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2005 Jewett Reunion Aug 5, 6 and 7th in Rowley, MA

Notice to Life Members

All life members are responsible for sending $5.00 for the Quarterly subscription each year. The membership is indeed lifetime, but the Quarterlies require a yearlyfee. If you do not send the $5.00 we will assume that you do not want them and we will keep you listed as a life member

Corrections

page 36 under marriages: Michael Joseph Toss, III (listed as IV).

Dr. Diane Mary Sinclair, her mothers middle name is Diane not Diana.

Thank you

A special thank you to those of you who sent your ideas for the newsletter, especially Marion R. Emmons and Cecillia McGehee. Also thanks to Fred Hunt for the article about Irene Jewett.

Donations

BG Richard L. Jewett donated a copy of Sara Orne Jewett's book "The Country of Pointed Firs." Copyright 1896. The cost of the book is printed in the book, along with cost of her other books, at $1.25.

Picture on cover of board members in attendance for the September 25th meeting left to right: Kim Jewett, John P. Jewett, James S. Jewett, Janey Jewett Powell, Mary Gorball, Dorothy Brigham and Russell Jewett.

Marion R. Emmons has donated Vol 3 and 4 Jewett Family of America to the Killingly Historical Center, Danielson, CT in memory of her husband Auston Edwin Emmons (17,812).

Letter from the President

Greetings,

The Jewett Family of America has had another annual board meeting. On Sept 25th we met at the new Rowley Library. Rowley, Mass. It was quite pleasant, and a beautiful day. It was nice to see Mary Gorball, Jim Jewett, John Jewett and Russell Jewett, and nice to meet Janey Jewett Powell and Kimberly Rose Jewett. Mary Gorball took notes for Ted Loranz who was absent from the meeting. A few items of interest are the dates of the 95th reunion to be held in Rowley Aug. 5, 6, & 7th 2005 The board has a lot of neat ideas, and hope you all can attend.

John Jewett brought up the convenience of automated annual payment dues by using electronic "Paypal". Several of the board members use it with their Ebay payments, etc. More info about it at the bottom of the page.

Ann Fleck who played the Yankee Drummer with her drums in 2000 has agreed to the play again the 6th of Aug. Director Mary Gorball has sent me an email with lots of neat ideas for entertainment, etc. There are some great ideas. They will be under consideration this coming year.

Paypal is like a bank, only with electronic methods. Ted set up the program this past week, and I found it in great working order. Use http://users.rcn.com/aloranz/jfa.html to go in and register (if you haven't already) it is very safe and your checking account or credit card is quite safe. (I have one credit card I use just for paypal) The method of using Paypal is self explanatory. If there is any question, you may call Ted about it. Email:atloranz@rcn.com or tel: 508-561-7613.

Ranny and I express our sincere holiday wishes to you all and have a Joyous & healthy New Year

Toujours le meme

Dorothy Jewett Brigham President

Meeting Minutes by Mary Gorball

The JFA Directors held their annual meeting the morning of September 25, 2004 at the Rowley Public Library, Rowley MA. Present were President Dorothy Jewett Brigham, Russell E. Jewett, John P. Jewett, James S. Jewett, Janey Jewett Powell, Kimberly Rose Jewett and Mary A. Gorball. Attending by telephone conferencing were Barbara Jewett Shaw, Bernice Jewett Mansir, Carri A. Cole, Cecilia

Jewett McGehee, William W. Nash and Robert M. Jewett.

President Dorothy Brigham began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag followed by an opening prayer for guidance. James Jewett made a motion to waive reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to cast a unanimous vote to accept them as mailed. Motion passed.

In the absence of Treasurer Alfred B. Loranz, Janey Jewett Powell reported the treasury had a current balance of funds as of 8-31-04 totaling $24, 649.07, asking for approval to correct the published date from 8-31-01 to read 8-31-04. Motion passed.

Old Business: Members discussed the previous year's grants of $200.00 each to Rowley Historical Society, Grandview Heritage Foundation, and Oberlin Heritage Center. Dorothy Brigham read correspondence from Historian Lee Petry who suggested an increase of $50.00 be added to each grant. Mary Gorball moved to keep the grants the same, in as much as we are still looking for ways to restore the Treasury after awarding $5,000.00 to the Rowley Public Library in 2002. It may be inappropriate to increase the grants by 25% at this time. Carri Cole seconded the motion, motion passed.

Editor, James Jewett, led a discussion concerning the consolidation and computorization of information for future volumes of the History and Genealogy of The Jewett Family of America, making it available on CDROM. This would be less expensive than publishing hard bound volumes. Information could be more readily edited. He reminded us, as space becomes more of an issue at libraries, more and more libraries will turn down our information as has already been happening because it was not available on CDROM. Other discussion, was about putting the quarterly newsletters on line and be made available to those who have paid their annual fees. This could be helpful with postage expense. No motions at this time.

John Jewett suggested we look into the convenience of allowing members to choose an alternative for paying annual dues and fees by using electronic, automated payments. "Pay Pal" or another similar conduit could be used, choosing payment through your credit card, bank account or having a special account. Your account could be used to pay any number of other regular payments you wish to connect to it. This may be worth looking into, as it will generate more regular income, rather than once a year.

Dorothy Brigham announced both Bernice Jewett Mansir and Timothy A. Lane V, who submitted essays in the writing contest, qualified for Volumes I and II of the History and Genealogy of the Jewett Family of America and were also awarded Christmas ornaments for their efforts.

Bill Nash made a motion for the Board to cast a unanimous ballot for re-election of Directors whose terms were expiring, as well as retaining the current slate of officers. Barbara Jewett Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill also requested, prior to re-ordering any currently offered "Jewett" merchandise, the board review the cost vs retail prices. Barbara Jewett Shaw confirmed the current price of Volumes III and IV to be sold at $30.00 plus $5.00 for shipping. Barbara has an additional 29 sets of the volumes available.

Dorothy Jewett Brigham asked for suggestions concerning a National Jewett Family Reunion to be held in Rowley, MA in the summer of 2005. It will be the 95th anniversary of the Jewett Family of America Incorporation as well as the 366th anniversary of the founding of Rowely. The con-census at this time was to set aside August 12th, 13th and 14th (since revised to Aug 5,6 &7) for the re-union activities. Dorothy offered to get the same person who did the Drummer Boy presentation for the reunion in 2000. Carri Cole, Kimberly Jewett, Janey Jewett Powell, along with the rest of the board, volunteered their assistance.

Bill Nash asked the minutes to reflect an official Thank You to Josephine in obtaining the wonderful oil painting of Commodore David Jewett which now graces the wall of the Rowley Public Library Conference Room. Dorothy expressed regret if our Thank You had been missed in previously published minutes.

The meeting was adjourned for a group photo then dinner at the Pancake House, the former Edward Jewett Home.

Respectfully submitted, Mary A. Gorball for Alfred B Loranz.

Treasurers Report

September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004

OPENING BALANCES SENovember 3, 2004

Savings	$3,670.57		
Checking	444.16		
Advest Account	18,054.75		
		Total on Hand as of 9/1/03	**$ 22,169.48**

INCOME

Book Sales	$1,189.00		
Merchandise Sales	175.00		
Dues, Publication Fees, etc.	4,002.75		
Interest	17.59		
Donations	250.00		
Advest Account gain	2,022.21		
		Total Income	**$ 7,656.55**

EXPENSES

Publication Printing	$ 2,488.50		
Postage Expenses	982.08		
Shipping Expenses	665.57		
Bank Fees	147.75		
Directors Expenses	268.04		
Donations	625.00		
		Total Expenses	**$ 5,176.94**

ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 2004

Savings	$4,301.16
Checking	270.97
Advest Account	20,076.96

Total on Hand as of 8/31/04 $ 24,649.09

INVENTORY ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 2004

Volumes 1&2 (sets)	0		Gold plated cufflinks		4
Volumes 3&4 (sets)	186		Caps		0
Gold plated pins		32	Tote Bags		0
Bronze pins		21	Ornaments	100	
Gold plated charms/pendants	11		Cdroms		0

Respectfully submitted

Alfred B. Loranz
Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer

Queries

Theresa Ann Coss is looking for information about her biological parents Roy E. And Edith (Lehr) Jewett. They lived in California 1957, and in 1959-1960 in Texas. Children born to this couple are: Roy born 25 October 1957, Theresa Ann born in Vallejo, CA 5 February 1959 and Patricia Marie born in Fort Worth, TX 6 June 1960, all adopted in July 1963 by Joseph F. And Helene Maras in Cook county, IL. If anyone has information about the parents of these children please contact Theresa at Tac2559@aol.com or forward to Lee Jewett Petry.

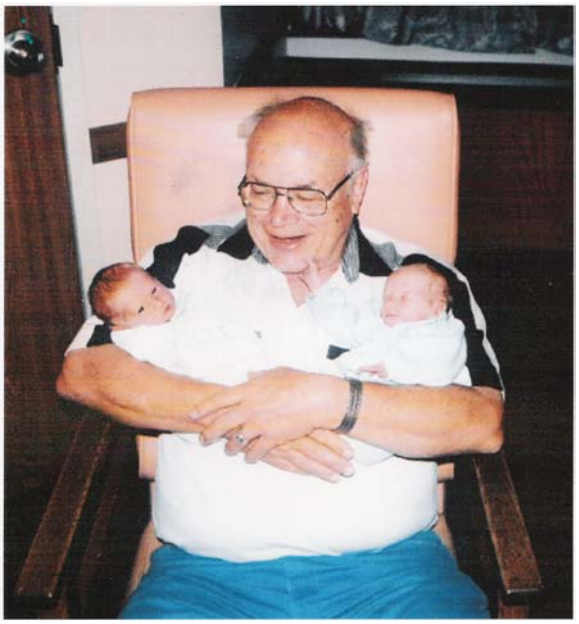
Births

Anne Kathleen Haan born 15 Aug 2003 in Lafayette, IN, daughter of James Patrick Haan (14001) and Trace Lynne (Heath) Haan.

Alexis Claire Young born 2 Sep 2004 in Tampa, FL, daughter of Dr. Christopher Lee Young (16,468) and Ramona (Lyddon) Young.

Cecelia Elizabeth Werth born 7 Aug 2004 in Baton Rouge, LA, daughter of Adam Werth and Heather Prados (Higgins) Werth (16,450).

Kyra Grace Jewett and twin brother Ian Foster Jewett born 13 Aug 2004 in Lincoln, NE. The father is Jeffrey Todd Jewett (23,429) and Amy Seibert.



Twins with their grandfather Sam Jewett

Marriage

William Christopher Stedeford (23,333) and Elizabeth Noel Seaters were married 30 May 2004 in Placerville, CA. William is the son of William Baldwin Stedeford and Georgetta Mae Frye (23,328). He was born 26 June 1969 in Indianapolis, IN. Elizabeth was born 25 Dec 1978 in Roseville, CA the daughter of Donny Ray and Susan Kathleen (Conger) Seaters.

Deaths

Richard Lee Jewett (21,288)
TheCitizen-Times.com

Richard Lee Jewett, 94, died Thursday, July 22, 2004, at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville, NC.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Priscilla Alden Jewett. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Richard Alden and Julie Jewett of Lincoln, Mass.; daughter, Lee Jewett Petry of Knoxville, Tenn.; daughter and son-in-law, Sally and John DeYoung of Herdon, Va.; grandchildren, Rumara and Lee Jewett, Michael and Charles Petry and John and Brian DeYoung; and great-grandchildren, Eva and David Petry.

Asheville Citizen-Times "July 26,2004"

Richard was born on Aug. 5, 1909 on the Army post of Vancouver Barracks, Wash. and was reared in an Army family. Upon graduation in 1931 from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, US Army, and served on active duty for 30 years in that branch of the armed services. He earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Iowa in 1934 with a major in civil engineering and graduated in 1954 from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Among his many assignments in the Army were construction work on locks and dams on the upper Mississippi River, teaching mathematics at West Point, command of engineer regiments and groups in Europe, command of the Army Europe Engineer School at Murnau, Germany, service on the river and harbor desk in the Office of Chief Engineers, Washington, DC and service as Engineer and later as the Assistant Chief of Staff G4 (logistics), Fifth US Army in Chicago. In World War II he was the Executive Officer of the 364th Engineer General Service Regiment, working on the roads behind First US Army in its sweep across France, Belgium and Germany.

Upon his promotion to Brigadier General on Aug. 1, 1959, he served for a year as Engineer, Eighth US Army and United Nations Command, Korea, and then as Assistant Commandant, US Army Engineer School, and later as Commanding General, US Army Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Va.

After his retirement from the Army on July 31, 1961, he taught civil engineering at Villanova University in Villanova, Penn. and after the first year, served as Associate Dean of Engineering. On July 1, 1964, he joined the faculty at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, as an Associate Professor in the School of Engineering to teach the senior courses in construction and to develop and present short courses for construction contractors. He assumed duties on Sept. 1, 1968 as Assistant Director of Continuing Education, College of Engineering, at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., working with the construction industry. He retired from Cornell in 1972 and moved to Asheville in 1975.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Order of Military Merit Ulchi with Gold Star from the Republic of Korea. He was a registered Professional Engineer in the District of Columbia and a member of the Asheville Civitan Club, Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society, the Association of the United States Army, the Society of American Military Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Giles Chapel, Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent through the Web site www.Morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

BG Richard L. Jewett was a great supporter of the J FA and will be greatly missed.

Marion "Molly White (daughter of 9498 Edgar Boardman Jewett)
The Concord Journal , Aug 27,2004

Thursday, August 26, 2004

Marion "Molly" (Jewett) White, publisher of the "Eldridge Tide and Pilot Book," which is known to many East Coast sailors as the "mariner's bible," died on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004. She was 84.

Mrs. White, known to all as Molly, became publisher of Eldridge after the death of her husband, Robert Eldridge White, in 1990. The popular almanac for East Coast mariners has been in the Eldridge and White families since it first appeared in 1875.
Born in Buffalo in 1920, the daughter of Edgar B. Jewett II and Helen Barnard Jewett, she grew up on the family's farm outside the city. Her great-grandfather, Edgar B. Jewett, was a Civil War veteran and mayor of Buffalo.

After graduating in 1941 from Wellesley College, she married Robert Eldridge White in 1942. At the end of the war they lived for several years in Waban before moving to Lincoln, where they raised three sons. She had lived in the same house for 52 years.

An avid reader, crossword puzzle aficionado, bridge player, and gardener, Mrs. White enjoyed annual summer vacations at Lake Tashmoo on the Vineyard, where a favorite activity was clamming. She was active in Wellesley Class of 1941 affairs, including the class book club.

She possessed a natural talent for organization, a keen verbal ability, and a sharp eye for irregularities. These qualities were put to good use when Robert White founded Robert E. White Instruments, Inc. in 1961. Mrs. White played a significant role behind the scenes in helping her husband launch his business. The broad exposure she received to all aspects of boating and nautical instruments, through her husband and his business, equipped her well for her roles with Eldridge.

Beginning as editor in 1974, with the book's 100th annual edition, she began a reorganization of the book, cultivated new advertisers, and revised articles to keep up with improvements in electronic navigation. When Robert Eldridge White died in 1990, she made a natural transition from editor to publisher.

Since 1990 Mrs. White continued to make changes in Eldridge, relying increasingly on family, as her predecessors had, to become involved and assume a greater role. Despite declining mobility in her final years, she supervised every aspect of the book's preparation. When it was time to go to press in the fall, there was as great a sense of satisfaction for her and her helpers, as if the harvest had finally been brought in.

Mrs. White leaves two sons, Robert E. White Jr. of Medfield, and Edgar J. White of Decatur, Ga.; a third son, Bruce B. White, died in 2002; a sister, Janice Jewett, of Buffalo, N.Y.; five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m., at the First Parish Church, Lincoln. Arrangements are by MacRae-Tunnicliffe Funeral Home, Concord

Jewett, Richard C. (Son of Richard Jewett 11,703)
The Tampa Tribune "August 22,2004"

JEWETT, Richard C., 91, of Dade City, passed away on August 19, 2004, in Dade City. He was born on March 19, 1913, in Berkshire, N.Y. Mr. Jewett was a systems engineer for a farm supply company called Agway and retired after 40 years of service. In 1979 he moved from Pennsylvania to Florida where he became a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dade City, and the UMM of First United Methodist Church. He was a past President of the Tourist Club of Zephyrhills, and a member of the Zephyr Lodge #198, F&AM.

Mr. Jewett wrote a column in the Pasco News called "Know Your Neighbor". He enjoyed fishing with his family very much.

Survivors include one son, Robert (Charlotte) Jewett of Georgetown, Texas; three daughters, Ruth (Donald) Lyon of Westerlo, N.Y., Margaret (Robert) Lynch of Miami, Fla., and Elizabeth (Richard) Bone of Milton, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and twelve great-grand- children.

A memorial service will take place 2 p.m. Saturday, August 21, 2004, at the Edwinola, 14235 Edwino la Way, Dade City, FL 33540 in the Rose Room. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Hernando-Pasco Hospice, 12139 Majestic Blvd, Hudson, FL 34667 Oakley Funeral Home 11441 Hwy 301 Dade City, FL 33525.

Jewett, Lydia E. (Wife of Richard C. Jewett)
The Tampa Tribune, "August 11,2004"

JEWETT, Lydia E., 91, of Zephryhills, passed away on August 8, 2004, in Dade City at the Edwinola Assisted Living Facility. She was born on November 1, 1912, in Flemingville, N.Y. Lydia was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Zephyrhills, Eastern Star Crecent Circle #54, Tourist Club of Zephyrhills and UMC Women of UMC. Mrs. Jewett also volunteered in her community by delivering food for Meals on Wheels and she was a school teacher.

Survivors include her loving husband, Richard; one son, Robert of Georgetown, Texas; three daughters, Ruth Lyon (the Rev. Donald Lyon) of Westerlo, N.Y., Margaret (Robert) Lynch of Miami, Fla., and Elizabeth (Richard) Bone of Milton, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will take place 2 p.m. Saturday, August 14, 2004, at The Edwinola in Dade City, in the Rose Room. Oakley Funeral Home 11441 Highway 301 Dade City, FL 33525 (352) 567-6100

Glenda Jewett, 52, of Loveland.
Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald (7/21/2004)

Glenda Fay Jewett, 52, of Loveland died July 15, 2004, at her home. She was born June 3, 1952, in Lexington, Neb., to Glenn L. And Viola M. Refior Burch. She and her family moved from Nebraska to Loveland. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1970. She had floral and computer degrees and had studied photography. She lived most of her life in Loveland, but also lived in Fort Collins and Denver. Crafts and her grandchildren were the brightness of her life.

She is survived by two sons, Phillip Jewett and wife Heather of Bertrand, Nebraska., and Robert Jewett and wife Naomi of Big Spring, Texas; a daughter Crystal Jewett of Commerce City; her parents, Glenn and Viola Burch of Loveland; two brothers, Dwight Burch and wife Jill of Hill City, SD., and Ivan Burch and wife Brenda of Fort Collins; a sister, Diana Jewett and husband Bill of Big Spring, Texas; and nine grandchildren.

Cremation has been conducted. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Kibbey-Fishburn Funeral Home.

Bernard H. Jewett (Father was Richard Jewett 11,703) of Ovid, N.Y.
Newspaper Title: Ithaca Journal, The Newspaper Location: Ithaca, NY, US

Bernard H. Jewett, age 86, of 2276 County Road 129, died Monday, July 12, at Geneva General Hospital. Mr. Jewett was born on March 7, 1918 in Berkshire, N.Y., a son of the late Richard and Bertha Jewett. As a young man, he worked the family farm and later worked as the lead sawyer at Agway/Geneva Fabrication. He later worked at both Swedish Hill and Goose Watch Wineries as a general carpenter and handyman.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; and children, William (Vanessa) Jewett, Breesport, N.Y., Charles (Marlene) Jewett, Charlotte, N.C., Bob (Audrey) Fields, Port St. Lucie, Fla., Janet Jordan, Newark Valley, N.Y., Julie (Howard) Lincoln, Lodi, and Bonnie (Jack) Langley of Ovid; grandchildren, James, Dennis, Scott, Charles, Christopher, Anthony, and Trevor Jewett, Brandy and Tara Russell, Serena Fields, Michael and Sean Jordan, Richard and Michelle Travers, Melissa, Sarah and Jack Langley; great-grandchildren, Rhonda Jordan and Steffin Jewett; a brother, Richard (Lydia) Jewett, Dade City, Fla.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2004, at the Varick United Methodist Church with the Reverend Barbara De'Angelis officiating. The family will host a reception at the church following the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Mr. Jewett's name may be directed to the Huntington Living Center, Special Needs Unit, 369 E. Main Street, Waterloo, N.Y. 13165. Arrangements are under the direction of Covert Funeral Home, 7199 So. Main Street, Ovid, N.Y. 14521.

William Philip Hillman, Jr. (12,612) - Lavonia, GA

Age 80, resident of Brown Memorial Convalescent Center, Royston, formerly of Gus Whiting Road, Lavonia died March 23, 2004 in Royston.

Born July 22,1923 in Buffalo, NY, Mr. Hillman was a retired educator who taught in the Chicago, Illinois public school system.

He was a son of the late Willian Phillip Hillman, Sr. and Mrs. Marjorie Jewett Hillman. Mr. Hillman and his wife, Mrs. Frances Collier Hillman, who survives him, moved from Northbrook, Illinois to the Lavonia area some 14 years ago. Mr Hillman was an avid fisherman who found the local area both pleasant and accommodating in his hobby.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, William Philip Hillman, III, of Clinton, OH and Robert Collier Hillman of Mt. Prospect, IL, one sister, Jean Hillman Jessup of Newark, DE; four grandchildren, Alyssa Marjorie Hillman, Adam Edward Hillman, Matthew Alexander Hillman, and Zachary Andrew Hillman. A brother, Franklin Jewett Hillman, predeceased him.

Memorial service was Saturday Mar 27, 2004 at 11 O'clock A.M. in the chapel of Hamby Funeral Home in Lavonia with the Reverend Malcolm Herndon officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hamby Funeral Home, 355 Bear Creek Road, Lavonia, GA 30553.

Family Bible Reshapes Records

Recently Roberta Haas of Portland, Oregon came into the possession of an old family Bible dated "1813". The Bible added more children than what had been previously known for the John Jewett (2742) family: Children listed for John and Nancy (Cooper) Jewett all born in Farmington, Franklin Maine are:

Evelina Jewett born 18 July 1819
Leonard C. Jewett born 8 Feb 1823 and died 21 Aug 1842
Abbey H. Jewett born 10 May 1825 and died 14 Apr 1848
Nancy P. Jewett born 26 Aug 1827
John Wesley Jewett born 15 Dec 1829
Elizabeth H. Jewett born Dec 1833 and died 17 May 1878.

The following article was published in "The Historical Journal of Massachusetts" winter 1991 p13-23 with permission of Timothy Symington , Associate Editor.

Lillian Clayton Jewett and the Rescue of the Baker Family, 1899-1900

Roger K. Hux

On July 16, 1899, a large, predominantly African-American audience gathered in Boston's St. Paul's Baptist Church to hear a young white woman speak on lynching in the South. Lillian Clayton Jewett, an aspiring novelist, excited the group with her offer to go sough and bring back the surviving members of the Baker family of Lake City, South Carolina, whose head Postmaster Frazier Baker, had been killed along with the family's baby daughter, in an attack of mob violence in February of 1898. Miss Jewett hoped, through a series of mass meetings, to make the family "an object lesson" against lynching.

Miss Jewett's Boston supporters called her "the new Harriet Beecher Stowe," and referred to her mission as another "underground railroad." The family's subsequent arrival in New England brought out large crowds and stirred memories of the abolitionists meetings before the Civil War. Even before her trip South, however, Miss Jewett's mission touched off discord among different fractions of Boston's African-American community, a weakness that would eventually lead to her undoing.

Lynchings of Blacks in the South reached epidemic proportions during the last two decades of the nineteenth century, but none disturbed Northerners more than the murder of Frazier Baker. His opponents in Lake City, a small village in the northeastern section of South Carolina, maintained that he was inefficient and rude, but his major offense was that he had taken a position in a community where the postmaster had always been white. Harassed from his first day in office, he held out through one attack in which the post office had been destroyed by fire, only to face a second assault when another mob set fire to his home. As the family tried to escape the burning building, his attackers shot and killed baker and his baby daughter, and wounded his wife and three of his other five children. [1]

The attack on the Baker family launched a firestorm of protest from the national African-American community. Black groups across the country flooded the McKinley administration with petitions calling for apprehension of the mob and Federal support for the family. African-American congressmen introduced resolutions, and one Black newspaper, with the explosion of the U.S.S. **Maine** in cuba sill a recent memory, called on America to "remember Lake City." Ida Wells-Barnett, the Black newspaperwoman who had started compiling lynching statistics while working in Memphis, visited President McKinley and implored hin to launch and immediate investigation of the attack. [2]

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[1] Charleston News and Courier, February 12 and 23, 1898.

[2] "Assassinations of the Postmaster of Lake City, South Carolina," 55th Congress, Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, Record Group 233 (HR55A-H21.7), National Archives, Washington, D.C..; Willard B. Gatewood, Jr., Black Americans and the White Man's Burden, 1898-1903 (Urbana, Illinois, 1975), p 32; Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Crusade for Justice: the Autobiography of Ida B. Wells, ed. By Alfreda M. Duster (Chicago, 1970), pp. 252-253.

The Federal investigators faced tow obstacles in their efforts to get the truth in the Lake City case. First, in a small, close-knit community, people who opposed the action of the mob were probably afraid to publicly voice their opinion. Second, many of the townspeople were relatives or friends of the suspects. Investigators had to rely on one or more of the mob members turning state's evidence. [3]

Two eventually did, but it took five months for a grand jury to meet, and the Federal prosecutors revealed their entire case at that hearing. By the time of the trial of thirteen white defendants in Charleston Federal Court in April of 1899, the defense was able to present several witnesses, who testified that one of the defendants who had turned state's evidence had been in court in Kingstree on the day ot the attack, even though it appeared that the date on the docket had been changed. Another defendant's testimony was thrown out when it was learned that he had been convicted of stealing a cross-cut saw. The defense offered alibis for the other defendants, but many were provided by relatives. The jury could not reach a verdict; the vote was seven to five, not guilty. [4]

The trial was continued until the fall term of the court, and two groups started through the efforts of William Lloyd Garrison II, the son of the famous abolitionist, hoped to raise money to provide for the family in Charleston. The other, started by the Colored National League in Boston, also wanted to keep the Bakers in Charleston, at least until the conclusion of the trial. The League had sent a petition to President McKinley, and raised a small amount of money, which it sent to the Colored Ministers Union of Charleston, which was looking after the Baker family. [5] Reverend John Dart, the head of Charleston's (African-American) Normal and Industrial School, also was working for the Baker family. He supplied information on the trial to the Colored National League, and he visited Boston seeking support. Dart had some interest in sending the family north, but he did not think it possible until Miss Jewett's campaign changed his mind. [6]

Lillian Jewett was virtually unknown when she made her first Boston appearance. Conflicting reports arose concerning her background. Newspaper articles indicated that she was an attractive young woman, about twenty-four years of age, and that she had written a romantic novel entitled ***Life's Passionate Guest.*** One report indicated that she was the daughter of a wealthy Boston grain merchant, who lived on Beacon Street, but another stated that she was the sister of bootblacks from Brockton. Records indicate that she enrolled at Hollins College in Virginia in 1895, but that she withdrew after a short time because of illness. Whatever her background, Lillian Clayton Jewett was not wealthy;

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[3] Abial Lathrop to the Attorney General, March 5, 1898, Department of Justice Year Files 3463-98, Record Group 60, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

[4] Charleston News and Courier July 2 and 6, 1898, and April 14 and 24, 1899.

[5] I. D. Barnett, "The Baker Famiy," Colored American Magazine I (May 1900); 10-13 (reprint ed., New Yor, 1969); Boston Evening Transcript, July 25, 1899.

[6] John L. Dart, The Famous Trial of the Eight Men Indicted for the Lynching of Frazier B. Baker and his Baby (n.p., 1899); Boston Herald, July 19, 1900; Boston Daily Globe, July 23, 1899.

In 1898 she became one of the first to file for bankruptcy under the new Federal bankruptcy law. [7]

According to her account of what had inspired her, one day Miss Jewett had been talking about lynching with her Black maid, and after expressing her concern, she had been encouraged by the woman to contact Reverend. Benjamin W. Farris of St. Paul's Baptist, and African-American church in Boston, and to make her feelings public. Farris later called this "an answer to his prayer," and he wasted no time in arranging for Miss Jewett to speak. [8]

The large audience on the night of July 16, with so little knowledge of Miss Jewett's background, showed how desperately Boston's African-American community wanted to stop lynching in the southern states. Seated on the platform along with and Miss Jewett Reverend Farris were Dr. Samuel Courtney of the Boston School Committee, Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin of the Woman's Era Club, Isaac B. Allen, a prominent Black lawyer, and a number of other leaders.

In their remarks Reverend Farris and Miss Jewett both invoked the memory of the abolition movement, and Boston's prominent role in it. In his introduction, Farris compared Miss Jewett to an earlier heroine:

> God has frequently touched the heart of a woman when He wanted a great work performed. When He aroused the people of America to the evil of slavery He put the pen in the hand of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Now He is once more touching the heart heart of a woman.

Miss Jewett, the object of everyone's attention, was attired in an elegant black silk dress, and she appeared to be a young woman of refinement who might have financial resources to give to the cause. She spoke slowly and quietly at first, warming to her subject as her speech progressed. "The actions of Southern lynchers have filled my northern soul with grief and indignation," she declared. Making reference to the service of Blacks in the army during the Civil War, she reminded the audience that Black soldiers had always fought valiantly:

> Look out upon Boston Common and see the brave black men who faced shot and shell with their leader Robert Gould Shaw. Bury him with his niggers they sad, and they did. Is the old hate still there? Does the browbeater of Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom still live?

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[7] Boston Sunday Post, August 6, 1899; Boston Daily Globe, July 23, 1899; Anthony Thompson (Hollins College Archives) to Author March 15, 1987; Bankruptcy case file # 60, U.S. District Court, Massachusetts, Record Group 21, Federal Archives and Record Center, Waltham.

[8] Boston Herald, July 21, 1899.

Citing her college experiences in Virginia, Miss Jewett suggested that

> true southerners can be aroused to join our cause (but) the campaign must start in Boston, where all great movements for right and justice have had their birth.
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> The movement to end lynching must begin right here. Something must be done to bring to our people a true picture of the conditions south of us.... Let them see The people who are being persecuted and shot down. Bring the Baker family here to Boston. Let them see the helpless children, the maimed and destitute mother, whose husband and little ne were killed because the former was a servant of our government.
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> If this does not do it I am very much mistaken in the people of New England. You can do it, you should do it, and if necessary I will agree to go to Charleston myself and bring the Baker family here.

The speech had an electrifying effect on the audience. Several spoke in support of Miss Jewett, and many rushed up to meet her afterward. [9] After only a few days, negative reaction to Miss Jewett's offer began to develop. At a meeting of the Colored National League on July 25, Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin suggested that the League handle any plans for bringing the Bakers north. They had been working on the matter for some time, and should not turn it over to "some chit of a white girl who sprang up overnight."

Miss Jewett's supporters, Reverend Farris and lawyer Isaac B. F. Allen, defended her. Allen suggested that "the Colored 400" had no right to dictate plans, since they had done nothing for the Bakers. [10] These remarks reveal the class divisions that existed among Boston's African American community. Over the next few days a series of stormy meetings made it clear that Miss Jewett drew much support from Southern-born Blacks and Protestant ministers, such as Reverend Farris, while many of Boston's Black elite opposed her. [11]

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[9] Ibid., July 17,1899

[10] Boston Dailey Globe, July 26, 1899.

[11] Boston Herald, August 1, 1899. Miss Jewett's supporters included Reverend A. W. Adams, Isaac B. Allen, Reverend Benjamin W. Farris, Mrs. A. H. Jewell, and Reverend J. Allen Kirk. Her opponents included Isaiah D. Barnett, Dr. Samuel Courtney, Anthony Portlock, J. D. Powell, Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, Hannah Smith, Reverend P. Thomas Standford, Edwin G. Walker, and Curtis Wright. For a discussion of Boston's Black elite, see Willard B. Gatewood, Jr., "Aristocrats of color: South and North, The Black Elite, 1880-1920," Jornal of Southern History LIV (February 1988): 3-20.

Matters were further complicated by the publication in a Boston newspaper of a letter from a Virginia physician, revealing that he had treated Miss Jewett for "recurrent mania" during her student days, and that she had been institutionalized for her problems. Responding to the charges, Miss Jewett called the doctor a "racist" and denied having ever suffered from mental illness. She had previously revealed, however, that she had met the woman who became the main character in her novel during a stay in a Boston mental hospital. [12]

Discord continued to prevail. Miss Jewett's supporters formed the "Lillian Clayton Jewett Anti-Lynching League," but her opponents also continued to hold meetings. Mrs. Ruffin, in an effort "to keep Miss Jewett from posing as the Harriet Beecher Stowe of the race," stated that she had received several damaging reports concerning the young woman, although she refused to reveal their content or source. She did say that Miss Jewett was using the Baker family to make money. Members of both factions attended meetings called by the opposition, so that the proceedings frequently degenerated into angry shouting matches. [13]

Finally, on August 4, Miss Jewett, carrying letters of introduction from her supporters, secretly left town and headed south to take matters into her own hands. Arriving at Sullivan's Island, she went to see Dr. Alnonzo C. McClennan, chairman of the committee overseeing the Bakers. She arranged a private meeting with Mrs. Baker, who upon listening to her proposal, agreed to accompany her to Boston. Mis Jewett promised the committee to provide for the family, and to arrange for their return if they so desired. The next day, after she bought them new clothes, they left Charleston by train, heading back to Boston. Dr. Lucy Brown, a colleague of Dr. McClennan, traveled along to make sure Miss Jewett's promises were kept. [14]

The Jewett-Baker story provided a bonanza for the Boston newspapers, which gave it extensive coverage. Robert Larsen, a Boston Herald reporter, traveled with Miss Jewett and the family. He even publicly defended her in Charleston, when Reverend John Dart, by then an opponent, tried to stop her mission. Once the family reached Boston, other papers ran human interest stories on Mrs. Baker and her children. The city soon became familiar with Lavinia, the mother, and her children - Cora, Rosa, Sarah, Lincoln, and Willie. [15]

After stopping briefly in New York, Miss Jewett and the Bakers made their first Northern appearance, in the Providence, Rhode Island, Music Hall, before three thousand people. Standing on the stage where Garrison had held abolition meetings before the Civil War, Miss Jewett's supporters linked her name to those of Harriet Beecher Stowe, John Brown, William Lloyd Garrison, and Charles Sumner. Reverend Farris said that "she had to do underground railroad work to get them (the Baker family),

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[12] Boston Daily Globe, July 28, 1899.

[13] Boston Herald, August 2, 1899; Boston Daily Globe, August 2,1899; Boston Traveler, August 2, 1899.

[14] Charleston News and Courier, August 6,1899; Boston Daily Globe, August 6 and 7, 1899.

[15] Charleston News and Courier, August 6, 1899; Boston Herald, August 7,1899; Boston Post, August 13,1899.

but here they are." Miss Jewett called twelve year-old Lincoln Baker, who had been maimed in the attack, to the front of the stage, to show what the lynchers had done. In the highlight of the evening, George Downing, and elderly Black man who had participated in the underground railroad, shook hands with Miss Jewett, saying that he had been the last to hold the hand of Charles Sumner and now, giving his hand to her, he was passing on the mantle of leadership. "Go on with your great work," he declared, "for you are the needed woman of the hour." [16]

Their first Boston appearance, before a crowd of four thousand in the People's Temple, played upon the long abolitionist tradition of the city. John Hutchinson, a member of a well-known family of abolitionist singers, performed, and the speakers once again made references to Boston's role in the abolition movement. The atmosphere in the hall was so emotional that Mrs. Baker fainted, under a strain after a long trip and a great deal of public attention, and she had to be revived by Dr. Lucy Brown. [17] Despite this subdued ending, Miss Jewett's supporters had every reason to hope for success. They expected the large turn-ou to bring in one thousand dollars in donations for future meetings. When they counted the proceeds, however, and discovered that only two hundred dollars had been donated, they began to have doubts about the future of their plan. [18]

Dissension began to creep into their meetings, as attendance dropped. Mrs. A. H. Jewell, President of the Anti-Lynching League, resigned simply because she had not been given advance notice of Miss Jewett's trip to the south. Then Isaac B. F. Allen resigned as treasurer. Late in August Reverend Farris arranged an appearance of Miss Jewett and the Bakers at a Salvation Army convention being held at the campgrounds of Old Orchard, Maine. Despite an enthusiastic response from the audience, they took in only thirty-five dollars for their efforts. [19]

In the South, politicians and newspapers followed Miss Jewett's activities with great interest. In a speech delivered in Greenwood, South Carolina, United States Senator Ben Tillman warned that an increase of "whitecapping" against Blacks would draw attacks from the North. "She comes from Boston, the head and center of all devilment. The Yankees are ready to take up any such deviltry. [20] The Columbia, South Carolina, State faithfully reported Miss Jewett's meetings, but cast them in terms of a carnival sideshow, with the Bakers being placed on exhibit to make money. It also reported opportunities for the Bakers in South Carolina, delcaring that the family would have been better off at home. [21]

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[16] Providence Journal, August 8,1899; Boston Traveler, August 8,1899.

[17] Boston Daily Globe, August 10,1899; Boston Herald, August 10, 1899.

[18] Boston Daily Globe, August 11,1899.

[19] Ibid., August 9, 11, and 18, 1899.

[20] Boston Post, August 17, 1899; Boston Evening Transcript, August 17, 1899.

[21] Ibid.; The State (Columbia, S.C.), August 12,1899.

Meanwhile dissension in Boston continued. Miss Jewett and Dr. Lucy Brown clashed, with Miss Jewett maintaining that Dr. Brown's duties had been fulfilled, allowing her to return to Charleston. Dr. Brown stated that Miss Jewett's promises regarding the upkeep of the Bakers had still not been met. [22] By September, Mrs. Baker again sought to take the lead, and she issued a direct appeal to the public, asking for support. In a letter published in the Boston Daily Globe, Mrs. Baker stated that she was acting independently, so that those who did not approve of the method of her arrival in Boston could come to her support. She was glad to be there, and was thankful to Miss Jewett, when asked to respond, said that Mrs. Baker might just as well be free of the committee. [23]

William Lloyd Garrison II renewed his campaign to support the family, and he raised twelve hundred dollars for a home for them in nearby Chelsea. The family and Miss Jewett slipped from public view for a while, but in August of 1900, Miss Jewett and some of her Black supporters regained center stage when they got into an angry exchange with some white citizens of New Orleans over the Robert Charles massacre. Charles, a young Black man, had gone on a rampage, killing several whites and touching off race riots, which resulted in several deaths. Asked to comment on the affair, Mrs, Baker stated that she no longer kept up with Miss Jewett or the racial situation in the South. [24],

Miss Jewett continued to speak throughout the country. In August of 1900, she had a brief meeting with Mark Hanna at the Republican National Convention, but she failed to gain his endorsement. In Richmond, she appeared at a national Black Baptist convention, where she had been welcomed enthusiastically the previous year. Now they refused to let her speak; not to be out done, she went into the street and took up where she left off. While in Richmond, a young white man challenged her to a debate, but she refused. [25] In September 1900, Miss Jewett spoke at the Central Presbyterian Church in Rochester. She was enthusiastically received, but there is no record of any further action. At this point, she slipped from public view. [26]

The Baker family remained in Boston and faced the epidemic of tuberculosis that plagued the poor Blacks in that city. Willie, the youngest, died in 1908, and by 1920 all but one of the children were gone. Cora, the oldest, lived until 1942, when she died of a heart attack. At that point, Lavinia Baker returned to South Carolina and lived her days in western Florence County, passing away in

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[22] Boston Daily Globe, August 29, 1899.

[23] Ibid., September 1899.

[24] New York Times, September 23,1899; William L. Garrison II to Ellen W. Garrison, September 20, 1899, and William L. Garrison II diaries, February-Match, 1900, and Garrison Family Papers, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, Northampton; Boston Post, August 5 and 8, 1900; Boston Daily globe, August 5, 7, 11 and 16, 1900; Boston Traveler, August 7 and 10, 1900; William Ivy Hair, Carnival of Fury; Robert Charles and the New Orleans Race Riot of 1900 (Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1976), pp. 192-195.

[25] Richmond Dispatch, September 12 to 15, 1900.

[26] Rochester Union and Advertiser, September 27 and 18, 1900.

Cartersville in 1947. [27]

Miss Jewett's campaign to use the Bakers to arouse opposition to lynching depended on the memories it inspired of the aboliton movement and the underground railroad. Although she publicly rejected comparison with Harriet Beecher Stowe and other antislavery leaders, she relied on their memory to attract people to her cause. The mood of the North had changed, however, and many years would pass before there would be an end to lynching. [28]

Article submitted by Lee is Jewett Petry, with the following additional information:

Hollins College, Virginia records: Was at Hollings Institute for less than 2 months in 1895, arrived 10 September, left 6 November with an escort as far as New York. Enrolled in English Language, English Lit., composition, French, and History but received no grades. Guardian listed as Mrs. A. L. Jewett and her home address as 5 Oxford Terrace, Boston, MA and was the only student from Massachusetts. In early Oct 1895 $8.00 for medicine was charged to her account, never settled; A year later her family still owed $7.79.

In 15 aug 1899 in a newspaper article in the "The State Columbia" , stated "Early in June of this year Miss Jewett was living at 526 Massachusetts Ave.

We hope someone reading this article will help Lee identify the connection to the Jewett family. If you have any information please contact her.

Reunion News

66th Annual Jewett/Pearl Renunon

The 66th annual reunion of the Jewett-Pearl Family was held on 1 Aug, 2004 at the home of Henry and Eleanor Mood in Hampton, Connecticut. Thirty-two family members braved heavy rains that day to attend this annual gathering of family. In spite of the wet gloominess of the outdoors, it was totally different indoors where the joy of the occasion and the pleasure we take in each other made for a bright and warm meeting.

The one gloomy note was the absence of Eleanor Moon, age 92, who could not attend because of a recent illness which has incapacitated her. Henry moon hosted the family gathering and presided over the business meeting with the help of his and Eleanor's sons, Arthur Hall and Neal Moon.

Cynthia Riley sent a letter of greeting to the gathering. She has been typing up the diary entries from

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[27] John Daniels, In Freedom's Birthplace; A Study of the Boston Negroes (New York, 1968; Chicago, 1971) p. 134; Standard Certificates if death, Massachusetts Registry of Vital Statistics, Boston, and South Carolina Division of Vital Statistics, Columbia; Interview with Josephine Friday (Cartersville, South Carolina), June 1988.

[28] Fred Davis, Yearning for Yesterday; A Sociology of Nostalgia (New York, 1975), pp. 102-104; David Lowenthal, The Past is a Foreign Country. (Cambridge, England, 1985), pp. 40-41.

Mary Weeks Pearl's journals from 1919 to her death in 1923. Members of the reunion, who are interested, can contact Cynthia for copies of these excerpts which contain many familiar names of family members. Dot Vander Meulen reported that she has been able to obtain a wealth of genealogical and historical material from a Pearl historian, Norton Bretz. Mary Emmons has donated historical material to the family from the 90th anniversary of the Quinebaug Pomona Grange. The 90th anniversary was held in 1977 and the material contains many family names of those active in this organization. (Dorothy Vander Muelen, Pearl-Jewett Family Historian)

Descendants of Russell Cory Jewett Reunion
By Stephanie Kelly

For the 11th straight year, on Easter weekend, the descendants of Russell Cory Jewett gathered at the Holiday Inn in Midland, Michigan. There were 71 of us-three generations, from one to 69.

We have always been a close group, but years ago, many in my generation grew up, married, and or moved away. We decided to set Easter weekend every year for a family gathering. We get together at a cental place in Michigan since it is where the majority lives. That way everyone looks forward to it every year. This year we had cousins from Colorado, Massachusetts, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, and from all over the upper and lower peninsula of Michigan!

Most of the group arrived by Friday afternoon. I must say that we have it pretty down pat now. We always rent out a big conference room in the hotel for the weekend for eveyone to "hangout" in. Everybody brings lots of food for potluck throughout the weekend. We visit and catch up, pour over pictures, take lots of pictures, and laugh a LOT! Many times there is a new baby for everyone to "ooh and aah" over, an new graduate, or a new fiancé to meet. It's rare that anyone even leaves the hotel over the course of the weekend.

We are BIG game family, and at any given time, there could be scrabble at one table, euchre, dominoes, and the new fun game of the year at other tables. There is always a game to get in on somewhere. We are really the biggest on Euchre-kids in the family learn it a young age. My cousin Gerilynn (Heaton) Stack organized a big Euchre tournament on Saturday afternoon with at least half the group participating. We usually try to squeeze in what we call a "Family Bored Meeting" to discuss the next year and any new ideas for the group.

Also, every year, on Saturday evening, Jennifer Jewett (Ratliff) MacLaren organizes relay-type games for the teens and adults, and then separate relays for the little ones. The games ALWAYS hysterically funny and fun. Jennifer is awesome, and b far the funniest, a little crazy, and most beloved member of the family. There's one in every family and she's ours!

This year, I surprised my family with a genealogy presentation on Saturday afternoon. For the past year, I have worked on what ended up being eleven different lines of my family. This of course includes some grandparents and great-grandparents lines. My entire family was thrilled. My presentation was about an hour long. I even had "visuals" and charts so everyone could keep everything I was discussing straight. I made folders for each family "group"-copies of what I had

found and organized. I also copied all the pictures I found, including some old Jewett photos from as far back as the 1870's. I now have my family "up-to-speed" on where I'm at so far. I now realize that you're never really finished with research of one's past. So now, as time permits, I will keep pecking away at it and send out up-dates to everyone to add to their folders.

On Sunday morning we had an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones. Soon after breakfast, everyone starts to pack up. There are long drives ahead and flights to catch. Many of us see or at least talk to each other frequently enough throughout the year, but we all look forward to the next Easter to spend quality time together.

We will be meeting in Midland again next year at the Holiday Inn on Easter Weekend starting on Good Friday. If any other Jewett "cousins" out there are "in the neighborhood," stop on in. A GREAT time is ALWAYS had by all! (wkelly@chartermi.net)

Ancestry of the above family starts with Russell Cory Jewett, Everton Stillman Jewett, Stillman E. Jewett, Jonathan Jewett, William Jewett born 12 Feb 1737 in Littleton, Massachusetts #537 & 10,628. He was not connected to the family due to an error in the early genealogy when his fathers second wife was incorrectly listed as his wife and caused many to overlook the connection. We look forward to hearing more about this Jewett branch and Stephanie Kelly has submitted an additional article for our next issue.

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