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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.

Book Donations

Volumes III and IV of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* have been donated to the following institutions by DAR Chapters:
Eldredge Public Library, Chatham MA (Captain Joshua Gray Chapter), New England Historic Genealogical Library (Colonel William McIntosh Chapter)

Oberlin Heritage Trail Brick Installation

As of June 2001 the Jewett Family of America inscribed brick has been installed on the Oberlin Heritage Trail in Oberlin OH. It was placed along the Trail's east-west walkway adjacent to the Frank Fanning Jewett House which is the property of the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization (O.H.I.O.) The house is open for tours along with the Monroe House and the Little Red School House, all within easy walking distance of the architecturally fascinating campus of Oberlin College and the charming town of Oberlin. See 2000 Quarterly No. 2 for information about Frank Fanning Jewett (4786) and his connection to Oberlin. Thanks to the care and dedication of Pat Murphy, the Executive Director of O.H.I.O., the brick was inscribed and installed just as we directed.
Note from the Historian: Having visited Oberlin last year, I can only encourage anyone who is traveling anywhere close to Oberlin to stop in and savor what a small town can offer. It is located very close to the Ohio Turnpike just southwest of Cleveland with a wonderful art museum as well as the college and fine people at O.H.I.O.

President's Letter

Greetings

Since last August the Jewett Family of America has enlisted more than 30 new members. Many were at the August Reunion in Rowley. It is so nice to have you all.

When I was in Washington DC at the DAR Convention this past April, I was talking to a nice lady from New Hampshire named Judith Botsford. I had asked her who her Patriot Ancestor was, and to make a long story short, his name was John Jewett and he is buried in the Rowley Cemetery. Judith is now a member of the Jewett Family of America too. I ran into Jewetts, Susan Cameron and her mother, who are from Colorado.

Gregg Laing, Russell Jewett, Ranny and I were going to record the grave stones at the Rowley Cemetery 2 June, but it just poured rain all weekend. We haven't been able to get to it yet. I hope that soon we will accomplish the survey, but now we will have to contend with the greenheads.

I will send out letters to all the Directors in late August to tell them of our agenda for the Board Meeting 22 Sep which will be held here in Acton ME. Our accomplishments will be in the next Quarterly. Ted Loranz will be setting up a telephone conference call so all the Jewett Family Officers and Directors will be able to participate in the meeting. We hope that many will attend in person to enjoy the meeting and a sea food dinner. The Apple festival will be going on in Acton as well.

Dorothy Jewett Stitt has been in a nursing home in Easton PA for a few weeks following surgery. We hope she will get well soon. Our best to Cecilia McGehee and Sarah King; their brother has been ill and Sarah's husband John has had problems. It has been a trying time here as Ranny has been hospitalized twice; he is feeling better. We had "soooo" much snow here during the winter, and the real problem was here to put it. Our son Elliott did a fine job of taking care of the house while we were in Florida this past winter.

Ranny and I hope you all have a wonderful and healthy summer and stay cool.

Toujours le même, Dorthy Jewett Brigham

Genealogical Information

Births

Sarah Emmeline Griffes, daughter of Susan Carol (Graves) (17104) and Jack Henry Griffes, was born 28 Mar 1995 in Sylvania, Lucas, OH. Sister **Samantha Caroline Griffes** was born 12 Nov 1997 also in Sylvania.

Deborah Elaine Hug, daughter of Carol Susan (Richert) (16987) and Mario Bill Paul Hug, was born 29 Aug 1995 in Mountain View, Santa Clara, CA.

Steven Robert Hansen, son of Tracy Ann (Small) and Bruce Gene Hansen (17106), was born 12 Apr 1996 in Lansing, Ingham, MI.

Jessie Margarite Poepoe, daughter of Lisa Ann (Brown) (17103) and John Thomas Poepoe, was born 19 Jun 1996 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA. Son **Scotty Benjamin Poepoe** and daughters **Jamie Lee Poepoe** and **Jonnie Lyn Poepoe** were born 21 Apr 1998 also in Pittsburgh.

Ethan Michael Pearson, son of Patrice Suzanne (Welch) (17041) and Douglas William Pearson, was born 14 Jul 1996 in Redford Township, Wayne, MI.

Hannah Rose Welch, daughter of Donna Micheline (Cicchini) and Jeffrey Allen Welch (17040), was born 29 Dec 1996 in Grosse Point, Wayne, MI.

Jacob Daniel Brown and **Zachery Victor Brown**, sons of Danette (Cairns) and David Merritt Brown (17101),

were born 27 Jan 1997 in Cincinnati, Hamilton, OH.

Kyle Thomas Carson, son of Lynda Carol (Brown) (17102) and Thomas Carl Carson, was born 22 Jun 1998 in Grand Blanc, Genesee, MI.

Elizabeth Marie Bair, daughter of Jill Marie (Graves) (17106) and John Richard Bair, was born 4 Nov 1999 in Midland, Midland, MI.

Julia Constance Greenman and twin sister **Jacqueline Grace Greenman**, daughters of Maura Ann Elizabeth (O'Keefe) and Gilbert Hawley Greenman, were born 24 Feb 2000 in Arlington VA. They joined older brother **Quinn McGregor Greenman** born 16 Nov 1996 in Arlington VA.

Emerson Morris Justice, son of Jennifer (Katz) and Benjamin Justice, was born 1 Aug 2000 in Palo Alto CA. Emerson's line is Theda O. Crocker (25532), Lynda E. Justice, Benjamin Justice.

Kate Donlan Masiello, daughter of Carol (Schroeder) (22202) and Christopher James Masiello, was born 26 Oct 2000 in Keene, Cheshire, NH.

Ariana Patricia Trueba, daughter of Kimberly Alison (Johnson) and Humberto Trueba (18283), was born 14 Dec 2000 in Denver CO. Humberto is Executive Director of Teletex Business Development, and Kimberly is Managing Director of ABA Architectural firm of Las Vegas NV.

Annie Faith Cater, daughter of Diane Alyse (Graves) (17105) and Jeffery Allan Cater, was born 28 Dec 2000 in Kyungti-do, Korea. Annie was adopted; her Korean name is CHO, Eun Sook. She joined her older brother **Joshua Brooks Cater** who was born 23 Dec 1994 in Hermitage, Davison, TN.

Megan Marie Rodriguez, daughter of Annette Marie (Trueba) (18282) and Edward Rodriguez, was born 12 Mar 2001 in Miami, Dade, FL. Edward is a Captain with the Miami Fire Department, and Annette is a Financial Analyst for Burger King Corporation.

Alexander James Hunt, son of Karie Sue (Wright) and Paul David Hunt (20810), was born 26 Mar 2001 in Troy, Oakland, MI.

Eric Joseph Schubert, son of Lisa (Schroeder) (22205) and Joseph William Schubert, was born 24 Apr 2001 in Voorhees, Camden, NJ.

Jaden Rose Jewett, daughter of Crystal (Bates) and Jeremy Wayne Jewett, was born 12 May 2001 in Coeur d'Alene ID. Jaden's line is Henry Jewett (944), Aaron Crosby Jewett, John H. Jewett, Myron Pixley Jewett, Ervin Gerard Jewett, Cifford Ervine Jewett, James Sidney Jewett, Jeremy Wayne Jewett.

Leilani Jasmine Romer-Maanao, daughter of Lorraine Renee Romer and Jeffery Felix Maanao, was born 2 Jul 2001 in San Diego, San Diego County, CA. Leilani's line is: Charles Timothy Jewett (8862), Sarah Elizabeth (Jewett) Romer, William James Romer, Lorraine Renee Romer.

Marriages

Jill Marie Graves (17106) married **John Richard Bair** 30 Mar 1996 in Troy, Oakland, MI. John is the son of Kathy Ann (Machlon) and John Elvin Bair.

Carol Ann Schroeder (22202) married **Christopher James Masiello** 12 Sep 1998 in Voorhees, Camden, NJ. James is the son of Wendy (Campbell) and James A. Schroeder IV.

Neil M. Crocker married **Lucie Boisvert** 24 Jun 2000 in Dunstable, Middlesex, MA. Neil is the son of Theda O. Crocker (25532) and was born 29 May 1949 in Lowell, Middlesex, MA. Lucie was born 23 Apr 1954 in Trois-

Rivieres. Quebec, Canada, daughter of Annette (Milette) and Joseph Stanislas Boisvert. She is a teacher with a BA in Education.

Divorce

Jonathan Clair Hansen (17021) was divorced in 2001 from **Kelli Arlene Hamlin.**

Deaths

Erik Eriksen (17126) died 23 Dec 1997 in Montague CA. He was cremated.

Steven Mark Anderson (16988) died 31 Jul 1999 in Mason, Ingham, MI. He was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Ingham County MI.

Ned R. Jewett died 13 Feb 2000 in Marysville WA. Ned was born 30 Nov 1906 in Avon WA to Jennie (May) and Alvin Jewett (17242). He was a veteran of the US Army and served during WWI. Ned is survived by his daughters Elaine Wells of Lockwood WA and Bonnie Halverson of Marysville WA; 12 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and several great great grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Marysville Cemetery.

Martha Naomi (Scheller) Frye, wife of Jay Millard Frye (23324), died 3 Oct 2000 in Homer City PA.

Florence Elizabeth (Stamper) Richard (12683) died 21 Sep 2000 in San Diego CA. Florence was born to Arthur amd Edith Stamper 25 Jun 1908 in Fresno CA. One year later the family moved to San Diego where Florence continued to live until her death.

Following graduation from San Diego High School in 1925, Florence worked at Marston's Department Store in cosmetics. She and her late husband, Dr. Armand Richard, resided in the Mission Hills area of San Diego since 1938. Florence took great pleasure in playing piano. She played music for the Hemphill School of Dance and the Lucille Iverson Dance Studio. She also created many costumes for the performers. She accompanied many local entertainers. Florence also used her talents to play for the USO and the troops in Balboa Naval Hospital during World War II while her daughter, Barbara, danced.

Florence and Armand were active in yachting at Southwestern Yacht Club where Dr. Richard was Commodore for 2 separate terms. They were life members.

Florence was an active member of Pomerado Christian Church for more than a quarter of a century and served in many capacities including being the "Sunshine Chairwoman" for 15 years. She sent countless greeting cards on behalf of the congregation. In her later years Florence discovered her talent in ceramics and made friends through community classes she took.

Florence is survived by her daughter Barbara Mayers, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Inurnment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery, San Diego CA.

Phyllis Jean (Krintz) Jewett, wife of Lewis Roy Jewett (13850), died 20 Apr 2001 in South Bend IN. She was born 23 Nov 1927 in Monticello IN to Bertha (Campbell) and Ernest Krintz. On 23 Nov 1947 in Reynolds she married Lewis Roy Jewett who preceded her in death. Surviving are her daughter Debra Burger of South Bend; sons, Ernest E. Jewett of South Bend; Lynn A. Jewett of Annapolis MD; and Philip E. Jewett of South Bend; and eight grandchildren. She was buried in Highland Cemetery.

Allen Scott Frederick, husband of Helen Mae Jewell (16894), died 22 Apr 2001 in Mason, Ingham, MI.

Margaret "Marge" Eleanor (Whitman) Jewett, wife of Gleason "Glenn" Jewett (21862), died 24 Apr 2001 in Llano, Llano County, TX and was buried at Lakeland Memorial Park, Burnet County TX. Born In Marlborough MA on 30 Oct 1914, she was athletically inclined and became a diver at Posse College near Boston, where she graduated with a degree in physical education in 1936. She ran a small girls camp for 16 years in Massachusetts and taught physical education.

She married her husband Glenn in Vermont in 1939; when they met, she sat down in his lap and he says that they got along fine right from the beginning. She worked for years with disabled children as an "Itinerant" teacher,

traveling to schools in several different counties in Nebraska. Her husband retired for the second time in 1972, and they moved to Kingsland TX.

She joined the Master of South Texas (a program for older swimmers), was honored four years in a row by the Amateur Athletic Union as an outstanding swimmer and went to the Nationals at Brown University in Providence RI. Although she liked to tell people that she didn't even like the backstroke, her times then in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke placed her fourth in the world. In three years she won 12 trophies, four plaques and 24 medals and, until she was 64 years old, swam in national swimming competitions. In Kingsland, she taught water ballet and swimming at what was then the Kingsland Country Club and in 1975 was head coach for the Highland Lakes Swimmers. She estimated that in her 55 years of teaching, she had taught 20,000 children how to swim.

When her husband traded an old Volkswagen for an organ, she taught herself to play by ear. A founding member of the Flashbacks, she also played her keyboard in several other bands — Three's Company, The Sparkplugs, The Funsters, The Islanders, and the Klunkers, all of which played over the Hill Country. She also sang with the Lakeside Singers and the church choir. The day before she died, a friend visited her in the hospital and together they sang the hymn, "In My Heart, There Rings a Melody."

Survivors include: Gleason "Glenn" Jewett of Kingsland, her husband; her daughter Martha Jane Lottman and husband Kenneth of Byers CO; sons Jack Jewett and wife Mary of SD and Robert W. Jewett and wife Rae of Richardson TX, seven grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Darrell Duane Jewett died 23 May 2001 in San Francisco, San Francisco County, CA and was buried in Santa Rosa CA. His line is Clifford Raymond Jewett (12512), Raymond J. Jewett, Darrell Duane Jewett).

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Munter, Helen-Jeanne	835 Berkeley Ave, Claremont CA 91711
O'Desky, Barbara Jewett	5 Catherine Ct, Laurence Harbor NJ 08879

The Wonders of Coincidence

Lee Jewett Petry, Historian, Jewett Family of America

When I undertook the job of transcribing the Civil War letters of my great grandfather Richard Henry Lee Jewett (4781), I had no idea that it would lead me into the world of Milton Smith Littlefield who illegally credited black soldier enlistments in Florida to a county in New York, who cheated black soldiers out of their bounties, and who came to be known as the "prince of carpetbaggers." I first saw the name M.S. Littlefield on Special Order No. 324 dated 31 July 1863 which released R.H.L. Jewett from duty as commander of Co. D in the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers and appointed him acting adjutant and further stated that "he will be obeyed and respected accordingly." At the time the order was issued Col. Littlefield was commanding the 54th Massachusetts just days after its original commander, Col. Robert Gould Shaw, was killed during the assault on Fort Wagner.

I had often wondered if there was any connection between M.S. Littlefield and my great great grandfather Calvin Littlefield who had served in the Civil War in the 94th New York Volunteers, but any connection seemed far fetched at best.

In researching the history of the 54th Massachusetts, I obtained the records of its various commanders from the National Archives. Tucked away among the documents for Milton S. Littlefield were charges and specifications

written in a beautiful flowing script which related to "fraudulently and unlawfully retaining, misapplying and refusing and neglecting to pay money due to men duly enlisted and mustered into the service...one hundred dollars more or less, the same being all or a portion of the first installment of Government bounty due each and every one..." with a list of over fifty men so cheated. He is also charged with altering muster dates, crediting recruits to other states, mustering in known deserters, paying enlisted men for every recruit brought in, and ordering other officers to alter muster dates.

Milton Littlefield, now a Brigadier General, was placed under arrest in 23 Sep 1865. However, he was released 30 Sep 1865 after giving his "solemn parole of honor to keep the Adjutant General of the Army advised of my address and to report in person when called for." A request to the National Archives for the court martial records revealed a 700 page file (of which I could have a copy for only $175). I decided that it was sensible to determine what was in those 700 pages before spending that kind of money for copies. I therefore asked my sister who lives in nearby Herndon, Virginia, to check out the file for me. She spent one day surveying what was contained in the file and, after a discussion with me by telephone, she copied selected papers and forwarded them.

The most important document in the file was a letter from the War Department Bureau of Military Justice to the Secretary of War dated 24 Apr 1866 signed by J. Hott, Judge Advocate General. Milton Littlefield had been furnished with a copy of the charges and specifications against him and had obtained permission to make an explanation of his official conduct. He presented an "elaborate answer thereto" which appeared greatly to weaken the strength of the evidence on which the charges were based.

The major charge against Milton Littlefield was "embezzling and fraudulently and knowingly misappropriating and applying to his own use certain sums of money due to fifty eight enlisted men." In reply Littlefield stated that "as chief mustering and disbursing officer in the Department of the South, he mustered into the service very many persons of African descent who, under the act of Congress, were recruited in the Department by agents from loyal states and credited upon the quotas of such states; that he also disbursed large sums of money in National bounties to such recruits; that the ignorance of the blacks as to the value of money made them an easy prey to sutlers and agents; that they had confidence in him from his official position, and he felt himself under the most solemn obligations to so use their confidence as to protect them from loss and theft. Accordingly in paying the bounties to men of his regiment, he paid them but a part on the days of payment, and retained the balance in his own hands as their trustee, that he used his best discretion as to the amount paid them, usually handing them from twenty to thirty dollars each [army pay to a private was $13 per month] as their needs or those of their families required; that the balance was disposed of in the following manner: he deposited a portion in the Freedman's Bank organized and established at Beaufort SC, another portion was turned over to the Government superintendent of plantations for such families of the men as were in actual want, and the remainder was paid to the men themselves as they required it, with interest at 7.3 per cent per annum."

Littlefield expressed "himself confident that the course pursued by him in this connection saved to the men and their families thousands of dollars which would otherwise have been lost through their imprudence and ignorance and have gone into the pockets of designing camp followers." He further acknowledged "that his actions may have been technically illegal, as he was compelled to take the receipts of the men in full for the U.S. bounty so as to keep his accounts as disbursing officer correctly, but urges that he acted openly and after consultation with" the General then in command of the Department of the South. Littlefield enclosed a letter from the Acting Adjutant General with instructions from the Commanding General which stated: "The colored men who have been slaves are so ignorant of the value of denominations of money that he wishes you to exercise the utmost care to see that the recruits are not defrauded in any respect in the matter of their bounties."

Littlefield stated "that on days when payments were made to the men, he publicly addressed them explaining his actions to them and their officers, and retained part of their bounties for their benefit with their assent, and that no part was retained when any objections were made, that nearly all the money due these men which was retained in his hands was" deposited in the bank or paid to them or their families. "Fifty two of the fifty eight men were paid in full their balance of bounty, one received $25 and deserted...the remaining five were not paid...as they deserted...before payment was made." A detailed statement of the payments with vouchers was furnished by Milton Littlefield, and the Judge Advocate General was satisfied that the bounty money had indeed been paid in the manner Littlefield described.

The other charges were addressed by the Judge Advocate General in the following statement: "Gen. Littlefield has answered every specification and charge laid against him; and in the more important of them, his claim to innocence is found sustained by proper vouchers, and verified by reference to the files of the Adjutant Gen'ls Office. It is apparent that his statements are as he asserts them to be, candid and frank, and reply alike to the letter and spirit of the charges. He asks that it may not be forgotten that he had a delicate and very responsible duty to perform, one

requiring the exercise of large discretionary power, made doubly so by the helplessness of that unfortunate class of people so recently lifted from bondage, whose interest by every moral consideration, he was bound to watch over, guard and protect...Upon full consideration of all the charges and the evidence filed in their support, and the explanation filed by Gen. Littlefield, which proves his innocence of most of them, it is the opinion of this Bureau that the Government would not be warranted in convening a Court for his trial upon them...It is therefore recommended that the accused be honorably mustered out."

An out-of-print book about Milton S. Littlefield, titled *Prince of Carpetbaggers* by Jonathan Daniels, was fortunately available through the inter-library loan program, and it was here I learned that Milton S. Littlefield and my great great grandfather were cousins, not only cousins but business partners. Their first collaboration took place in 1864 involving draft quotas. The *Genealogical and Family History of Jefferson County* states that Calvin "rendered very material aid in recruiting the quota in the town of Ellisburgh [Milton's birthplace] and of Jefferson County, and through his services the county's quota was filled without resort to the draft." However, the story was told in less laudatory fashion in a political handbill circulated in the county in 1869 which stated that Calvin Littlefield, in partnership with two others, was accused of profiteering in bounties amounting to $195,300 ($700 per recruit) from Jefferson County NY for 279 Negroes assigned to the county draft quota by Milton at Hilton Head SC. Milton "certified to the mustering in a large number of colored men...there is good reason for believing...that they were never furnished. In other words the only existence they ever had was on paper...The probability is, that the whole $195,300 was pretty much all profit."

In 1867 Calvin and Milton's joint concern was with prewar Southern bonds. They proposed to buy depreciated North Carolina bonds, get the State Reconstruction Convention to re-assert their validity and sell them on the rise such action would assure. They did get the bonds enforced and it was estimated that Milton's share alone was $25,000. Milton went on to deal in railroad bonds in North Carolina and Florida, but by the late 1870's he was harassed by debts, honest claims and perhaps blackmail. He died 7 Mar 1899 in an apartment in New York and was buried in an unmarked grave.

Calvin Littlefield, meanwhile, maintained a pleasant estate, The Maples, in Jefferson County NY. He had offices in the Drexel Building in New York and was an officer of both the St. Louis and San Francisco and the Atlantic and Pacific railroads. Eventfully Calvin Littlefield's granddaughter, Clara Steward, married Richard Henry Lee Jewett's son, Frank Fanning Jewett, in Faribault MN probably unaware of the connection shown by the signature of Special Order No. 324 written in 1863. The connection is as follows:

Littlefield Line		Jewett Line
Calvin Littlefield		Charles Jewett
May Littlefield		Richard Henry Lee Jewett
Clara Steward	married	Frank Fanning Jewett
	Richard Lee Jewett	
	Lee Jewett Petry	

Queries

Need information on **Charles Wesley/Walter Jewett** born 28 Aug 1848 in Will County IL, Died 21 Dec 1906, married **Mary Elizabeth Cooper** in Pike County OH, settled in Woodland TX by 1876. Children: Presley, Wesley, Elmer, Rosie, Susan Caroline Jewett born 17 Nov 1876, married Daniel Moten Grizzle.

Need information on **Mary Jewett** married to **Benjamin Dunning** 3 May 1679 in Boston MA.

Need information on **Marcy Jewett** married to **William Baker** 12 Jun 1760 in East Haddam CT.

Need information on **Benjamin Franklin Jewett** born 1847 in Peoria IL, married to **Margaret Elizabeth Shelton** born 1867 in Hamlin KS, daughter Maimi Pearl Jewett born 15 Feb 1887.

Need information on **Maria Jewett** married to **John Davis** 7 Oct 1859. He was born in Highland Conty OH and

served in the Civil War from Iowa; so the marriage could have been either in Ohio or Iowa.

Need information on Dr. **Abel Jewett**, born about 1812 in ME, lived in Morgan County OH, married **Lydia Devore**.

Need information on descendants of **Frederick William Jewett** (3385) born 25 Nov 1790 in Granby CT. His sons are Noah Amherst Jewett, Frederick Stiles Jewett, George Dwight Jewett and Henry Frank Jewett with particular attention to Henry Frank Jewett born 23 Feb 1826 in Simsbury CT, married Diantha Carter 14 Dec 1869 in Toledo OH, two children: Delia Elizabeth Jewett born 22 Jul 1871 in Toledo OH and Jonathan Robert Guy Jewett born 21 Jan 1881 in St. Paul NE.

Need information on **Walter Brum/Burn Jewett** born 4 Jul 1880 in San Antonio, Bexar, TX, married **Mary Ann Beck** 2 Feb 1902 in Lamar County TX, 15 children.

Need information on **William Porter Jewett**, a minister, who lived in NE, KS, and died in WA.

Need information on the **Jewett** who is a coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Abigail Ettie (Jewett) Craig

The County Superintendent of Schools, Abbie Jewett Craig (13739), is a native of Winnebago County IL, a genuine "Winnebago." Born and reared on a farm, taught by parents who "walked and talked with Nature" to consider the "tilling of the soil" the noblest of all occupations, Mrs. Craig has an inherent love for country life which lent enthusiasm to her work as a country school teacher and inspire her work as County Superintendent of Schools.

Abbie Jewett Craig was the youngest of six children born to John Randolph and Elizabeth (Gilmour) Jewett at Harrison, Winnebago County, Illinois. The two sisters, Clara and Ella, passed away in early womanhood; one brother, John R., lives in Nebraska; another, George L., makes his home in Rockford IL; and the third, Robert B., resides on the homestead in Harrison.

Mrs. Craig's father came to Winnebago County from the Genesee County NY in 1838. He became a friend of Stephen Mack with whom he worked for a time at Rockton building the first bridge to span the Rock River. Mr. Jewett took up land on the bank of the Pecatonica River near the present village of Harrison. After several unsuccessful attempts to construct a permanent dam across the river in order to operate his saw mill, he gave up milling and devoted his entire attention to farming. He was a man of sterling qualities esteemed by his fellow townsmen and widely known in the county.

Abbie's mother was a native of Kentucky of Scots descent on the father's side and a Virginian on the mother's side. Her stepfather moved the family to Harrison where she met and married John Randolph Jewett. She was one of the pioneer school teachers, having taught school in a log cabin south of Harrison. She took an active part in the community life and was beloved for her ready sympathy and good works.

Handicapped by a delicate physique which prevented her from attending school away from home, Abbie Jewett Craig was in a sense self-educated, studying with private teachers both before and after her marriage, and having the assistance of parents who thoroughly appreciated books and who owned a modest library of the best authors. While a pupil in the Harrison school, Mrs. Craig won the highest honors in the township for scholarship and was given a life scholarship to Becker's Business College for specimens of work exhibited at the county fair. At the age of sixteen she received a teacher's certificate and became a public school teacher. Shortly afterwards she was granted a first grade certificate, one of the two held by teachers in the northern part of the county at that time. A number of years ago Mrs. Craig took work at the DeKalb State Normal School.

In 1885 Abbie Jewett was united in marriage to Robert Burns Craig at the Jewett home in Harrison. Mr. Craig came to Harrison from Camden NY in 1880. His father, a Scotsman, was killed in action beside the Rappahanock River during the Civil War. Mr. Craig studied law in the office of Frost and McEvoy and was admitted to the bar in 1889. He practiced law for a time in Rockford where he made many warm friends who still remember "Bob" Craig most kindly. He was a member of the Rockford Rifles for a number of year and at the time of his discharge

from the militia a few months before his death in 1898, he was a member of the Colonel's staff.

Two daughters were born to Abbie and Robert, Elizabeth and Ruth H. Beth passed away at age four, Ruth H. graduated from Rockford High School in the class of 1915 and is now attending college.

Abbie taught a few summer terms in the country schools before her marriage and after marrying taught a part of the time until the spring of 1891 when, for about ten years, she devoted her time to family duties. Her husband's death throwing her upon her own resources for the support of herself and infant daughter, she again entered the teaching profession. For six years she taught at the Shirland School during which time the school attracted considerable attention through the "Annual Report of Winnebago County Schools." A collection of work from the school during that time, including hand work and the first articles of sewing done in a one room school in the county, made no small part of the educational exhibit from Winnebago County at the St. Louis World's Fair.

Leaving Shirland, Abbie spent three years teaching in the graded school at South Beloit, the last year as Assistant Principal. In the fall of 1911 she entered the Rockford school and for two years was given special work, at times acting as Assistant Principal and Principal of the ward schools. At the September session of the County Board of Supervisors in 1913, Abbie Jewett Craig was selected to fill the vacancy in the office of County Superintendent of Schools, a selection which the people of the county endorsed at the polls in November 1914 by electing her to the position for four years by a large majority. Mrs. Craig has established an excellent record for faithful, devoted and capable service and has secured the cooperation and confidence of her fellow workers in the cause of education.

Note from the Historian: The information in Abigail Ettie (Jewett) Craig was found in supplemental file 1602 in the Jewett Family of America files. There is no indication of who wrote it or when it was written, but it was presumably written about 1916 or so. The only information on Abbie and her siblings is in Volume III of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America.* The information continues the line of Robert Burns Jewett (13738) but has very little data on the other siblings. Anyone having information on these lines please contact Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923.

THE JEWETT FAMILY OCCASIONAL

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Celebrating 25 Years

We Jewetts were recently awarded a certificate by Wycliffe Bible Translators commemorating our twenty five years of membership in the organization. We are pleased to have passed this milestone, but there is no time to "rest on our laurels" because of ...

Transitions and Change

We don't seem to be able to escape them these days. First, Sue and I were faced with the empty nest syndrome after our younger daughter Sara left for college last summer. Then, last fall we moved back to the Ixil area and once again began living in a rural setting after about 7 years of having Guatemala City, with its population of more than 2 million, as our home base.

Then around Easter time of this year we learned that the move we knew we would have to make sooner or later (because of the closing of the Wycliffe Center in Guatemala City) would need to be made sooner rather than later. So we dedicated about 3 weeks to finding a new place off the center to call our "home away from home" whenever we travel to the city.

During that 3 week period, the Lord lead us to a new place in a secure area, and we left the apartment we had rented at the Wycliffe Center for just under 3 years. That, of course, was a major move, including trying to figure out what to do with our daughters' and our own "treasures" which have been accumulated over the last 7 years of life in Guatemala City, in spite of our best intentions to the contrary.

Then and Now

In a sense, events seem to be coming full circle. When we began work in Guatemala, Wycliffe personnel in Central America numbered about 35 adults. Now, just over 24 years later, the number of our coworkers is less than 25 adults, after having grown to over 100 at one point. In 1977, Sue and I were a young couple with no children, so we lived in a single room in Chajul for our first two years there. Now we are once again renting only a single room in Chajul. And it is, again, only the two of us.

There are, of course, some major differences between then and now. Over the course of almost 25 years, Chajul has changed a great deal, and so have we. Chajul and the whole Ixil area have come through a terrible time of civil war, which reached its peak in the early 1980's. With the end of the war, the Guatemalan government agencies as well as numerous non-governmental organizations have renewed their efforts to better the quality of life of the Ixil people. Significant improvements have been made in such areas as education and health care as well as in the infrastructure of the area. What were muddy trails that served as the main streets in Chajul have now been paved, and the vehicle population has increased about a thousand percent! And the coming of telephones and, more recently, of satellite dish antennas has even made possible e-mail and internet access from Nebaj! Well, most of the time.

Another difference, as we mentioned in our last letter, is that we are no longer living in Chajul. Instead, we have taken up residence in Nebaj, the largest of the three Ixil towns, in a house that has five (!) rooms. So the one room we are renting in Chajul now serves only as office space for the 5 member translation review committee that is currently polishing provisional drafts of Scripture in that dialect of the Ixil language, preparing them for publication.

At the same time, we are working with two other Ixil men to put the finishing touches on the translation of the New Testament into the Nebaj dialect of Ixil, as failing health has forced our Wycliffe colleagues who worked in the Nebaj area to retire in the US.

Over the years, we ourselves have changed too. Apart from the obvious changes that an additional 25 years have brought to our bodies, we realize that we came to Guatemala with the idealism which youth provides. Now, however, I believe we have a more mature view of things. We know that we are only two of an ongoing succession of people God is using to build His kingdom in the Ixil area. The kind of change God wants to bring about does not normally come overnight, or even in a single generation. So we continue to work alongside others and pray, leaving the results in God's hands.

Wycliffe Leaving Guatemala?

Some have asked us if it's really true that Wycliffe is pulling all its people out of Central America. The answer is yes, and no. The fact is that after nearly 50 years of service in Central America, Wycliffe considers that its translation task in the area is nearing completion. Consequently many of our colleagues are leaving Guatemala to retire or to go on to new assignments elsewhere.

As it is now no longer feasible for us to maintain our translation center in Guatemala City nor our administrative staff there, we are in the process of vacating and selling our translation center, and the administrative positions will be phased out over the next year.

Meanwhile, a handful of our people

(including us Jewetts) will remain in Guatemala for as much as another 5 years to finish up the few translation projects not yet completed.

Thank You

As we think back over the last 25 years of God's faithfulness to us, we thank Him for His protection and provision. And as we experience a series of transitions and changes as well as look ahead to the final push to finish the translation projects in Chajul and Nebaj, we are humbled as we consider your faithful interest in and support of our work. "Thank you" is not adequate to express our gratitude to Him or to you. We could not be here doing what we're doing without your part.

An Investment Opportunity

In our March 1999 "Jewett Occasional," we announced that we were hiring more people to work on the translation reviewers' committee in Chajul as we headed into the "home stretch" and began to think in terms of finishing the whole translation project. At that time, we hoped that by December 2000 they would be able to finish reviewing the draft versions of both the complete New Testament and the selected portions of the Old Testament, which total approximately 35% of the entire Old Testament.

Thanks to the generosity of many of you, the Chajul committee, which now consists of 5 talented Chajul believers, has been able to work full time since that time. Even though they have made good progress, we have found that 18 months was not enough time for them to review all the translated Scripture materials they have committed to do, which, in total number of chapter and verses is equivalent to reviewing 2 complete New Testaments.

Their work is very thorough, and their being able to work together and talk about and rephrase verses which had not been totally clear to them has been a virtual seminary education for them in terms of Biblical study as well as a great improvement in the quality of the translation. I am delighted that the Lord has made it possible, through you, to have the committee's input as a major part of the whole translation process. At this point, it looks as though the committee will need to work at least another 15 to 18 months.

Once again we are trusting God to provide the additional funds needed for salaries for these dear people to be able to finish the job in Chajul. Please pray with us toward that end. And if the Lord should lead you to invest in His kingdom work in this way, please send your investment contribution to the WBT address below and mark it clearly for the "Chajul Ixil Reviewers' Committee Salaries - Guatemala." If you have questions or comments about this need, please correspond with us at the addresses below.

A Final Reminder

Tax deductible financial contributions to the ongoing support of the Jewetts' and their work among the Ixil people should be made payable to Wycliffe Bible Translators and clearly labeled for the ministry of Dwight and Sue Jewett. Please send to:

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