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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.

## Writing Contest

Alas, there were no entries for the Jewett Family Writing Contest and thus no prizes to be given. The Quarterly would be greatly enhanced by family stories which can be submitted at any time to Historian and Editor of Publications Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923. Manuscripts can also be e-mailed to [jfapetry@nxs.net](mailto:jfapetry@nxs.net) as either .pdf files or as WordPerfect documents.

## Application Papers

There have been requests for information on Jewetts whose descendants have applied for memberships in various organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mayflower organizations, etc. It would be a help if copies of these applications were in the files of the Jewett Family of America, Inc. Please send copies to Historian Lee Jewett Petry, 209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville TN 37923.

## Civil War Information

In order to complete our records on Jewetts and Jewett descendants who served in the Civil War, please send copies of discharge papers, military records, pension records, letters or any other material related to the soldiers and sailors who served. There were almost 500 Jewetts who served and 55 Jewett descendants with names other than Jewett who so far have been documented.

## President's Letter

Greetings

The summer here in Maine has gone from a rainy June to a hot July. Hope you all had a great Fourth of July with lots of cookouts and family reunions. Let's hear all about them. It is always interesting to read about them in the Quarterlies. Rannie and I enjoyed having family and friends around us to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 22nd. Attending were a few Jewett Family members including Ted Loranz and his wife Claire, and Russell Jewett and Judy. There were also a few members of the Holiday Rambler RV Club as well as DAR members and other friends. Some of our Jewett nieces, who hadn't seen our sons in about 30 years, attended; so it was quite a reunion as well. All six of our sons were here and what a joyous time we had. It was great!

The construction of the new Rowley Library building is coming along quite well. October 11th is still the date of our annual Board Meeting in Rowley, and already we have several directors showing interest in visiting and attending the meeting in person. There will be a nice luncheon, and the directors will be receiving a letter with the particulars. Any Jewetts who are in the area are welcome to come by for a visit to the new library Genealogy/History room.

I have been working on getting information about my Grandfather Amos Everett Jewett to use in writing a story about him. Any information that our members might have would be appreciated.

I will be in Washington DC to attend the DAR Conference (Oh, the heat!) I will be working at the Hillside School for Boys (from Marlboro MA.) I sell ultrasuede jewelry cases, and the Hillside School receives a percentage of the sales for their new library.

Last year the six New England States were given a set of Volumes III and IV of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* to be donated to the DAR libraries of their choice. Massachusetts gave their volumes to the Hillside school. Many of the libraries already had Volumes I and II.

Last year I visited the Springvale Library to donate Volumes III and IV through the Rebecca Emery DAR Chapter of Kennebunk ME. In talking to the head librarian about my Grandfather and the books he had written about Jewetts and Rowley MA, she said they were happy to get the new volumes as the library had all the Jewett books. They evidently had been donated to the library. The library has been completely renovated, and the genealogy room is well stocked with books on genealogy and history.

Let's not forget that we need donations to the JFA to help replace the \$5000 donated to the Rowley Library Genealogy Room. If anyone has any ideas for a fund raising project, let us know.

Toujours le même,  
Dorothy Jewett Brigham

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## New Members

Claude Irvin Jewett Jr.  
Kirk H. Jewett  
Robert Ernest Jewett & Family  
Rodney Rex Jewett  
Shirley Samek  
Robert A. Smiley

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## **Jewett Family of America Donates \$5000 and Loans Painting of Famous Ancestor to the New Rowley Library**

Left to right - Eleanor Jewett Haley, Tim Young, Dorothy Jewett Brigham, Winnie Jarvis, Ed Desjardins

ROWLEY, MA - The Jewett Family of America (JFA) has donated \$5000 to the new Rowley Public Library Building Campaign 2003. The contribution will be applied to furnishing a portion of the Library's new Local History Room. In addition, the JFA has loaned the Library an oil portrait of one of the Jewett Family's most notable forebears, David Jewett, a nineteenth century admiral and Brazilian naval hero. The portrait is currently on display at the Rowley Historical Society at the Platts-Bradstreet House, Main Street, and will be relocated to the Library once construction is completed.

The Jewett family was one of 20 families that sailed with Reverend Ezekiel Rogers on the ship *John of London* from Hull, England to New England in 1638. Most of these families were clothiers from Yorkshire, including the brothers Maximilian and Joseph Jewett. The following year the families were the first Europeans to settle in Rowley. "Over more than 300 years, the Jewetts contributed much to the establishment and growth of Rowley, with the descendants of the original members serving in many capacities: ministers, doctors, teachers, legislators, authors, musicians, scholars, realtors, storekeepers and farmers," noted Doris V. Fryberg, a Rowley historian and member of the Rowley Historical Commission.

"The Jewetts have 14 generations of history in Rowley," commented Dorothy Jewett Brigham, president of the Jewett Family of America, "and many of our family members are buried in the Rowley Cemetery. My grandfather, Amos Everett Jewett, manufactured heels for the shoe industry and was a noted writer of historical books and pamphlets about the history and early settlers of Rowley. Because Amos took such great pride in documenting and preserving the Jewett genealogy, we are making our gift to the Local History Room in his name."

"The Friends of the Rowley Public Library is honored to accept this generous donation to the Rowley Library Building campaign from the Jewett Family of America," commented Timothy R. Young, president. "The Jewetts have been wonderful supporters of the Library for many, many years, and the Friends along with the Board of Library Trustees, believe it is especially fitting that we recognize in the Library's Local History Room the many contributions that the Jewetts have made to Rowley."

With 700 current members, the Jewett Family of America was incorporated in 1910. The organization has held family

reunions for the descendants of the early Rowley settlers since 1855. The organization's primary mission is to preserve the history and genealogy of the Jewett family. The next reunion is scheduled to be held in Rowley in 2005.

The Friends of the Rowley Public Library, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Rowley Public Library. As a tax-exempt organization as defined under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the friends set a goal of raising \$250,000 toward furnishing, equipping and landscaping the new Library facility currently under construction on Main Street in Rowley's Historic District.

Left to right - Tim Young, Eleanor Jewett Haley, Dorothy Jewett Brigham, Winnie Jarvis,  
Bob Merry, Ed Desjarnis, Ted Loran

## Genealogical Information

### Births

**Olivia Mary Howat**, daughter of Valerie Mary (Vulevich) (16487) and Carl Joseph Howat Jr., was born 24 Oct 2002 in New Orleans LA.

**John Michael Toso**, son of Elizabeth "Peggy" (Quinlan) and Keith John Toso (16460), was born 18 Feb 2003 in New Orleans LA.

**Adam Joseph Werth**, son of Heather (Prados) (16450) and Adam Christian Werth, was born 11 Mar 2003 in Baton Rouge LA.

**John Dennis Dreiband**, son of Laura Anne (Young) (16467) and Eric Stefan Dreiband, was born 12 Mar 2003 in Washington DC (and resides in Alexandria VA.)

**Paul Michael Jewett**, son of Jennifer Sue (Pauly) and Vernon Miles Jewett, was born 13 Mar 2003 in Cleveland OH. Paul's line is: (5856) Henry Frank Jewett, Franklin Stiles Jewett, Clifford Nelson Jewett, John Frank Jewett, Vernon Miles Jewett.

**Savannah Lee Young**, daughter of Ramona Lisa (Lyddon) and Christopher Lee Young MD (16468), was born 22 Mar 2003 in Tampa FL.

**Mary Elizabeth Toso**, daughter of Susan (White) and Brien Joseph Toso (16459), was born 24 Mar 2003 in New Orleans LA.

**Josephine Anne Toso**, daughter of Caroline (Roberts) and Patrick Jonathan Toso (16462), was born 2 Apr 2003 in New Orleans LA.

**Jasmine Jewett McPherson**, daughter of Alexandra Farron (Jewett) (22114) and Ryan Andrew McPherson, was born 6 Jun 2003 in East Aurora NY.

**Marissa Jolene Jewett**, daughter of Rosalinda Franco and Michael James Jewett, was born 9 Jul 2003 in Tacoma Wa. Her parents are both in the US Army stationed at Fort Lewis. Marissa's line is: is: Henry Jewett (944), Aaron Crosby Jewett, John Henry Jewett, Myron Pixley Jewett, Ervin Gerard Jewett, Clifford Irvin Jewett, James Sidney Jewett, Michael James Jewett.

### Deaths

**William George Boyce** (6402 William Augustus Boyce, Arnold Jewett Boyce) died 2 Jul 2001 San Francisco CA. Interment Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno CA. Raised in San Francisco CA, he was the husband of the late Helen Boyce; father of Priscilla and Bob Barbanica and Antoinette Camargo; grandfather of five and great grandfather of three. A veteran of WWII having honorably served in the US Navy, he was a member of the Retail Clerks Union and longtime Manager of Skyline Plaza Market in Daly City.

**Nelson Holland Jewett Jr.** (22086) died 19 Jan 2003 in Buffalo NY. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery. Known as "Holly" to his friends, Jewett joined Hill Mortgage as a salesman in 1946 and was elected president in 1964. He negotiated its sale in 1966 to Marine Midland Bank, now known as HSBC, and became manager of Marine's buildings. Jewett was a past president of the Building Owners & Managers Association. He also had been a board member of Albright-Knox Art gallery and co-chairman of the Friends of Architecture at the University of Buffalo. Born in Bronxville, Jewett was raised in East Aurora. He attended the Franklin School and the Nichols School and graduated from Loomis Academy in Hartford CT in 1937. For the next seven years he worked for Curtis-Wright Corp. Jewett was a US Navy radioman aboard the USS Topeka in the Pacific during WWII. A lifelong skier and a member of the National Ski Patrol Association, he was honored as the Kissing Bridge Patrolman of the Year in 1962. He enjoyed competitive backgammon and often joked that he was the second best backgammon player in the world but had never met the best. Jewett was also active with the Saturn Club for more than 60 years and was a member of the Pack Club. He and his wife enjoyed travel and spent more than 50 summers on Pleasant Island in Parry Sound, Ontario. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Nancy Hill Jewett; three sons, Dean Jewett of East Aurora, Nelson Holland Jewett III of Kingston WA, and Kent C. Jewett of Summit NJ; and six grandchildren.

**Douglas McKenzie Jewett** (16896) died 24 Jan 2003. Interment Fort Custer Cemetery, Battle Creek MI.

**Louise Emily (Darrow) Jewett**, widow of Wayne Samuel Jewett (9705 Samuel Jewett, Abel Merrill Jewett, George Perry Jewett, Samuel George Jewett) died 10 Feb 2003 in Atlantic IA. She was born 8 Jan 1913 in Adair County IA, daughter of Calvin and Anna Marie (Smith) Darrow. She grew up and attended schools in the Berea IA area. On 31 Mar

1934 she married Wayne Samuel Jewett in Des Moines IA. They lived in Anita all of their married lives. For the last eight months Louise lived at Colonial Manor in Anita. Louise was a member of the Anita Methodist Church for over 53 years, serving her church in many ways. She was a former member of Pythian Sisters and Bide-a-Wee Bridge Club. Louise received a volunteer award from Gov. Terry Branstad in 1996. Surviving are two daughters, Janet Westphalen and husband Dallas of Atlantic and Janey Powell and husband Roger of Lee's Summit MO; daughter-in-law Judy Jewett of Reinbeck IA; nine grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. Louise was preceded in death by her husband in Aug 1982 and son Douglas in Jul 1988.

**Raymond J.W. "Jay" Leonberger**, husband of Bennie Dorsey (Jewett) Leonberger (16181), died 3 Apr 2003 in Booneville MO. Interment Walnut Grove Cemetery.

**Ruby S. (Jewett) Madden**, (944 Henry Jewett, Aaron Crosby Jewett, John Henry Jewett, Myron Pixley Jewett, Howard Stanley Jewett), died 1 Jun 2003 in Bremerton WA. She was born 1 Jan 1927 in Misoula MT to Mamie A. Smith and Howard S. Jewett. She was the first baby born in Misoula County that year. She attended Misoula schools until 1943 when the family moved to Bremerton to be involved in the University of Washington. Ruby went to work as a bookkeeper for several Bremerton businesses. Later she worked for the Public Works Department at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard where she retired as supervisor in 1988. Ruby married Clay E. Madden 27 Sep 1946. She and Clay enjoyed many years of camping and fishing. They were boating enthusiasts and in later years enjoyed traveling in the motor home. Ruby especially enjoyed the monthly luncheons with her Bremerton High School Class of 1945 classmates and their yearly "sleep-overs" at Fort Warden in Port Townsend. In her younger years Ruby was an accomplished skater, acrobat and dancer. Ruby is survived by her husband Clay of Port Orchard; a daughter Lucy Burnett of Ugashik AK; son and daughter-in-law- Clay and Pam Madden of Port Orchard; sister and brother-in-law Rose and Edward Kelly of Bremerton; brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Lynn Hamilton of Allyn.

**Robert Paul Richter** (16910) died 10 Jun 2003 in Miami Fl. He was born 16 Jul 1919 in Lansing MI, attended Michigan State College and entered the US Navy in Jun 1943. He received his commission as an Ensign from Notre Dame University, then attended Cornell University and later Sub Chaser School in Miami. He served aboard Naval Ship LST 854 in the Pacific. Upon leaving the service, he moved to Miami and worked for McCormick & Co. until 1955, then as a salesman for Chevron Corp. until he retired in Jul 1984. Bob had a long and wonderful life, filled with a loving family and friends. He married his first wife, Doris Jane Henninger, in 1947. They had four children. After losing his wife to cancer in 1977, he married Dorris Monger and they retired to Boynton Beach. They returned home to Miami just prior to her death in 2000. In the last few years of his life he enjoyed the companionship and friendship of Ester Gentile, a long-time friend of the family. His church always played a central role in his life and he loved to sing. Over the years his deep voice melted the hearts of many a congregation. He will be missed by the Sunset Congregational Church and choir. Bob also loved to play golf, travel and was a member of Masonic Lodge #223. He is survived by his sister, Betty Rooker of Virginia, children Joyce Ritter, Nancy Crisler (Michael), and Donald Richter (Cecilia); eight grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

**Marilyn Joan (Dolbee) Merindorf** (16960) died 27 May 2003 in Mason MI. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Aurelius Township, MI. She was a graduate of Mason High School and married Charles Merindorf 22 Jun 1957; she then attended Cosmetology School. She was an active 4-H Leader, Judge and Clerk for over 25 years and a member of the Aurelius Baptist Church She loved gardening, camping, fishing, but especially spending time with her loving family. Surviving are her husband Charles; daughters, Lucinda Merindorf of Eagle, Teresa (Bruce) Wildey of Battle Creek and MariJo (Tim) Weatherwax of St. Johns; son, Linn (Melinda) Merindorf; and six grandchildren.

## Family News

**Robert Joseph Young** (16386) was elected President of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Paul Carrington Chapter #5, Houston TX.

**Travis Lee Copen**, son of Mark and Verginia (23430) Copen, graduated from Riverdale High School, Murfreesboro TN, as Co-Valedictorian on 23 May 2003. He received the Isaac Anderson Fellowship and has been accepted at Maryville College, Maryville TN, where he will be in religious studies. He plans to be a youth pastor. Travis had perfect attendance for his high school career except the five days he missed when his brother, Craig, died. Each of the co-valedictorians made a short speech and Travis's is as follows: Greetings Ladies, Gentlemen, and Class of 2003,

I want to begin by saying thank you to a few people. Thank you to all the teachers who made learning fun and exciting. Thank you to my friends - especially those who were there for me when I needed you most. Thank you to my girlfriend, Lauren. You stuck around when the tough times hit and I will never forget that. Thank you to my parents who showed me what unconditional love truly is and for being pillars of strength when I needed you most. Thank you to my brother, Shane, who taught me to do things whatever way I wanted to do them. And thank you to my brother, Craig. Craig, you were the most influential person in my life. In the short twenty years that God put you on Earth, you managed to teach me what it meant to live life to the fullest and what it meant to be a man. I just hope to make you proud.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, a German author, wrote that "Nothing is worth more than this day." As we leave our childhood behind us, we must learn to take advantage of every day we live. These past four years have been great, but their purpose has finally been served. We are being set free from our youth and accepted as adults. As we go out and try to make something of ourselves, I ask that you make the most of each day. We are not promised a tomorrow so don't let life pass you by.

The Italian painter, Michelangelo prayed, "Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish." And so today I ask you, members of the Class of 2003, to set a goal for yourselves. Set a goal higher than you could ever have imagined whatever we put our minds to. We are from Riverdale, after all. As we see our future unfolding before us, we must decide what we want out of life. We must make our future a future worth living.

So, Class of 2003, I ask that you look at what you want from life, set your goals high, and refuse to stop until you reach them. If we aspire to make a mark in this world, then we must be willing to work for it. There is no better time than the present to begin making a difference.

**Jennifer Lynn Lair** (18348) graduated 31 May 2003 from Frisco High School, Frisco TX. Jen was awarded Kansas States University's Legacy Scholarship during ceremonies 27 Jan at K-State. Presenting the award was Pat Bosco, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Dean of Student Life. During K-State's annual Scholarship Day, students and their parents were guests of the university at a banquet. Throughout the day, they attended meetings with academic deans and student life officials.

Jen was also awarded a \$500 grant for Disability Awareness at Frisco High School. She developed a program and presented it to schools, clubs and parents as well as the Frisco School Boards.

**Sara Elizabeth Lair** (18349), Jennifer's younger sister, is an athlete who is very good at soccer and softball. She is an artist as well. She came in fourth in the district story-telling competition, received a high gold in ballet competition, "The Music Box," and received a blue ribbon for art.



Left to Right - Pat Bosco presenting the K-State award to Jennifer Lair (18348)

Sara Elizabeth Lair (18349) - "The Music Box Ballet" and Award Winning Art

## Percy Jewett Burrell (6551)

John Mongiovi

National Historian, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America

One member of the Jewett family who gained significant popularity that continues today is Percy Jewett Burrell, born in 1877 to Alice Bell Neal and Joseph Maurice Burrell of Boston. During his lifetime Percy Jewett Burrell was recognized as an accomplished director of historical pageants throughout the United States, but it is perhaps his contributions to the Sinfonia Fraternity of America that carry forward his name today.

After graduating from Phillips Grammar School in 1891 and the English High School in 1894, Burrell attended the New England Conservatory, from which he received a Diploma in Elocution in 1896. He then received the post-graduate degree of Bachelor of Oratory from Boston University in 1902, where he was also a student of Methodist theology. His talents led him to be a well known public speaker with an enviable reputation as a teacher of oratory, and later as an author and director of national reputation.

From approximately 1917 to 1945 Burrell was in high demand throughout the United States and by the mid 1930's stood preeminent in his profession as a consultant, author, organizer and director of historical and patriotic pageants and community and religious drama. His work took him coast to coast, and no one was in more demand than he for his service in this field. Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, Professor-Emeritus of History at Harvard University, called Burrell "the master pageant-master," and Dramatist Percy MacKay said of Burrell, "I know of no other person who combines his mastery of minutiae with the kind of human idealism necessary for projecting such phases of community art." Among these was the *Pageant of Saratoga*, with 6500 participants and 125,000 spectators making it the largest historical spectacle of its type ever given in the country at that time. By 1932, over 100,000 persons had come under his guidance as pageant participants and committee members, and over 1,200,000 spectators had seen his indoor and outdoor productions. One can imagine that, as one report described, "Assuming Billy Sunday attitudes, Director Burrell paced up and down the floor shouting instructions, wheedling men and women to talk louder and clearer."

Burrell described a pageant as "a play which has as a plot the history of the town, and as its hero, the town itself," but he regarded the drama as more than a mere form of entertainment. Burrell wrote, "The impulses of art, education, patriotism and religion, reach out and select this form of expression as a means of revelation of life itself." It was his hope and belief that the spirit of community would be reflected by those who participated in these dramas "in closer bonds of neighborliness and good-will toward one another." To him, the best gift that a pageant bestowed upon a people was "the social solidarity left behind it." The pageant was a way to bring out the soul of community and the soul of the country. Thus he called it "the Drama of Democracy."

Burrell's view of the art as a means of uplifting the soul and developing the spirit of the community is reflected in his writings for the Sinfonia Fraternity of America, a music Fraternity founded at the New England Conservatory in 1898 for the purpose of instilling in musical students the ideals of manhood and a commitment to the uplift of mankind. For example, he wrote:

It is a truism that as long as man loves but himself and his art he can never attain to the full measure of manhood or reach the sublimest heights of his art. He must seek to love men as brothers and art, not for the sake of art itself, but art as a means toward bringing all men up to that verdant plateau where their souls may be fed in very rejoicing in all that is true, beautiful, abiding.

Burrell was initiated into the Sinfonia in 1899 and served as president of the chapter at the New England Conservatory in 1900 and 1903. He was instrumental in the expansion of the club into a national Fraternity, which he served as Supreme President from 1907 to 1914. One report describes Burrell as being "gifted with an executive ability rarely found with an abundance of oratory, that, were he placed on the floor of the Senate Chamber, at Washington, would make some of the noted speakers of the same look small." A report from the 1909 Sinfonia Convention describes the manner in which he presided over the meeting:

Of course, Burrell was masterly. With those hand-splitting crashes of the gavel he compelled attention and pushed things to a finish. Our Supreme is one of the kind that wears well. You may think he is an all right block of Boston ice when you first meet him, but he wears neither his heart nor his mind on his sleeve, and so your regard for his true worth and executive ability is constantly growing. But even those who have known him long had to acknowledge that the way he handled this convention was immense, surpassing all former records.

Burrell stands alongside his lifelong friend, Sinfonia's founder Ossian Everett Mills, as one of the primary articulators of the Fraternity's philosophy, which today continues to guide thousands of musical students at over two thousand academic institutions across the nation. Sacrifice for others, personal responsibility, fraternal love, and the brotherhood of Man are among the recurring themes of Burrell's writings, for which he is esteemed by countless Sinfonians. His philosophy can be aptly summed up in the following words which he wrote in 1908:

Brotherhood! The brotherhood of men! What spiritual significance! Do we catch its true meaning? Does it give us a real and vital experience? Do we get a spiritual insight? Do we look out with a broader vision? Do we think in terms and live in acts of brotherhood? If we do, we move in harmony, attuned to God, the father, and man, the Brother. What is music without harmony? Verily it is *not* music. Life without good will and fraternity - what is it? Indeed it is *not* life. He has not truly lived who has not lived for others, in sympathy and harmony with his fellows.

Percy Jewett Burrell died in 1964 at age ninety-seven and had no descendants. He is buried in Watertown MA where a monument is being erected in his memory.

Note from JFA Historian Lee Jewett Petry: John Mongiovi contacted me in April 2003 and reported that when Percy Jewett Burrell passed away, he was buried in an unmarked welfare grave. When Mr. Mongiovi became aware of this, he was determined to purchase a marker and to install it with a ceremony that would coincide with the centennial anniversary of Percy's Presidency of the Sinfonia Fraternity. The cemetery owners' would not allow Mr. Mongiovi to erect a marker because he was not a family member. However, he was informed that it would be possible if permission were granted by someone who was related to Percy. Mr. Mongiovi contacted the Jewett Family of America and I was able to find John Fertig Jewett, a second cousin, twice removed, who graciously consented to provide the necessary permission. The cemetery agreed to the placing of a monument which should be ready in the fall. The thanks of the Jewett Family of America go to Mr. Mongiovi for his persistence in obtaining recognition for Percy Jewett Burrell.

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## **The Jewett Ancestral Tour of England June 2003**

Written by Jim Jewett and Jim Strain and dedicated to the memory of Richard Gorball who suggested the idea of doing such a tour on the 365th anniversary of our ancestors departure from England.

A once in a lifetime experience! We visited many cities, villages and sites in which our Jewett ancestors lived prior to 1638. We arrived at the Manchester Airport and were greeted by our tour guide, Nick Fogg, along with Roger and Roberta Haas and Janey Jewett Powell who had arrived earlier. After quick introductions we were escorted to our private coach and met our driver, Bryan, who proceeded to a nearby hotel to pick up Mary, Jeff and Chris Gorball who had arrived early to explore London. We had a brief ride through the lush green countryside to the ancient city of Chester, which gave us a chance to rest and visit with each other.

Chester is known for its medieval wall which completely surrounds the city. Most of us walked the full two miles on top of the wall. Chester is also known for its Roman ruins dating back to 70 AD. After dropping off our luggage at the Hotel Blossoms, we proceeded to the Blue Bell restaurant for lunch. The establishment has been in business since the 1400's. Carol Kraft, one of the four members of the Fairbanks family, joined us at this point and we enjoyed getting to know her during our very lovely lunch. On our way to lunch, we took the time to tour the magnificent Chester Cathedral, a massive brownstone structure.

The first night was a very special event when the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress accepted our invitation to join us for dinner. We were flattered to have them join us. William Jewett, an unidentified family member, served as Mayor of Chester in 1578 and was known for having jailed all the butchers in the city for not allowing outside meat vendors to sell within the city limits. We also had three other members of the Fairbanks family join us, Laretta Olsen, Julie Andersen and her daughter Arden. Arden was our youngest tour member at the great age of nine and was a delight to have with us. The Fairbanks family joined with our tour due to their family roots in Fairfax, a city in the same area as Bradford. After dinner we had dessert while Dave Jowitt<sup>1</sup> gave a talk on the subject of Jowitt connections. He provided great insight about the family and gave his opinions about the origins of the family name. The Lord Mayor offered us an invitation to join him on a tour of his private chambers and the Chester City Hall the following day, which we enthusiastically accepted.

On the second day of our tour we met the Town Crier, Mike Mitchell, who was our guide on a morning tour of Chester pointing out many of its fine features and adding charm and wit the whole way. We walked through the famous Rows and came to the town cross where two of us were given the opportunity to be a Town Crier, first Jim Jewett, who failed to remove his hat when he proclaimed "God Save the Queen," for which he could have been executed for treason, and then Carol Kraft. We continued our tour, had tea in an old church and then returned to the town cross where the Town Crier did his daily routine sharing the news of the day and greeting many tourists in their native languages. The rest of the day was spent walking the wall or shopping in the ancient Rows which were shops built on two levels so you could shop at street level or on the balcony level overlooking the street.

The next destination was Bradford, and on the way we stopped near Knutsford to tour the Tabley House which is the only 18th Century Palladian country home in Cheshire complete with its own church. Our drive then took us through the once wool and cotton manufacturing area of England. Unfortunately most of these huge factories have been closed. This is the area to which most of the United States cotton was sold prior to the Civil War. The Confederate States had hoped that withholding the cotton would force England to get involved in the war by coming to their assistance, but that did not happen.

We toured Saddleworth Museum, in one of the former manufacturing villages which also gave us an opportunity to take an unscheduled boat ride on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. The canal was used prior to the railroad and has been restored for recreational use only. It has the longest tunnel and is the highest canal in elevation in Europe. We went through several locks along the route and it was a beautiful and relaxing ride. We then continued on to Halifax where we left the Fairbanks family members and continued our trip to Bradford.

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<sup>1</sup> Dave Jowitt runs a wonderful website on Jowitts/Jewetts/Juetts of whatever spelling. It can be accessed at <http://www.jowitt1.org.uk>

At Bradford we checked into our hotel which was one of the grand railroad hotels constructed throughout England in the 1900's. We had a walking tour of the city and saw many of the grand buildings which were built in the once very rich city. The city is built over the top of a river and near the center is the Town Hall, a very beautiful building. We also visited the Wool Exchange, now a book store. Unfortunately, many of the old buildings were torn down in the 50's and 60's to make way for new, but unattractive buildings, when the textile industry was still booming.

Following the city tour we were escorted to the train station where we traveled to Keighley and boarded the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, a Victorian era steam train, for a delightful countryside trip to Haworth. The steam train is still powered by lump coal for fuel. In Haworth we rejoined the Fairbanks family members and toured the home of the home of the Brontë sisters, now a museum, and also the church where their father was the minister. Charlotte Brontë wrote *Jane Eyre* (1847); Emily Brontë wrote *Wuthering Heights* (1847); and Anne Brontë wrote *Agnes Grey* (1847.) The town was full of little shops and was fun to explore. After the tour we returned the Fairfax family members back to Halifax, and we returned to Bradford.

On Sunday we walked to Bradford Cathedral to attend Sunday services. Jim Jewett was asked to come forward and explain the purpose of the tour and the Jewett connection to Bradford so many years ago. After the service we were invited to have tea with the church members. Several stalwart tour members climbed the stairs to the bell tower and watched the ringing of the bells. Following the visit to the Cathedral we drove to Halifax to pick up the Fairbanks group and then on to Shibden Mill Inn to enjoy a traditional pub lunch. After lunch we drove to the village of Ovenden and made a quick stop at the Parish Church in Clayton where many Jowetts had lived; then on to Thornton. We had our last stop in Heaton at St. Barbabas Church where a member of the Parish gave us a brief history of the area and the surrounding countryside and pointed out an area where the Jowett family had owned property at one time; it is now a school.

The day ended back at the hotel in Bradford where the Fairbanks family members joined us for a Jewett Family Reunion dinner. We had a guest speaker, Dr. George Redmonds, who gave us a very pointed lecture on the origins of names in the Yorkshire area. He shared with us how the Jewett name came to be. It was his opinion that it was original to Bradford, and that the American descendants most likely carried on the true spelling of the name as they had a greater attachment to it for their identity while the English family members seldom used last names until the 17th century, and by then they assumed because it was spelled Jowett, it should sound like "cow." Dr. Redmonds had a map which showed where the family lived and the other families that lived near by, including the Lister family. The Bradford Parish records reveal a marriage of Mary Jowett, widow of Edward Jowett, to William Lister. The two families lived very close to one another a short distance from the city center of Bradford.

The next day we visited the ancient city of York. The York Minster, a huge cathedral, is spectacular in size and detail. It is over one mile in length and was spared destruction during the reformation with more than half of all the medieval stained glass in England. The Minster was built on the site of a Roman fort where Constantine was crowned Emperor of the Roman Empire. We added a side tour by going to the undercroft, or basement, of the Minster where we saw part of a Roman street and a culvert from the Roman era that still has running water. Also we saw the different levels upon which the current building stands. All these features were found during restoration work several years ago.

Following the tour we wandered through the streets of York, including one medieval street called the "Shambles," visiting the many shops in the area. Also we went to the Jorvic Center where we went back in time 1000 years to see how the area evolved over time, including the odd smell of Vikings. We spent the night in the wonderful Pavalion Hotel.

The next morning we departed for Holme-Upon-Spaulding Moor, a small village where several of our New England ancestors came from. We had to park the coach in the village and walk up a moderately steep hill through a wheat field to reach the old parish church. We were pleasantly surprised to be greeted by some of the parishioners who had prepared tea and cookies. There was a special surprise was for the Fairbanks family members as one of the greeters was a Fairbanks. Parts of the church had been built in the 1400's atop a hill due to the valley being subject to flooding and wet lands around about, now long gone.

From there we proceeded to the sea-side village of Bramston from which the Carleton family came; there are a number of Jewett/Carleton connections. There was not much to see there so we went to the tourist town of Bridlington where we shopped and had lunch before proceeding to Beverly. The Minster in Beverly was very grand and is well known for the musical performances held there. The building had many small carvings depicting musical instruments and many other things to see as well.

We finished the day with a visit to Rowley Parish where our ancestors heard the preaching of Ezekiel Rogers and made the choice to depart with him to America. The little parish church is in a beautiful country setting making it hard to picture where the congregation came from. We were guided through the church by the pastor and then walked to Rowley Manor for a delightful meal and entertainment by Charles Sanders, a bagpiper in full Scottish regalia. The Manor is quiet and beautiful and if anyone makes it to the Hull area, they should consider staying there.

On 4 Jun we departed for visits to Hensall and Snaith where the Fairbanks family had connections, then on the Sheffield to visit the archives where we were allowed a private showing of original maps made by members of the Fairbanks family as well as personal note books that reviewed fantastic humor by the creators of these wonderful maps. Sheffield was a very industrialized city and was the key steel producer; it has now fallen on hard times due to decreased steel production. It is also now known for the movie *The Full Monty*.

Our next stop was Chesterfield for lunch and a view of the twisted Church steeple. It was constructed with green wood on which was laid heavy lead shingles and their weight caused it to form a twist. The English like to say that the devil stopped on the steeple and when he smelled the incense from the church service, it caused him to sneeze, and that it how the twist occurred!

We continued on the Stratford-upon-Avon, the home of our guide, Nick Fogg, as well as Shakespeare. We spent the night at Stratford Hall which was a guest house built by monks in the 1400's where we were invited to find the "priest

hole," which was a hidden compartment where a catholic priest could hide to avoid capture or death by English soldiers who were sent to arrest them during the Reformation. The following day we visited Ann Hathaway's family cottage. She was the wife of William Shakespeare; we visited his birth place and many places only a home town guide would know.

After lunch we parted from our guide and proceeded with our driver to London. In London we all toured on our own, seeing many of the sights such as the London Eye (a gigantic ferris wheel), Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, House of Parliament, etc. Most of these places were a short walking distance from our hotel. That night we attended a Medieval Banquet where we were served by "wenches" and were entertained. We were all drawn into the festival by drinking mead and wine and banging upon the tops of the tables to show our appreciation for our hosts and the entertainers. This was a great way to spend the last night with the twelve people who shared our tour as we departed the next day on our separate ways home.

Participants in this tour represented descendants of Joseph, Maximilian and William Jewett. Many thanks to the spouses who joined us in sharing this great adventure.

## Queries

Need information on the following Jewetts, Alexanders and Rainers: **Gilman Jewett** (11046) born 10 Aug 1793 Hopkinton NH, died 20 Jun 1835 in Monroe County IL. He married **Elizabeth Alexander** 13 Feb 1825 in Monroe County IL. Her father **William Alexander** was born about 1783 in PA; he was married to **Mary Rainer (or Raner, Reiner, Reyner.)** Both William Alexander and Gilman Jewett were Postmasters at Black Heath in IL, William from 1813 to 1824; Gilman from 1824 to 1826.

Follow-up to queries in 2003 Quarterly No. 1, p.15:  
**Forest Jewett** is the son of **Frank E. Jewett** (8057).

Follow-up to queries in 2003 Quarterly No. 2, p.31:  
**Parker Jewett** is the grandson of (3033) Josiah Jewett (1797-1827). His father was Josiah Jewett (1821-1881). Parker was born 12 Apr 1850 in Decatur County IN and died 14 Feb 1898 in Liberty, Montgomery, KS. He married first **Elizabeth Allen** 24 Nov 1872 in Montgomery County KS. They had one child, Mary I. Jewett who married William H. Stemmer. Parker married second **Mary Magsdalene/Magaline Betts** 17 Jun 1877. They had six children as listed in the previous Quarterly.

**Hannibal Jewett** is the brother of Parker Jewett. He was born in Carroll County IN \_\_\_\_\_ 1863 and died \_\_\_\_\_ 1937 in Liberty, Montgomery, KS. He married **Elizabeth Anne Betts** 26 Nov 1882 in \_\_\_\_\_ KS. Their children are listed in the previous Quarterly.

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## Lineage of Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr., President of the United States 1974-1977

Elizabeth Jewett (1690)	Born 28 Feb 1771 East Haddam CT Married Anselm Comstock 13 Jan 1790 East Haddam CT
Daughter Betsey Comstock (3458)	Born 13 Jul 1795 Lyme CT Married Daniel Butler circa 1818 Rockport NY
Son George Selden Butler	Born 1 Jul 1820 Rhinebeck NY Married Elizabeth Ely Gridley 24 Apr 1843 Clinton NY
Daughter Amy Gridley Butler	Born 9 Jun 1848 Rockport NY Married George Manney Ayer 15 Sep 1864 Kenosha WI
Daughter Adele Augusta Ayer	Born 22 Oct 1867 Youngstown OH Married Levi Adison Gardner 21 Oct 1884 Harvard IL
Daughter Dorothy Ayer Gardner	Born 27 Feb 1892 Harvard IL Married Leslie Lynch King 7 Sep 1912
Adopted Son Gerald Rudolf Ford Jr.	Born 14 Jul 1913 Omaha NE

## Rowley Church Window Note Cards for Sale

A watercolor painting of the beautiful church windows of St. Peters Church in Rowley, England, has been transferred onto 4 x 5½ note cards and are available to Jewett Family of America, Inc. members. You may recall that the Jewetts helped to finance these windows which depict the followers of Ezekiel Rogers leaving Rowley, England and sailing to America on the *John of London* in 1638 to found Rowley MA. The back of each card contains an explanation of the windows and the Jewett Family's contribution. The images below are the back and the front of the note cards. Please keep in mind that the windows are in color.

Judy Harriman did the artwork. Her husband, Richard, of Randolph ME discovered a few years ago that both his mother's Jewett ancestors and his father's Harriman ancestors sailed to Rowley on the same ship in 1638.

You may purchase 8 note cards and envelopes for \$10. The price includes postage. profits will go to the Jewett Family of America, Inc. Send your address and check to Judy Harriman, 71 Kinderhook Street, Randolph ME 04346. For more information, contact: [djharriman@aol.com](mailto:djharriman@aol.com)

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