recessional music, the procession passes by, followed by the Graduates. So many smiling faces all seeking their parents. This ancient edifice has seen it all before. In the past it was the sons of the gentry. Today's procession includes sons and daughters of builders, farmers and electricians. A familiar face, there he is our son, beaming all over his face. Proudly sporting his Great Grandfather's Boston University pin in his lapel. A thirteenth Generation American of Quaker stock, clutching his diploma emerging from Winchester Cathedral. Ready to teach Hindi or Chinese or Islamic as well as Christian children. A true New Englander!

News from the Isle of Wight Jewetts

by Carole Jewett [Mrs. Edward Jewett (21775)]

We have just returned from spending the New Year with Peter and his family in London. We were able to mingle with the crowds along the bank of the Thames and stand under Big Ben by the Houses of Parliament as the clock struck six on New Years Eve. We decided to return to Peter and Fiona's home and be there with their son Jack for the new Millenium. Besides it was rather cold and there were more and more people arriving by the minute. All told the newspapers reckoned that there were 2.5 million people in London for the celebration.

21784 Peter Edward Jewett gained his Masters Degree in Education last year. He is now head of I.C.T. at a girls school in South London.

Birth

Jack William Edward Helszjan Jewett, son of Peter Edward and Fiona Clare (Helszjan) Jewett, was born 10 Dec 1997 at St. Thomas' Hospital (which is across the river directly opposite the Houses of Parliament), London, England. He is a very enchanting two year old who adores having young Uncles to play with, especially his Uncle Tom. Ed and I he calls Grumps and Grandma. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival in February of his new brother or sister. We have our fingers crossed for a girl, but girls are few and far between in the Jewett Family.

21785 Benjamin Danton Jewett born 1970 still lives in Bermuda. He is Head Chef at The Lobster Pot Restaurant in Hamilton. In November 1996 Ben broke his neck playing Rugby. He was a very lucky lad; the Captain of the team recognized the seriousness of his injuries. He was operated on in Bermuda, and a piece of his hip bone was fused into his neck. He was flown back to England to convalesce. He was told it would probably take him six months to recover before he would be able to return to work and that he would never be 100% again. he stayed in England for three months, then returned to work in Bermuda. Although he can no longer play contact sports, he qualified as a Rugby Referee just last year. When the Princess Royal (Princess Anne) visited Bermuda last October, he was one of four members of The Marriners Team who were presented to her. I think his recovery and determination to continue in the sport he loves is a good example of the Jewett Grit.

21786 Sophie Elizabeth Jewett born 1979 has equally shown the Jewett grit. But she will never admit it herself. In 1996 just before her 17th birthday, after months and months of being ill, she was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. At the moment it is under control but she has had a couple of long spells in hospital. She still carried on with her schooling and acting. She volunteered for the Hospital Radio and had her own weekly show for the children's ward. After finishing High School she decided to have a "gap year" before attending University. She was accepted on a six month Managerial Course with one of the biggest companies in England. After that she traveled in the USA for a while visiting family, then spent a month in Bermuda with her brother. She is now in her second term at the University of York studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics. She is involved in the radio station and also the television station on campus, and today she has cut her holiday short to attend a conference in Manchester for the University for their Rag Group which raises money for charities throughout the UK and the World.

21787 Jonathan Daniel Jewett born 1983 is into his exam year at High School. he is hoping to go to Africa in 20 months on a school building project. He first has to come up with a plan to raise the money needed. he is supposed to earn or gain sponsors for the sum of £2500.

21788 Thomas William Jewett born 1986 at just 13 feels he has a lot to live up to with his older brothers and sister gaining all the glory before him. He has his sights set on becoming an actor and has taken parts in school plays and local amateur shows for a good few years now.

Two Physicians Had Influence on Communities

by Cinnamon Bair, *The Ledger*, Lakeland FL, 26 Mar 1999

Mary Jewett and Grace Hanna were anomalies.

In the early 20th century - at a time when women were usually limited to being homemakers, teachers or nurses - Hanna and Jewett were physicians with far-reaching influence in their communities.

Their contribution to their respective cities became ground-breaking events in Polk County's development. Hanna founded and operated the Lakeland Sanitarium, one of the city's early hospitals. Jewett founded Winter Haven's first school for black children.

Yet with little research conducted about the role of women in Polk County's history, Hanna and Jewett are examples of how women have been nearly forgotten.

Dr. Mary B. Jewett

Although Jewett died nearly 60 years before Hanna, her legacy has been better remembered: Jewett Academy, Jewett Elementary and Mary Jewett Circle in Winter Haven all bear her name. Yet, like Hanna, little more than a one-page biography is readily available about her life.

"Jewett was one of the most outstanding of Winter Haven's many fine citizens," wrote Josephine Burr in her "History of Winter Haven." "She was a person of untold energy." Born 24 Feb 1858 in Mogadore OH, Mary Belle Jewett (Mary Bell Jewett 7604 in Volume II of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*) was a female pioneer in medicine. She is said to have deceived officials at the Philadelphia Presbyterian School of medicine by regeistering as simply "M.B. Jewett" with no reference to her sex. When she was discovered, she said she had already been accepted and passed the school's tests, so therefore she was staying.

Jewett served as resident physician for a large Philadelphia hospital before movng to Winter Haven in 1910 to help her sister, Florence Inman (7601), after the death of the latter's husband. Inman was the wife of Dr. F.W. Inman, founder of the Florence Villa community north of Winter Haven.

Jewett built a home on Lake Spring Drive and obtained a license to practice medicine in Polk County. But it is for her contributions outside the medical field that Jewett is best remembered. She helped organize the Women's Civic League, now known as the Women's Club. She helped establish the Winter Haven Public Library. She helped incorporate and develop the community of Florence Villa. And she was a shareholder in the Florence Villa Fruit Co.

Jewett, who was white, also founded the Polk County Training School, which was the first school for blacks in Winter Haven. "Prior to the founding of the Polk County Training School, the blacks were schooled in several run-down buildings in different parts of town, students being assigned depending on the grade," wrote Kathy Jackson in a 1974 Winter Haven News Chief article. "Teachers were reportedly unqualified, and the educational level of the students was considerably lower that that of their white peers." "Miss Jewett was the first white to show interest in educating blacks," wrote Annie B. Williams, a paraprofessional for the Jewett Academy Media Center and who has built a library file on Jewett's life. "She donated land and provided the financing."

Jewett died in Feb 1928 at age 70. Aside from Burr's brief biographical sketch, most of the information available today is scattered through a smattering of short files at Jewett Academy, the Winter Haven Public Library and the Historical and Genealogical Library in Bartow. Very little in-depth research has taken place....

Mary Augusta Jewett (15208)

by Katherine R. Haas-Sawaya (15276)

Mary Augusta Jewett was born 2 Oct 1836 in Cincinnati OH. She was the eldest child of Daniel Jewett and Priscilla Kimball who had married 1835 in Cincinnati. Daniel had studied medicine in Ohio and later became a baptist minister. Priscilla was a teacher. The family left Ohio in the late 1830's and settled in Van Buren County near Farmington in southwest Iowa. Daniel farmed and practiced his two professions. He was also associated with the founding of Central College in Pella IA. Mary Augusta as well as her brother Francis and sisters Nellie and Cynthia attended Central College. Mary and Cynthia had Iowa county teaching certificates.

Mary Augusta Jewett married Elisha A. Keables 14 Aug 1855 in Pella IA. Elisha died in 1870 in a riding accident. It was during her marriage to Elisha, the period of the Civil War, that she wrote a number of short stories for *Ballou's Dollar Monthly Magazine* published in Boston. Following Elisha's death she moved with her young son, Albert Elisha, to live with relatives in Colorado where she resumed her teaching career. In 1872 she married George William Leas, a native of Pennsylvania, who had come to Colorado in 1861. George was a millwright and carpenter. In later years he and his brother-in-law, Frank Jewett, were in the construction business in Denver. There were two children of the second marriage, George William Jr., who died in early childhood and Grace Lillian Leas Haas, my great grandmother.

Ballou's Dollar Monthly Magazine in which Mary Augusta's stories appeared in 1862-3 was the creation of Maturin Murray Ballou whose career spanned the second half of the 19th century. At age 26 he was an organizing partner in the modestly named United States Publishing Co. of Boston. In the next fifty years Mr. Ballou was the editor and/or publisher of eight periodicals and, usually under the nom de plume of Lieutenant Murray, he authored some forty books of pot-boiler fiction, adventure, romance (e.g., *The Masked Lady; or, The Fortunes of a Dragoon*) and travel. Toward the end of his career his travel books were being published by important houses like Houghton. Mifflin and Ginn of Boston.

The following story by Mary Augusta (Jewett) Keables was published in the April 1863 issue of *Ballou's Dollar Monthly Magazine*.

THE COLOR-BEARER
- or, -
TRUE UNTO DEATH

BY MARY A. KEABLES

"Good-by, Kathleen Mavourneen! It's for you and the ould flag that I'd lay me life down—and the ould flag needs defenders, and it's not Patrick O'Connor that would shirk his duty. Good-by, Kathie swate! I'll always remember you; and you—I know you'll pray for me that the Holy Virgin will bring me safe back to you again."

Sweet Kathie raised her tearful blue eyes to the face of the honest young Hibernian. She tried to be very brave, and not cast a shadow over the spirits of her patriotic lover; and yet—ah, it was hard work!—Patrick was leaving her perhaps forever, and in a week they were to have been married. Patrick was going perhaps to his death; she would look no more into his clear, loving eyes, or feel the clasp of his strong arms, or rest her sunny head upon his broad bosom. Perhaps that brave, generous heart that beat for her so fondly would be torn by the bullet of the enemy, or those fair, curling locks be dabbled by his life-blood upon the relentless, remorseless field of carnage. Poor little Kathie!—her heart was too full. She put her round sun-browned arms around his neck, and buried her face in his bosom, and cried like a very child, as she was.

"Pat," she said, at length, "'tisn't *our* country, why should ye go and fight for another? If it was the *mither* country in danger, I's say *go*, with all me heart, but—"

"Now it's not yersilf that's spakin', me own Kathleen," Broke in the young man, raising the tearful face, and looking down tenderly, yet half reproachfully, into the blue eyes. "When we were starving and dying, who fed us?—when we were homeless, who took us in?—when we were naked, who clothed us? Americans, Kathie; they gave us work, they made us welcome, and gave us room in their hearts and their lands. We have shared the prosperity of the dear counthry, shall we desart her in her trouble? If I was that base a coward to the land we love, so base a traitor, Kathleen Mavourneen, could ye iver trust me to be thrue to ye? Wouldn't ye be afeared I'd desart you when yer trouble come? No, no, I can die, but death only comes but once, when one does his duty. Did I play the coward, mesilf would die a thousand times here at home thinking o' me baseness. The ould flag has been thrue to me, and I'll be thrue to it until death!"

"Fall in, men!" shouted the captain; the band struck up a lively march, and the company of a hundred tall, manly-looking fellows took their places in the ranks. All the villagers, young and old, men, women and children, had gathered upon the common to witness the departure of the dear ones who were going forth in their pure manhood to obey their country's call. Firm was the footstep of every soldier, and no tears dimmed their eyes; though while no doubt pride held them back, great choking came up in throats that would not give utterance to sobs; tears were not for soldiers. God bless them, God guard them, they were gone!

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"So Company E is the color company?"

"So I heard."

"And Pat is color-sergeant, so, of course, he carries the flag. I wouldn't be in his place."

"Why?" questioned Kathie's white lips.

"Well, in my opinion," Said John Hutches, who feasted upon the dispairing look of the pretty Kathie, "in my opinion, a color-bearer is in greater danger than any other; the enemy always endeavors to shoot down the color-bearers—didn't you know it?"

"No," faltered Kathleen.

"You never need to expect him again," said John Hutches; "he's gone up for good, so you'd better give him up, and hear to reason a little. You remember what I told you once, Kathie?" The dark, evil eyes of the young man looked searchingly into the girl's face.

"And you remember what I told you, John Hutches, that I was afther hatin' ye and despisin' ye? Ye's a coward, John Hutches, that ye talk so much about other folks goin' to war, and niver goin' yersilf!"

"It's well you're a woman," hissed the bad man. "It wouldn't be well for a man to say that to me! As you are so glib with your tongue, I'll tell ye a piece of news. I *am* going to the war."

"You?"

"Yes, *me*, but not as a private, you may bet your life! My father's an old acquaintance of the governor's, and if it will be any satisfaction to you to know it, I have a quartermaster's commission in the very regiment to which your devoted Pat belongs."

Kathleen raised her eyes and fixed them for an instant upon her campanion's face. He knew that she was comparing him with the hand-some, noble-hearted lover who had left her side a few days before, and he knew that he himself lost by the comparison.

"Of course," said he, "hating me as you do, I shall likely be *very* kind to your Pat—of course!"

"You'll not dare to harm him!" she exclaimed, her face blanching, her lips quivering.

"We'll see who dares."

The bold, bad eyes looked threatening and vengeful. John Hutches did go to the war.

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"Sergeant O'Conner degraded!—for what?"

"Can't say; some spitework at headquarters. The charge was of cowardly abandoning his colors in the engagement at West Mills. Don't believe it; not a particle of cowardice in O'Conner; and I know he would have shielded the flag with his heart."

"Strange!"

"So it is; a good many strange things. It is certain that the colors were seen on the ground, but he asserts that a ball shot the flag-staff off above his hand; and it is certain the flag-staff is broken. His evidence, however, is not taken, and one of the staff officers of General _____ asserts positively that he saw him break the flag-staff with his own hands."

"Impossible!"

"So I say, but it is a fact he is degraded. Poor Kathleen! I believe O'Conner would have preferred death, but he says time will show he is no coward, and I am sure no braver heart beats in the company; time will show his grit, and no doubt redeem his character."

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"A cold night, Pat."

It was Quartermaster Hutches who accosted Pat as he was about going on guard.

"Tis indade, yer honor,"

"Have something a bit warming, my man—something I have for my own personal use? Take a swallow or two, 'twill keep the cold out."

"Obliged indade, yer honor."

"No thanks; I always like to accommodate. Good evening, O'Conner," said the quartermaster, after raising the small flask to his own lips.

That night Patrick O'Conner was found sleeping at his post. What aggravated the case was, that the Federal troops were in hourly expectation of an attack. He was condemned to be shot!

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Alas for the young Irishman! So this was to be the end. Freely would he have yielded up his life upon the battle-field; but to die thus dishonored at the hands of his country's friends—it was too much. He thought of his aged gray-haired mother, how she would wring her hands and weep when she would hear of his awful fate; he thought of Kathleen, and then, strong man that he was, he wept like a child.

"Ah, Kathie, me darlint, if I could leave you an unstained name to be proud of?"

But what means the noise and confusion without? Daylight is just dawning—that daylight which would witness his execution. He listened; the sound of martial music, the booming of cannon in the distance, and the sharp crack of musketry—around his tent all is confusion. There are cries of affright, the roll of the drum calling the men to form in line of battle, quick, loud cries of command, and then groans of distress, sounds of the fiercest commotion and strife; he guesses the truth—the enemy is upon them.

His limbs are unbound, and the guard who kept watch over him is gone; this is no time to think of prisoners. One moment the bugle whispers, life and liberty you may gain in the melee; then his brave heart determined to strike for his country another blow before he died, and for him to determine was to perform.

Too many times has the terrible battle at Pittsburgh Landing been recapitulated to need a description from my pen. During the entire battle private O'Conner fought with the daring and bravery of a veteran. The dear old flag he worshipped floated before him; though no longer he was estemmed worthy to bear it, he could follow it in glorious victory or to a glorious death.

His colonel, the man who condemned him to death, was twice saved from death himself by the young man's heroic daring; and when his company would have fled in dismay, because of the slaughter of their officers and the falling of the flag, he seized these adored colors, and with a shout led them forward with, "Arrah, boys, never run! Stand by the stars and stripes!"

And they did stand by them; and Company E without a single commissioned officer, and but one or two non-commissioned, fought through that day with the ferocity of tigers. Twice was Pat wounded; once in his right arm, but with his left, though fainting from loss of blood, he still bore aloft the stars and stripes.

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The battle was over. Colonel _____ and Brigadier General G_____ were in close conversation—what concerning may be inferred from the circumstances that took place afterward. Upon the ground at their feet lay a man quivering in the last agonies of death—it was John Hutches. In his dying agonies he had confessed that guilt which unforgiven he could not carry into eternity; and by his side, kindly sympathy and forgiveness upon his noble and honest features, knelt the color-bearer. Even after he knew the quartermaster's guilt, that through his bribery and treachery he had been first degraded, and afterwards nearly consigned to a shameful death, his generosity of disposition did not leave him; although this false friend had put a drugged draught to his lips, not a single feeling of ill-will did he hold toward the dying mortal in his last extremity.

General G_____ shook his hand warmly.

"You are a brave fellow," he said warmly. "Your colonel has told me of your valor and prowess. Always show yourself as worthy of bearing the flag of our country—it is all I ask."

What have we to add? Nothing, except that the color-bearer was unanimously elected captain of his company, and that now he is a major in the Federal army. Of course Kathie is proud, as she well may be, of her lover; and of course they will be married when the war is over. She never fears his loyalty to her—she knows he is true, even unto death.

Jewett Reunion 2000

Queries

Need information on the book *An Ancestral Record of my Paternal Grandfather, Albion Norton Jewett* by Lucy Ada Jewett Prescott which was published in 1971. A copy was presented to the Jewett Family of America, Inc. at the Directors' Meeting in 1971, but it was not included in the material passed on the Lee Jewett Petry when she became Historian. Does anyone have a copy of this book or does anyone know of any of Albion Norton Jewett's descendants who might have a copy?

Need information on Mary Magdeline Jewett married to Frank Benjamin Brooks Mary was born 13 Oct 1879 in Scioto County OH, and she and Frank were married around 1902. They had one son, Carl Henry Brooks, born 3 Jan 1903 in Scioto County, OH.

Need information on Susannah Jewett married to Samuel Kimball. She was born 6 Nov 1743 Hopkinton NH and was married 5 Feb 1767 Hopkinton NH.

Need information on Elizabeth Jewett married to Zelotes Porter 10 Oct 1795 Coventry CT.

Need information on Lydia Jewett married to John Knowles 13 May 1781 Chester NH. She was born 2 Dec 1755.

Need information on a Mary Jewett who was residing in Iowa in 1871 prior to joining a Presbyterian Church Mission to Persia. She was perhaps between the ages of 20 and 40 in 1871 which would place her date of birth between 1831 and 1851. Her father died in late 1871 or early 1872.

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