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### Notice to Life Members

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

### Note from the Historian

The genealogy submittal form for births, marriages and deaths is printed on page 19 of this Quarterly.

Please, please discard any previous forms and use this one to report births, marriages and deaths. I have received a number of submissions that are incomplete and tracking down the missing information is sometimes difficult.

For marriages please include newspaper write-ups and photographs.

For deaths please include newspaper obituaries and/or funeral or memorial service programs and a photograph of the deceased.

All material from newspapers should be clearly marked with the date, name of the newspaper and town and state in which it was printed. (I have received several newspaper obituaries in envelopes with no return address and an obituary stating that the deceased died, for example, on Tuesday with no information on the date or place where the obituary was published.)

I hope many of you are at work writing a submission for the Jewett Family of America Writing Contest. The rules can be found in 2002 Quarterly No. 4. All submissions are due 1 Aug 2003.

## President's Letter

Greetings,

Ranny and I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We went home for Christmas for two weeks and had a wonderful dinner with all the boys and their families as usual. We thank all of you who sent us Christmas cards and notes of kindness.

We had a busy time and loads of snow for Christmas Day. Since then the snow has built up to twelve feet along the driveway and we are getting more snow today! But Elliott and Paul are taking care of it all. It has been very cold down here in Florida as well.

Some great news: Ed DesJardins, president of the Rowley Historical Society, has sent us a book titled *Images of America: Rowley*, a pictorial history of Rowley. It is very nicely done and if anyone is interested, you may order it from the Rowley Historical Society for $20.00 plus $1.50 for shipping. The money helps to fund the Historical Society. There is an error on p. 86 - the man on the Harley Davidson motorcycle is my uncle Grenville Jewett (9572), not my father E. Douglas Jewett (9576.)

Dues notices are being mailed out. [Please note that all Life Members are responsible for sending $5.00 for the Quarterlies each year. 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 the Quarterlies to you.] Please. Let's have 100% membership renewals.

There is an ongoing contest for writing an essay about a Jewett in your life, and wouldn't it be fun to receive an award for your work. Information on the contest can be found in the 2003 Quarterly No. 4, p. 67.

Rowley is now in the final stages of constructing a new public library which will contain a climate controlled genealogy room approximately 16' by 16'. We will have a fund raising with details in the next Quarterly. If anyone has any suggestions, by all means let Ted or me know and we will take them under advisement. Any contributions may be sent to the JFA Treasurer.

I believe it would be appropriate to have the portrait of Commodore David Jewett hanging in the genealogy room. It is now on loan to the Rowley Historical Society and is displayed in their museum in the Platts-Bradstreet House.

Keep us up to date on your ideas and send your stories to Lee.

Toujours le même,
Dorothy Jewett Brigham

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## Town Opens Embassy in Trafalgar Square

LONDON, 20 Sep 2002 - Fed up with what it sees as London's indifference, the northern English city of Bradford has opened an embassy in the capital.

The new office in Trafalgar Square, which offers "passports" to visitors who can prove a Bradford connection, is aimed at improving the municipal image.

Among those promoting the charms of Bradford this week were filmmaker David Puttman and TV host Richard Whiteley, both Bradford men.

A survey of 1000 Londoners published Wednesday showed that more than 90 percent can't place Bradford on a map.

"We've got our work cut out," Lord Puttman told *The Guardian* newspaper. "If people living in the south are going to visit our great northern cities, we would be an excellent starting point if they actually knew where to find them."

Bradford, which claims artist David Hockney and composer Frederic Delius among its sons, hopes its higher profile in London will improve its chances of being named European capital of culture in 2008.

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November 15, 2002

Alfred Loranz
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Dear Al:

First of all, on behalf of the Rowley Historical Society Board of Directors we want to thank you for the $ 200 Grant we recently received from you folks.It was much appreciated and will be used for our 1775 Barn / Museum Restoration.

The Board would also like to present to the Jewett Family of America an autographed copy of our latest book, which was just released by Arcadia Press," Rowley Images of America. " As you know, the Jewett names and their descendants run deep in our community. As you look through this pictorial book, you'll see lots and lots of Jewetts noted, so we thought you might want to make note of this in one of your Quarterly Publications. Many of the photos were taken from early glass plate negatives from 1897 to 1910.

The Rowley Historical Society presently has a limited supply of books available@ $20 ea. so we can Reserve copies for some of your members if they wish, by contacting me at the Historical Society address noted above.Please include $1.50 additional to cover postage.

We hope the Jewett Family of America will enjoy this book as much as we enjoyed bringing some of Rowley's early pictorial history to it's many descendants.

Best regards,

Ed Des Jardins - President
Rowley Historical Society

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November 12, 2002

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Dear Mr. Loranz:

The Board of Directors of the Grandview Heritage Foundation requests that I convey its deep appreciation for the $200 grant received from the Jewett Family of America, Inc. The Board is most pleased that your organization is continuing to support our effort. In fact, your continuing support has resulted in an item once owned by Lt. Charles Jewett Jr. being donated to the Foundation for permanent display. Upon learning that members of the Jewett family were working with the Foundation to maintain the Cummins Cemetery, one of our own board members gave to the Foundation the Union officer's sword that belonged to Lt. Jewett, and that is inscribed with his name. Until the time of the sword's donation, there was no knowledge that it had survived into the present time.

Again, the Grandview Heritage Foundation is grateful for your support and will continue develop the history of Lt. Jewett as part of our ongoing activities.

Sincerely,

B. B. Blevins
Chairman and CEO

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## Turkey Turns the Tables on Townsfolk

Plainfield CT, 28 Nov 2002 - A wild turkey gave some bankers and townspeople a run for their money two days before Thanksgiving. The hen turkey, weighing 15 to 20 pounds, staked out some turf at the Jewett City Savings Bank Tuesday and cornered customers as they tried to enter. The bird first charged Dianne Beaulac, a customer-service representative of the bank. "I got out of my car, and it just came after me. I threw my keys at it and my hair clip," she said. "It chased me around my car. It was hysterical. Then the police came." It took hours before town employees, crawling along the building's roof and chasing the bird around the parking lot, cornered it. Donald Tetreault, a highway employee who raises geese and chickens, finally caught the bird. "I just grabbed hold of her wings, and when she tried to fly away, I got a better grip." Animal control officials took the turkey to a state forest, where it was released.

# Jewett Family of America Writing Contest
# History or Biography of a Jewett Descendant or Spouse of a Jewett Descendant
# Must be received by 1 Aug 2003

**Mail all entries to Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923**

## Genealogical Information

### Births

Correction: @002 Quarterly No. 2, page 25, Raiden Michael Jewett's mother is Rosalindo "Rose" (Franco) Jewett. Raiden's father, Michael James Jewett, was promoted to Sergeant 4 Oct 2001. He and Rose are serving in the US Army stationed at Fort Lewis WA.

**Adonnys Jewett**, son of Aisla (Amador) and Alejandro Jewett (18276), was born 13 Aug 2001 in Lebanon TN.

**Cory Gilbert Pater**, son of Suzanne Elizabeth (Salman) (24955) and Neal Pater, was born 6 Jun 2002.

**Amanda Rosalina Jewett**, daughter of Malissa Winters and Andrew Burns Jewett Jr. (18287), was born 18 Jul 2002 in West Palm Beach FL.

**Michael Timothy King**, son of Kimberly Nicole "Nikki" (Helms) and Timothy Arthur King (18337), was born 8 Nov 2002 in Pembroke Pines FL. Nikki is a second grade teacher at Masters Christian Academy in Davie FL, and Tim is a paramedic with the Miami Fire Department.

### Marriages

**Suzanne Elizabeth Salman** (24955) married **Neal Pater** 10 Jul 1999 in Holland Cove, Prince Edward Island, Canada.

**Steven Mark Sprague** (24951) married **Darcy Margaret Smith** 6 Apr 2002 in Hacienda Heights CA.

**Sarah Elizabeth Anderson** (17122) married **Martin Alexander Moore** 7 Sep 2002 in Mason MI. Martin was born 9 Feb 1978 in Fairbanks AK, son of Martin and Phyllis (Barrett) Moore.

### Deaths

**Jean Partenheimer Rettkowski** (24853) died 9 Feb 1999 in Spokane WA. Interment Wilbur Cemetery, Wilbur WA. She was born 23 Jul 1924 in Chicago IL and grew up in Park Ridge IL where she graduated from Maine Township High School in 1942. She then went on to graduate from Mount Holyoke College in 1946 with a BS in Latin. She moved to Wilbur WA where she taught Latin, Spanish, History and P.E. as well as being the school librarian several years at Wilbur High School. She taught at the school for five years full time and then returned several years later as a part-time teacher. She was a member of Community Presbyterian Church and worked in the Sunday school for a number of years. She was also a member of Wilbur Grange #798, Lincoln County Pomona Grange and the state and national Granges. While her sons were small, she worked with the Pre-School PTA and later the regular PTA. She was a Cub Scout den mother and worked in the Boy Scout Mothers' Club. She was a 50 year member of the Chicago Chapter, NSDAR. She joined the Wilbur register staff as a local reporter in 1964 and later was a proofreader until her death. She also served as local correspondent for the Spokane Daily Chronicle. In the early 1950's she was the librarian at Hesseltine Public Library in Wilbur and later on the Board of Trustees. In 1968 she returned to the librarian position which she continued until her death. She was also a member of AARP and the Steiff and Hummel clubs as she collected Hummel figurines and had well over 100 teddy bears. Her first bear was a 1924 birthday gift from her Grandmother Partenheimer. Hobbies included knitting, sewing, stamp and coin collecting, reading and foreign correspondence. In 1973 Jim and Jean hosted their first foreign exchange student and subsequently had a total of nine Columbian students for a year in addition to foreign students from other countries who were house guests. Jean traveled extensively in the United States, often with her parents years ago. In 1974 Jim and Jean began their foreign travels which continued through the years as they toured and pursued friendships all over the world - South America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, East Africa, Japan, China, Indonesia and Thailand. They often traveled by rental car, but also enjoyed tours and cruises. Jean's husband Gail Rettkkowski died 13Aug 1994, interment at Wilbur Cemetery, Wilbut WA. Jean is survived by two sons and their wives, Barry and Kathy Rettkowski of Spokene WA, and David and Lori Rettkowski of Wilbur; and four grandchildren.

**Mary Kennedy Graves** (24860) died 14 Mar 1999 in Lebanon NH after a long illness. Interment unknown. She lived in Franklin NH from 1964 until moving to Northfield NH in 1989 where she taught at the Union Sanborn Elementary School for 10 years. She was a 1964 graduate of Plymouth State College. The family includes a son Jason H. Graves, her mother Audrey (Jewett) Kennedy, and her companion of 11 years, Daniel B. Clark of Northfield NH.

**Felicia Celia (Zimnoski) Jewett**, wife of Clarence Alonzo Jewett Jr. (24748), died 31 May 2002 at Greenfield MA. Interment North Amherst Cemetery, Amherst MA. She was born 27 Sep 1908 in Hatfield MA and attended elementary school in Sunderland and graduated from the former Amherst High School in 1927. She worked as an administrative secretary for 37 years at the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Massachusetts. Her husband died 14 Oct 1985.

**Anthony Wayne Jewett** (18273) died 26 Aug 2002 in Miami FL. Interment at Chapel Hill Cemetery, West Newton PA. He is survived by his wife Susan Christi Jewett and son Anthony Wayne Jewett II. (This is a correction to the information in 2002 Quarterly No. 4.)

**Joseph John Seale**, husband of Kathleen Olive (Jewett) Seale (13853), died 27 Aug 2002 in Merrillville IN. Cremated and ashes spread over Dewart Lake, Kosciusko County IN.

**Richard Day Gorball** (20719) died 22 Sep 2002 in Creston IA. Interment at Newton Union Cemetery, Newton IA. Richard was born 12 Sep 1934 in Forest City IA. He graduated from Forest City High School in 1952 and served his country in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War. On 21 Sep 1957 Richard was united in marriage to Mary Ann Larson in Forest City IA. They lived in Newton IA for many years while Richard worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator/Foreman and Superintendent for Kelly Cortum Inc., Gjellefald Associates, and Iowa Road Builders. They had recently moved to Ellston IA. Richard was on the Board of Directors for the Jewett Family of America, a member of the Newton Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, America Legion Post III, International Union of Operating Engineers, Jasper County Farm Bureau, and attended the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Richard was a devoted and loving husband, dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend. Those left to honor his memory are his wife, Mary, of Ellston IA; son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Christine Gorball; his three daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Paul Sunde of Littleton CO, Michelle and Jeff Denison of Urbandale IA, and Kristina and Lee Hart of West Des Moines IA; 10 grandchildren; his one great-grandchild and sister and brother-in-law, Marion and Dean Timm of Boone IA.

**Alexander Macmillan Jewett** (18223) died 5 Nov 2002 in Miami FL. Interment at Flagler Mausoleum, Dade County FL. Military Service: U.S. Navy. He was a resident of Miami FL and retired from the City of Miami. He is survived by his first wife Laura Aguilera Jewett and her children Hilda Eneida Jewett Meneses and Sandra Macmillan Jewett Almeida, and third wife Mercedes Candelario Jewett; predeceased by son Chester Alexander Jewett second wife Martha Porro Jewett; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**Virginia Ruth (Jewett) Gochenour** (13856) died 11 Nov 2002 in Lafayette IN. Interment at Delphi Masonic Cemetery, Carroll County IN.

## Divorces

**James Arthur King** (18226) from **Vickie Mrazovich King** 27 Jan 2000.

**Steven Mark Sprague** (24591) and **Jennifer Showalter**.

## The Thomas Jewett (665) House
## Bennington, Vermont

by Barbara Sue Kline

The sign on the lawn in front of the house reads, "Thomas Jewett House, 1770." It is a beautiful white frame Federal style home and quite regal. It is probably haunted - what else would one expect from a house that is more than two hundred years old? - But I'll get to that later. Let me start at the beginning of the story.

My husband, sister, and I are antiques dealers. We lived for seventeen years in East Tennessee in the Smoky Mountains. It has always been a dream of ours to live in Vermont, in the midst of so much of our country's history, and where antiques of all sorts abound. With all of us being more or less semi-retired, it seemed like it was going to have to be now or never. My sister Cheryl and I first found this house in January 2002. We were returning to Tennessee after spending three glorious weeks in Nova Scotia, and it was while driving through Vermont that we saw it. We had been looking for property in Vermont for a long time. We seemingly were seeking the impossible. We wanted a place that could house two families and property that afforded room for a shop and preferably already had a shop on it. We also wanted to be located on a main road that would give us high visibility for the shop. The Thomas Jewett House met all the criteria. So it was time to make a decision. Was this our invitation to Vermont or not?

When we walked around to the front of the house and I saw the "Thomas Jewett" sign, I stopped dead in my tracks. My godfather was Joseph Franklin Jewett III (9488) of Cincinnati OH (1893-9876), and until that very moment, I did not know there were other people with the Jewett name. While this may seem ridiculously amusing to the thousands of Jewetts who have been tracing their family history for many, many years and who in fact have their very own Jewett Family of America, it is the truth. Actually I knew only two Jewetts in my lifetime, my godfather Joe, and his wife, Emma Berger Jewett, my beloved "Auntie Im." They were both very special people. Joe Jewett III was short in stature, and maybe just a little bit rotund. He wore his sandy colored hair parted in the middle and clipped short on the sides, as was fashionable in the 1940's. He wore his Brooks Brothers suits with dash and style. I never saw him dressed any other way except in suit and tie. I expect he had the wherewithal to have as many suits or anything else he wanted, but he was never pretentious nor stuffy. He was a very down-to-earth guy.

Joe Jewett III and Helen Gardner, his first wife, had two children, Haven (Jewett) Strom and Joseph Franklin Jewett IV. I regret I never had the privilege of meeting them. I believe they were adults at the time I was born, and therefore the occasion probably never arose whereby we would meet. (Note from Historian: Does anyone know anything about these children of Joseph Franklin Jewett III?)

Although I always referred to my godparents as Uncle Joe and Auntie Im, they were not actually related to me. My mother and Im Berger were best friends from the time they were teenagers. When both young ladies married, their respective spouses, my Dad and Uncle Joe also became good friends. So when I saw the Jewett name proudly displayed on a sign in the front yard of the Thomas Jewett House, everything seemed to fall in place, and I felt certain we were destined to have this house. It remained only for my husband Jerry to put his stamp of approval on it, and this he did, without hesitation.

After Jerry saw the house and then came back to Tennessee, he asked us if we had looked in its basement. We told him, "Yes, of course."

Translate that to, "No, not really. The realtor looked at it and told us it was dry, which was all we cared about anyway."

"How about the garage? Did you look in there?"

"Certainly."

That really meant, "Heck no. There was a foot of snow on the ground, and what is so important about a garage anyway?"

Jerry said, "I guess you noticed then that the garage has a dirt floor, and the stairs going to the basement are leaning so far to the right they may topple over. And although the floor in the basement is concrete, there is an area in the center that is a mounded up pile of dirt with what looks like something rising up out of the middle of it."

A few days later I mentioned this conversation to my friend Betty. "What do you think? Do you think we goofed?"

"No," she paused for a moment, "but you might want to consider the possibility that the place is haunted."

"You're kidding, right? I mean just because something is rising out of the middle of the basement floor does not mean it's something sinister...does it?"

Betty gave us instructions that upon first stepping into the house, and before the moving truck arrived, we were to

introduce ourselves to the spirits, and assure them that we were friends, would not take up much room and did not wish them to move out, but rather to share the old homestead.

When we arrived at our new home, Cheryl and I dutifully clasped each other's hand and solemnly declared our intentions for peaceful co-existence. My husband refused to participate.

Strange things do seem to occur in this old place. Objects fall off of shelves with no apparent provocation. Doors close when no on is there to close them. As for the mound of earth in the basement, it rises and recedes and we still don't know what it is.

I was dying of curiosity to know what if any was the connection between Thomas Jewett and Joseph Franklin Jewett III. For my sister Cheryl this was relatively easy to ascertain. Her favorite tool is the computer. She uses it with the same ease as a carpenter uses a hammer. In a day or so she had found Lee Jewett Petry, Historian for the Jewett Family of America. Ms Petry very graciously supplied us with the following information: Thomas and Joseph Franklin III are third cousins, five times removed. My godfather is descended from Joseph Jewett. So, I don't know if it's "Cousin Thomas" who is knocking things off shelves, or if it is one of the other residents from years past. (Note from Historian: I also sent Barbara a copy of a letter written to the Jewett Family of America by her godfather Joseph Franklin Jewett III in Mar 1956.)

When Ms Petry asked us for some history of the house, I was glad to oblige. However, after plunging through deeds of sale, and land rights, and plats and the like I'm not sure I know anything. There was land deeded from "the big rock in the meadow to the stream" and land bought commencing next to so-and-so's property and ending at the fence, and so on. What follows is what I have been able to glean from the library and from records left by the previous owner.

Thomas Jewett and his wife Eunice Shafter Jewett bought a large tract of land in the Bennington area that was referred to as the Fuller farm. As near as I can tell, they purchased a minimum of two hundred acres, but probably a great deal more. The Fuller farm was at one time bits and pieces of land bought all at once from many owners. I can find no record of anyone named Fuller. The purchase of this land by Thomas Jewett in 1770 may have been the direct result of the reversal grants from New Hampshire back to New York. In 1749 Governor Wentworth of New Hampshire granted townships in the area that is now southern Vermont, which made the town of Bennington part of New Hampshire. In 1761 a Captain Robinson bought up some of the land rights of the towns of Bennington, Shaftsbury and Pownal. He then organized a group of settlers from Massachusetts and Connecticut and established the first permanent settlement in this part of Vermont. In 1764, by order of the King, this land was given to New York. As this reversal occurred New York now did not recognize New Hampshire land titles, and in 1770 New York decided to enforce land grants that were made before Governor Wentworth declared the land belonged to New Hampshire. Bennington became part of New York, specifically, Albany County. New York courts decided against New Hampshire settlers regarding land grants. Neither side would give in and several years of court trials and altercations followed. In 1776 conventions were held in Dorset, and independence of "grants" was declared, meaning independence from New Hampshire and New York. The area at first was named New Connecticut and then later changed to Vermont. (Vermont became a state in 1791.) Since Thomas Jewett bought this land in 1770 and an adjacent tract of land in 1779 from the Widow Scott, it is possible that he never really moved from Pownal to Bennington, but simply lived in the shire of Bennington, which was part of the town of Pownal. Then when he bought additional land in Bennington in 1779, it may have appeared as if he moved from Pownal to Bennington. Perhaps some of the Jewett scholars might make the determination.

When Thomas Jewett wrote his will, he divided up his land and willed it to his wife and children. We believe this house and surrounding land would have been the parcel willed to his wife. After their demise, Thomas Jewett and Eunice Jewett were buried somewhere on the Jewett land. Since there was so much land held by the Jewetts, it is unclear just where these grave sites were. Records say only "the grave site was up on the hill." In 1926 permission was granted to remove the graves to Park Lawn Cemetery which is perhaps a mile from this property. Six graves were moved.

The house and a portion of the original land stayed in the Jewett family for several generations. In 1869 Samuel Jewett [(4796) who was adopted by Eunice Jewett (2783), the grandaughter of Thomas Jewett] and his wife Eliza sold the property to John Robinson. John Robinson sold it to William, Mark and Herbert Tudor who sold it to Falteen and Alice Sweet. The Sweet's son, Carl Lagrande Sweet and his wife Hazel, inherited the farm. Their daughter Helena and her husband Floyd Rice inherited it in turn. For three generation the Sweets owned and operated a dairy farm here. The land is richly abundant pasture land, and the lovely Jewett Brook flows down from Mt. Anthony behind us and traverses the property.

We had the pleasure of meeting Helena Rice. She is a delightful lady of a certain age who popped into our shop one day in the spring. It turns out that she lives just a quarter of a mile south of here towards Pownal, along this same road.

Hers is also an older house, built in the mid-nineteenth century. She told us she was so excited to see our store sign out front and was convinced we were meant to be here. The name of the shop is *Sweet Pea Antiques*. I confess I did get goose bumps when she told us the story of having lived here as a child, and its being called the Sweet Dairy Farm!

Floyd and Helena Rice sold off the portion of land where this house stands. They kept approximately one hundred fifty acres, and sold this house and four acres to Richard and Marianna Kelly. The Kelly's owned the house from the mid-1980's until we purchased it in 2002. The house underwent extensive renovation during their tenure.

It was from Mrs. Kelly that we learned of the tavern that was once a part of this house. Rumor has it that Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain boys used to hang out at this tavern and then ride up and over the hill out back towards Catamount tavern, near what is now Southern Vermont College. Rumor also has it that oftentimes Ethan Allen did not make it back home from some of those excursions. Who knows? Maybe he stopped here. We are told that there was a common sleeping room upstairs where gentlemen could put down a pallet for the night.

There is a great deal that can be learned about the history of this house and the role it might have played in the history of Vermont. Suffice to say we have barely scratched the surface. Researching and studying in more about this old house promises to make for interesting wintertime activity.

I hope that we have added a little to the history of the Jewetts in America, and although not a Jewett by birth, I am extremely proud to have been the goddaughter of two wonderful people, Joe and Im Jewett. Additionally, the three of us, my husband, my sister, and I are thrilled to be living in this grand old Jewett homestead - haunted, or not.

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## Street Named for Robert Otis Fuller

MIAMI 9 Jun 2002 - An American killed by a Cuban firing squad in 1960 now has a Little Havana street named in his honor.

Miami Commission Chairman Tomás Regalado dedicated five blocks of the street in the neighborhood where Robert Otis Fuller (18244) lived with his family. Fuller, a former Marine, was arrested, tried and shot by a firing squad in October 1960. he had been accused of counterrevolutionary activities. "My family has wanted to see this happen for such a long time," said Lynita Fuller Caskey (18310), Fuller's daughter.

## Mother Tells How Son Was Executed in Cuba

MIAMI 14 Oct 1960 - A mother told yesterday how she watched a Cuban military court condemn her son to the firing squad and then was denied the right to bury him. Spectators in the courtroom shouted "to the wall" and a boy sold soft drinks while her son's fate was decided, she said.

Mrs. Jennie Jewett Fuller (18215) described the last hours of her son, Robert Fuller (18244), 25, who was shot by a firing squad near Santiago, Cuba, last Sunday. Another American, Dale Thompson, 30, of Queen City TX, was executed at the same time.

Mrs. Fuller, who now lives in Miami, had been a resident of Holguin, Cuba, since she was three. Robert was raised there. She went to Santiago on word that her son had been captured. She waited several hours, she said, for the trial to begin. "Then a door at the other side of the courtroom opened and soldiers came in. I saw Bobby and another American, handcuffed together, and two Cuban prisoners."

She had been warned if she cried or made a scene she would be put out, Mrs. Fuller said. When her son saw her, he winked, she said. Mrs. Fuller said when she heard the death sentence, "I put my head on a sort of desk and cried. I just couldn't believe this was happening to Bobby."

After the sentence, she spent several hours trying to appeal her son's conviction, unsuccessfully. Then she went to see him for five minutes. "I asked him, 'Bobby, why did you have to do this?' And he answered, 'This was something I had to do. I'm proud to die before a Communist firing squad. Just be glad that Pop didn't come too.'"

The firing squad shot Fuller at 4:20 AM. Mrs. Fuller said she later phoned officials to ask for his body so she could bury him. This was refused and Fuller was buried in a common grave with the other victims of the firing squad.

# THE JEWETT FAMILY OCCASIONAL

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## Holiday Greetings

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! We wish each of you a happy and blessed time with family and friends during these two holiday seasons.

As we move into the last two months of the year, our hearts and thoughts tend to turn more often to our friends and family in the United States. Indeed, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are the times when we miss all of you more than ever.

We are looking forward to having our two daughters home for Christmas. They are both approaching another time of transition. Rachel graduates at the end of this semester and is hoping to find a place to live and work for a while in New York City, as she works to pay off college debts. It has been a dream of hers for a long time to get to know better the city that she has loved visiting while attending Nyack College.

Sara has decided she would like to pursue a BS in Nursing degree. Since Nyack College offers no nursing program, she is planning to transfer to the University of Toledo (Ohio) in January, where a girlfriend of hers from Guatemala days is attending. They plan to rent an apartment together, and Sara will likely work for her first year in Ohio to establish residency. That will allow her to qualify for in-state tuition rates when she does enter nursing school, hopefully in the Fall of 2003.

## What a Summer!

This past summer, we and all the other Wycliffe personnel still in Guatemala were asked by our new Wycliffe administrators to attend a week long conference in Orlando, FL the last week in June.

So we flew to the US before the conference and visited our girls as well as other family members in the PA, VA, NY and OH area. Then we and the girls, who were also invited to the conference, flew to Orlando. It was a fun, inspiring time as we got to know many other members of the Americas Group.

On the advice of the cardiologist here in Guatemala, Sue saw a cardiologist while we were in Orlando. He ordered an angiogram, which showed she had two blocked coronary arteries. One was 100% blocked, the other about 80%. Praise the Lord, the heart itself had not suffered any damage.

A week later she had bypass surgery to repair the arteries. We wound up staying an additional 6 weeks in Florida as she recuperated. Many people were praying, and her recuperation time was quick and uneventful. Praise God!

Just ten weeks before her heart surgery she had had a hysterectomy right here in the rural town of Nebaj, where we live. It was done by a team of US surgeons who were here for a week, working in the national hospital. It was great to have it done here and not interrupt Dwight's work as much as if we had had to go to Guatemala City. But even better, their services were free! We praise God for their willingness to come and provide free medical care for the local people as well as the occasional missionary!

Sue did feel that it was a bit much, however, to have two major surgeries back to back, so to speak. And the heart surgery was definitely not free! However, she says that now that she's had her 100,000 mile overhaul, she should be in good shape for a long time!

## Back to the Translation Desk

After nearly 3 months away from the translation programs here in Guatemala, Dwight is fond of saying that he is now officially so far behind he thinks he's ahead, like a long distance runner who has been "lapped" by those in the lead. We remind ourselves often that God is very much in control, as He always has been, and that the New Testaments will be done right on time, in HIS time.

The question our friends most frequently ask us these days is: WHEN WILL YOU BE FINISHED? Well .. Let's ask Dwight to answer that question.

## Dwight's Answer

Whenever I hear that question, the first words that come to mind are those of Yogi Berra, that great philosopher / baseball player of some years back, who is known for his famous saying: "It ain't over 'til it's over."

The members of the reviewers' committees in both Nebaj and Chajul continue to work faithfully at the task, in spite of year end school activities for both some of the committee members themselves and their children. (Several of the

reviewers in both towns did not have the opportunity to attend school as children, so they are taking night or weekend classes as adults to complete their basic education.)

The reviewers in Chajul have just passed the 75% mark in their first pass of the review and revision of the complete New Testament. But, the books they still have to revise are big ones (both in terms of size and in terms of content): Revelation, Romans, Hebrews and Second Corinthians. Even after they finish their first major review of the entire New Testament, however, there will still be much to be done to ensure accuracy of the translation of each book and consistency of terminology from one book to the next.

In Nebaj, where we started the review process after the committee in Chajul, the reviewers are now past the 60% mark and pressing on. As in Chajul, there is much to be done yet to ensure consistency of terms.

And there are the inevitable impediments to progress: frequent power outages in Chajul in recent weeks due to the heavy rains we've been experiencing. Sometimes the power has been out full days at a time, making it impossible to key the revised material into the computer. And two of the committee members have been off work for more than a week each because of sickness.

In Nebaj, the pastor who is the head of the committee is experiencing serious problems in his marriage. It is very possible that his wife of more than 20 years will divorce him in the near future, unless God brings about a radical change in her heart.

So back to the question: How soon will you be done? The answer is: only the Lord knows. We are still working toward a target date of the end of 2005 for having both New Testaments turned over to the publishers.

## Mail Frustrations

Now that we are living a considerable distance outside the capital city and our administrative office in Guatemala City is greatly scaled down, both sending and receiving mail has become a challenge. There is now only one couple assigned to the Wycliffe office in the city, our computer expert and his wife. Among their many other jobs, they serve us by picking up mail that comes to our members through the "Apartado 16" (PO box) there in the city.

Any mail that comes for us there often just sits in the Wycliffe office for a month or more, waiting until we can get in to pick it up or until someone else happens to be coming our way and can bring it to us.

Outgoing mail service from here in Nebaj is equally complicated for us, so if there is a way you can receive our newsletters by e-mail, please let us know. We would like to be able to send our letters to as many of you as possible via the electronic route, as that seems to be our best option right now for getting them to you, both in terms of timeliness and expense.

We are very grateful for internet access here in Nebaj which enables us to keep in touch with our supervisors, family members and friends by electronic mail.

## Prayer and Praise

Praise:

1) Praise God for protection for Sue through two major surgeries in the last six months and for her rapid recovery.

2) We are very thankful to have been able to spend time with our daughters in the US this summer and look forward to seeing them again at Christmas time.

3) Praise God for faithful workers on the reviewers' committees in both Chajul and Nebaj and for the progress He has enabled us to make.

Prayer:

1) Again this time as we did in our last letter, we ask you to pray for Dwight as he often feels the burden of trying to bring two New Testaments to completion at the same time. Pray for health and strength and clarity of mind to be able to keep from getting the two dialects of Ixil confused.

2) Please pray for the members of both reviewers' committees, that God would keep them and their families free from accidents, injuries and sickness.

3) Pray especially for Pastor Andres, the leader of the Nebaj committee, that God would touch his wife's heart and heal their marriage.

4) Please pray that we will be able to find a way for Sue to consistently get the exercise she needs now for complete recovery from both surgeries. Pray too that the Lord would provide the needed funds to pay off the outstanding balance for her heart surgery. Praise God we did have health insurance, which paid the lion's share of the expenses. However, we are still responsible for what the insurance did not pay. If the Lord should lead you to help with that, please contact us at the addresses below or send your contribution to Wycliffe Bible Translators as outlined below. Please mark the

contribution clearly "For Sue Jewett's medical expenses". And please keep asking the Lord to give her health and stamina to "keep the home fires burning" and to support the translation program in the many behind-the-scenes ways she does.

Thank You

A huge thank you to each of you who have contributed to our ministry among the Ixil people. Your financial gifts continue to make it possible for us to be here and to stay at the process of getting God's word to the Ixil people of Chajul and Nebaj in the language of their heart. And your faithful prayers and notes of encouragement really do sustain us. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and faithfulness.

A Final Reminder

Tax deductible financial contributions to the ongoing support of our 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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## Queries

(If you have information on the following Jewetts, please contact Lee Jewett Petry, Historian, Jewett Family of America, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923 or jfapetry@nxs.net)

Need information on **Forest Jewett** born about 1895 in Maine, married **Lyndia Fuller**. He had brothers Ansil and Clyde as well as others.

Need information on **Luman F. Jewett** who appears in the 1880 Census living in Boston MA. He is 44 years old, born in Maine, both parents born in Maine. His wife is Hanna D. Jewett and his children are Ada F. age 16, Roscoe B. age 10, Edith P. age 8 and Mary M. age 5.

Need information on **Ellen Jewett**, 37, who recently became a volinist in the Audubon Quartet, the renouned Blacksburg VA chamber music group. She is an assistant professor of music at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. (There is an Ellen Jewett in the 1975 Yearbook, daughter of Robert and Janet Ray (Miller) Jewett, who is nine years old and may be the same Ellen Jewett.)

Note from the Historian: I am always looking for articles, photographs and any information on Jewetts in addition to the births, marriages and deaths which are printed under "Genealogical Information". This includes graduations, honors, promotions, family gatherings, travels, reminiscences, and any other material you have to share with the Jewett family.

## Lineage of Herbert Clark Hoover, President of the United States 1929-1933

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| Priscilla Jewett (111) | Bapt. 1 Feb 1690/91 Rowley MA<br>Married Hilkiah Boynton 2 Feb 1708/09 Rowley MA |
| Daughter Johanna Boynton (298) | Born 17 Aug 1712 Rowley MA<br>Married John Grout 23 Nov 1727 Lunenburg MA |
| Son John Grout | Born 13 Jun 1731 Lunenburg MA<br>Married Phoebe Spofford 22 Oct 1750 Lunenburg MA |
| Daughter Phoebe Grout | Born 1 Apr 1751 Charleston NH<br>Married Jacob Winn |
| Daughter Endymia Winn | Born 4 Sep 1775 Chester Twp. VT<br>Married Thomas Sherwood |
| Daughter Lucinda Sherwood | Born 13 Oct 1794<br>Married John Minthorn Abt 1811 Canada |
| Son Theodore Minthorn | Born 11 Oct 1817 Ontario, Canada<br>Married Mary Wasley 4 Jan 1842 Ontario, Canada |
| Daughter Huldah Randall Minthorn | Born 4 May 1848 Norwich, Canada<br>Married Jesse Clark Hoover 12 Mar 1870 IA |
| Son Herbert Clark Hoover | Born 10 Aug 1874 West Branch IA |

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## Query

The following e-mail message was received from Glen H. Bailey of Portland OR:

While I am not directly related to the Jewett family, my 10th great grandfather, James Bailey, was one of the early settlers of Rowley MA. He and Maximilian Jewett were both born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England about 1612. Their parents were both in the clothing business; my ancestors were weavers in Almondbury a few miles to the south while Maximilian's family were clothiers.

I have been searching for someone who may have done some genealogy study at the library in Hull, England. In 1983 I located a handwritten list of altar boys who were members of St. Peters Church in Rowley. My grandfather and his brother James were both listed. Foolishly, I failed to make a copy of this list and it has subsequently been misplaced or removed. I have seen the stained glass window at the church. As I recall, the framed list displayed beneath it had the signature of someone in the Jewett family. I wonder if anyone in the Jewett family has a recollection of this list.

There has been some contention between members of the Bailey family that the James and Richard Bailey who were born in Bradford were not the same two who lived in Rowley MA and, unfortunately, other than the list I saw, there is no concrete proof. There is, however, enough circumstantial evidence to make me feel that these two are my forefathers.

If you have any information regarding this matter, or know anyone in the Jewett family who might, I would be eternally grateful for any clue that you might be able to give to me.

(If you have information on this query, please contact Lee Jewett Petry, Historian, Jewett Family of America, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923 or jfapetry@nxs.net)

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Please keep this sheet as a reference for the information needed for births, marriages and deaths. Make copies of this sheet as needed, and include the full information as indicated.
Mail to: Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923.

**BIRTH**

Full Name of Child _____

Date and Place of Birth _____

Father's Full Name _____

Mother's Full Maiden Name _____

Jewett Connection _____

**MARRIAGE**
(Please send newspaper write-up, if available)

Bride's Full Name _____

Groom's Full Name _____

Date and Place of Marriage _____

Bride's Birth Date and Place _____

Groom's Birth Date and Place _____

Bride's Father's Full Name _____

Bride's Mother's Full Maiden Name _____

Groom's Father's Full Name _____

Groom's Mother's Full Maiden Name _____

Jewett Connection _____

**DEATH**
(Please send obituary, if available)

Full Name of Deceased _____

Date and Place of Death _____

Cause of Death _____

Place of Burial (Name and Location of Cemetery) _____

Jewett Connection _____