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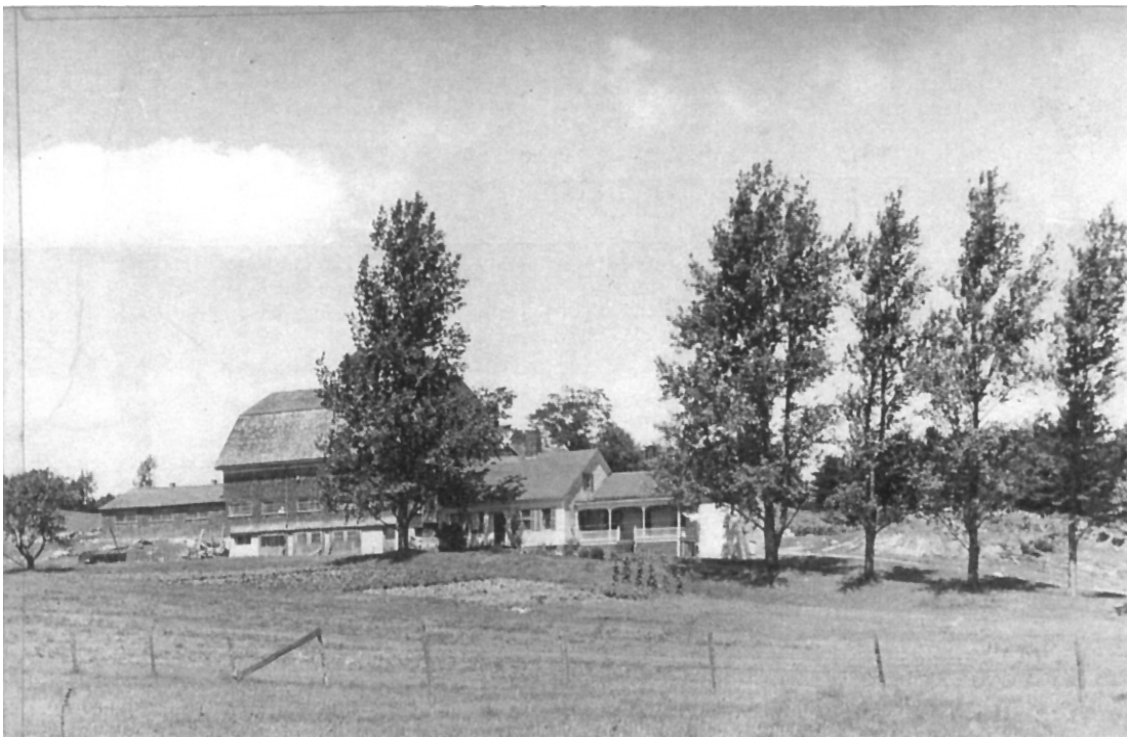

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Donations

BG Richard Lee Jewett (21288) of Asheville NC donated the following books by Sarah Orne Jewett (6571) to the Jewett Family of America: *The Country of the Pointed Firs* signed by its illustrator Douglas Alvord and the Library of America book *Sarah Orne Jewett*, a collection of her works.

Correction

2003 Quarterly No. 4, p.63: John Hulbert DeYoung Jewett Jr. should be John Hulbert DeYoung Jr.

Thank Yous

My thanks to Jim Jewett in Spokane WA for the extensive work he did on the manuscripts of the descendants of Joseph Jewett's daughters Sarah (16), Hannah (17) and Patience (20).

In addition to the letters of thanks for the Jewett Family of America donations to the Grandview Heritage Foundation and the Oberlin Heritage Center, a note of thanks was also received from the Rowley Historical Society.

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Dear Mr. Loranz:

I am writing convey deep appreciation for the donation received by our organization in 2003 from the Jewett Family of America, Inc. Your organization's $200 grant was specifically used to purchase the rare, four volume set, "*Compendious History of New England, 1497-1765*," written by John Gorham Palfrey and published in 1883. This purchase supports the Foundation's ongoing activity to restore the original school library that existed at the Grandview Normal Institute. Containing over three thousand volumes, many books in this collection have been damaged by time, water and insects. The newly purchased Palfrey volumes, which are in excellent condition, are exact duplicates of the remaining damaged volumes held in the library's collection.

Given the family origins of Grandview's own Lt. Charles Jewett Jr., the Foundation selected the Palfrey volumes with his family's prominent New England history in mind.

Again, the Grandview Heritage Foundation is grateful for your continuing support of our organization's mission.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Loranz and Members of the Jewett Family of America:

Thank you for your gift of $200.00 to the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization, which we received on December 16, 2003. We have designated your generous contribution to our 2003 Annual Fund campaign. Your support is very important to our organization, as it helps to uphold the traditions of historic preservation and community improvement upon which the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization was first founded.

As an expression of our gratitude for your Annual Fund participation, we wish to extend to you an organizational membership in O.H.I.O. with our compliments for the coming year. Enclosed you will find a membership card and a Certificate of Appreciation. We have included some materials about O.H.I.O. to bring you up to date on the latest happenings here.

Thank you for your kindness in continuing the Oberlin Heritage Center's subscription as a no-fee member of the Jewett Family of America. We enjoy receiving your quarterly newsletter, and it is a wonderful addition to our Resource Center library.

We have enclosed our Program & News flyer so that you can stay up-to-date on the many activities happening at the Oberlin Heritage Center. You will take pride in seeing first-hand how you are helping to preserve the wonderful history of Oberlin and making it the unique community that it is today.

How nice of you!

Sincerely,

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Genealogical Information

Births

Grant Vincent Rupp, son of Jennifer Maria (Jewett) and Christian James Rupp, was born 4 Nov 2003 in Marshall MI. He is a descendant of (17274) Kenneth Wheeler Jewett, Don C. Jewett, Jennifer Maria Jewett.

Marriages

Beth Ann Julin (13094) married **Brian Paul Rosenberg** 9 Jul 2003 in Las Vegas NV. Brian was born 6 Jan 1980 in San Diego CA and was adopted by Stanley and Barbara Rosenberg. Beth and Brian now live in Menifee CA.

Allyson Winderlin Dorsey (16526) married **Richard Paul Tuttle** 11 Oct 2003 in New Orleans LA. Allyson was graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart and Rhodes College where she recieved a bachelor of arts degree. She also attended Loyola University Law School and is an attorney with Catholic Charities. Richard was graduated from Pomperaug High School in Middleburg CT and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He also attended the Tulane University Law School and is an attorney with New Orleans Legal Assistance. The couple resides in New Orleans.

Deaths

Mary Ellen (Stack) Rogers (25484) died 10 Jul 2003 in Homosassa FL. Interment Union Cemetery, Plymouth WI. She was born 28 Feb 1923 in Freeport IL and graduated from high school in Milwaukee WI and from Michigan State University in 1944. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega. Her husband, Ralph W Rogers Jr., died three weeks later on 3 Aug 2003. Interment Union cemetery, Plymouth WI. He was born 21 Oct 1913 in Minneapolis MN.

Rosemary (Ellsworth) Smith, wife of Norman Lester Smith (15498), died 27 Sep 2003 in Yates City IL. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, Elmwood IL. They had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversay in July. Surviving are husband Norman, son Michael (wife Karen) Smith of St. Petersburg FL; daughter Karen Smith of Elmwood IL; and daughter Lisa (husband Jim) Nichols of Monmouth IL; and one granddaughter.

Jewett News

Sarah King (18336), a fine arts student at The First Academy, was honored with an award in a competition sponsored by the Ghirardelli Soda Fountain & Chocolate Shop at the Disney Marketplace. The colorful look at the art of chocolate was part of Disney's Festival of the masters and featured works created by middle school and high school students. Eleventh-grade student Sarah King of Winter Garden took 1st place in the color division of the Ghirardelli competition after accumulating more votes than nay other peice in the entire show. The First Academy is a ministry of First Baptist Church Orlando.

The Rowley Public Library has informed us that there will be a formal dedication ceremony for the new library on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at 1:00 PM. Invitations have been sent to the Directors of the Jewett Family of America however all members are invited to attend if they are available.

Queries

Need information on **Myron Aiken Jewett** born 1888 in Colorado, son of George Washington Jewett, born in Canada 1841, married Julia Elizabeth Fuller 1872 in Indiana. The following stories may help in the finding Myron:

> One day, when my husband's great-grandfather was about six or seven years old (about 1895) and living in Washington State, he was playing in the yard with his siblings and a couple walked by stopping to comment to the other children about what a handsome boy he was. They called him over to them and asked what his name was. He answered, "The Hungry Dutchman." The woman smiled and said, "But what is your real name?" The boy repeated, "The Hungry Dutchman." The couple then asked if his parents were home (which they were) and if they could talk to them. The children showed the couple into the house to see George and Julia. The couple remarked about what a handsome boy they had and asked his name. Julia replied, "The Hungry Dutchman." When the couple asked why his parents responded, "We have so many children, and he eats the most of them all. We never gave him a name when he was born, just called him the Hungry Dutchman." The couple was very surprised and asked if they could name him. The parents consented and the couple named the boy Myron Aiken.
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> In 1948 or 1949 my father-in-law, James Jewett, tells of meeting his father Myron. James and his father and mother, Alva and Unice (sic) Jewett, lived in Washington or Oregon at the time. It was early afternoon and James was playing in the living room of his house when someone knocked at the door. James opened the door to a gentleman and a young woman. The gentleman asked if Alva was his father and James replied that he was. The gentleman smiled and said, "Then that makes me your grandfather Myron." Alva came to the door and Myron introduced himself as his father. Alva invited Myron and his lady companion in to have dinner with them. Myron told of selling tires in San Francisco and of traveling in Canada and California and back again. He also mentioned having other children. It is unclear if his companion was his wife. Alva and James said goodbye to the gentleman that evening and never saw him again.

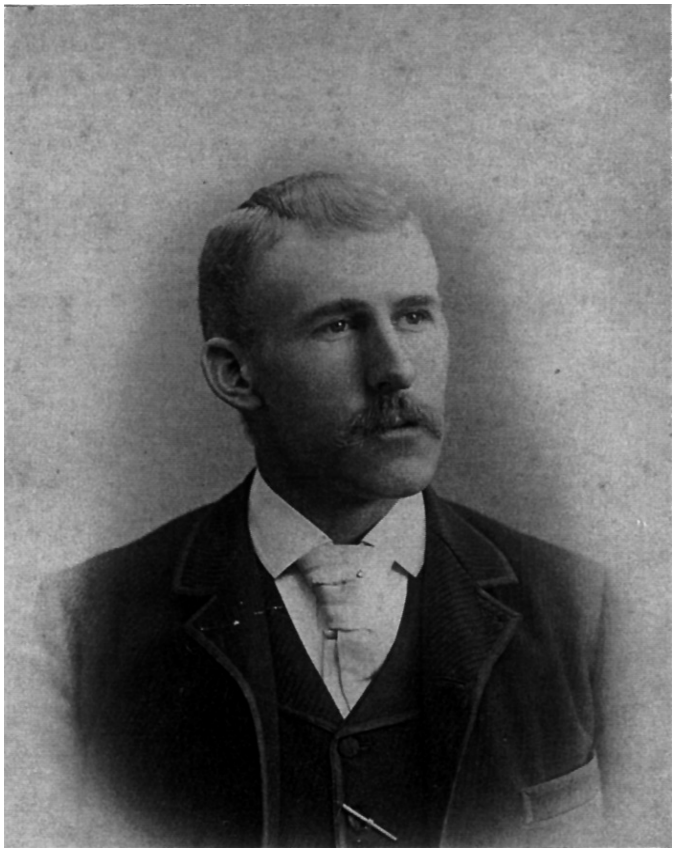
Need information on **Mariah Jewett** born 18 Sep 1841 Fayette County OH and died 15 Feb 1938 in Davis City IA. (Her parents were David Jewett born 7 Mar 1795 and Sarah Wheeler.) Mariah married John Davis 7 Oct 1859 in Linville IA. Children: Cordelia, John, Joseph, Narassus, James, Clayton, Millie, Grace, Mary.

Need information on **Ruth D. Jewett** born circa 1789, died 28 Feb 1853 in Bradford NH, married Charles Morse circa 1812. Children: Mary A., Elizabeth, Charles Clark.

Reflections in the Life of
Donald Curtis Jewett (9591)

By Bernice Jewett Mansir

Donald Curtis Jewett was born 28 Mar 1905 on a farm in Whitefield ME, the third child of Frank Clinton Jewett (9160) and Lubell Carrie (Smith) Jewett. At that farm, all five Jewett children were born and raised - Eugenia Luella Jewett (9589), Clifford (known as Stoddard) Erskine Jewett (9590), Donald Curtis Jewett (9591), Alton Kenneth Jewett (21115), Clinton (known as Ted) Smith Jewett (21116). A few years later Don's parents bought and moved to a second home in the Kings Mills section of the Town of Whitefield.



Frank Clinton Jewett (9160)

Lubell Carrie (Smith) Jewett

Don resembled his mother Lubell's looks and her witty, happy personality. In letters which Don's sister Eugenia wrote about her parents she said her mother "was five feet two inches tall, a beautiful lady with dark hair, which she combed in different ways, and dark blue large eyes, who had poise, serenity, and graciousness. She wasn't talkative but had something to say when she did. She was not a stick-in-the-mud. She could enjoy a joke on herself as well as on others. She was highly witty, smiled, and laughed a lot and was right up to snuff on the times." Don's mother was talented in sewing clothes, did lovely paintings on chinawear and shells, and was equal to a doctor and nurse combined in an emergency; but she became a wreck afterwards."

Their father Frank "was six feet tall, good looking, and had light, curly hair. He had lost his hair when he was young, except for a band around ear to ear in back. He lost the sight in an eye when a horse kicked him." He was Deputy Sheriff of Lincoln County, bringing law and order as occasions arose. Besides this he operated a farm and owned a sawmill and lumbering business. He also worked in his father Eugene Jewett's (7129) granite quarry until he got stonecutter's consumption (bad hemorrhages).

Don grew up with music as a part of his everyday life. There were many songfests and church sings at their home. Don had a beautiful tenor voice and played the cornet. His sister Eugenia played the piano and sang alto while his brother Kenneth played the violin. His mother had a pretty alto voice and practiced singing at least a half-hour a day to keep her voice in shape. His father sang second bass in a popular quartet both at church and town activities while his mother played the piano for these functions.

Both of Don's parents Frank and Lubell liked the social life and politics very much, which Don and Ted inherited. Lubell was happy to be in so-called society, and she loved to attend a Governor's Ball or some other highlight. She was a very good cook and loved parties; any time was a good excuse to celebrate.

Don attended elementary school in Kings Mills, went three years to Lincoln Academy in Damariscotta, and graduated in June 1923 from Cony High School in Augusta. After graduating Don was engaged and intended to marry a local Whitefield girl and take up farming. She did not see herself as a farmer's wife, however, and she instead jilted Don and then eloped with the local young preacher. This led Don to go with his sister Eugenia Jewett Parker and her husband Forest to California that fall with Fred Scott, a local storekeeper who also owned a store in California. His mother was all for his going, but his dad did not want him to go. Don went and soon had a job working in the woods in Glendale CA. He became a foreman immediately because of his experience working in the woods with horses on his father's farm and by showing them how to hitch the horses and drag out trees in a better fashion. His sister, a nurse, and her husband found jobs several miles away in Alpine. Don and Eugenia were in California only a few months when on 22 Dec 1923 they received a telegram from their father stating, "Mother and Kenneth killed. Come at once. Wire answer Western Union."

Don, Eugenia, and Forest boarded a train for Maine. They did not know any details until they arrived home. On the train a newspaper crier announced a murder; but not realizing it was their loved ones, they did not buy a paper. It took about a week to return home. Meantime, the bodies at home were packed in snow in the shed until their return. On Saturday afternoon 29 Dec 1923 the funeral was held at the Jewett home in Kings Mills. They were buried that same winter day about a mile from the home at the Whitefield Cemetery.

Through the years Don's children have pieced together what they assumed happened from information given them by their father, the *Kennebec Journal* newspaper articles, and Whitefield townspeople. Lubell Carrie Smith Jewett (age 51) and her son Alton Kenneth Jewett (age 15) were murdered 22 Dec 1923 by John Snow, a German-born Polish man from Massachusetts. John Snow was known to have a violent temper and was abusive to his wife Ida Brann Snow and her family. Six weeks earlier Frank Jewett, Maine Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff, had given Mr. Snow a chance to work at his farm when he was arrested for threatening to kill the Brann family after they notified authorities for fear of their lives. Mr. Snow worked on the Jewett farm and seemed to be doing well. It is felt that a Christmas card from Snow's wife Ida stating she missed him and wanted him to come see her and the baby angered him and caused his rampage.

Three days before Christmas Frank and his youngest son Ted went to Gardner by horse and buggy to run errands. Frank left the car with Lubell so she and their son Kenneth could go to Waterville to see their oldest son Stoddard and his wife Cecile, and grandson Hartley, age one and a half. Stoddard lived in Waterville and worked for the railroad. Before leaving for Waterville, Kenneth went up the road to the next house where a friend lived to see if she wanted to go with them. Since she had housework to do, she was unable to go. On his way home from the neighbor's house, Kenneth stopped to talk with Philip Staples, a deaf boy who was playing at the brook. Kenneth suddenly sped off towards home, but Philip did not know why. Shortly afterwards, Philip walked by the Jewett home, but the car was not there.

Meanwhile, John Snow knowing that Frank had left his home must have demanded the car from Lubell, who refused him. Perhaps he went to the desk where the gun was kept, or maybe Lubell got it to protect herself. Multiple shots were fired, and bullets were found in the walls. Snow killed Lubell, dragged her body through the parlor into a bedroom, and put her under the bed. When Kenneth arrived home and came through the parlor door, he was shot two times.

Several townspeople saw the car speeding by but they, thinking Frank was off checking out a matter, did not pay

attention to who was driving. Lore Ford II, school teacher and friend, saw the car speed by the Kings Mills school, knew what the family was doing that day, and decided to go to the Jewett home to check out the situation where he discovered the bodies. Immediately he headed for Gardiner to notify Frank of the tragedy. He met Frank and Ted coming toward Whitefield from East Pittston Village. While Frank was in Gardner, he was notified that the Brann family had been murdered in Jefferson. He was on his way home to get fresh horses for the trip there and to leave Ted at home when Mr. Ford met up with them. He thought Lubell and Kenneth had already gone to Waterville. Ted, age 12, was nearly uncontrollable with grief when he learned of the tragedy.

After murdering the Jewetts, John Snow took the car and headed to the Brann home. On his way he stopped in two different homes wanting to kill two other men, but they were not home. He continued on to the Brann home where he murdered his wife Ida's grandmother, Ida's aunt who was sick in bed, and last he beat and shot Ida three times before he shot himself in the head. He did not harm his infant daughter who was lying in a crib. A young Brann boy, age seven, who was playing outside the Brann home heard a commotion, peered through the window, and went to neighbors for help. By the time they arrived, John Snow had done his deed. Authorities were notified who contacted Joseph Odione, MD and the coroner. When Dr. Odione arrived at the Brann home, John Snow was still alive but was unable to make a statement before he died. The Christmas card from his wife was found in Snow's pocket.

On Monday 24 Dec 1923 John Snow was buried in a grave near the swamp of the Brann home with no minister or anyone else attending. No cemetery officials in the area would allow him to be buried in their cemetery. As there was no other place to bury Snow, he was buried on the Brann property. The house had been boarded up after the killings. On the night of 24 Dec or early Christmas morning, several mystery men went to John Snow's grave, dug up his body, broke into the house, placed his body there and soaked it with gasoline and burned up the place. An article in the *Kennebec Journal* stated, "This action was not done for revenge - just superstition to remove the ghosts and to insure peace for those slain." However, John Snow's relatives in Worcester MA were upset with the action, felt it was inhumane, and contacted Maine authorities for a full investigation to persecute those involved.

After the fire, only ashes and bones remained. They were gathered up after an investigation by the State of Maine Attorney General's Office, given to the coroner to return to the grave site, and reburied 26 Dec on the Brann property in the same pine box. A wooden cross and a large stone engraved with a cross were placed at the site. The Snow family later removed the remains and took them back to Massachusetts.

It was never discovered who the mystery men were; therefore, no convictions were ever made. The newspaper stated that thirty to forty masked men were involved. However, Don told his family that only three or four people acted in the incident, and he would never reveal to his children who they were. The Jewett family, the Brann family, and the close-knit townspeople rallied together to protect those involved. Don's children inquired of Whitefield townspeople years later only to discover that very few people knew the names of the mystery men. Anyone connected with the incident is now deceased.

Baby Snow was taken care of at first by a neighbor, then by State authorities in Augusta, and later the newspaper reported they baby girl died of pneumonia. Don told his children that the newspaper article was to cover up the baby's identity. She was adopted by a family, and her name was changed to enable her to grow up normally and not have the crimes of her father hanging over her.

After the tragedy, Don went for a short while to Fisher Business School, Cambridge MA, and Bryant and Stratton Business College in Boston. His family, especially Eugenia, kept begging him to come home; they needed him. He thought about taking a job on a ship but before going decided to return home to Whitefield. On Don's return home he bought a small farm from Fred Scott in Pittston near the Whitefield line. There he started his herd of purebred Ayrshire cattle in 1924. His father and previous generations had always raised red beef cattle, either Herefords or Durham, until Donald branched away with the Ayrshires. Don said his father at one time had an Ayrshire on his farm that he really liked and that is why he chose purebred Ayrshires to raise.

A short time after the murders, Frank became involved with Blanch Blodgett, a neighbor who lived across the road from his home. None of the Jewett children liked her. She did not have a good reputation in town. Eventually Frank moved into Blanch's home. The children were upset that their father would take up with the likes of her. It was

during this time that Frank and Blanch attended a grange meeting at the Dresden Grange Hall where Helen Caston was a speaker. Blanch, a distant cousin to Helen, introduced Frank to Helen, which was the only time they ever saw each other. Frank came home from the meeting and told Donald that he met the girl he should marry. At that time Don did not pay much attention to the remark.

Frank died 23 Jul 1928 at Blanch's home at age 59. For years he had had a very bad heart with leaky valves and shortness of breath. Frank lived only four and a half years after Lubell and Kenneth were killed.

It was two years later in 1930 after Frank had died that Frank Blodgett, future brother-in-law to Helen, introduced Don and Helen at a dance. Don and Helen were married three years later on 14 Jun 1933 in Pittston ME. Helen Frances Caston, born 7 Jan 1908 in Pittston ME, was the daughter of Robert Burgess Caston and Maud Evelyn Willey of Pittston. She graduated from Gardiner High School in 1925, fourth in her class. She went to work in Augusta for a while, but not long after was employed by D.S. McNaughton Insurance Agency in Gardiner where she remained until shortly after marrying Don.

Don and Helen lived on the East Pittston farm he bought in 1924 until 1944 when they purchased the Roger Lapham farm in Pittston on 30 May 1944 to accommodate their growing herd and farm needs. (See photograph on the cover.) While farming and building his herd in East Pittston, Don also trucked milk to creameries in Gardiner and H.P. Hood in Auburn. During World War II he was a time keeper at Bath Iron Works.

Don Jewett - Received Constructive Breeders Award
for Distinguished Achievement in Breeding Ayrshire Cattle

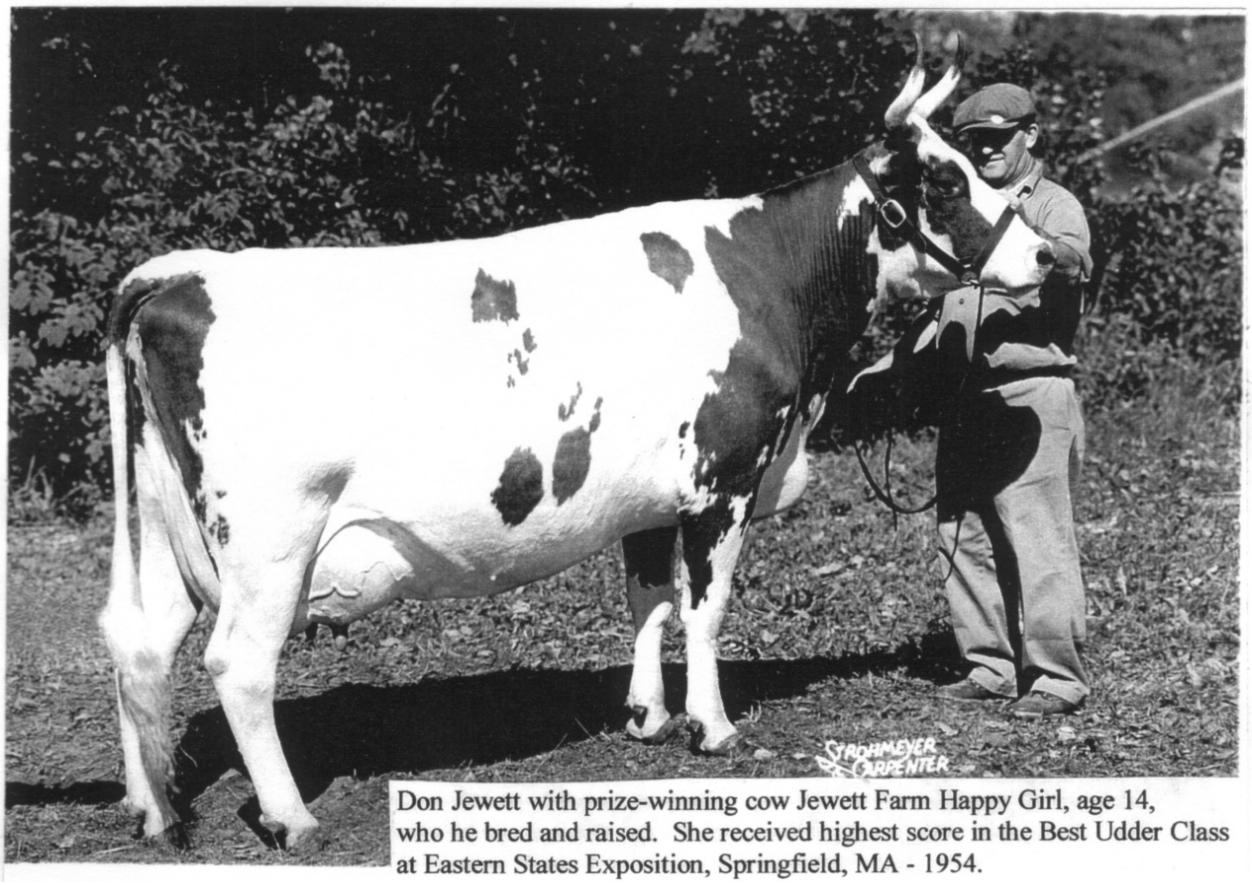
Donald and Helen had six children but only four survived - Gwendolyn Lubell Jewett (21155) (married Robert Keith Dunbar), twins Barbara Evelyn Jewett (21156) (married Milford Roy Shaw) and Bernice "Bunny" Ellen Jewett (21157) (married Robert Ernest Mansir), and Curtis Caston Jewett (21158) (married first Carolyn Marie Wood, second Cynthia Elizabeth Carey Hamlin, third Mary Louis Bragdon Sternad.) Two boys, the first and fifth children, died at birth.

Back Row - Children: Barb, Gwen, Curtis, and Bernice (Bunny)
Front - Helen and Donald Jewett (Photo taken in 1968)

Helen was very devoted to Don, and through their years of marriage they worked very hard together. She labored with him in town affairs, barn chores, out in the fields haying and gardening, and showing at fairs. Don did all his farm work with horses until 1949 when he bought his first tractor. He also cut and sold lumber, pulp and firewood from his farm. For a time, they raised bean and cucumber crops to sell to factories and hired young people to help pick the crops. They also sold vegetables at the end of their driveway.

Don was very interested and active in town politics. He served eight years on the Board of Selectmen, six of them as chairman, for the Town of Pittston. Helen assisted him by setting up and doing the bookkeeping through some very rough times of the town. Don, a Republican, was a member of the Maine House of Representatives, 92nd and 99th Legislature, where he served on agricultural committees. He ran for a state senator, but lost. Since Helen disliked politics, she would not assist him in efforts to climb higher in his political endeavors. Don was among those who organized the Pittston Volunteer Fire Department and was a past president. At one time he was a member of the Whitefield Grange, Pittston and Whitefield Farm Bureau, Whitefield Fish and Game, Dresden Lodge, Masons and Odd Fellows.

Don was always adding to and improving his Ayrshire herd. He did not have a huge herd, but what he had he wanted to be excellent. He spent many hours on a bench in the barn studying his cattle or at his desk going over their pedigrees in planning how to breed them to get better offsprings that would produce more milk and more show fineness. His desire while making a living at farming was to have outstanding show cattle and for he and his children to show cattle at fairs all over Maine and at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield MA. While he trained his children in the art of showing cattle, he also spent much time helping and showing new farm people and 4-H youngsters how to compete against his own cattle and other farm herds.



Don Jewett with prize-winning cow Jewett Farm Happy Girl, age 14, who he bred and raised. She received highest score in the Best Udder Class at Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, MA - 1954.

Don was called many times to judge animals at local fairs. He was a 4-H leader for 17 years, served as president of the Maine Ayrshire Club, and was vice president of the New England Ayrshire Club. He was a member of the Ayrshire Cattle Breeders Association, Ayrshire Sire Committee and Eastern Artificial Insemination Corp. He became a Life Member in September 1936 and served as a Trustee and Superintendent of the Cattle Department of the Windsor Fair until his death in 1969. Later, he served several years as Superintendent of Cattle at the Lewiston Fair.

Don and Helen's son Curtis joined them in the farm business when he graduated from high school. Curtis married Carolyn Wood and they bought a small place near the farm. When Don decided to retire because of heart problems, Curtis wanted to buy the farm. The bank, however, would not allow Curtis to get a loan because they thought the price of the farm was too high. Curtis was able to buy the animals and equipment, which he moved to his father-in-law's farm in Fairfield Center, where he and his family lived and farmed several years. Finally, Curtis sold his animals to his father-in-law Clifton Wood and moved back to Pittston where he built a home on a piece of land that his parents had given him.

Don and Helen sold their farmhouse and a few acres of land to their daughter Gwen and her husband Bob Dunbar. Although they sold other parcels of their land, they kept most of the land which they gave in portions to all their children. They purchased and renovated Curtis's small home on the Stage Road a short distance from the farm. They were very comfortable in that home.

At the time Don retired, Helen was Town Tax Collector for the Town of Pittston, a position she held for thirteen years. She also worked as a bookkeeper for the Randolph Farm Auction every Saturday for Fritz Dessler, owner of the slaughterhouse where the auction took place, and Sherman English, the auctioneer. After Don's death and Curtis started Jewett Builders (Jacking and moving houses), she became his bookkeeper. As Jewett Builders grew and needed help, she taught her grandson Barry Roy Shaw (Barb's son) the bookkeeping system. After a few years, Curtis's children entered the business, and she taught Curtis's daughter Cathy how to run the office.

In 1945 Don became a substitute mail carrier driver for the Gardiner US Post Office, Rural Route 4, and he delivered mail on the route whenever needed, many times for months at a time. He was delivering mail the day he died on 9 Jan 1969. He stopped at home that morning to have Helen help him because he was not feeling well. A short distance from their home, Don asked Helen to take him to the hospital in Gardiner. At the hospital he told Helen to get the remainder of the mail back to the Post Office. Upon discovering Don in the hospital, Nellie Caston Overlock, a nurse at the hospital and Helen's cousin, tried to locate her. Not finding Helen, she went and stayed by Don's side until he slipped into eternity. Afterwards, Nellie told Helen that when she saw how white Don was, she knew he would not survive. Helen was a widow for 24 years until she died of cancer 21 May 1993 at age 85.

I feel very fortunate that God saw fit to put me into the family of Donald Curtis Jewett. Dad made a difference in my life and influenced me greatly. As I have had to confront things that God has allowed to happen in my life, I have remembered Dad and his choice of not quitting. His stamina and sense not to quit not only influenced me but also my sisters and brother. My Dad believed in smiling and had a good sense of humor. He would never let us be grumpy even if an animal stepped on our foot or we did not win a prize. We were to come out of the show ring with a smile even if we thought the judge treated us unfairly. We were to respect the judge's decision and were told never to tell the judge that he was wrong in how he placed our animal, as some other youngsters and their parents did. Our parents never neglected to support us. They built us up, cheered us on, and praised us even if we did not win or succeed. As long as we tried and did our best at each task, that was all that mattered. Family was very important as we grew up. They were always there for us.

My parents remained steadfast through the years; sometimes they had difficult times, but they did not give up. For example, when Dad lost his mother and brother, he took time to sort things out; but then he came home, bought a farm, took responsibility, and helped his family which had fallen apart after the deaths. He took into his home his sister, who had divorced, and younger brother also. They could not rely on their father who was living with a neighbor lady. After Dad married, two baby boys died at birth, and my mother nearly lost her life in the second boy's death; but they kept going, raised us other four children, and worked hard farming. They were involved in town affairs and spent years straightening out town financial troubles. One time Dad sent a truckload of animals with a hired man and my oldest sister Gwen to a fair. The driver of an oncoming trailer truck fell asleep and hit our cattle truck, and six show cattle were killed. Thankfully, our hired hand and my sister were not seriously hurt. The next day Dad selected another herd of cattle, hired a truck, and off to the fair again he went. On two other different occasions, cattle sheds at two different fairs caught fire and animals were lost in those fires. Each time our parents just kept doing what needed to be done in getting another herd together and back on the show circuit.

I am really proud of my parents and the leadership that my father Donald Curtis Jewett demonstrated to his family. He was a loving man and leader of his community. He was not afraid to rise above circumstances and to meet head on what life dealt him. His children are thankful and will always cherish the example he left us.

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Jewett, New York (population 250) is located southwest of Albany and became a town in 1849. It was named after Freeborn Garretson Jewett (1428) born 4 Aug 1791 in Sharon CT. He married Fannie Warner 14 Dec 1814; she was born 14 Dec 1791, daughter of Thomas and Alida (Fitchett) Warner.

Freeborn settled in New York and was a member of the Assembly in 1826 and 1827. He was a member of Congress from New York from 1831 to 1833 and a Judge of the Supreme Court of New York from 1846 to 1856. He died 23 Feb 1858. His line is continued in Volume III of the *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*.

No one knows why the town of Jewett was named for Freeborn Garretson Jewett. No one with the name Jewett has lived in the town.

Jewettville, New York is located in the rural district outside of Sackets Harbor on the historic military road. Its claim to distinction is that it was the home of Dr. Samuel Guthrie, the discoverer of chloroform, from 1817 until his death in 1848. If was also the birthplace of the Hon. John Pettit, one of the pioneer statesmen of Jefferson County NY.

The first settler arrived in 1802. Abram Jewett (931), after whom the town was named, arrived from Watertown in 1818. Abram had three brickyards, several lime kilns and a saw mill. He had previously operated a brickyard in Watertown. Many of the buildings in the area were built using brick from his brickyard. Abram and his wife were buried in Jewettville. There is a tradition that the burial place was chosen by Abram's wife because it was beside a pathway used by her husband which led from their home to a nearby tavern where his frequent visits were a cause of sorrow for her.

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