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Jewett Website

Jewett Family member, Rodney Jewett has volunteered to host and maintain his Jewett website for our benefit. He does own the domain name. You can access the website at www.jewett.org. Back issues of the newsletter, and yearbooks have been added. Current issues of the newsletter are not available at this time but will be added at a later date.

From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to Miss Eleanor Jewett Haley, Jessie Jewett Elliott, Ted Loranz and Jim Jewett for their contributions to this edition of the Quarterly. Your time and efforts are most appreciated.

My "store" of information, articles and news is low. In fact it is now non-existent. Please send stories, articles, pictures and even interesting web sites. You really do not want me to start writing about Pris, Schultz and Klaus (our three dogs).

I hope all of you have sent for Kenneth Jewett's book, *'To the Valley'*. It sounds so interesting. My check is in the mail.

On a personal note, my uncle, Herschel Baird is almost back to normal. He is driving, making vehicle repairs and spending time on the computer. I expect he will be on the golf course in the spring. I understand he has just installed a new garage door opener.

Linda

Contemplations of your President

I hope everyone had a good Valentine's day (that is the one where there will be 6 more weeks of winter if the groundhog sees his shadow isn't it?). Claire & I didn't do anything special for the event. We tend to give



each other gifts which are consumables rather than collectibles since we both have amassed plenty of knick knacks over the years and really don't need more. I gave Claire a dinner out at a local restaurant we enjoy and she gave me a traffic light viewer. Does anyone remember what a traffic light viewer is? If you were driving a car in the 30's and 40's you might. It is a prism like device that mounts to the dashboard of a car and allows you to see up to where overhead traffic lights are located at an intersection. In the older cars, the windshields were often quite small and you literally had to stand on your head to see the traffic light when stopped at an intersection especially if your car had the popular accessory of an outside visor. The viewer

neatly solved the problem and, like many other things, is being made again for the collector car hobby. It goes along with the Fedora style hat that Claire gave me for Christmas and is perfect with the 1935 Oldsmobile that I purchased last fall.

The Jewett Family of America Roster contains almost 700 names and addresses as of this morning. Seem like a large number doesn't it? Well, it is a little misleading. Only approximately 450 of these "members" receive our quarterly publications so who are the other 250? That requires a little explanation. When I became Secretary of the JFA in the early 1990s, I started tracking the membership using Microsoft Access which is an excellent program for just this sort of thing. It allows detailed record keeping and creation of the various reports and mailing lists necessary to keep an organization like ours humming along. Over the years, there were many members from whom we have not heard for some time. We do not remove anyone from the membership list unless we have heard that they have passed on, or mail has been returned with no forwarding possible. We initially had about 550 names which has grown to the present number through the years. Very early on, it was obvious that only a percentage paid the annual dues or publication fees which are essential to allowing us to publish the quarterlies. The number varies somewhat, but in any given year we only receive payments from about 1/2, yes 1/2 of the active members and this year so far we have received fees from only 220 out of 432 members on our mailing list. As the year goes on, the number will probably grow to about 250 but this is still a pretty dismal showing. We try to be as lenient as possible and don't remove a name from the mailing list until we have not heard from them for five years. Unfortunately, we have come to a point where the income doesn't always meet the expenses. Last year we were forced to take \$1,000 from our endowment in order to publish 2007 Quarterly Four which is not something we like to do. Please make a point to fully support your family organization.

Toujours le même,

Ted Loran

In Sympathy

Ann Louise Jewett, 79, died Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at Harris Hill Center in Concord, MA. due to complications related to a lung disease. Ann was born in Bath, Maine, June 26, 1928 to Brian Maurice Hyland Jewett and Frances W. Jewett. Ann graduated from Morse High School in Bath, Maine and from airline stewardess training. She was employed by American Airlines, based in New York City for her flight career and later in ground operations. After leaving American Airlines, Ann pursued various careers before moving to Hopkinton, MA to live with her widowed sister. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon L. Williams of Manchester and a nephew, J. Duncan McNeish III of Meredith. Services were held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hopkinton.

Concord Monitor
Concord, MA

Minnie H. Jewett died January 4, 2008 at the Cheryl Smith Special Care Home in Ripples, New Brunswick. She was born in Sheffield, NB in 1917. Minnie was the daughter of John Percival Jewett and Sarah L. Taylor Jewett and the grand daughter of Frederick Benjamin Jewett (6363).

Minnie taught school for thirty-six years, retiring in 1972. She served five years as principal of Maugerville Consolidated School. Minnie was a life member and elder in Sheffield United Church. She was a member of the Retired Teacher's Association and Wilmot Seniors Club. Minnie was chosen to tour Scotland and England during her teaching career. On retirement, Minnie traveled to many parts of the world. She is survived by special friends, Cheryl and Warren Smith and several cousins. Minnie is predeceased by her parents, brother, Egerton Jewett and her sister, Mary Jewett. Services were held January 7, 2008 at Sheffield United Church with Rev. Bob Jones and Rev. Ruth Stuart officiating.

The Daily Gleaner
Fredrickton, NB Canada

In Sympathy

Chester Leroy Jewett of Hainesville, New Brunswick passed away December 18, 2008. Leroy was born at Millville, NB in 1945. He was the son of Marjorie (Gorman) Jewett and the late Irvine Jewett. Leroy is survived by his wife, Sharon R. (Frank) Jewett, a son, Paul, his mother, Marjorie sister, Marie and two step-daughters, Kelly and Sandra. He is survived by four grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his father, Leroy was predeceased by an infant son. Services were held Saturday, December 22, 2007

at Flewelling Funeral Home Nackawic, NB with his uncle, Rev. Lorne Gorman officiating.

Daily Gleaner
Fredrickton, NB Canada

Shirley Yvonne Jewett, 77, died January 6, 2008 at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA at age 77. She was born April 10, 1930 in Borden, Saskatchewan, Canada to James and Ezma Circle Wallace. Shirley was raised in Careywood, ID, attending school in Athol and Sandpoint, ID. She married Merle P. Jewett, October 10, 1948. Merle was descended from Henry Jewett (944). Shirley and Merle lived in Idaho and Oregon. They owned numerous businesses including a nursery, apartment buildings, motels, an ice company and a sanitary disposal business. Shirley enjoyed gardening, horse racing, playing bridge, and her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, sons Mike and Rick. She is also survived by daughter Debbie, two brothers, her sister Carol, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Ralph and Sister Bonnie. Services were held Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston, Oregon.

Hermiston Herald
Hermiston, OR
January 22, 2008

In Sympathy

Steven W. Jewett, 49, died at Virtua Hospital in Mount Holly, New Jersey. He was born in Waterbury, CT and a longtime resident of Southampton, NJ. Steven attended Southington Schools graduating in 1976. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Gulf War. He retired in 1988 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was employed by Steven Scales Construction as an equipment operator and truck driver. Steven was a member of the VFW Post 4590 in Wrightstown and a member of the American Legion. He is the son of the late Marion Lacy. He is survived by his father, William Jewett of Leesburg, FL, a son, Justine Jewett and his fiancé, Penny Kelly. His is also survived by two step-sons, Stephen and Sean Kelly, two sisters, a grand daughter and niece. Services were held Monday, December 17, 2007 at Moore Funeral Home, Browns Mills.

*Submitted by James Jewett
From the
Burlington County Times*

Warren Frederick Jewett, (17485) 80, an 11th generation descendant of Edward Jewett, died August 21, 2007. He was born in New Paltz, NY, February 7, 1927 the second son of David and Dorothy McKenna Jewett. His brother, David was born in 1923. His friends called him a “gentleman yankee farmer.” Warren was shy and humble. His world consisted of the dairy farm which was in the Jewett family 88 years. He was also employed by the local school. His wish was to have the farm become part of the Wallkill Valley Land Trust., part of the Open Space Institute, New York Land Protection Program. This would protect the land and keep it in cultivation. This is a fitting legacy for a descendant of Joseph Jewett who arrived in Massachusetts in 1638. Warren left the Jewett Farm LLC to his brother, sister-in-law three nieces and a great nephew.

*Submitted by
Lee Jewett Petry*

FYI

Please note the following correction to 2007 Quarterly #3. The name should be Lolabelle Hulbert.

Carol Jewett (wife of Norman, the brother of Charles Jewett) writes: “My mother-in-law was the daughter of Charles Perry Hulbert and Lola Alma Evelyn Scott.”

Charles Perry Hulbert’s line:

Charles Perry
Hiram Perry
Henry Arnold
Ansel
David
David
David
John
Thomas

The information was received from Patricia Hulbert. Her home is in Philo, California. Her cousin, John Hulbert lives in Philo, CA and is the grandson of Charles Perry Hulbert and Lola Alma Evelyn Scott Hulbert.

Please note: The birth date listed in the Warren Frederick Jewett Obituary is correct. The listing in Volume III, page 560 (*Genealogy and History of the Jewetts of America*) is incorrect. That listing reads born 2 February 1928.



Historical delight

Long-lost Rowley church records found in a bank vault offer rare details of daily life for early Colonists

By James Sullivan, Globe Correspondent | July 22, 2007

When the First National Bank of Ipswich closed a branch office in Rowley several months ago, staff members made quite a find in the vault. The stamp on a canvas money bag, dated 1966, indicated that the bag contained \$1,000 in dimes. Its actual contents turned out to be worth a pretty penny more. Inside the bag was a fragile leather-bound book stuffed with hundreds of pages of cramped handwritten notes. To all appearances, the book contained records of the First Congregational Church of Rowley dating to the mid-1600s -- and missing for decades.

On a hot weekday afternoon earlier this month, a small group of church officials milled around a paneled meeting room in the church annex, anxiously awaiting the arrival of two historians. The visitors -- James Cooper, a history professor at Oklahoma State University, and Kenneth Minkema, executive director of the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale -- were coming to verify the journal's authenticity. Though now based in Oklahoma, Cooper has been tracing the whereabouts of historic Massachusetts church records for many years. The author of "Tenacious of Their Liberties: The Congregationalists in Colonial Massachusetts," he and Minkema had co edited the combined church records of Colonial Reading (now Wakefield) and Rumney Marsh (now Revere) for the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. Cooper, a wry-humored man who goes by the nickname Jeff, is particularly interested in the ways in which Congregational churches fostered an open dialogue between clergy and lay members. It was a model, he says, that directly influenced the development of American democracy. "Cantankerous, antiauthoritarian Yankee blood goes back to the beginning," the professor said over the phone a few weeks before his trip to New England. Early church records, he said, were much more than simple documentation of weddings and burials. Given the centrality of the early churches to their communities (the town of Rowley, for instance, was settled as a New World refuge for the congregation of Rowley, England); well-kept records are unmatched windows into everyday Colonial life. "These Puritans had some sense that future generations would have an interest in what the heck they were doing," Cooper said. "They wrote everything down."

When Cooper and his colleague arrived at the Rowley church, they headed straight for the bathroom. Experts in dealing with rare books, they thoroughly scrubbed their hands. The surgical gloves provided by the church went unused.

In the absence of the Rev. Bob Hagopian, who was on vacation, the visitors were greeted by church moderator Donald Thurston, Rowley's town clerk, Sue Hazen, and David and Donna Irving, the church's clerk and historian, respectively. The professors sat down side by side at the head of the table and gazed at the book, which, oddly, had a typed red-and-white label stuck to its cover – the unfortunate work of some well meaning researcher years ago. "It's a little tacky," sighed David Irving. Cooper took a deep breath and gingerly turned the cover. Many of the pages were no longer attached to the binding, but the contents were otherwise well-preserved. It took the historians a matter of minutes to determine these were, in fact, the long-lost records.

Minkema noted several identifying factors, including the language of the pastor's prose, the foolscap pages -- later paper would have been made from wood pulp -- and the stain like "foxing" of their condition. "That combination would be very difficult to fake," he said. The colleagues were already familiar with some of the content from an old microfilm copy uncovered a few years ago in a church safety-deposit box. Leafing through the volume, they instantly recognized certain passages. "There he is -- the infamous Philip Nelson," said Minkema, spotting the name of a congregant who was evidently prone to arguments with the Rev. Samuel Phillips. David Irving was amused to report one of his own findings, an account of a young churchgoer who was excommunicated for "dallying behind the barn." The scholars, accustomed to long, laborious hours of solitary research, were clearly delighted to confirm the book as the genuine article. "I can't emphasize how amazingly important this is," said Minkema, beaming. David Irving guessed that the book was misplaced in the late 1960s, when it was borrowed by a graduate student working on a dissertation. Upon its return, he speculated, a church official probably decided that the book would be safer in a bank vault -- and promptly forgot to tell anyone where he'd stored it. Cooper noted that he'd been "pestering" the First Church since 1990 to find the mislaid records. He's no stranger to futile searches. "Somebody tried to dry one set of records with a candle," he said. Then there was the time he traveled to another Massachusetts church to see its records, only to find the officials were unable to open their own safe. The appeal of the Rowley records, the professors said, lies in the fact that scholars have had very little insight into the "second generation" of Colonial settlements. Samuel Phillips, the First Church's second minister after Ezekiel Rogers, kept meticulously detailed accounts from his ministry, which lasted from his ordination in 1661 until his death in 1696. No other colony has provided the first-hand documentation that Massachusetts has, said the professors. And the Rowley records may prove to be the finest of their kind in terms of detail. For one thing, Phillips had the wherewithal to recall entire conversations verbatim. "They did not have tape recorders back then," said Cooper.

This, he said, was the kind of discovery people in his field dream about. Cooper noted that while no comparable church records have been sold, a single page of testimony from the Salem Witch Trials fetched \$30,000. The Rowley book is likely worth more than the church building itself, he quietly suggested to Minkema. The thrill of confirming the records compares favorably with his first encounter with the sermon notebook of John Cotton, the father of American Congregationalism, Cooper said. "It's something I've never forgotten," he said. Then he turned to Minkema, the Edwards scholar: "How did you feel when you were holding 'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God'?" referring to a well-known sermon delivered by Jonathan Edwards in 1741. Church officials said the records should remain the property of the church but be placed on permanent loan for scholarship. "We don't want it in the shadows again," said Irving.

First, however, the little brown book was headed straight to the church's safe-deposit box.

www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/07/22/historical_delight?m... 7/25/2007

Submitted by
Ted Loranz, President
Jewett Family of America

John of London

The good ship John of London brought the first settlers to Boston, Massachusetts in December 1638. Among the twenty families were Joseph and Maxmillian Jewett. Their leader was the Reverend Ezekiel Rogers. Reverend Rogers led the emigrants to a location near Ipswich, Massachusetts. This became the town of Rowley. The town was incorporated in 1639.

Pictured on the cover of this Quarterly is an eight foot replica of the John of London. This replica along with the replica of the First Congregational Church in Rowley was used as part of the float in the Newburyport Annual Yankee Homecoming Parade, August 5, 2007. The float was built by members of the church. These members, in costume, rode on the float in the parade.

Note the two red pennants on the ship mast as well as the British Flag. The church steeple has a red rooster (weathercock) standing proudly at its peak.

Also pictured are the two trophies won at the parade. The first is the Parade Chairman's Trophy and the 2nd is the Chairman's Trophy.

The photograph was taken in the Everett Room of the First Congregational Church in Rowley and is reprinted with the permission of Reverend Bob Hagopian. The short history is from the History and *Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*, the Rowley Congregational Steeple Notes and the Newburyport Daily News.

Not pictured is the church bell cast in 1849 by George Holbrook. He learned his trade from Paul Revere. George Holbrook built his foundry in 1818 after Paul Revere's death. The church bell was given to the town of Rowley by the Smith Family.

*Submitted by
Miss Eleanor Jewett Haley
Rowley, MA*

Town of Jewett, New York

When my brother, Sam Jewett, and I went on vacation a couple of years ago, we did what he called a Jewett trip. We stopped anytime we heard or saw Jewett in the name. The town of Jewett, New York was one of the stops. I took these pictures. There are more, plus the history of the town on the website.

www.townofjewett.com. Shown below is the welcome to Jewett, NY sign. The Jewett Presbyterian Church is to the right and the United States Post Office is shown below.

*Submitted by
Jessie Jewett Elliott*





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