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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

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. When submitting newspaper obituaries, include the date, the place and the name of the newspaper.

Reunion 2000

Elaine Sleeter from Westford MA also attended the Reunion although her name was not listed in the Quarterly 2000 No. 4. If there any other attendees whose names were not included, please inform Historian Lee Jewett Petry.

David R. Jewett

The photograph on the cover was discovered during a garage cleaning. Dated circa 1860, it is of David R. Jewett. The photgrapher was J.H. Kent, 24 State Street, Rochester NY. Does anyone know to what Jewett line David belongs? Contact Historian Lee Jewett Petry with any information that may lead to David's line. The full story of the photograph can be found at www.jowitt1.org.uk

Thank You

My thanks to Elaine Baell for computerizing Jewet material from the supplementary files.

President's Letter

Greetings,

Ranny and I are heading out the door as I write this to you all. We are heading for Florida before the next snowstorm. We have 12 inches on the ground from the other day!

Thank you all for the lovely Christmas cards and good wishes. I wish the same to all. A few of you asked us to stop by and say "hello" on our way south, and we will do that. When in Florida, we will visit with more of you. This year we are staying at Secret Lake RV Resort in Kissimmee, a bit different from Port Charlotte.

I have something to ask of all of you. Surely you have some interesting news of happenings in your fanily. Why not share them with us all. Send photographs and information to Lee (Historian Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, knoxville TN, jfapetry@nxs.net) and tell us about weddings, deaths, births of new Jewett descendants, awards, happenings and, last but not least, tell us about your own Jewett Reunions; so maybe someone else may be able to attend the next one.

In late May or early June, there will be a group going into the Rowley Cemetery to record the inscriptions on the headstones of Jewetts buried there. It needs to be done since the current records are not complete. If anyone would like to spend a day with us and participate in this project, please let me know - we need all the help we can get. It will certainly take more than one day. Greg Laing is heading this project. Thanks, Greg.

The Directors' Meeting will be held the 22nd of September in Acton ME. We will have a seafood fest. There will be an apple fest going on at the Acton Congregational Church that same day; so there will be plenty to see and do. I will need to know how many are planning to attend. If there is anyone out there who would like to serve as an Officer or Director for the Jewett Family of America, please let Bill Nash know. (His address is on the page 2.)

Ranny and I wish you all a Happy New Year, and we'll see you in the spring.

Toujours le même,
Dorothy Jewett Brigham

Genealogical Information

Births

Devin Lucas Jewett, son of Michelle Lynn (Dodd) and Jason Holden Jewett (21885), was born 23 Dec 1999 in Austin, Travis, TX.

Emily Anne Anderson, daughter of Anne Marie (Feany) (20757) and Dr. Daniel Anderson, M.D., was born 22 Oct 2000 in Grinnell IA. Brother Bejamin Allen Anderson was born 29 Oct 1998 also in Grinnell IA.

Marriages

Jason Holden Jewett (21885) married Michelle Lynn Dodd 19 Oct 1996 in Lago Vista, Travis, TX. Michelle is the daughter of Barbara Jean (Landsford) and Barry Lenward Dodd.

Michael James Jewett [James S. Jewett, Clifford Ervin Jewett, Ervin Gerard Jewett, Myron Pixley Jewett, John H. Jewett, Aaron Crosby Jewett, Henry Jewett (944)] married **Rosalinda Franco Mendoza** 9 Nov 2000 in Fayetteville, Cumberland, NC. Rosalinda was born 6 Jul 1973 in Dadereyta, Nuevo Léon, Mexico, daughter of José Paz Franco Martinez and Guadalupe Mendoza Garcia. Michael was born 22 Aug 1976 in Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, ID, son of James Sidney Jewett and Catherine Lou Erickson. Both bride and groom are in the Army at Fort Bragg NC.

Deaths

Robert Adams Jewett (21289) died 24 Mar 2000 at Florida Presbyterian Homes, Lakeland FL. He had retired from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1975 as Emeritus Professor of General Engineering. He is survived by his brother Richard Lee Jewett, Asheville NC, and his son Thomas Davis Jewett, who is on the faculty of California State University, Long Beach. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Lee (Davis) Jewett.

The following is a memorial in recognition and appreciation of the years of service to the University of Illinois: Before coming to Illinois, he (Robert) had worked as an engineer in industry for nearly 20 years. While here, he was active far beyond his traditional calssroom duties - pioneering the use of instructional television, advising many student groups, and even playing in the band. In 1972 he received the Illinois Award for "exceptional contribution to the engineering profession" from the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers

After retirement he and his wife Mary Lee moved to Lakeland FL. There he focused on family, church and community activities, especially within the Florida Presbyterian Homes where they lived. He organized a hand bell choir and played the piano for chapel services. He even dusted off his T-square, triangle and slide rule to assist in safety and construction planning.

In 1996, Professor Jewett established a scholarship in his name (at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln), which annually recognizes a General Engineering student for outstanding leadership abilities.

Elizabeth Jane "Betty Jane" (Case) Weaver (12129) died 17 Jun 2000 in Monroe MI. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Findlay OH. Born 17 Sep 1917 in Chicago IL, she was the daughter of I. Elizabeth (Kortlander) and Burdette Allen Case. She married John Weaver 12 May 1956. She was a graduate of Beloit College, Beloit WI, did her graduate studies at Northwestern University, Evanston IL, and was a member of Delta Delta Delta. She served as Chapter Regent, State Regent, and a national officer of the Daughters of the American Revolution; State President and National Recording Secretary of the Daughters of Colonial Wars; State Treasurer of the Daughters of American Colonists; and was active in many other patriotic and genealogical organizations including New England Women, Colonial Dames XVII Century, U.S. Daughters of 1812, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, and Dames of the Court of Honor. Locally, she served as chapter president of the Monroe Women's Club, president and board member of the Monroe County Camp Fire Girls, and president and treasurer of the Monroe branch of the American Association of University Women, and was a member of the Monroe County Historical Society, the Michigan Historical Society, and the Monroe Women's Center.

Surviving are her husband; a son John Jr., of Rockville MD; a brother, Roger, of Monroe and a grandson, John Michael of Novi MI.

LaVonne Carmen (Jewett) DiLibero (17282) died 1 Oct 2000 of complications related to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) which she had been fighting for several years. Her husband, children, grandchildren and a single sister, Florine C. Phipps, survive her.

The following eulogy was read during her funeral service by her grandson, Kent Stoddart: LaVonne Carmen DiLibero...that's quite a handle for a pretty brown-haired, brown-eyed, Norwegian girl from Mt. Vernon WA. LaVonne Carmen DiLibero; my grandpa called her LaVonne; her good friends called her Vonnie; her children, of course, called her mom; and a good many of us here today, including myself, called her grandma; and there is about a half a dozen out there who called her great grandma. LaVonne loved her family with no judgement, no terms, and no pressure. If you were hers or part of her, she loved you unconditionally. A generous stoic soul, who in the last years of her life never once complained, never once wanted to inconvenience anyone, and through the pain and suffering, she was always able to muster a big smile and kiss hello to you.

She was born 19 Feb 1920. LaVonne Carmen Jewett was the oldest of four girls born to Jess and Olga Jewett. She and her sisters were raised on a rural farm complete with acreage and livestock. When LaVonne was eight, Jess packed up the wife and kids and headed to California in an old Model T. No more egg collecting or milking the cows for LaVonne, she was on her way to Hollywood. LaVonne was excited to go and ready to embrace the challenge; this is where she perhaps captured that desire to travel, see new things, and experience other cultures. Jess and his family finally settled in south central Los Angeles, where LaVonne was a tomboy who preferred to field hot grounders rather than play with dolls. LaVonne went to school and continued her tomboy ways by taking four years of metal shop and never once stepping into the home economics room. She made friends, had fun, and fell in love with a boy down the street named Joseph McNally. She married Joe at eighteen and quickly had two children, Ronnie and Sharon. To help ends meet, she worked as a soda-jerk, a job she thought would fill out her slender frame, and

a tank sealer for big military bombers. After ten years of marriage, Joe passed away quickly and unexpectedly. At thirty, LaVonne was left on her own to provide for two young children, a different kind of challenge now faced her - it was called survival. She kept a roof over their heads and food on the table with optimism and varying occupations, but the job that stuck was working for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

It was through a friend at the DMV where she met a good-looking, east coast Italian gentleman by the name of Ralph DiLibero. After her two children had grown, LaVonne started again, at thirty-eight, with a man she deeply loved. Two years later LaVonne and Ralph decided to begin a new family. This was no easy task for a woman in her forties, in the early part of the 1960's, but once again she embraced the challenge, and first came Devin and then Greg. Ironically, during her last pregnancy she found out that both her daughter and daughter-in-law were also pregnant. A grandmother and mother almost simultaneously - an excellent example of LaVonne's wonderful time management skills. LaVonne, Ralph, and the boys made lifelong friends that produced rich memories on a magical street named Birchfield in Rancho Palos Verdes. Her home, family, and friends became her canvas where she produced a warm and comfortable home, a beautiful garden, and the coolest and most pleasant place in the neighborhood on hot summer days.

LaVonne had many passions. And it's funny, when I think of my grandmother, I always see her dancing, moving across the floor on a pair of beautiful legs, kicking and spinning with that big infectious grin on her face. I don't think there was a dance step she didn't know. She also loved to travel and see new cultures, and in her lifetime she had been to Europe (several times), Scandinavia, Mexico, Brazil, and China. She was gifted at growing and arranging flowers. She had an eye for color and her garden and holiday centerpieces were often awe inspiring.

LaVonne liked people and it was easy for her to make friends. She hated to see her Dodgers lose and loved to see them win. It was tough to open a present from grandma because even as a child you didn't want to mar perfection; she turned gift wrapping into an art form. She had an open mind and a good sense of humor. LaVonne diligently investigated all the different religious sects and finally embraced Catholicism. She became very devout in the last years of her life, volunteering her time and energy to Bay Harbor Hospital. I mention the word embrace a lot in LaVonne's eulogy and I think this is due to the fact that my grandmother had a wonderful embrace that would fill you with love until it popped out of your ears. Fortunately for him, and for us, my Uncle Ronnie inherited this embrace from his mother. And selfishly, I will be anxious to get a hug from him to remind me of her.

The last two years of my grandmother's life were not too easy; they would not have been easy for anyone. I always suspected that my grandmother was a courageous woman and now I know that she was. But it's tough to be courageous on your own, and I know she thanks God that she had a courageous man, my grandfather, next to her every step of the way. My family and I salute him for his love, his devotion, his tireless energy, and his mountainous emotional and physical strength.

LaVonne's smile, her sense of humor, her easy nature, and her love of life will continue to live in all of us. Thank you, LaVonne!

Garland Frederick Jewett died 16 Oct 2000 at his home in Naugatuck CT after a brief illness. Burial was in West Hill Cemetery in Montgomery VT. He was born 26 Nov 1937 in Montgomery VT, son of the Ruth (Frazier) and Gerald Alfred Jewett Sr. (25440). He was a construction worker for Ashe Construction Company of Prospect CT and attended the United Methodist Church.

Besides his wife Lorraine (Combs) Jewett, he is survived by two step-sons; son Roy Jewett of Naugatuck CT; daughter Cheryl (Jewett) Gagnon of Naugatuck CT; four brothers, Gerald Alfred Jewett Jr. of Fairfield VT, Wayne Jewett of Enosburg Falls VT, Robert Jewett of Montpelier VT, and Sherman Jewett of New Haven; three sisters, Kathyrn King of Naugatuck CT, Geraldine Lumbra of Richford VT and Sheila Jewett of Colchester VT; seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Raymond Jewett of Montpelier VT; and a sister, Barbara Messenger of Naugatuck CT.

Dale Leroy Jewett [son of James Leroy Jewett (15328)] died 23 Oct 2000 in Des Moines IA. Burial was at Junction Township Cemetery in Grand Junction IA. Mr. Jewett was born 26 Mar 1924 in Grand Junction IA and had lived there most of his life. He was a farmer and a member of Lions Club. He is survived by his wife Lucy (Butler) Jewett; three sons, Larry Dale Jewett of Grand Junction IA born 23 Jun 1947, Randy Leroy Jewett of Salt Lake City UT born 14 Jan 1952, and Rickey "Rick" Dean Jewett of Paton IA born 22 Apr 1949; two sisters, Lois Eleanor (Jewett) Freerksen of Grand Junction IA born 8 Mar 1920 mistakenly listed as Louis Jewett (15344); and Dorothy Jean (Jewett) Neel of Panora IA born 21 May 1930; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Charles Wood Jewett died 3 Nov 2000 at his home in Lyme CT. He was the former Republican majority leader of the state Senate and the last GOP lieutenant governor to serve with a Democratic governor. A lawyer, banker and farmer, Jewett was elected lieutenant governor in 1954 and served four years as the seond-highest elected official with Gov. Abraham Ribicoff. That was the last time in Connecticut history that the two positions were filled by persons from rival political parties. During that term, the state constittion was revised so that the two officers were elected in tandem. He also enjoyed the unusual distinction of having served as majority leader of the state Senate while a freshman member. In 1946, he became the youngest compensation commissioner in Connecticut history. Prior to his election to the state Senate in 1952, he served two terms in the state House of Representatives. He was elected to the state House in 1941 and again in 1947.

He was a partner of the firm Brown, Jacobson, Jewett and Laudone for 52 years. He also had an affiliation with the Essex Savings bank. A trustee of the bank since the 1940's, he rose to be president in the 1960's and chairman from 1976 to 1982. His legal and political career was interrupted in 1942 when he served as an officer in the Navy during World War II. Even while in the military overseas, his political reach was considerable. He was elected judge of probate in 1942 and served in that post until 1947. He also served as a trial justice from 1939 to 1942. After the war he returned to the 350-acre farm he shared with his wife. He lived in the Colonial house built in 1762 until his death.

Although he never returned to elective office after his one term as lieutenant governor, he remained immersed in state and national politics for many years. "He had a supreme knowledge of government," said Allyn Brown, his close friend and law partner for more than 50 years. "He just exhibited a very unusual apptitude for government and the political process. We had a very close professional relationship, and more. He was a loyal friend and extrememly honorable guy. I had the highest opinion of him."

Jewett was committed to public service, acoording to family members. It was something he and his wife, the former Mary Sheafe, imparted to their children, according to Charles "Woody" Jewett of Las Vegas NV, the yougest son and the third of four children. "He was an old-fashioned father. He didn't give a lot of hugs, but he was always there to support us," his son said. "His advice was always sound. He always gave an honest evaluation of any situation." He loved sailing and overseas travel. He and Brown would sail to Maine every year, and many years they would sail to faraway spots such as Florida. "My most solid recollection of growing up was of the days we would spend on the water sailing," said Jennifer Jewett Smith of Silver Spring MD. "He always enjoyed sailing."

Born in Detroit, he spent his youth there, where his father owned and operated the Jewett Motor Car Co. He received his bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Yale Law School. (*The Hartford Courant*, 7 Nov 2000)

Admiral David Jewett (1715)

By Agnes (McGoldbrick) Jewett (12529)

The article by Roberta M. Delson PhD (2000 Quarterly No. 3, p.48) brought to mind an interesting dinner meeting my husband and I had with the former Argentine Ambassador to the United Nations, Enrique Ferrer Viegra, in new London CT during the Columbus Sail Festival 2 Aug 1992. The discussion was about Admiral Jewett and what he did for Argentina almost a century and a half before.

Mr. Ferrer was in New London on a mission concerning the admiral. He knew from historical background that David Jewett was born in New London CT. Mr. Ferrer hoped to contact some of David's descendants who might have correspondence from the admiral dating back to his time in the Argentine Navy and relating to the Falkland Islands. He found us listed in the New London phone book.

When I answered his phone call, the language barrier was a problem until I finally understood he was asking if I knew anything about an Admiral Jewett. Boy, did I! Years earlier when we received Volume I of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*, I was fascinated by the admiral's background. His home town, New London, is a place where we have lived for many years; so I did some research for my own enjoyment. It paid off. I was ready for Mr. Ferrer.

At the time we had dinner together, Argentina was in a bitter dispute and legal struggle with Great Britain following the loss in the recent Falkland Islands war. Mr. Ferrer's mission was to obtain proof, any matter of proof,

to show in a legal way that Argentina really did have claim to the Falklands, in spite of what England claimed, and Admiral, then Captain, Jewett was at the heart of the matter.

How did "our David" become so important to Argentina's claim? Well, our young U.S. Navy in 1801 "downsized," a term we are familiar with today. A lot of well qualified naval officers were turned loose to become privateers for other countries. Argentina and Brazil were only too happy to retain the services of David Jewett when the United States discharged him under the Peace Establishment Act.

In the early 1800's, the Falkland Islands were of mild interest to the English, Dutch, Potuguese, Spanish and French. All used the islands at one time or another but none had laid claim to them. Argentina was growing and looking to add more land, and the Falkland Islands seemed to fit the bill. Argentina sent Captain Jewett to Port Soledad, a port on the Falklands, to explore and lay claim to the land for the "United Provinces" (later named Argentina.) When Captain Jewett returned to Buenos Aires with the proclamation of sovereignty, it was published in international publications. None of the countries previously mentioned offered any serious protest; so it was accepted that the Falklands were now part of Argentina.

Captain Jewett continued working to build and strengthen the navy of Argentina. When he left the employ of "United Provinces," he did so with the sincere thanks of the government and people of Argentina. From there he went to Brazil where he continued to carve out a fantastic career for himself.

Mr. Ferrer hoped that Captain Jewett had written home about exploring the islands for Argentina. He hoped some of the letters dated around that time still existed and could be used to back Argentina's claim before an international court of law.

We hated to disappoint Mr. Ferrer. We are the wrong branch of the family tree. We descend from Maximiliam and the admiral is from Joseph's line. I am sorry we didn't know about Dr. Delson's reference to the late Robert Jewett of Nyack NY who did have access to such letters written to Admiral Jewett's brother. Even though the letters were written from Rio de Janeiro, he might have written about his time in Argentina. In the Brazilian Navy, David Jewett became an Admiral and had a brilliant career. What an exciting life this man had. There is even a statue dedicated to him in Rio. (Does anyone know where it is located?)

The Jewett name shows up in local New London history. The admiral was the second child of Dr. David Jewett, a noted doctor who practiced in and around New London. The admiral was also the grandson of Rev. David Jewett, a missionary minister to Ben Uncas, Sachem and foremost member of the Mohegan tribe. The Mohegan tribe is now the owner of the "Mohegan Sun," the second largest Indian casino in Connecticut.

Sources: *History of Montville*, H.A Baker, p 546; *History of New London*, Frances Manwaring Caulkins, p 608; *Dictionary of American Biography*, 1933, p 67; *Archives of the Brazilian Ministry of Marine*, A.J. Carranza, 1916, Vol III, pp 169-85; *Apontamentos para a Historia da Marinha de Guerra Brazileira*, T.M. da Silva, 1182, Vol II, PP 78, 220,334-57, 398.

Historian's Note: Jorge Delano, an American History graduate student at Trinity College in Hartford CT is writing his thesis on the "Involvement of the American Sea Captains in the Wars of Independence in Latin America." Any information you have on Admiral David Jewett would be appreciated. Mr. Delano has already written a book on Captain Paul Delano, an American sea-captain who actively participated in the Wars of Independence of Chile from 1818 to 1822. Mr. Delano graciosly donated a copy of his book to the Jewett Family of America. Mr. Delano can be contacted at lwbs@aol.com

316 Bodega Avenue, Petaluma, California

By Barbara Jean (Millet) Webster (13617)

316 Bodega Avenue, Petaluma, California, 1912

The story of this address and its connection to the Jewett Family branched off back in Michigan when Ida May Jewett (13501) married John Mason Wallace 15 Feb 1873 in Owosso MI. Ida May's father, William Henry Jewett, was born in Windsor VT to Edmund Morrill Jewett and Nancy Hitchings. Edmund remains a mystery to this day since no one has definitively identified his parents. However, we want to go forward with this story; so we will let Edmund rest until another day.

Ida May and John stayed in Shiawassee County MI for the birth of their first child, my grandfather Leon Lawrence Wallace, in 1874 and then followed John's brother out to Nevada where they settled in Austin which is the geographic center of the state. John bought a livery stable in Austin and also had an angora goat farm in the hills outside of town. Austin had been a thriving silver mining town but was quieting down while the Wallace's lived there. A daughter, Maude Mariah Wallace, was born in Austin as well as two sons, Jewett John Wallace and Raymond Claude Wallace. Sadly the two younger boys both died early of illnesses that today would be quickly cured by antibiotics.

Maude Wallace graduated from 8th grade and began her teaching career in a one room school out in the country. In 1902 the family moved to Petaluma CA to provide a home for Maude after her graduation from San Jose Normal School with an official teaching credential. Leon, of course, came to California with his parents and began his own life-long career as a carpenter. After a few years, Leon purchased a lot from the three and a half acres his parents owned in anticipation of building his own home.

Leon met my grandmother, Elizabeth Lewis, at an Epworth League meeting at the local Methodist church. They were both a bit past the usual marriage age, she was almost 30 and he was 35, when the happy day arrived in March 1909. Though he owned property, he had not started the house which was to be the family home for the next 91 years. They consulted with a local architect whose drawing of the house we still have. The house is listed in "Petaluma's Architectural Heritage" as a bungalow. I notice in the newspaper reports "Contractor Ernest L. Young has been awarded the contract for building a beautiful seven-room home for Leon Wallace on his lot on Bodega Avenue. The home will be one of the prettiest in this city and will be roomy, modern and equipped with every

Alice Lewis Wallace
Leon Lawrence Wallace
1909

sanitary and labor saving device. It will be a shingle structure. Work on the concrete foundation of the new home was commenced on Thursday and the building will be hurried as rapidly as possible."

The home included redwood wainscoting, a built-in buffet and a clock shelf in the dining room, a pass-though from the kitchen to the buffet to serve food, a sewing room complete with built-in cupboards and drawers and an extra closet. The kitchen featured a skylight which opened to the attic for light and ventilation. The plans included the ability to raise the roof to add a second story if the family grew enough to warrant more space. The marvelous entrance hall with its beveled glass front door and redwood paneling was the setting for the marriage of their daughter, Leona Grace Wallace, to Ralph Irving Millet in 1930.

We can only imagine the excitement of Elizabeth who perhaps thought she might never get married. Suddenly she was not only married but was going to have the delight and thrill of a new house. She probably set right out to make curtains, bedspreads and other items to decorate the home; she was an accomplished seamstress and had worked in the profession since high school. The quilt frames and curtain stretchers she used were still in the attic last year when we had to close the house. Leon and Lizzie (as she was called by some) lived with his parents in the Victorian farm house on the opposite corner of the property while their home was being constructed. Lizzie could watch the whole procedure to be sure it was being done to her satisfaction. Lizzie was a talented painter as well and the home was hung with many of her paintings. Lizzie's mother-in-law, Ida May Jewett Wallace, certainly helped with the sewing. Although confined to a wheel chair after an injury caused by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, Ida May continued to knit, crochet, cook, clean, iron and lead a full life.

My uncle, Charles Lewis Wallace, was born 11 Feb 1910 and my mother, Leona Grace Wallace, arrived 4 Sep 1911. Charles would have had Jewett for a middle name, but the Lewis grandparents offered a $50 bonus if he was named Lewis. I'm not sure if the Jewett side knew of this bribe, but he was named Lewis.

The family settled down to a happy life with outings in the 1913 Oldsmobile with relatives and friends on weekends, picnics and the usual holiday dinners and get-togethers. The car was still in the garage in 1942 when it was sold for scrap metal to help the war effort. Elizabeth loved her garden and many of the plants she put in are still blooming. The driveway is lined with amaryllis which create a splendid effect each summer. The Marshall Neil and Cecil Brunner roses still emit pleasant fragrances, and the concord grapevine has produced tons of delicious grapes for years. The family is famous for its grape jelly and grape juice. The original cutting was from relatives back in Connecticut.

Leon's Aunt Rie, Sarah Mariah (Jewett) Ott Foster, and her family lived in Petaluma, and Lizzie's two sisters and their families lived nearby; so there were always relatives to visit. Lizzie's grandfather came to California at the time of the Gold Rush but managed to avoid the gold fields by starting a drayage business in San Francisco instead. He later moved to Petaluma where he had a huge wheat ranch.

During the World War I, the family decided to move to Oakland; so Leon could use his construction talents to help build ships. Maude also transferred to Oakland, and Ida May and John provided a home for her there, selling their property in Petaluma. Leon and Lizzie kept their house and rented it to a nice family for the three years they were gone. Before long, they moved back to Petaluma where both Charles and Leona graduated from high school. Leona wanted to learn to play the piano, but Lizzie insisted she practice on a borrowed organ for a year to be sure

she would really practice. She did and Lizzie bought her a second-hand piano which is still in our home and has been used for the grandchildren though I must admit they did not practice as often or as long as Leona did.

Charles and Leona both played the flute during their school years, and Charles continued after graduation in the municipal band and later in symphony orchestras in Southern California. Music has always been an important part of our lives with encouragement from Ida May. Maude played the organ for one of the churches in Austin. Leona played the organ in the Lutheran Church in Petaluma for 46 years, stopping only so the younger ones would have a chance to play.

Dining Room
July 1933

Unfortunately, the marriage of Leon and Lizzie was not completely happy, and as a Mother's day gift to her in 1930, he left. Lizzie stayed on in the house and in 1945 after becoming a widow, Leona and her four children moved in to keep her company. The addition of four young ones to the house was quite a change for Lizzie, but she managed to remain "in charge." When she didn't want us to sit on the front railings, she would put pots of geraniums there. When she thought we were perhaps going too quickly through the house, she would varnish the thresholds to slow us down. Occasionally, when she had a lady friend over to visit, we would be banished to the kitchen for the duration. On the other hand, she would tell us wonderful and interesting tales of the family, sew blouses from antique petticoats for the girls, and allow the boys to fly their airplanes in the back yard even though there were all those blooming flowers to avoid. She made delicious home-made cottage cheese as well as some sort of tonic from onions steeped with sugar to soothe a sore throat. She taught us to clean our fingernails with half a lemon and other marvelous "Grandma" things. She was a treasure and we were fortunate to be able to live with and learn from her.

Leona remarried in 1951 to John Adam Suden who had two daughters. The house then had to expand to accommodate more beds and clothes and people. At one point, there were two sets of bunk beds in the dining room for four of us girls. My brother, Donald Allen Millet the lucky one, got to have the sewing room for his bedroom. My older brother, Kenneth Ralph Millet, was in the service in Korea; so we didn't have to wonder where he would be put. Mom and John slept in the other bedroom and Grandma, of course, stayed in her large front bedroom. After all, this was her house. Too bad the original plans were not put in action to build a second story with more bedrooms.

Space got easier when I moved out after getting a job in a nearby town, and the youngest, Myrna Marlene Millet, decided the attic would be a great place to stay even though it was unfinished. In 1953 Lizzie contracted a disease which quickly took her life. She died 28 Nov and was buried in the family plot along with her father, mother, step-mother, grandfather and younger brother.

Life continued at 316 Bodega Avenue. John's girls got married and moved away; Don married his high school sweetheart leaving only Ken at home. Myrna had gotten a great job with the government and was able to go to Germany to wok where she met her future husband. After Ken went to work for the telephone company, he moved to a different town; so there was just Mom and John rattling around in the house.

Most family and holiday occasions were celebrated at the family home. Three of us lived just one and a half hours away; so it was easy for us to jump in the car and return home. Myrna and her husband lived in various places as he traveled where the Air Force sent him, but they were able to make regular visits to join in the family festivities. The central location with Mom there to greet us made each trip to Petaluma one we always remember. The photograph albums are full of the family eating, opening presents, talking, doing dishes and just being together. Included are many shots of us doing yard work later years when Mom couldn't keep up with the yard. Christmas of 1999 when we all suspected the time had come for Mom not to be able to stay alone any more, we joined each other for a final celebration. It was a sad yet happy time for us all.

In Jan 2000 Mom had a minor stroke which left her all right physically but with much more of the dementia she had been experiencing. We decided the time had come for her to move closer to my sister and me in Ukiah. We spent six months closing the house with weekly visits to Petaluma. Mom was a saver - as was Lizzie! We shared treasures to remind us of our beloved home and the past to which we all contributed over all those years. In the

future, whenever we visit among the brothers and sisters, we will again be greeted by some of the furniture that was for years at 316 Bodega Avenue. We left a few items in the house. The Brunswick phonograph had never been out of the house and is still in the same place in the entrance hall. The sewing cabinet made by Lizzie's father is still under the clock shelf in the dining room ready to serve the new owners as it did the original ones.

We have sold the family house but have had the comfort of knowing the family who purchased it as friends from Mom's church. It somehow makes the jolt of not having the house in the family a bit easier to take when we know it will be loved and cherished almost as much by the new owners as it had been for the past 91 years by the Wallace/Jewett/Lewis/Millet/Suden families.

Packet Boat *Martha Jewett*

J. Fred Peterson, a descendant of Benjamin Marlin Jewett (2861), sent the following information in answer to the query in 2000 Quarterly, No.3, p 53.

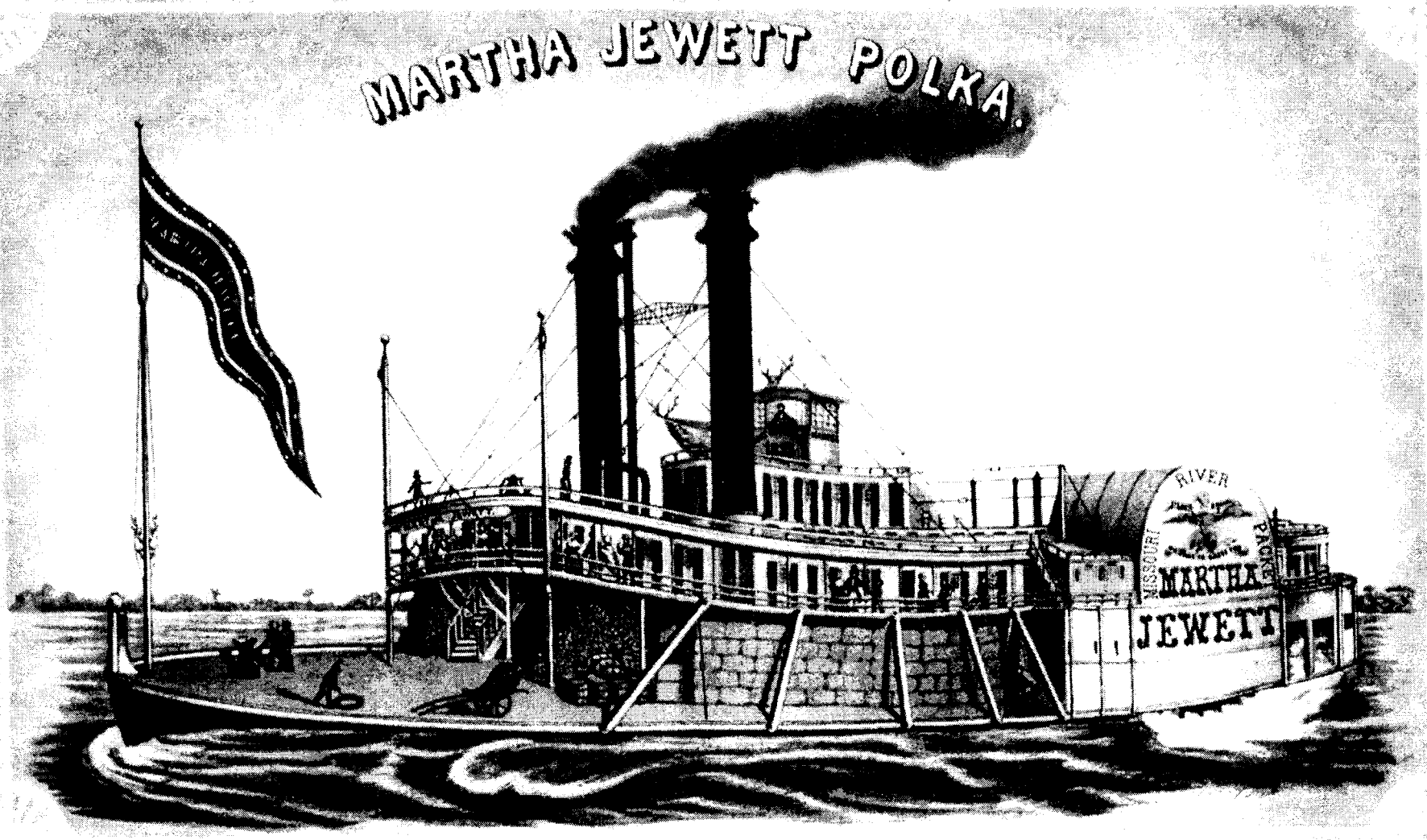
My acquaintance with the boat came through a small display in Resources Hall at the state capitol building in Jefferson City MO. There was a photograph of an old announcement for an upcoming excursion of the *Martha Jewett*, that included the name William C. Jewett, Commander.

I found a little about the boat by poking around the Internet. The boat was a "packet boat." As I understand, that term was used in the 1800's to describe boats that carried both passengers and freight. At that time, those boats were generally sidewheelers (or sternwheelers) driven by steam engines.

The *Martha Jewett* was owned by Max Zorer, and was given its name in honor of his friend, William Jewett. I have not discovered the relationship between William and Martha. According to *Way's Packet Directory, 1848-1994* by Frederick Way, Jr., the boat was captained by David H. Silver.

The boat was built about 1852 and ran biweekly from St. Louis to St. Joseph MO. It was operated until 1858. This is the part of the history that most interested me, for my great great grandfather, Dr. Benjamin Marlin Jewett (2861), lived in Kansas City about this time. I have a pretty good handle on Benjamin's family, cousins, etc., and am pretty sure he is not closely related to William Jewett. But I wondered if Benjamin ever strolled down to Westport Landing (Kansas City) and saw the boat on the Missouri River. It was just a short way from his home and his medical practice.

The boat burned and sank 3 Jan 1859 at Cairo IL. Its fate was probably the result of a boiler explosion, a common cause of boat fires at the time. Cairo is off its normal course of travel; perhaps it was "wintering" in the south. It is said that its bell was salvaged and was installed at the Presbyterian Church in Cairo. The first church was built in 1855, which makes that fact a possibility. I corresponded with a member of the church and found the church has no record of the bell's history. However, some repairs are to be made in the belfry this year, and they have offered, at that time, to investigate the bell for any engravings.



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Need information on the descendants of Alice Augusta Wildes (6490) and Charles Arnold Stetson. Their children: Mary Arnold Stetson born 19 Jan 1892, Elizabeth Jewett Stetson born 29 Apr 1893, Harriet Endicott Stetson born 9 Dec 1894, Eleanor Wildes Stetson born 7 Sep 1896, Satira Tarleton Stetson born 27 Mar 1898, William Chester Stetson born 19 Jul 1900, Charles Hazen Stetson born 14 Aug 1902, Clifford Wildes Stetson born 11 Sep 1905. The obituary of Satira Tarleton Stetson in 2000 Quarterly No. 4 mentioned 11 nieces and nephews and 28 grandneices and grandnephews.

Need information on Navy Paymaster Henry E. Jewett who was in Peking during the Boxer Rebellion.

Need information on Marjorie Jewett Brush born 1899 in Brookline MA, daughter of Charles Newcomer Brush and Adelaide Winship.

Need information on Francis Joseph Jewett Sr. born 16 Mar 1908 in Philadelphia PA.

Need information on George Washington Jewett who was a member of the Jewett Brothers, a registered NYSE brokerage firm established in 1894 with offices at 120 Broadway, New York City, whose other founding members were Edward H. Jewett (Member of the Exchange) and Charles H. Jewett Jr. They are descendants of John Jewett (2576).

Need information on the descendants of Charles Coffin Jewett (1748.) He had three children listed in Volume I of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* as well as the names of three grandchildren. A biography is in progress and the author is interested in knowing more about his family.

Notes from Historian Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923, jfapetry@nxs.net

I would like to compile a list of Jewetts who served in the War of 1812 or the Mexican War. Please let me know if your ancestor served in either one of these wars. (We have a fairly good list of those in the Revolution and a very good list of those in the Civil War.)

We are missing some issues of the Quarterlies printed in the early 1950's. Listed below are the Quarterlies I have.

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1954: Vol. 2: No. 2 Spring, No. 3 Summer, No. 4 Fall

1955: Vol. 3: No. 1 Winter, No. 3 Summer, No. 4 Fall (No. 2. Spring missing) If anyone has a copy of this pamphlet, please send it to me and I will copy and return it.

1956: Vol. 4: No. 1 Winter, No. 2-3 Spring & Summer, No. 4 Winter

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