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Note from the Historian

We need a First Edition copy of Volumes I and II of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* to donate to the Rowley Historical Society. Anyone having a First Edition copy who is willing to offer the volumes for donation should contact President Dorothy Jewett Brigham.

Correction to Volumes III and IV of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*

Cluster 8798, p. 1315 should be Cluster 10168. James Arthur Jewett is the son of Addison Parker Jewett (10144), and James Arthur Jewett's identification number should be 10168. The information in this Cluster should be attached to James A. (Arthur) Jewett (10168) in Volume III, p. 343.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Jewett Reunion

by Patricia L. Purdy (25117), Secretary

The 78th Annual Reunion of the descendants of Nathan Rodney Jewett (10500) and Agnes Silome Van Housen Jewett of Susquehanna County PA was held 5 Aug 2001 at Knobels Amusement resort, Elysburg PA. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed by 51 members and guests. The blessing was offered by Rodney Oakley (25115).

Bill Nash (25109), acting for President Karen Harvey, presided over the business meeting. No marriages were recorded.

Births:

Jessica Ann Norton, daughter of Timothy and Heather (Samson) Norton, was born 22 Sep 2000.

Cameron Michael Norton, son of Michael and Diana Norton, was born 5 Feb 2001.

Rebekah Joy Longacre, daughter of Kristin (Oakley) (25136) and Christopher Longacre, was born 23 Mar 2001.

Deaths:

Virginia Jewett, wife of Granton Jewett, 7 Sep 2000

Viola (Jewett) Watkins (25104) 7 Dec 2001

Marie Oakley (25100) and Josephine Dillon (25106), who were present at the first reunion, were also present at this year's reunion.

The Hickories, Owego NY will be the site of our next reunion. We will be developing plans for an extended reunion weekend in the future. We invite interested Jewett descendants to join us 4 Aug 2002. For additional information contact Patricia Purdy, 20 Valley View Drive, Factoryville PA 18419 (570-945-5586) or William Nash, RR 1, Box 110, Friendsville PA 18810 (570-553-2335).

Genealogical Information

Birth

Sophia Grace Suriano, daughter of Briar Portia (Glantz) and Mark Allen Suriano (17011), was born 22 Sep 2000 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base Hospital, Green County, OH.

Marriages

Stephanie Lynn Lyons (14155) married **Patrick Brian Harding** 4 Aug 2001 in the Georgetown area of Washington DC. Patrick is the son of George F. and Rita (Dwyer) Harding.

Melissa Carole Jewett, descendant of Roy Jewett (25090) (Benny Jewett, Roy Jewett, Roy Jewett), married **Derek Clifton Gouldin** 11 Aug 2001 in St. James Church, Johnson City PA. The bride graduated from Seton Catholic Central High School and King's College. She is a medical technologist for United Health Services, Binghamton. The groom graduated from Binghamtom High School and Ithaca College. He attends Marywood University and is a counselor for Catholic Charities of Broome County. The couple are living in Johnson City.

Patrick Jonathan Toso married **Caroline Smith Roberts** 19 Oct 2001 in New Orleans LA. Caroline was born 3 Sep 1971 in New Orleans LA, daughter of Frank Smith and Joe Anne (Neelis) Roberts Jr.

Divorce

Shawn Craig McCarty and **Holly Alaina Hawkins** were divorced 4 Dec 2001.

Deaths

Robert Homer Jewett (21602) died 5 May 2000 in Kirkland WA. He was cremated and his ashes were scattered.

Hazel L. (Jewett) Conner, descendant of Henry Jewett (944) (Aaron Crosby Jewett, John Henry Jewett, Myron Pixley Jewett), of Missoula MT and formerly of Great Falls, died 15 Jul 2001 in Missoula. She was born 1 May 1911 in Evaro MT to Myron and Aurora (Haeger) Jewett, one of 14 children and was raised and educated in Evaro. Hazel owned and operated several beauty shops in Missoula and worked as an operator for over 30 years in Great Falls.

In 1931 Hazel married Charles "Chuck" Hart. They were later divorced. She then married Rolla "Jess" Jesson and they moved to Great Falls in 1952. They were later divorced. She married Harold Conner and he died in 1967.

Hazel was a member of the Eagles Club Ladies Auxiliary. She loved her pets and gardening and enjoyed a long, active and healthy life.

Survivors include her son Charles "Chuck" Hart and his wife Brenda of Eureka; her sister Gladys Brown of Silverdale WA; two grandsons; a great grandson; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Reba Ruth (Taylor) Smith Pospisil Powers died 2 Sep 2001 in Algona IA. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Forest City IA. Reba was born 27 Jan 1910 in Forest City IA, the daughter of William and Ruth (Kelley) Taylor. She graduated from a local country school in 1924 and met and married William Smith of Kirksville MO in 1929. Eight children were born to this union. The couple farmed different places in the area before buying a farm near Fertile IA. Her husband died in 1950, and with the help of her children she farmed, and later worked at the Forest City Hospital and the local nursing home.

In 1956 she married Jim Pospisil who died in 1966. In 1978 she married Maynard Powers of Crystal Lake. During this marriage she joined the United Methodist Church in Crystal Lake. Maynard died in 1992 leaving Reba alone again. For several years after his death she lived in Forest City leaving only recently to live at the Algona Manor care center where she was near some of her many grandchildren.

Survivors include six children and their spouses: Eugene and Shirley Smith of Mason City IA, James and Sandra Smith of Phoenix AZ, Mary and David Tiedens of Overguard AZ, Dewey and Ruth Smith of Pequet Lake MN, Lois and Rick Lowenberg of Iowa City IA, and Lawrence and Kathleen Smith of South Carolina; two sisters, Marjorie Gorball of Forest City IA and Doris Swain of Butler MA; 27 grandchildren and numerous great and great great grandchildren.

Marjorie Lois (Jewett) Smith died 24 Nov 2001 in Reedville VA. Marjorie was born 14 Apr 1905 in Sunnyside WA and was married 20 Jan 1931 in Grace Cathedral, San Francisco CA to Ross William Smith who managed banks in American Samoa and San Mateo and Orange Counties CA. Marjorie was a homemaker until her children were raised; she then entered the real estate business. When Ross retired, they moved to San Miquel de Allende, Mexico where they were very active in improving the lives of the less fortunate in that beautiful city. Ross died there and Marjorie moved to be close to her son in Lake Oswego OR, but her last years were spent with her daughter in Virginia. Among the survivors are her daughter Susan Read and son Curtis Davenport Smith.

Durwood Kent "Woody" Jewett (14849) died 27 Nov 2001 in Kerrville TX. He was born 6 Jun 1927 in Bakersfield CA and graduated from Bakersfield High School. He worked for Hopper Inc. in Bakersfield for 38 years, retiring from the hoist and engineering department. Mr. Jewett owned and operated JFP Sales and Manufacturing in Bakersfield, specializing in oil field manufacturing and repairs. He spent more than five years as an assessment map drafting technician with Kern County in Bakersfield. After working for Gibson's in Kerrville TX for five years, Mr. Jewett retired in 1998.

Mr. Jewett married Mary Joan Avery in Bakersfield 5 Jun 1959 and they enjoyed many loving years together. They moved to Kerrville in January 1993 from the Bakersfield area.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Joan of Kerrville; son Mark Jewett of Kerrville; sister, Denise Segrest of Bakersfield; and many loving friends and neighbors.

Marjorie Lois (Taylor) Gorball (20672) died 5 Dec 2001 in Forest City IA and was buried in Oakland Cemetery in Forest City. She was born 22 Dec 1912 in Forest City IA. She received her education at Landrau School near her home. On 27 Mar 1932 she married Harold Gorball in Forest City, where they resided their entire married lives. She

was a 50-year member of the United Methodist Church where she was active in UMW and Circle, helping with the annual church bazaar. She was very interested in Missions and served on the Mission Commission for several years. She enjoyed planning programs for church groups. She helped organize the County Cousins Program in Winnebago County, helping to take clothing and furnishings to Ackerman MS and making many friends there. She also spent a number of years assisting in day care and pre-school. Marjorie and her husband established the Forest City Teen Center in the early 1970's and were foster parents, caring for abused infants. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother for many years. She was a member and past president of the Rebekah Lodge. She and Harold liked to square dance, go camping and take friends and family for picnic breakfasts. They also traveled extensively while Harold held office in the Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA). She loved organic gardening, grew fruit and nut trees and enjoyed baking her own bread.

She was a lifetime member of the Jewett Family of America, treasuring her family heritage. She is survived by two children and their spouses: Richard Gorball and wife Mary Ann of Newton IA and Marion Timm and husband Dean of Boone IA, 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren and a sister, Doris Swain of Butler MO.

Eudora Carolina (Jewett) Christner (23396) died 24 Dec 2001 in Burdick KS. Burial was at the Lost Springs Cemetery in Lost Springs KS. She was born 12 Oct 1906 in Lincolnville KS and married Melvin LeRoy Christner 11 Sep 1927. She was a homemaker all her life.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin, daughter Eudora May Christner Hebrank, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Eudora and Melvin Christner

Wedding - 1927

60th Anniversary

The Legacy of Eudora Carolina Jewett Christner (23396)

By Granddaughter Mitzi May Love (23439)

The gift of giving is her legacy,
She was always eager to please.
Second oldest child, there's much to do.
There's Sis and Brother, help them, will you?

Busy hands and busy feet,
Help to make our lives complete.
There's no room here for idle minds,
There's corn to grow and flour to grind

People young and people old,
She loved them all and yet behold
This gentle heart,
To heal a hurt, to mend a heart.

May I help with this? Or help with that?
Peel the potatoes while I sat.
Pick the tomatoes bright and red
Or even the green ones instead?

Look at those wonderful eggs in the bucket I see.
There is lunch for you and me.
Oh, sweet baby creatures, to bring in from the cold,
The sight of new life, wondrous to behold.

Meals to go and meals to stay.
If you're here, you're fed anyway.
Snacks for the road and warm clothes for your back
When you come and leave there is no lack.

Rejoice in the small things, they're the best.
For heaven's rewards, here, we are put to the test.
Read a lot and keep your mind strong.
Let no idle thoughts to you belong.

Music and Laughter are both the same,
Bringing a hop to my step and dancing smile to my face.
Tomorrow is another day,
Yet I've learned from her, there's time to play.

Pasture of flowers, looks so sweet,
Upon my table you go, to look so neat.
Spread a blanket under the tree,
It's picnic time for you and me.

Snap green beans here; snap green beans there,
There are always some to share.
We'd pick 'em high; we'd pick 'em low,
Then off to the Watkins route we'd go.

Apples here and apples there,
Across the counties we will share.
No time to waste. Frost is set in,
Gather the eggs from the laying hens.

Every day you awake is a good day still.
There's garden to plant and corn to drill.
Fresh cut flowers, bring music to my soul,
Humming while you work makes the time go.

Stopped by to say hi, just wanted to call
To see how everything's going, you all.
Friends and neighbors gather around,
Laughter and singing does abound.

Greatest wonders of my life time,
Those great kitchen gadgets that work so fine.
The worst is the lack of parental care,
Given to our young generation, please beware!

Love them up and direct them true,
For they need your guidance to see them through.
Let's love them all both young and old,
And let God do the sorting. Let Him behold.

Play with your grandkids and enjoy
The second childhood that most ignore.
Don't be afraid to sit for a while
And listen to a friend and share a smile.

Always think of others and how you can help
And you'll do fine, in the land of wealth.
It's not mine to judge you right or wrong
But rather mine to love you, to the end of my time.

My time has come; my life's well spent,
But can I help you clean up? At least 10%?
Willing companion and tender soul,
Now is the time, to heaven you go.

Blessings left to those behind,
The sense of her presence and we'll do fine.
Wife and Mother, guardian and friend,
You will be missed at your journey's end,
As you are ushered before the Great I AM.

When the Rainbow Bends: A Mother's Memoir

Joan Jewett (16907)

The following is the "Introduction" to the book by Joan Jewett commemorating her son's life. The book will be published in March 2002. If anyone has an interest in purchasing the book, please contact Joan at PO Box 2606, Carefree AZ 85377, 480-488-1458 or joanjewett@msn.com

When the Rainbow Bends: A Mother's Memoir is the story of my son, Drew Jewett (16994), and of myself, Joan Jewett. It is the true story of my love for my only child, who was gay and died in 1994 from complications of AIDS. Drew had first learned of his illness in 1983, shortly after I had been seriously injured in a hit-and-run accident. At that time his illness was without a name. This story is about the faith and courage of two survivors, a mother and her son. We exchanged hundreds of letters that reveal our trials and traumas, and our love and respect for each other.

Our lives seemed to parallel each others's, though Drew proved to be more worldly than I. He had the courage to move to New York City and live in an environment quite different from the private college for women that I owned in East Lansing, Michigan. He loved life and was eager to experience everything possible. And that he did—from bathhouses to Fire Island, theater, opera, and his home in Greenwich Village—without ever missing a beat in an active professional life.

Drew's talents as a writer, actor, and director introduced him to a fascinating life in New York. His achievements ranged from the English libretto for George Antheil's opera *Transatlantic*, to a contemporary adaptation of the classic 1866 musical spectacle *The Black Crook*. He was part of the team that developed the adaptation of *Huckleberry Finn* for PBS television and wrote for *The village Voice*. Although Drew's Career was mainly literary, he is also remembered from his three years as Sam on CBS television's *The Guiding Light*.

I, apart from being Drew's proud mother, was the founder and director of the Jewett Career School (1956-1981). As a young woman, I had always wanted to go to college but was unable to do that, so I jokingly say, "I started my own college." It began as a finishing and modeling school in East Lansing, Michigan. Later, as a divorced single mother, I realized that other women like myself needed a substantial income to care for themselves and often their children. At that time in history, it was not common for women to attend college (though in 2001 more than fifty percent of college students are women), and I resolved to establish a school to meet the need. Within two years the Jewett Career School was offering courses in airline and travel agency, administrative assistance, business management and fashion merchandising. The finishing program was included in every career course, giving our students more self-confidence, poise, self-esteem and knowledge of manners and proper business etiquette.

Also, I developed a line of skin care products and cosmetics which were sold in the Joan Jewett Makeup Center and Beauty Salon. I was quite an entrepreneur—even owned a travel agency so our students could have working experience. Business fascinated me, though in the late 1950's it was still considered a man's world and I was confronted with much discrimination.

I especially enjoyed being a public speaker, presenting over 2000 programs and seminars for major corporations throughout the United States. Women were just beginning to be accepted in managerial positions and I felt honored to be asked to share my knowledge. From the platform I sold my skin care products, books and audio cassette albums. It was a very exciting time in my life. But that career was cut short when I was struck by a truck while crossing a street in Durango, Colorado. The accident caused paralysis of my vocal cords and it took six operations to restore my voice. That, Drew's illness and early death, and my later struggles to survive, have brought me a new strength and a greater understanding of the importance—and the miracle—of life. My spiritual understanding and love for Drew, have empowered me to resume lecturing and to take up my life once again.

When the Rainbow Bends begins 21 September, 1994, with Drew's memorial service, held at The Players, a private club located at 16 Gramercy Park in New York City. This magnificent brownstone mansion was once the home of American actor Edwin Booth. In 1888 it was dedicated as a clubhouse where actors and dramatists could mingle with other members of the performing arts. The memorial was a celebration of Drew's life with memories voiced by many of his friends and colleagues. When I stepped to the lectern to speak, I could almost feel the spirits of immortal beings like Booth who had left their mark on the theatrical world that Drew so loved.

It was Drew's wish to have his ashes dispersed in the living coral of Savannah Bay at Virgin Gorda, a small island in the British Virgin Islands. His companion Alan and friends took a rowboat into the bay to a spot where Drew and Alan had snorkeled together. Drew's ashes were scattered with flowers over the coral reef and sparkling water. I now think of Savannah Bay as Drew's Bay, a magical place which gives me hope that life is eternal.

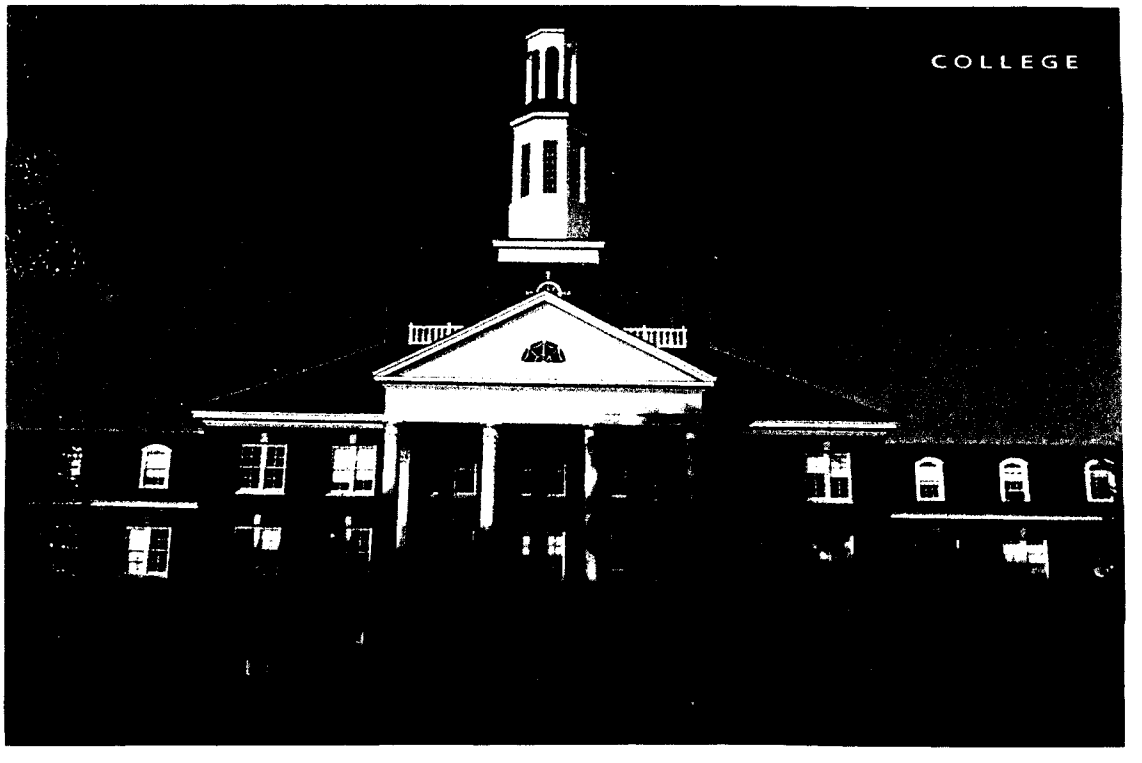
In *When the Rainbow Bends* the reader will see that my quest for Drew's spirit began when I traveled to Virgin Gorda to visit my son's favorite part of the world and to see and feel the beauty of his resting place.

When Drew became ill, he did not stop writing or directing; many of his greatest accomplishments came during the years that he was HIV-positive. He never stopped being optimistic and always encouraged others, including me. He knew I was writing this book and some of his thoughts are quite evident throughout. When I asked him to suggest a title, he said, "My Son Was Gay, He Died Of AIDS." I didn't expect it to take such a long time to write, but the sorrows I have felt from his death, at times, were overwhelming. It was not until he appeared to me in a dream, saying, "Mother, you've got to get on with your life," that I was able to move forward again. I have had several spiritual experiences since his death. It is my hope that others will be encouraged to lift their consciousness-level and appreciate all of life, for it is truly beyond understanding.

In memory of my son, Drew Jewett, a portion of the proceeds from this book will be donated to AIDS research.

Jewett Hall Renovations
for
The Harrison Center for Academic Excellence
Judson College in Marion, Alabama

Lee Jewett Petry, Historian



Jewett Hall

The establishment of The Harrison Center for Academic Excellence in Jewett Hall at Judson College in Marion, Alabama is being funded by the James I. Harrison Family Foundation. The Center will house three of the five academic divisions of the college. Professors will offer instruction in business, elementary education, secondary education, religious studies, English, psychology, foreign languages and other programs in state-of-the-art classrooms

and laboratories. The renovation will transform a dated complex into the foremost academic space on the campus and among the finest in the South.

I had the opportunity to attend the ground breaking on 29 Nov 2001 for the renovations to Jewett Hall. I had received a copy of information on Milo Parker Jewett (3247) from the *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*. When I placed the information in Milo's folder, I leafed through the material already in the folder and found a newspaper clipping. I have been removing all newspaper clippings and making copies of them before they deteriorate and stain the other documents in the folders; so I removed the clipping and noted that it was from the Columbus AL *Ledger-Enquirer* dated 6 May 1955 and described the 100th anniversary of the Jewett Silver Service which was to be on display during Homecoming and May Day activities at Judson college. This sounded like an interesting item for the Quarterly. I contacted Judson College to ask about the Jewett Silver Service and to see if it was still in use. Peggy E. Darby, Director of Alumnae Development and a Judson College graduate, assured me that it was. She then described the upcoming ground breaking for The Harrison Center for Academic Excellence on 29 Nov 2001 and graciously invited me to attend. The presentation of the plans for the Jewett Hall renovation was followed by a lovely luncheon. Peggy had arranged a tour of the campus as well as the town of Marion which contains many antebellum homes. I was treated with the civility and graciousness that is so much a part of the South, and I thank all of the fine people that I met for their interest in the Jewett connection to Judson College.

I first became aware of the Judson Female Institute through my Civil War studies. One of the aides-de-camp for Confederate General James Longstreet was Thomas Jewett Goree. I assumed that the Jewett part of his name had to hark back to a Jewett ancestor and proceeded to search for that ancestor. As it turned out, the search led instead to Milo Parker Jewett and his connection to the Judson Female Institute. Thomas Jewett Goree was born 14 Nov 1835 in Marion AL, the son of Dr. Langston James Goree and his second wife, Sarah Williams Kittrell. Dr. Goree and his brother Dr. James Lyles Goree were instrumental in the establishment of the Judson Female Institute, now known as Judson College, whose first president was Milo Parker Jewett. Thomas Jewett Goree's middle name honored the president of the Judson Female Institute and, alas, did not lead back to a Jewett ancestor[1].

The following is from a pamphlet titled "An Historical Vignette of The Jewett Silver Service, Judson College, Marion, Alabama":

Late on the year 1838, Milo Parker Jewett, a visionary young Vermonter, drove into Marion with two trunks, a new wife, and a great idea—that of founding a woman's college in the Deep South. The dream came true, and Jewett became the first president of the little school, quaintly named the Judson Female Institute.

Seventeen years after he had taken up his duties, Dr. Jewett laid them down again. As a parting gift, the students wished to present to their president something tangible, permanent, and beautiful. What more appropriate than silver! For him they bought a magnificent seven-piece service made of solid silver coin and carved with an exquisite grape design. Most handsome of the pieces was the tray on which was inscribed these words: "Milo Parker Jewett from the Graduates and Pupils of Judson Female Institute, a Farewell Offering, July 5, 1855." On that day into the hands of Dr. Jewett the Judson girls gave their gift of love, and one of them read an original poem to their "honored principal."

From Marion, Dr. Jewett and his wife went to Milwaukee, and from there to Poughkeepsie, New York, where he became head of a small school for young ladies. The patrons of the school used to admire the graceful carving on the silver service, and there it was that Jewett met Matthew Vassar. Probably it was "over the tea cups" that Dr. Jewett convinced Vassar of the importance of beginning in the North a girls' college similar to the one which he had founded in the South back in the 1830's.

When Jewett was appointed as the first president of Vassar College, he spent two years in Europe studying various educational systems but because of ill health had to resign his position. The rest of his life he spent as a sort of retired philosopher, and many people gathered around him and the tea table and listened to his wisdom.

After Jewett's death, the silver went to his sister, Miss Ellen Jewett, then through other hands to those of Edwin Wilcox, a nephew. When another nephew, Dr. Milo Augustus Jewett, was appointed consul to Turkey, Wilcox said, "Why don't you take the silver service with you? It is packed in a box in my office and needs use."

Mysteriously concealed among the cushions and springs of a very commonplace Morris Chair which was sewed in canvas and crated, the service took a journey half way round the world via Constantinople to the consulate at Sivas.

[1] *Longstreet's Aide: The Civil War Letters of Major Thomas J. Goree*, Edited by Thomas W. Cutrer, 1995.

Jewett Silver Service
(Lee Petry, Historian)

Here, most of the time, the silver remained discreetly hidden inside an old sofa which opened with a spring lock. When the cushions were arranged in place, a whelim (a Turkish cover purchased from the governor's wife), was thrown over the sofa. People sat on it daily, little suspecting the treasure which was hidden underneath.

On state occasions the silver was released from its secret prison and was used to honor whatever distinguished guests the Jewetts might have. Among those were the governor of the Anatolia district, Hadji Hassan Pasha, ruler of Egypt, and his wives, consuls from many countries, and missionaries. On one occasion, Mrs. Jewett presided over the service when there were present people representing sixteen different countries.

Jewett was transferred in 1906 to Trebisand on the Black Sea and in 1911 to Germany. Here more distinguished visitors received tea poured from the Jewett silver service—one the Duke of York, another the Duchess of Manchester, who was seeking assistance when caught in Germany at the outbreak of World War I.

The last tea given on the other side of the ocean was on Christmas afternoon, 1916, when the Jewetts entertained some English, American, Swiss and Alsatian friends. Mrs. Jewett said, "Once more we shall drink our tea poured from the silver service." While they were enjoying the tea, Count von Weddell and Prince Joachim, the youngest son of Kaiser Wilhelm, were announced. They joined them at tea and admired the silver given by Judson girls to Milo Parker Jewett so many years before.

In February, 1917, relations between the United States and Germany were severed; Dr. Jewett was recalled and sent to Norway. As the Jewetts could carry with them only such things as could be taken easily in handbags, they left the silver in an old warehouse in Strassburg.

Four years later Dr. Jewett died, and with the help of the State Department his wife recovered the service. Following his wishes and those of other members of the family, his wife came to Judson on April 7, 1923, and at an impressive service presented the seven-piece set to the college. It was her desire that each year the president's wife should pour tea from the service for members of the graduating class and that each year the story of its wanderings be related to them.

Sixty-eight years after its departure, the silver service had come back to Judson. The scene had changed. Dr. Jewett was no more, and even the boards upon which he had stood to receive his gift had burned; yet the silver service had passed through the years unharmed and beautiful.

Today your president's wife has poured tea for you from this service which has served Turkish governors, dukes and duchesses, consuls and missionaries. And you have heard this story. Take it, and tell it to your children and your children's children.

It is indeed a beautiful silver service, and it was removed from the vault and laid out for me to see and photograph. It is used to this day by the president's wife to pour tea for the graduating seniors, and the story is told yet again.

Etiquette for Today...
How to Present Yourself with Confidence and Authority

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You never get a second chance to make a good first impression! A first impression is often based on how you look and act .....and you have 5 seconds to make an impression.

It's no secret that good manners will contribute to making a good first impression and contribute to the success of those who take time to learn and practice. It is true that Manners begin at home and savvy etiquette skills are part of your total image.

Appropriate communication skills and manners whether in the business or social area are a key to success. The word Communication comes from the Latin word *Communicatus* meaning to share.

Communication skills involve introducing you and others in the business and social settings and realizing that the **Handshaking is the Ultimate Greeting.**

Introducing yourself is how you make yourself known to others. There are a different set of rules for business and social introductions. Each time you introduce yourself you're sharing whom you are whether it is a business or social situation.

Handshakes are the physical greeting that go with your words. One's handshake reveals a great deal about inner traits, personality, feelings and motivations. Most of all, a handshake conveys one's attitude toward others. Every time you extent your hand you are judged by your handshake and far more than you realize you unconsciously judge others by the way they shake your hand. In business and social arenas you should feel perfectly at ease shaking hands with whomever you meet.

Fifty years ago, women were not instructed to stand for all introductions. With the changes in equality for women in the business arena, now everyone stands for an introduction. Men and women stand for all introductions, business and social. There should be no doubt in a woman's mind about the pros and cons of standing. It is simply not an option for today's business woman.

Technical skills and knowledge account for fifteen percent of the reason you get a job, keep a job, advance in a job. Eighty-five percent of your job success is connected to your people skills according to research conducted by Harvard University, The Carnegie Foundation and the Stanford Research Institute. Telephone, Cellular Phone and Internet protocol are current topics for discussion at many etiquette seminars today.

The rules of etiquette change. Remember that etiquette is the set of rules by which society lives. Manners are the way we put those rules into effect.

People practice "etiquette " to feel comfortable and to make others feel comfortable around them. Every person you meet, your family and your friends all act toward you in a certain way because of your manners.

Dining Skills... and your Table Manners are always under scrutiny. Men and women should observe the same etiquette rules in dining as they do in business situations.

Savvy dining skills play a major role in the business arena today. Top management at many Fortune 500 companies take potential front line employees to lunch or dinner to observe their comfort level with executives, spouses, waitpersons, and yes, even myriad pieces of silverware. Like it or not Management equates good manners with competence in business and poor manners with incompetence.

Consideration for others is the rule governing good table manners. When a person sitting at the table with you or even near you glance in your direction, they can't help but notice your table manners or lack of them. If your table manners are good, they'll judge you favorably. If your table manners are poor, they judge you unfavorably.

Young adults and children's good table manners should be learned and practiced at home. Helping out at mealtime with the family is a wonderful time to practice the basic rules of dining.

Our technological and fast paced times require us to slow down and teach our young people courtesy and the finer ways of life. There is no place in the world were courtesy is so necessary as in the home.

Dining skills include silverware savvy, napkin etiquette, understanding place settings and the silent service code, and body language at the table and the difference between American and Continental Styles of eating.

Dorothea Johnson, Director of The Protocol of Washington has stated the following about Etiquette: Past and Present.

"Etiquette used to mean " Keep off the grass." When Louis XIV's gardener at Versailles discovered that the aristocrats were trampling through his gardens, he put up signs of etiquets, to warn them off, but dukes and duchesses walked right past the signs anyway. Finally, the king himself had to decree that no one was to go beyond the bounds

of the etiquets. The meaning of etiquette later was expanded to include the ticket to court functions that listed the rules on where to stand and what to do.

Like language, etiquette evolves, but in a sense it still means, " Keep off the grass." If we stay within the flexible bounds of etiquette, we will give relationships a chance to grow; we will give ourselves a chance to grow; and we will be able to present ourselves with confidence and authority in all areas of our professional and personal life.

Until the 60's good manners were considered part of a child's upbringing. Public and private schools included etiquette as part of a well-rounded curriculum and charm schools specializes in the social graces, poise and table manners.

The liberated 60's and 70's brought about a decline in the popularity of etiquette programs. A renewed interested in the 80's and return to traditional values in the 90's and this new millennium brought about an increasing appreciation of good manners. With the strong emphasis on family values, the demand for etiquette programs nationwide is unprecedented and far exceeds the supply.

The resilience of the human spirit has prevailed since the horrific 9/11/01 event. It seems that a quiet revolution in civility, good manners and respect for one another continues to prevail. It is a challenging time for all of us as we get past our individual fears and nurture the spirit of the nation as one by one we help our families heal.

Letitia Baldridge has said, "Manners embrace socially acceptable behavior, of course, but also much more than that. They are an expression of how you treat others when you care about them, their self-esteem, and their feelings. Manners are under your control because they come from the heart. In a chaotic world, they can make order out of disorder and give you the power to bring pleasure into others people's lives. It is time for something else now—not just a social conscience, but a ***people conscience***—an awareness of how nice it feels to be considerate of all those we come in touch with every day, families, friends and strangers who could use a hand."

All good manners are based on respect and putting others at ease. " There is no place in the world were courtesy is so necessary as in the home. Helen Hathaway, **Manners**.

Charles Jewett 1795-1872

Nedra Jewett Orvis

Who are the parents and/or siblings of Charles Jewett of Hyde Park VT?

Charles Jewett died 15 Aug 1872 in Hyde Park, Lamoille County, VT at age 77 years and 7 months. His death certificate states that he was born in Roxbury NH. There are no other names on the death certificate. In the 1870 Census of Hyde Park, Charles was living with his daughter Philura. She, or her brother Eli who lived nearby, probably provided the information about his death to the town clerk. The Hyde Park Lanpher Memorial Library had in its collection a copy of *The Lamoille News Dealer* issue of 21 Aug 1872 which listed Charles' name, age and date of death. There was no obituary. Charles' gravestone reads "Charles Jewett, August 15, 1872, Age 77." There are no Charles Jewett records in the Lamoille County Probate Court Records. In the 1850, 1860 and 1870 Census records of Lamoille County, Charles's birthplace was given as Massachusetts. In the 1900 Census, Charles's son Eli reported that his father was born in New Hampshire. Eli's 1908 obituary states that Charles was born in New Hampshire. Eli lived with his son Vernon who was the minister at Eli's funeral, and Vernon probably provided the information for Eli's obituary.

The 1885 *Hamilton Child Gazetteer and Business Directory of New Hampshire* reported that New Hampshire was part of Massachusetts until the early 1800's. (New Hampshire became a state in 1788.) Roxbury NH was established from parts of Keene, Marlboro and Nelson NH in 1812 and became a town in 1816. The New Hampshire Vital Records Division clerk said there are few vital records of remote Roxbury for the time around 1795. No Jewetts were found in Roxbury in the New Hampshire Vital Records Division or in the three cemeteries that were searched in Roxbury.

Census records from 1790-1820 were searched on internet sites. The census records from 1790-1840 give the name of the head of free households only. They give other information about the household in statistical form. There are separate counts for free white persons, other free persons and slaves by sex and age groups. Since Charles' father's name is unknown, there were no leads to Charles Jewett or his parents from these censuses.

The Vermont Historical Society has a book of *Vital Records of Roxbury, Massachusetts* up to the 1850's. There was no record of birth for Charles Jewett. Many volumes of vital records of towns in New Hampshire and Massachusetts were searched, but no leads were found to a Charles Jewett born around 1795. The vital records of Vermont since the 1760's are centralized at one location in Middlesex, and there is no record of a Charles Jewett born around 1795.

Charles Jewett married Betsey Lilley 5 Dec 1816 in Concord VT. The centralized Vermont vital records in Middlesex has a copy of Betsey Lilley's marriage certificate. Betsey was born 29 Sep 1793 in Charlton MA, daughter of Joshua Lilley and Priscilla Tucker.

Also in the Vermont Historical Library is Abby Maria Hemenway's *The Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, Burlington VT, 1871, v.2 p.799, which lists under Hyde Park, a Charles Jewett as a veteran of the War of 1812. However, there was no Charles Jewett in the *Roster of War of 1812, New Hampshire*, nor was there a Charles Jewett listed in the *Records of the Massachusetts Militia War of 1812-1814*.

Concord VT reduced the Poll Taxes by $20 for men in the militia. Among the men listed were Aaron and Luther Lilley who were brothers of Charles's wife Betsey and William Cyrus Slyfield who married Betsey's sister Serina. Charles Jewett did not receive the militia reduction of Poll Tax in the years 1818-1824 while he lived in Concord, and his grave is not listed in the Veterans' Graves Registration Survey conducted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's WPA crews.

The 1883-1884 *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Lamoille and Orleans Counties, Vermont*, published by Hamilton Child in 1883 states that Charles and Betsey had six children. There were no birth certificates for the children of Charles and Betsey. The marriage and/or death certificates of Charles and Betsey's children (except Calvin's) indicated their dates, birth places and parents.

Charles and Betsey (Lilley) Jewett's six children:

i. Calvin Jewett born 1817? Concord VT, died after 1870 MT, married 1st Phoebe Wheelock, married 2nd Lydia Emerson

ii. Harvey Jewett born 1819 Concord VT, died 1869 Hyde Park VT, married 1st Anstress Camp, married 2nd Fanny Hall

iii. Philura Jewett born 1820 Concord VT, died 1897 Hyde Park VT, married Abial/Mial J. Emerson (her headstone in Hyde Park Centre Cemetery gives her birth date as 1 jan 1820 and death date as 7 May 1897)

iv. Charles Jewett Jr. born 1821 Concord VT, died 1863 Hyde Park VT, married Mary Electra McKinstry (his headstone in Hyde Park Centre Cemetery gives his death date as 6 Jan 1865, age 43 yrs 6 mos & 19 days)

v. Nancy Jewett born 24 Mar 1824 Hyde Park VT, died 17 Apr 1861 Calais VT, married John Ward Hall

vi. Eli Jewett born 17 Dec 1827 Hyde Park VT, died 23 Jun 1908 Montpelier VT, married Sally Maria Jewell

The 1820 Census records of Concord, Essex County, VT lists a Charles Jewett as head of a household. Also listed in the household were one female 16-26 years old, one female 26-44, one female under 10, one male over 45 and two males under 10. They were occupied in agriculture and manufacture. Bestsey was around 27 years old. Who were the other woman and man? Betsey's father was living in Calais. Maybe the other female was one of Betsey's younger sisters.

According to the Concord Town Records, Charles lived in Concord VT from 1818 until circa 1824. The Concord Grand List shows the following:

1818	Chas Jewett	0 improvement
1819	C L Jewett	0 improvements
1820	Jewett	0 improvements
1821	Charles Jewett	0 improvements
1822	Charles Jewett	0 improvements
1823	Charles Jewett	2 Polls
1824	Charles Jewett	no land

Charles paid Poll Tax and tax on his oxen. In 1824 he paid no Poll Tax and owned no land. Did he rent a house, live in a minimally required 18 square foot log home or was he a tenant farmer holding the land for an absent owner?

At the Concord VT Town Clerk and Records office, there were no Jewetts on the Church Charter or in the church membership book and no Jewett deaths or burials were listed in the years 1816-1824. No Jewett gravestones were found in six cemeteries in Concord.

Concord School Return records show that in from 1822-1824 Charles had three children in school and lived in the Center School District. According to the Columbean School Roster, Charles' son Calvin Jewett attended four

quarters at the private Columbean School in 1824. This school was about two miles from the Center School and between the Center and Lower School Districts. The William Slyfield property was in the Lower School District and Calvin may have lived there with his aunt Serina Slyfield, Betsey's sister.

Lot 11, Range 6 was located in the Center School District. It was the property of Jewetts who may have been relatives of Charles Jewett. The Concord Land Records do not list any lands belonging to Charles Jewett. Among the property owners named Jewett in Concord were Joshua Jewett of Clinton ME (the owner of Lot 16, Range 6), John Jewett of Concord VT, Joseph Jewett of Harvard MA, and Solomon Jewett of Peppermill (Pepperell?) MA.

Further information from the 1883-1884 *Gazatteer and Business Directory of Lamoille and Orleans Counties, Vermont*, published by Hamilton Child in 1883 states that Charles Jewett came from Concord VT and moved to Hyde Park VT about 1822. He married Betsey Lilley and they had six children, one of whom is Eli Jewett. Charles Jewett settled upon the farm now owned by A.M. Whitcomb on Road 18. He had six children, two of whom are living, Eli and Mrs. M.A. Emerson. Eli resides on Road 40 and has three children.

According to the Land Records of Hyde Park, the Henry F. Walling's 1859 Map of Morristown VT and the Beer's 1878 Atlas of Vermont map of Hyde Park, four of Charles' six children farmed on land that he had cleared and farmed. His daughter, Philura, and her husband farmed on and near Charles' farm. The Land Records show that Charles sold and bought land to and from his children as well as other people.

Possible Jewetts related to Charles Jewett and his family are: Daniel Jewett (to whom Harvey C. Jewett sold land in 1849) born 1872?, died 1861; David Jewett; George K. Jewett; Elisha Payne Jewett (who also bought and sold land from and to Charles' family).

The Charles Jewett who is the subject of this article is not found in any of the volumes of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*, nor is he found in the supplemental files except for a partially filled-in form from Harold Jewett, son of George O. Jewett and grandson of Eli Jewett, with no information on Charles Jewett.

The resources in the Vermont Historical Society were many and varied as were internet sources but none have revealed the ancestry of Charles Jewett. The Roots Web genealogy query board is wonderful, and two formerly unknown cousins responded to a query and provided information on Charles' son Calvin. Other responses gave welcome information on Charles Jewett's descendants.

The search for the ancestors of Charles Jewett continues. Can you help?

Queries

Need information on **Charles Jewett** born circa 1795 in Massachusetts or New Hampshire in the area of Roxbury NH. He married **Betsey Lilley** of Charlton MA and Calais and Concord VT. They moved to Hyde park, Lamoille County, VT circa 1825. Their children were Calvin, Harvey, Philura, Charles Jr, Nancy and Eli? Who were the parents of Charles Jewett? (See the article above.)

Need a volunteer to do an information search on material in the Baker Library Historical Collection at Harvard Business School involving the 23 volumes of business records of Capt. **Theodore Furber Jewett** (2343). Is there any mention of a son, **Samuel Walker Jewett** (4133) in these records? Will someone in the Boston area take a the time to search these records for information? If so, do not mention that you are searching for genealogical reasons! The information that is needed involves documentation of Midwest shipments (particularly in Ohio and Iowa) between 1839 and 1844 to/from Samuel Jewett. In addition, an information search is needed of the business records of Theodore's partner, **William Jewett**, in the Maine Historical Society, 485 Congress St, Portland ME to attempt to connect Theodore and Samuel. Will someone in this area take the time to search these records ?

Need information on the following Jewetts found in the *Directory of the Province of Ontario, Canada 1857*:

Charles J. Jewett, Borelia, Ontario County, Hotel Keeper and Shoemaker
Charles S. Jewett, Port Perry, Ontario County, Boot and Shoestore
James Jewett, Pickering, Ontario, Tanner
Benjamin F. Jewitt, Lindsay, Victoria (County?), Shoemaker

Need information on the death date and place and the burial city and cemetery for **Frederic Clarke Jewett**, the author of Volumes I and II of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America.*

Civil War Reenactment, Olustee, Florida
February 2001

Lee Jewett Petry, Historian

54th Massachusetts Infantry Reenactors
with Jewett Family Descendants

Capt. Richard Henry Lee Jewett (4781) served in the Civil War as one of the white officers in the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, the black unit that was featured in the movie *Glory*. The Battle of Olustee was fought 20 Feb 1864 in Olustee FL. A reenactment of the battle has been held every year since 1977 in conjunction with a Festival in nearby Lake City. Every year the organizers try to find descendants of men who participated in the battle. I contacted the organizers when I was informed that they were particularly looking for descendants of men in the 54th Massachusetts. They were delighted to hear from me and invited family members to participate as honored guests. I attended along with my father BG Richard Lee Jewett, my brother Richard Alden Jewett and his daughter Rumara Gale Jewett, my sister Sally Jewett DeYoung, and the Program Chairman of the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable Dorothy E. Kelly.

The weekend reenactment started with a Memorial Service Friday, 16 Feb at Oaklawn Cemetery in Lake City, the gravesite of 100 unknown soldiers from the battle. That evening we watched night time artillery firing in the state park where the battle was to be reenacted over the weekend. Saturday morning, 17 Feb, there was a parade in Lake City with reenactment units, both infantry and cavalry, floats, horse drawn carriages, antique and classic cars, bands, veterans groups, and various notables from the area. We were part of the parade and rode in a horse-drawn trolley with the descendants of a Confederate participant in the battle.

The battle reenactment took place on the actual battlefield, which is a Florida State Park. (Reenactments are not allowed on federal battlefields; so this is the first one that I had seen on the actual battle site.) There was a battle on Saturday and on Sunday. We chose to spend Saturday afternoon walking around the campsites of the Union and Confederate reenactors and also the sutlers' tents set up with a variety of Civil War era goods for sale, both military and civilian.

On Saturday evening we watched as reenactors danced at a ball in the park pavilion. My niece, Rumara, wore a Civil War era dress throughout the weekend which she had gotten from a costume shop near her home. At the ball

she was asked to dance by one of the Confederate soldiers. As he led her to the dance floor, one of his friends said to my brother, "Don't worry, sir. He is an honorable man."

Sunday we all attended the battle reenactment in temporary stands which gave us a full view of the action. There were both Union and Confederate batteries firing throughout the action, and the smoke drifted across the field and mingled with the smoke from the muskets. The battle involved both infantry and cavalry action. It was defeat for the Union forces. The 54th Massachusetts covered the retreat and suffered severe casualties including Capt. Richard Henry Lee Jewett who was wounded in the jaw. The wound was slow to heal and he did not return to duty until May 1864 outside of Charleston SC.

The 54th Massachusetts reenactors had come by bus on Saturday morning from Washington DC, Philadelphia PA and New Jersey. We visited their campsite in the woods near the battlefield. They had never before met descendants of anyone who had actually served in the 54th Massachusetts and greeted us with enthusiasm. In meeting my father, I'm not sure whether they were more thrilled to meet a grandson of one of the 54th Massachusetts officers or to shake the hand of a general.

Rumara Gale Jewett
in Period Dress

Capt. Jewett was wounded in the jaw during the battle and did not return to duty until May 1864 when he rejoined his unit near Charleston SC. By that time his older brother, Charles Jewett, had also joined the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, and the two brothers served together until their resignations in June 1865.

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