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Notice to Life Members

All Life Members are responsible for sending $5.00 for the Quarterlies Subscription each year. The Membership is indeed Lifetime, but the Quarterlies require a yearly fee. If you do not send the $5.00, we will assume that you do not want the Quarterlies. We will keep you listed as a Life Member but will no longer mail Quarterlies to you.

Note from the Historian

Remember to report all births, marriages and deaths to Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923 or jfapetry@nxs.net promptly.

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.

Early Vital Records

The Jewett Family of America has purchased the *Early Vital Records of Essex County, Massachusetts, to about 1850* on CD-ROM. This includes, of course, records from Rowley. There are hundreds of Jewetts listed. Anyone desiring information on what is in the vital records on this CD-ROM should contact Lee Jewett Petry, Historian.

President's Letter

GREETINGS,

Several years ago I owned **The Silver Thimble Quilt Shop** in Ipswich. It was on my mind constantly, and not a day went by that I wasn't working hard for it to be successful, and it was! That is how it has been in this household for the past few months — workig hard for the **Jewett Family of America Reunion** in August to be successful. I think of you all each day and just hope **all** will make it.

A Reunion Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10th to concentrate on the scheduling of events. The luncheons for the all three days of the Reunion will also be discussed, but they will be similar to the ones we had four years ago.

I have been talking to Louise Tenney who is President of the Tenney Family in Rowley. They are having a reunion the same weekend and we are sharing events and facilities with them.

Many thanks to all who have sent e-mails, notes and phone calls with offers of help. It means so much to me to have so much enthusiasm, and we will have something for everyone to do. We will need help manning the tent entrance on Friday for seating Jewetts, Tenneys, Rowley Historical Society members, DAR members and, last but not least, invited guests. It will be a very exciting Friday morning! Our speaker, whom many of you know, will present in costume "The Tale of the Yankee Drummer." We hope also to have a high school band in the morning and afternoon. There are a few things planned for the children's program on Friday afternoon; however, any additional suggestions would be helpful. There will be balloons and souvenirs for all, as well as door prizes and awards.

The Rowley Historical Society has informed me that the clambake tickets are going pretty fast; so let Ted Loranz know if you are planning to attend. Maybe the Jewetts will put together a dinner for Saturday evening although that is not yet definite.

Don't forget to buy your raffles tickets for the cross-stitched Jewett Coat of Arms. It is finished and framed; and I had it in Lexington at the DAR Convention and everyone loved it. The photograph says it all. There will be cross-stitch kits avaliable to buy at the Reunion.

There will be another Quarterly coming out before August which will give you all the Reunion details. In addition, a Reunion brochure will be mailed out.

The Rowley Free Public Library has extended an invitation for us to visit its facility at 17 Wethersfield Street. The Jewett Fund was established in 1975 with a bequest from the estate of the late Howard C. Jewett which has allowed the library to make repairs and purchase functional items important to the library that would have been difficult to fund from the annual town appropriation.

Let's go for it and look forward to having a good time. I am!

Toujours le même,
Dorothy Jewett Brigham

Genealogical Information

Births

Isaac Stephen Spencer, son of Lloyd Leonard and Amanda Dawn (Johnson) Spencer (23426), was born 30 Nov 1997 in Hillsboro, Marion, KS.

Airyn Elizabeth Jewett, daughter of Donald C. (21222) and Tammy (Magee) Jewett of South Gardiner ME, was born 12 Apr 1998.

Kayla Joan Ballow, daughter of Sean and Jody Kay (Sindt) (21231) Ballow of the State of Washington, was born 23 Dec 1998.

Lainey Marie Hart and **Nicole Kristine Hart**, twin daughters of Lee L. and Kristina Day (Gorball) (20794) Hart, were born 13 Jun 1999 in Des Moines IA.

Seth Weeks, son of Brian and Rhonda Ellen (Mansir) (21219) Weeks, was born 27 Jul 1999.

Nana Embar Bickford, daughter of Kim and Halene Embar (Mansir) (21218) Bickford of Monmouth ME, was born 19 Aug 1999.

Clark Williams Jewett, son of Bradley Burris (20814) and Brenda (Horlock) Jewett, was born 28 Dec 1999 in Houston, Harris, TX.

Jacob Ryan Baczkowski, son of Jean and Mary (Troy) Baczkowski Jr., was born 3 Feb 2000 in Wichita KS.

Isabel Jewett, daughter of Peter Edward and Fiona Clare (Helszjan) Jewett (21784), was born 8 Feb 2000 in Denmark Hill, London, England.

Marriage

Jeffrey Todd Jewett (23429) married **Amy D. Siebert** 24 Apr 1999 in Eureka Springs AR. Amy is the daughter of Samuel Leslie and Nancy (Foster) Siebert.

Deaths

Note: In the 199 Quarterly No. 4, a note was made that the Jewett Family of America had not received information about the death of Alberta Jean Rose Taylor. Her death had indeed been reported and published in the 1997 Quarterly, No. 3. Sincere apologies are made to Mrs. Taylor's family for the oversight.

Judy Elaine Jewett Phillip Paoli (23423) died 21 Aug 1993 in Marion, Marion, KS. Buried at Grant Cemetery, Marion County KS.

Melvin Mansfeild Jewett (23400) died 6 Jan 1994 in Marion, Marion, KS. Buried at Grant Township Cemetery, Marion County KS.

Bernice June Baxter Jewett, wife of Edson Clifford Jewett (23398) died 27 Dec 1996 in Wichita Falls, Wichita, TX. Cremated and ashes placed at Grant Township Cemetery, Marion County KS.

Henerette Marie (Baczkowski) Baxter, wife of Richard Wayne Baxter (23419) died 14 Jul 1997 in Great Bend KS. Buried at Great Bend KS.

Russell Ernest McLaughlin, husband of Sarah Louise (Jewett) (21221), died 26 Dec 1997 in Pittson ME, buried Cross Hill Cemetery, Pittson ME.

Thelma B. Jewett, whose death on 8 Jan 1998 in Owego NY was reported in the 1999 Quarterly No. 4, has been identified as the wife of Edward R. Jewett (11739). She is survived by a daughter, Beverly (Jewett) Davis, and a son, John Jewett, both of Berkshire NY. Can any of our New York members provide information on either Beverly Davis or John Jewett so this Jewett line can be updated?

Willis Orville Elliott, husband of Jessie Verginia Jewett McCarty Elliott (23406), died 28 Nov 1998 in Nashville, Davidson, TN. Buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Goodlettsville, Davidson, TN.

Burt Grant Jewett (23402) died 17 Oct 1999 in Newton, Harvey, KS. A farmer and road construction worker, he was a foreman when he retired from the McPherson County Highway Department. He married Evelyn Corey 6 June 1942 in Lincolnville KS. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Jewett Paoli, in 1993. Survivors include his wife; a daughter Janie Westerman of Fayetteville GA; sisters Eudora Christner of Burdick KS and Mary Johnson of Hominy OK; three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Buried at Grant Township Cemetery, Marion County KS.

Irma Valeria Jewett Ames, 101, of Lakewood CO died in the Villa Manor Care Center 29 Jan 2000. Services were held at the Crown Hill Mortuary Chapel 2 Feb 2000. Burial at Crown Hill Cemetery, Wheat Ridge CO.

Mrs. Ames was born 17 Apr 1898 in Severy, Greenwood, KS. She graduated from Bethany College in Lindsborg KS and taught music and art at schools in Coates KS and Leadville and Walsenberg CO. She was married in La Junta CO 30 Dec 1923 to Clifford Homer Ames who preceded her in death on 5 May 1962.

She was a member of Unity Chapter No. 97 Order of Eastern Star, Mejdel Temple No. 47 Daughters of the Nile, and Denver Assembly No. 1 Social Order of the Beauceant.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law Beverly and Robert Rasmussen of Overland Park KS, a granddaughter and her husband Vickie and Richard McReynolds of Topeka KS, a grandson and his wife John and Sandra Rasmussen of Lawrence KS, several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Her son Dr. Vermer Jewett Ames died 20 Aug 1994 in Olathe KS.

Richard Alfred Hausler, husband of Jeannette Otis Fuller Hausler (18241), died 18 Mar 2000 in Coral Gables, Dade, FL. He was a legendary professor and campus fixture at the University of Miami School of Law who taught many of today's prominent attorneys. He died after collapsing suddenly in his wife's office at UM. For more than half a century, would-be lawyers walked into Hausler's class in the hope of becoming first class jurists. It was Hausler's mission to make sure they did.

Famous for his dramatic teaching style, Hausler would run his students - who included Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth and criminal defense attorney Roy Black - through an intellectual gauntlet, peppering them with questions and picking apart their answers. "He was strict, expected you to be prepared, and did not suffer fools easily," said U.S. District Judge Lenore C. Nesbit, a former student. "I was too scared not to be prepared."

Hausler's brand of intimidation mixed with inspiration helped shape generations of legal minds, many of whom still remember the sting of a Hausler-style rebuke. "He would bring some students to tears," said A. Jay Cristol, chief judge emeritus of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. "He would face one way, and call out a student's name that was sitting in the other direction, to try to catch you off gaurd. Even if you were right, he would try to break you down to see if you would stand by what you said."

Based on the Socratic method, Hausler's teaching style ran his students through rigorous mental acrobatics. Even now, more than 30 years laters his lessons still keep her nimble, Nesbitt said. "To this day, even though I'm a federal judge, I'll still come across a method of approaching a case that he taught us. He inspired us not to go for the obvious..." His dramatic mannerisms brought even the most complicated texts to life - and quickly became the stuff of campus legend, said his wife, Jeannette F. Hausler, dean of students at the law school. Her husband's dramatic stylings - he was the willing target of campus roasts and parodies - revealed not only his passion for law, but for theater.

"He always said all along he wanted to do road shows and be in the theater," said Jeannette Hausler. "But his parents wanted him to do something respectable. His brother was a lawyer, so he went to law school. But he never intended to practice law."

Born in St. Paul MN to Philomena and Charles A. Hausler, a former state senator and architect, Hausler attended the University of Minnesota and earned his master's degree in law from New York University. By 1948, he was invited by former Dean Russel A. Rasco to start UM's graduate program in taxation law.

Hausler was a Eucharistic minister at the Church of the Epiphany and was made a Knight of Malta for his

dedication to the Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, and daughters Ellen Elizabeth Hausler, Philomena Marie Knecht, Jennie Marie Hall, son Donald Frederick Hausler and brother Donald Hausler of St. Paul MN. Burial was at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery, Miami, Dade, FL.

"Inside-Out" Window Now on View

Kennebec Journal, 15 Feb 2000

An unusual "inside out" stained-glass window can be seen at Bowdoin College. Recently re-assembled for the first time in 45 years, the window faces Maine Street from the second floor of Memorial Hall, framed by construction trailers and overhanging firs.

Maine author Sarah Orne Jewett (6571) commissioned the four lancet-shaped panels, held in a gothic arch along with three glass triangles to honor her father, Dr. Herman Theodore Jewett [Dr. Theodore Harmon Jewett (4131)], who graduated from Bowdoin in 1834. The window was designed by noted stained-glass window artist Sarah Wyman Whitman, of Boston, and installed in 1903.

When Memorial Hall was renovated in 1955 to incorporate Pickard Theater, the window's two center panels—clear with vibrant reddish-purple borders—were removed. Their tops were cut off, and the bottoms wound up in the theater's lobby, surrounded by garish blue and yellow glass frames to make them fit an existing space. People attending productions of the Maine State Music Theatre walked past them every time they attended a play.

In 1986, art historian Betty Smith, who had been researching Whitman's work, got curious. "The purples and yellows didn't go together," she said. "Something was wrong." By then, the college had lost track of their origin. But when Smith compared them to the Gothic window around the corner, they seemed to fit. her hunch proved right.

Architectural stained-glass conservator Robin Neely took the cracked and buckled panels to her Westbrook studio, where they were laid on tables with soft weights until they slowly flattened. Neely slid dental picks between the glass and lead to remove the old putty. Brittle lead was replaced, along with fragments of glass. Joints were soldered and waterproofed, and the panels were cleaned.

The window went back up last fall. "I'm delighted to see it together again," said Smith. "It's beautiful."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Jewett Scholarship, University of Nebraskap

The resipient of this year's Jewett Outstanding Sophomore Award is Andrew Uithoven of Davey NE. The scholarship was announced at the Initiation Banquet in January in Omaha. Andrew attended Raymond Central High School. He has been the SAE Social Chairman twice and has also served as Homecoming Chairman and Inter Fraternity Council Representative. He is a finance major, especially likes outdoor activities and has worked at various part-time jobs during college including Sampson Construction and Cornhusker Bank.

Past Elegance

Ocala Star-Banner (FL), 6 Feb 1980

When William Jewett (4534) decided to build his home on Fort King Avenue back in the early 1890's, he had in mind something unique. The house was to be in the shape of a cross, set at an angle on the lot so that the entrance facing the street would be between two arms of the cross. On the back of the lot, in a separate building, he would put the kitchen, a prudent move to protect the living quarters from fire. There also would be a carriage house and a storeroom, all in separate but adjoining structures.

Later, he would see the need to expand the house to accommodate his growing family. But how do you expand on a cross when the lot size dictates against extending the arms? Jewett solved his problem by filling in between the arms of the cross. He created a front porch with columns and added more living space in the other three gaps. The result was a roofline that has to be seen to be believed.

These changes can be seen today in the beautiful—but still unique—structure being restored to its former glory by Accountant Raymond I. Crippen and his wife, Elsie, at what is now 850 SE Fort King...The Crippens have turned the home into a business office while retaining much of the flavor of the original home...

What Ray and Elsie Crippen have done is one of the finest examples of the way to go about preserving old homes by making them useful and, thereby, economically feasible to save from the wrecker's crowbar. They employed the services of an architect to help them go back, as far as possible and is known, to the home that William Jewett and his family enjoyed before the turn of the century.

That meant tearing out some of the later construction by more recent residents, closing some new doors and opening up others that had been walled over to create new bedroom space. But there were some practical limits that had to be observed. For one thing, there is still a question of what to do with the more modern, but charming, kitchen updated by the late Molly O'Neal Holmes and her husband, David E. Holmes, in the early 1970's. Hidden behind a gas range, for instance, is one of the six fireplaces to be found in the building. It is closed in to vent the range.

The mantels over the other five fireplaces are rather plain but uniform. They have the warmth of old age about them, although they are mostly ornamental now. For practical reasons, the Crippens have added central air conditioning and heating but have been discreet about placement of ducts. Vents are hidden in closets behind louvered doors. The exception is the reception area where the most reconstruction has taken place. The ceiling—12 ft. high in other rooms—was dropped to hide the air conditioning and heating ducts, but the vents are visible. It is done so tastefully, however, that the room's charm, is not destroyed.

Where possible, the Crippens have tried to retain the old original wallpaper. Mrs. Crippen said it was not difficult to obtain old-style wallpaper to match the original, because of the widespread restoration that is going on these days across the nation. An effort also was made the preserve carpets but, obviously, it has been necessary to install new carpeting in some rooms. An oriental rug goes into the reception area, partially to hide oak flooring that has to be replaced.

Ray Crippens' office is done in federal blue, matching the exterior of the house. Mrs. Crippen's office is emerald green. She has obtained an old green lamp that fits in well with the decor. What was the dining room, on the west front, is now a charming conference room. The old windows have been kept, although the glass is slightly clouded in spots. Of interest, too, is the beveled glass in some of the doors, dating back to the early [18]90's. Stained glass windows, typical of the [18]90's, are in the two bathrooms. Door locks are the old iron type, with porcelain knobs.

A brick patio in the rear, between the house and the outbuildings, was not the doing of the Jewett family. That was added by the Holmeses, using brick from the old courthouse on the square downtown. There is also a fish pond, probably built at the time the patio was bricked.

This house, like many others along Fort King Avenue, is rich in local history. The property first shows up in the official records in the 1840's when it was identified as part of the "Big Swamp or Hammock" in Marion County. Joseph Caldwell bought property including this lot in 1851, and it became part of the town known as "Caldwell's Addition." William Jewett bought his lot in 1892 and built his home shortly thereafter.

The home went to his daughter, Meta Jewett (6935), when he died in 1912. Other surviving children included Stephen Jewett (6934) and J. Sanford Jewett (6936). Miss Meta was a familiar figure around Ocala for many years.

At various times she worked by Dr. Harry F. Watt and Dr. R.C. Cumming and was active in the affairs of Grace Episcopal Church. She died in 1967, at the age of 87. The house was sold two years later to Wisdom O'Neal, who deeded it to his daughter, Molly, and her husband. It was the Holmes family that did extensive remodeling to bring the home up to date. Tragedy struck in 1976 when Mrs. Holmes and her four-year-old daughter, Jennie, were run down and killed by an Auto-Train at the Amtrak station in DeLand. Her husband, David Holmes, sold the house to Aleene Kidd who, in turn, sold it to the Crippens. It took only one tour of the house for the Crippens to see its potential for restoration and use as an office building. The project turned out to be rather expensive, and it is not yet over, for there are still those outbuildings in the rear that need attention. For Ray and Elsie Crippen, however, the satisfaction of saving a historic home of unusual architectural [building] has made the cost worthwhile. They are taking steps now to get the home listed on the National Registry, an honor it certainly deserves...others perhaps will get an idea of how worthwhile it is to save a part of Ocala's heritage.

The above article was provided by Anne Jewett Porter (21028) who reports that her father Stephen Jewett (6934) lived in the home after he married along with Meta Jewett, and both Anne and her late sister Janet Jewett Vosburgh (21027) were born there. Meta divided the house down the middle and rented the west side, which she continued to do until her death.

Help Needed by the Jewett Family of America, Inc. Historian

Lee Jewett Petry, Historian

The genealogy explosion that has occurred on the internet has led to a heavy load of e-mail queries directed to the Jewett Family of America, Inc. The result is that there is no time left over on the part of the Historian for research or for putting the data received into a computer genealogy program. We are looking for volunteers to assist the Historian specifically in the following areas:

1. Putting data into a computer genealogy program - much of the information that has been received is on handwritten or typed forms from individuals who do not have computers. This needs to be computerized.
2. Extracting material from census records throughout the United States - we have the census indexes from almost all the states for the years in which a census was made and also the microfilm numbers to locate the records. It would be an enormous benefit to have the records extracted from microfilm for use in tracing and tracking families. Most local libraries either have the microfilm for their area or can get it at a nominal fee. (For example, the microfilm records for Tennessee, North Carolina and Kentucky are available here in Knoxville TN. In some states or counties, the census records have already been extracted.) As Historian, I can provide the census index which lists the head of the household, the county and the page on which the record can be found. I can also provide the microfilm numbers needed to find a particular record as well as a form into which the data can be recorded. There are many records in some of the New England states and very few in other areas but all would be valuable for our records.
3. Clipping all mentions of Jewetts - deaths, births, marriages, honors, community activites, sports participation, retirements - being sure to include the date, place and name of the newspaper or or publication in which the mention is made. Alas, I have found that notifying the Jewett Family of America, Inc. is far down the list of many of our members.

If you are willing to assist in any or all of these projects, please contact Lee Jewett Petry by mail at 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923 or by e-mail at jfapetry@nxs.net

On another note, I have Jewett descendants who are reluctant to send any genealogical information on living people for privacy reasons. Has anyone had a privacy problem in connection with genealogical information published in Volumes III and IV of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*? If so, we need to know.

Special Query

The following special query was received from Jewett Family of America member B. Lind Jewett Ellsworth (16649) and should be of interest to all our members. Mrs. Ellsworth can be reached by mail at 29 Elizabeth Lane, Peabody MA 01960 or by e-mail at lellsworth@mail.salemfive.com

"It is my hope that as current historian, you may be able to give me some direction with regard to any possible scholarship opportunities for Jewett family members looking to further their higher eduation. The organization has a nation-wide volume of pretigious individuals with diverse educations and backgrounds, and I am anxious to learn if there are any possible leads to endowments for the future Jewett of America. For example, I know that Harry M. Jewett attended Notre Dame and historically recorded the first football touchdown which is quite a legacy to live up to. Perhaps through the years an endowment has been started in his name by his relatives somewhere along the line.

"My search is on behalf of my grandson Jason known amongst his peers simply as 'J.' He is graduating from Danvers High School, Danvers MA and has a successful record on the football team as the captain and quarterback with over 700 passing yards, a better that 50% passing completion record and the MVP award! Jason also completed a winter and spring track program as captain. He has received the coaches award in this sport and made it to 3rd place at the state finals in the 300 meters and he ran the relay. His relay team came in 11th out of 33 for the new England State Regionals. Scholastically he excels in physics and all math programs finishing in an advanced calculus program. In addition, he participated in the local TV talk show for the high school, has introduced an 'adopt a freshman' program in the high school welcoming the incoming students, played Kanicki in the school play *Grease* and tutors math to other high school students who are challenged with their homework.

"Jason will be attending the Bridgton Academy in East Bridgton ME for one year with the hope of gaining a little more football exposure with the recruiters as well as to gain a prep school focus academically."

Queries

Note from Lee Jewett Petry, Historian: My thanks to Jim Jewett of Spokane WA and Hal Jewett of Van Wert OH for answering several of the queries in previous Quarterlies. Copies of *An Ancestral Record of My Paternal Grandfather Albion Norton Jewett* and *A Record of My Colonial Ancestry from Governor William Bradford and Other Early Settlers*, both by Lucy Ann (Jewett) Prescott have been received.

If you have information on any of the queries, please direct it by mail to Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923 or by e-mail to jfapetry@nxs.net

Need information on Martha Jewett married to Abraham Browne whose son Stephen Thurston Browne was born 18 Apr 1766.

Need information on the ancestors of Ephraim Jewett born 11 May 1800, died 17 May 1890, Attleboro MA, married Nancy Blackinton 14 Dec 1824, Attleboro MA.

Need information on Charles Foster Jewett II believed to be born in France about 1883.

Need information on Edith Jewett born 10 Nov 1872 of Danvers MA. Her father was Spencer F. Jewett from England.

Need information on Martha (Jewett) Eastman born 1784, died 22 Jan 1814. She is buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Sangerfield NY, and her gravestone is marked: "Erected by her brother, Samuel Jewett, to the memory of Martha, wife of Amos Eastman, who died Jan 22, 1814; ae 29 years."

Need information on Phoebe Jewett; in the *History of Bernardstown, Franklin County, Massachusetts* she is married to a Rufus Hastings 10 May 1815 with no other information on her.

Need information on Salmeda or Sylinda Jewett, a native of CT, married about 1836 to Philander Goodrich. They moved to La Grange County IN where she died in 1841.

Need information on the ancestors of Dolly Jewett who married Henry Putney/Pudney. he was born 4 Oct 1722 in Methuen, Essex, MA, the son of Joseph and Johanna Pudney. The children of Henry and Dolly were: Daniel born 1766, Jewett born 1768 and Polly born 1770 probably in NH.

Berkshire NY Jewetts

Mrs. J.H. (Frances) Walters of Roswell GA has provided information about Thelma B. Jewett whose death was announced in the 1999 Quarterly No. 4. In addition she included information about the reunions held by this branch of the Jewett Family.

"In reading the recent Quarterly I noticed the obituary for Thelma Jewett. Though I had not seen her for many years, I remember her well from the Bershire NY family reunions. Her husband was Edward Jewett (11739), son of Ashael Jewett (11694) - Also a life-long resident of Berkshire. The annual reunion was held for many years at their farm - one of the many hillside farms surrounding Berkshire, in Tioga Co., NY. I was there, as a child, with my grandmother, Adeline Hubbard Jewett, widow of H. Milton Jewett (11665). Though his name was Henry, he always went by Milton Jewett and both my brother and my son are named for him: Milton Emory Simmons (25054) and Milton James Walters (25064).

"The Jewett reunions were held annually on 14 Aug (which became an almost sacred date in my memory.) I was born 7 May 1913 and went to my first Jewett reunion in that same year on 14 Aug. As I recall, there were three Jewett families in the Berkshire-Richford NY area (Orrin, Richard and Ashael) and the reunion was either at one of their homes, or at our home in Catatonk - where there were also two Jewett families (Henry Milton's and Charles's and their heirs.) I dod not know my grandfather, who died several years before I was born. My mother was Ella Cornelia (Jewett) Simmons and Charles's daughters were Bertha (Jewett) Toft and Helen (Jewett) Wisor. As you can see, there were a goodly number of Jewetts in the area and the annual reunion was always well attended."

Mrs. Walters enclosed photocopies of snapshots taken at early reunions, but they could not be reproduced well enough to see. Are there still Jewetts in the Berkshire NY area, and do they continue to have reunions?

Aluminum: The Oberlin Connection

Material provided by Patricia Murphy, Executive Director (O.H.I.O)

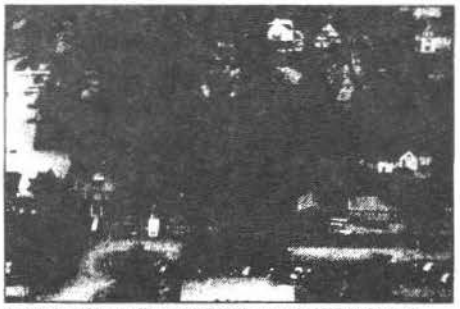
The following pages are copies of panels produced for an exhibit which opened at the Jewett House in Oberlin OH in September 1997 in conjunction with the designation of Oberlin as a National Chemical Historic Landmark. The panels were prepared by Patricia Murphy and Jonathan Edmonds with graphic design by Nordson Corporation. The exhibit was funded by the Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County and the Nordson Corporation Foundation. The main portion of the exhibit consisted of text panels and aluminum artifacts displayed in the Jewett back bedroom. It also had a recreation of Charles Martin Hall's woodshed Experiment Station, a reworking of the Jewett House Kitchen to a circa 1910 time period evoking the public health hygienic kitchen standards advocated by Mr. Jewett in her writing. Preparation of the exhibit also included two text panels apart from the main exhibit: one of history of the house and the other on the student roomers in the house.

The Jewett House was the home of Professor Frank Fanning Jewett (4786) and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is open to the public as a historic house museum as part of the Oberlin Heritage Center guided tour. It is a wonderfully intact house and the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization (O.H.I.O) is its third owner. It has been open to the public for tours since 1993. Unfortunately, there are very few photographs or artifacts associated with the Jewetts, but the house serves to interpret their history as part of Oberlin's history.

The Jewett House

This house was built in 1884 and was sold unfinished to Frank Fanning Jewett for $6,000. Professor Jewett and his wife Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett lived here for forty years. The second owners of the house, Laura Louise and Pliny Dean Hubbard and their three sons, lived here for nearly forty years. Both the Jewetts and the Hubbards took in male college student roomers who called the house "Two Elms" after the massive elms that once graced the front yard. In 1966 the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization became the third owner of the house. The house was opened for public tours and programs in 1993.

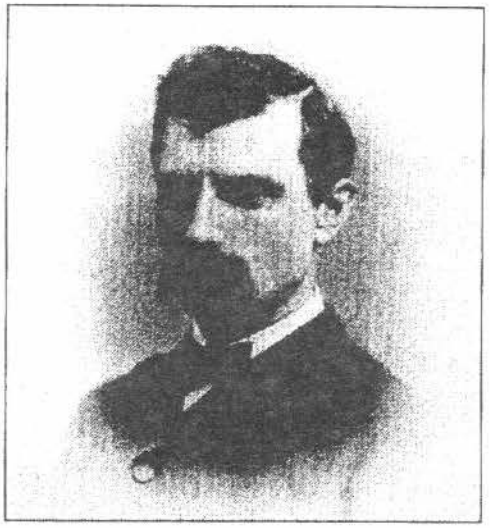
The Jewett House combines a mixture of design elements in typical Victorian eclectic fashion. Its tall, asymmetrical and angular proportions are typical of the 1880s, and marks of Victorian craftsmanship are evident throughout. The hinges, ash woodwork, interior shutters, doors, and hardwood floors are original. The first floor ceilings are 11 feet high, and the area of the house is 2,700 square feet. This house was one of the first in Oberlin to have a stained glass window, considered an extravagance by some in a community where plain living was a founding ideal. The two small porches on the north side are original while the front verandah was added circa 1891. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a City of Oberlin Historic Landmark.



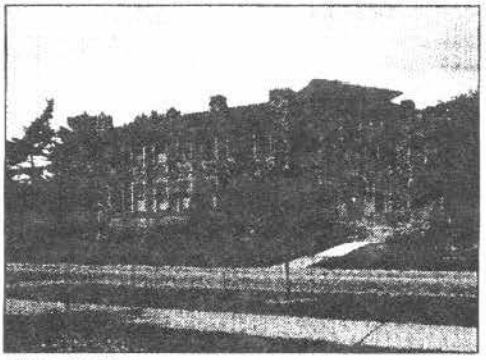
Aerial view of Jewett House and O.H.I.O. grounds, 1997, by Richard Hallock, Kendal-at-Oberlin

Frank Fanning Jewett

lived here from 1884 until 1923. He was the Oberlin College professor and mentor of Charles Martin Hall, the young man who discovered the method of producing aluminum metal from its oxide ore with electricity.



Frank Jewett was born January 8, 1844 in Newton Corner, Massachusetts. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Yale in 1870 with a degree in chemistry and mineralogy. He received his masters degree in 1873 from Yale's Sheffield Scientific School and then moved to Germany for two years of graduate study at the University of Göttingen. He met Professor Friedrich Wöhler there, who had characterized aluminum in 1827. After working for a year at Harvard as an assistant to Professor Oliver Wolcott Gibbs, Jewett was nominated by the president of Yale in 1876 to teach chemistry at the Imperial University in Tokyo. He met his future wife, Sarah Frances Gulick, in nearby Yokohama, and the two were married there in 1880.



Severance Laboratory

Jewett left Japan later that year to accept a position teaching chemistry, mineralogy, physiology and English composition at Oberlin College. Professor Jewett was well liked and used humor and dramatics in the classroom. He played a major role in replacing Oberlin's old Cabinet Hall with the Severance Laboratory which opened in 1901.

In the early 1880's, Professor Jewett told his students that *"if anyone should invent a process by which aluminum could be made on a commercial scale, not only would he be a benefactor to the world, but would also lay up for himself a great fortune."* He showed them his sample of aluminum which was then a semi-precious metal. The subject of extracting aluminum from its ores had occupied Charles Martin Hall's thoughts even before college, and this remark focused his attention on that task.

Jewett in his laboratory

Frank Jewett was active in town affairs. He served as a member of the Oberlin Town Council and played a major role in establishing Oberlin's municipal water treatment plant on Morgan Street, one of the first such projects in the country. He was also the treasurer for Oberlin's Home Missionary Association and played an instrumental role in Oberlin's practice of sending missionaries to China and the Far East in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He did daily volunteer observations for the Ohio State Meteorological Bureau for more than forty years. The Jewetts left Oberlin in 1923 for an extended visit to Hawaii, Mrs. Jewett's childhood home. Professor Jewett died there on July 1, 1926, and was buried in Oberlin.

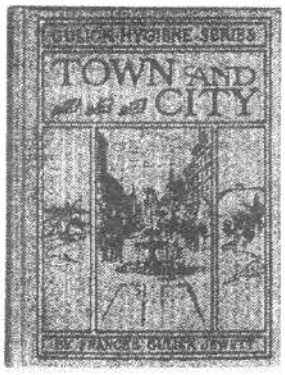
Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett

managed the domestic affairs of this house for thirty-nine years, and she was an active member of the town and college community. She also authored several textbooks on hygiene.

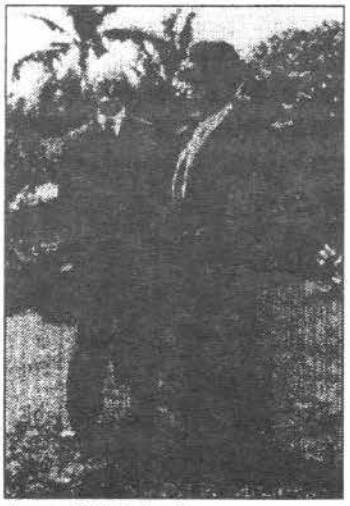
Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett

Frances (called Fannie by her family) was born to missionary parents in Micronesia in 1854. She spent most of her youth in Hawaii and attended Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio. Frances then moved to Tokyo where she taught in a high school. Her father, Luther Halsey Gulick, was there translating the Bible into Japanese and coordinating bible distribution for the American Bible Society. Frances met Frank Jewett in Japan and they were married on July 30, 1880, in Yokahama. Frances gave birth to her only child, Charles, on July 18, 1894, but he lived only one day.

Frances's most important interest was her work as an activist for public health and personal hygiene. She was a part of the larger Progressive Era of the early twentieth century which attempted to reform and reconcile the problems resulting from an increasingly urbanized and industrialized America. Across the nation, "City Beautiful" and village improvement organizations worked to develop "municipal housekeeping" projects that would clean up society, such as implementing regular street sweeping and garbage collection, better sewage systems, and improved plumbing. Frances wrote many elementary school textbooks on health and hygiene, which collectively sold over six million copies. She was a lecturer on topics such as "The Dangers of the Housefly". She was also active in the Oberlin Village Improvement Society founded in 1903, which was the predecessor to today's Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization.



In bestowing an Honorary Degree on Frances Jewett in 1916, Oberlin College President Henry Churchill King praised her for "translating accurate scientific knowledge into clear and simple language for the better health of a new generation." Frances died on August 31, 1937, in Hawaii; her ashes are in the family plot in Oberlin's Westwood Cemetery.



Frances and Frank in Hawaii

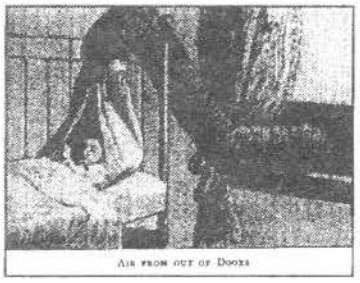
Like many progressive era reformers, Mrs. Jewett advocated many causes, including:

- temperance
- proper posture
- city cleanliness
- anti-venereal disease
- proper nutrition
- anti-microbe, anti-mosquito/anti-housefly, anti-tobacco and anti-spitting
- food inspection
- dress reform for women

Below are some recommendations from her school textbooks:

"Some people used to think that a small waist made a woman look delicate and beautiful, but in these days we are sure that it makes her look ignorant and out of shape. We think so because we know what she has done to the inside of her body. She has squeezed up hundreds and thousands of air tubes and air sacs until they are like a useless sponge. When that happens, neither the lungs nor the blood can possibly get as much air as they need." (Good Health, 1906)

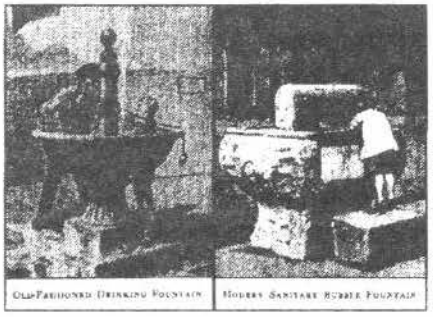
"Whichever way we turn, therefore, we find that the habit of never touching alcohol is like a strong engine pulling a man along the road to success." (Town and City, 1906)



Air from out of Doors

"The wisest of them all will see to it that windows are open in their homes, their shops, and in their They will keep them open by night as well as by day, for they will know that less dust is being stirred up at night and that night air is, therefore, the best air to be had." (Town and City, 1906)

"We all know that it is quite as important to kill disease microbes that may be in our drinking water as to kill animals that may be ready to seize us." (Town and City, 1906)



Old-Fashioned Drinking Fountain | Modern Sanitary Bubble Fountain

"Clothes need to be clean as well as hands — also houses, schoolrooms, cars and churches. The cleaner such places are, the safer we shall be; for wherever people live or go, wherever they breathe the air or die, there we are likely to find things that are soiled and microbes that are multiplying. Since we know all this we must try to keep clean everyday; we must live in clean houses for the sake of keeping well." (Good Health, 1906)

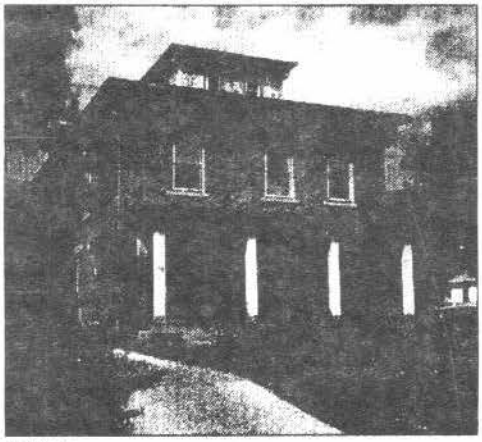
Charles Martin Hall

discovered the electrochemical process of separating aluminum metal from its oxide ore on February 23, 1886. His drive to produce aluminum on a large scale made aluminum affordable for industrial uses. It also created a personal fortune for Hall, which he gave back to his community and the world.

Charles M. Hall in 1885

Hall was born on December 6, 1863, in Thompson, Ohio, and he moved to Oberlin with his family in 1873. He studied piano at the Conservatory of Music, and supplemented his Oberlin high school education by attending the Oberlin Academy, a private high school operated by the College, for one year.

Young Charles Hall was an avid reader of the Encyclopedia Britannica and Scientific American where he studied news of recent inventions. When he was a sixteen-year-old freshman at Oberlin College, he approached Professor Frank Jewett in the chemical laboratory in Cabinet Hall to purchase test tubes and chemicals. Jewett eventually provided Hall work space in his own laboratory where Hall did experiments even before he took a formal chemistry course.



Hall house

After graduating from Oberlin College in June of 1885, Charles continued his experiments with aluminum in the woodshed behind his family home on East College Street. He fabricated most of his own equipment and made many of his own chemicals. With the encouragement of Professor Jewett and his older sister, Julia Brainerd Hall, Charles produced several small globules of aluminum metal in February 1886. He had discovered a practical electrochemical process for reducing aluminum oxide to aluminum metal.

Julia Brainerd Hall

In 1888, with substantial financing, he helped establish a company which was the predecessor of the Aluminum Corporation of America (ALCOA) and began producing aluminum on an industrial scale. Until his death Hall remained active in research and development at ALCOA, and he maintained a lifelong interest in the college and community of Oberlin. He was an early supporter of the Oberlin Village Improvement Society, founded in 1903. Hall suffered from an apparent spleen disorder, which was probably leukemia, and was chronically ill for many years. He was a trustee of Oberlin College from 1905 until his death in 1914 at the age of 51.

The Woodshed

A tireless effort finally leads to success

Charles Martin Hall worked in the woodshed behind the kitchen of his family's home at 64 East College Street. There, after months of persistent experimentation, the twenty-two-year-old Hall successfully developed the electrochemical process for separating aluminum metal from its oxide ore.

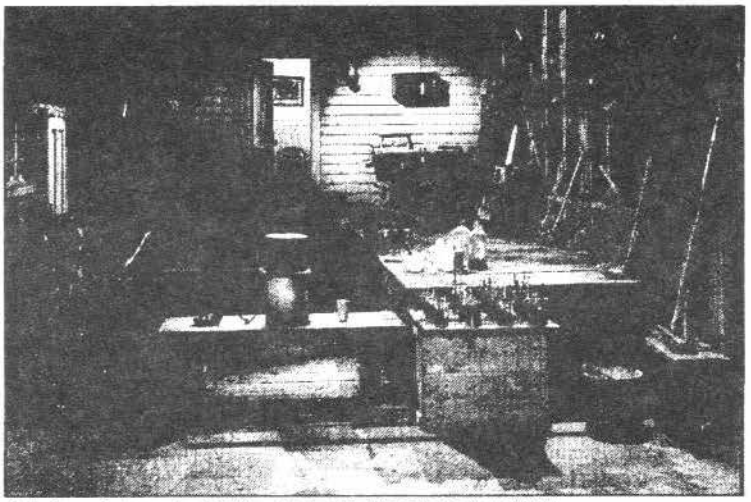
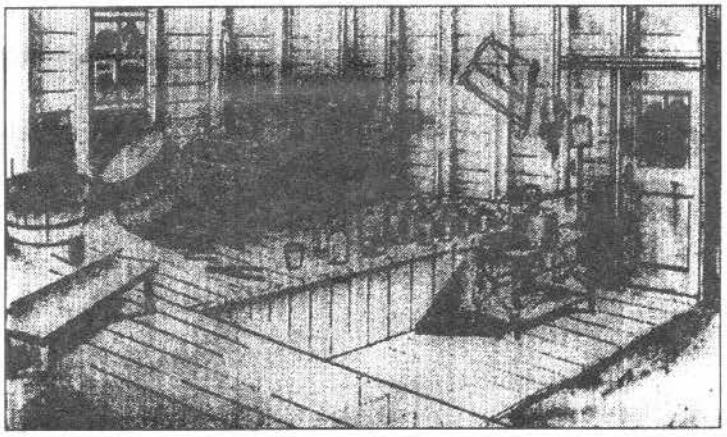
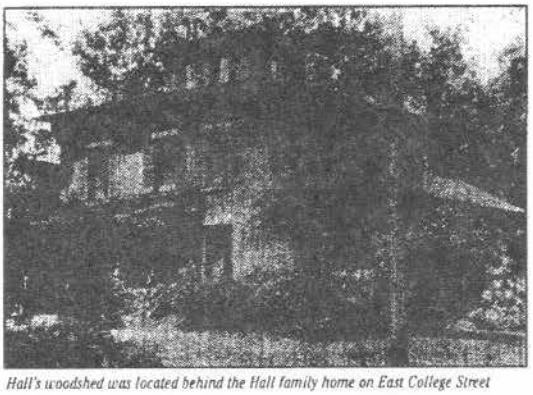


Photo of a movie set recreation of Hall's woodshed used for "Unfinished Rainbows" (1941)



Julia Severence circa 1920 drawing of Hall's woodshed

Within the original Jewett House woodshed is a recreation of what Charles Martin Hall's woodshed laboratory might have looked like, based on two interpretations illustrated here. Charles had a passion and a drive for his work despite the harsh temperatures and primitive conditions in the woodshed. He had to produce his own electricity from Bunsen batteries which used about a pound of hand-cast zinc electrodes to make an ounce of aluminum. He prepared the cryolite and, with his sister Julia's help, the alumina, and made the graphite crucible for his successful experiment.



Hall's woodshed was located behind the Hall family home on East College Street

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