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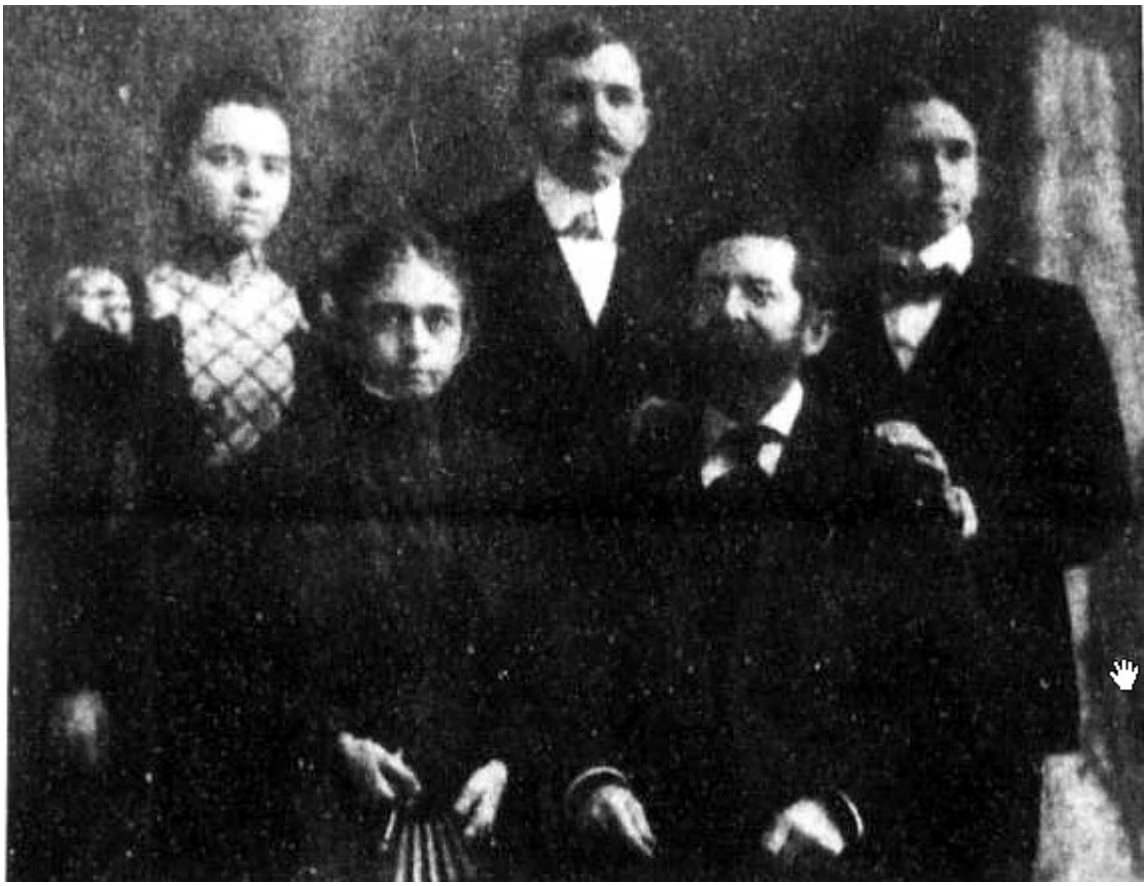

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Jewett Family member, Rodney Jewett has volunteered to host and maintain his Jewett website for our benefit. He does own the domain name. You can access the website at www.jewett.org. Back issues of the newsletter, and yearbooks have been added. Current 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 Dorothy Vander Meulen, Sarah Jewett King, Eleanor Haley, Kenneth Jewett, Mary Gorball, Jessie Elliott, Dorothy Jewett Brigham, Jessie Jewett McCarty, Ted Loranz and Rob Jewett, for their contributions to this edition of the Quarterly. Your time and efforts are most appreciated.

Please note that my collection of submitted material is very low at present. I would welcome any material that you would like to share, including stories, articles, pictures and even interesting web sites for the next or future Quarterly issues. If you would like to send photos please send either glossy prints or JPG files.

Additionally, I would be open to suggestions on what you might like to see in the newsletter. If possible, drop me a line, and I or another family member could research the topic for presentation in an upcoming newsletter.

Tom

Contemplations of your President

Claire and I have been experiencing a relatively wet summer here in the northeast portion of the country. Most of the cities and towns have experienced record rainfall and it seems it has rained almost every day. Not all day, mind you, but enough to mess up outdoor plans. Now that it is August, the rain seems to be fading somewhat but has been replaced by heat and humidity. This is one reason we really like the spring and fall seasons and always try to go to our home in Maine during those times.

This year has been a little different for both of us. I became semi-retired in March (I still go into work several times a week to keep busy) and Claire completely retired from Wellesley College with 40 years of service on June 30th. This has freed us up to spend more time in Maine and take some trips.

If you have been reading my letters for any amount of time, you know I am an avid fan of Oldsmobiles and own several classics. I am active in the local Oldsmobile club and this year four of us decided to attend the Oldsmobile Club of America National car show at Seven Springs Mountain Resort near Pittsburgh, PA. We wanted to bring our cars but quickly determined that a 10 hour journey in a 40 year old car would not be the most comfortable (no AC, cruise control, etc.). Instead we booked a truck which specializes in classic car transport, and the four of us set off in a caravan with our wives in our regular cars. If you have ever caravanned, you know what an experience it is. It is pretty easy when you are on highways and there is little traffic but add traffic or try to do it at night and you quickly learn the value of the "walkie talkies" we had. We arrived safely after two days of driving and had a great time at the event. It was a beautiful setting, although a lot of walking and elevation changes made it challenging from time to time. All of received 1st place prizes for our cars and were glad we participated. Next year the National Show will be here in New England. This should be easier except that I am on several committees responsible for staging the event. It should be interesting.

In the last quarterly, We included a letter about reunions by Cecilia McGehee and a questionnaire about what you would like to see in the 2010 reunion. To date, I have received only 4 responses and 1 of them was from Cecilia. I fear that the next quarterly will have the headline ***JFA 2010 REUNION CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST*** unless there is substantially more interest. I think you will all agree that there is little point in having a reunion unless people come to it

Toujours le même,

Ted Lorang

FYI and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Volumes I and II of the **History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America** can now be downloaded free on-line. See the article below on the Internet Archives for the downloading location and site directions.

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A website entitled "**Ray's Place**" has a listing of over 7,000 pages worth of information on genealogy and vital records from New England. The site may be of use to those looking for records, but not living in New England. The site is located at:

http://www.rays-place.com/index.html

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Congratulations

Aubrey Anna Marie Jewett was born June 15, 2009 at St. John's Hospital in Washington, MO, to Jason and Amber Jewett of Gerald, MO. She weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Anna Wiley, Lenexa and Ansel and Karen Asher, Seymour, MO. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Jack and Cherie Jewett, St. Joseph, MO. Great grandparent is Ruth Jewett, St. Joseph, MO.
If anyone has information on this family line please forward it to myself or Carrie Cole.
Reprinted from The Chieften
Bonner Springs, MO

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Shawn Craig McCarty (23435) and Kimberly Curtis, both of San Jose, California, were married November 8, 2008 in San Jose, California at the Hotel DeAnza with many family and friends attending from all across America. Shawn is the son of Jessie Jewett McCarty Elliott (23406) of Madison, TN.. and the late Owen McCarty.

In Sympathy

Owen Eric McCarty (23,431) passed away April 4, 2009 after a lengthy illness in Nashville, TN. Owen was 52 years old. Owen or Eric as we called him was preceded in death by his father, Owen; one nephew, Craig Copen (23467); his grandparents, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is survived by his mother, Jessie (Jewett) (23406) McCarty ,Madison, TN, brothers Kevin (23434) (Mike Ondek) McCarty of Nashville, Shawn (23435) (Kim) McCarty of San Jose, California: sisters, Verginia (23430) Copen, Murfreesboro, Charlotte (23432) (Randy) Parker, Murfreesboro, and Cheryl (23433) (William) Ewing, Kingston Springs, TN, nephews Shane Copen, Bill (Lauren) Ewing, Travis Copen and nieces Megan Parker, Kalisa Ewing and Genna Parker, a great nephew Landen Ewing and a great niece Brielle Ewing.

He attended schools in Kansas and Tennessee completing 2 years at Methodist Bible College, Nashville, TN. He was ordained as a Baptist minister by Rev. James Hopkins. He especially enjoyed teaching the Sunday evening training union classes. He was a member of Faith Temple Baptist Church.

Eric had a very big heart that was compassionate in whatever he believed in. He loved his creative side of being a musician and artist. At one time he had a full band that practiced to no end at his Mom and Dad's home. He loved his guitars, music, to become a talented musician. He married his high school sweetheart and loved his step daughter but they later divorced. One thing he really enjoyed was a good cup of coffee if you had one to offer. He would help you finish the pot with a good conversation.

Owen was cremated and burial after a memorial service was April 10, 2009 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, Goodlettsville, TN. He is buried next to his father.

Submitted by
Jessie Jewett McCarty

Natalie Towne (Jewett) Bruce (24,227) It is with great sadness that the death of Natalie is reported. Natalie passed away on June 9, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. Natalie was 61 at the time of her passing. She was born September 27, 1946 in Ipswich, Massachusetts to Everett D. Jewett and Edna P (Towne) Jewett. Natalie leaves her husband of 48 years, Glenn D. Bruce of Gilford, Connecticut, daughters: Deborah L. Dawdy of Benton, Kentucky, and Marci A. Eigenschenk of Kansas City, Missouri, and a son Michael A. Bruce of Snellville, Georgia. She was also survived by six grandchildren: William Dawdy, Anthony Dawdy, Phoebe Dawdy, Stephen Bruce, Alexander Bruce and Nicholas Bruce. Also surviving Natalie are 2 sisters: Dorothy E. (Jewett) Brigham of Acton, Maine, and Judith L. (Jewett) Brenner of New Hampshire as well as bothers Everett G. Jewett of Coalinger, California, and Edward Jewett of New Hampshire. She was preceded in death by her parents, and Alfred D. Jewett and Walter A. Jewett.

Funeral services were held June 13, 2009 at 11 AM at the Guilford Funeral Home in Guilford, Connecticut. The JFA donated $100 to The Connecticut Hospice in Natalie's name.

Submitted by
Dorothy E. Jewett Brigham

Albert W. Haley Jr, (25,256) of Rowley, died Tuesday July 2, 2009 at his home. Mr. Haley was born in Rowley January 30, 1926, son of the late Albert W. Sr. and Helen F. (Miller) Haley.
Albert studied cartooning as a boy and graduated from Rowley Grammer School, Class of 1940. He played the trumpet until his sophomore year in Ipswich High School where he graduated in 1944. He became an avid model airplane builder while still in high school. He entered the Boston Traveler Soap Box Derbey in 1941 where he was "trounced." While a student in Ipswich High School, Albert was an airplane spotter in World War II. He trained in this country for six months as a tank corps crewman. In the winter of 1945 Albert went abroad with the U.S. Army in Europe as a tank destroyer crewman and served in the European Theater of Operations until V-E Day. For a year afterwards he served in the Army of occupation in Europe as a guard dog handler.
Albert graduated from Temple University with a B.A. in English in 1952 attending under the G.I. Bill, during which time he began writing poetry. After a year's graduate work in English at Penn. State College, he worked in various jobs in industry until his retirement from Ebinger Brothers Leather Co. in 1988. In 1978 Albert published his translation of the Old English epic poem "Beowulf" (Branden Press) and in 1981 his translation of the Old English poem "Judith" (Modern Images). His original poems and translations of other Old English poems have appeared in various magazines.
He is a member of the Rowley Historical Society, The Jewett Family of America and the Rowley V.F.W Post 5707. Mr. Haley is survived by his sister Eleanor J. Haley of Rowley (25,255) and several cousins, including Sumner Haley of Rowley, Curtis Haley of Rowley, Geoffrey Haley of Maine, Paul Haley, stationed with the U.S. Military in Iraq, Douglas Haley of Maine, Nancy Haley, Ann Levings of New Hampshire, Barbara Paradis of Rockport, Nancy Marcucci of Rhode Island, Wilber Miller of Stamford and Clement Haley of Pennsylvania. Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 8, 2009 in the Main Street Cemetery in Rowley.
Submitted by
Eleanor Haley
Reprinted from the Daily News
Newburyport, MA

Hickey, Guy Thomas "Buddy" The death of Guy Thomas Hickey, husband of Alice (Jewett) Hickey (25,791) of Lincoln, NB, occurred at the Oromocto Public Hospital on Sunday, May 3rd, 2009. Born in Fredericton, NB on July 1st, 1930, he was the son of the late Guy T. Hickey and Kathleen E. (Doherty) Hickey. Buddy was retired from the Royal Canadian Armed Forces. He is survived by his wife Alice, his four children, Peter Hickey (Marg) of Lincoln, NB, Stephen Hickey (Mary) of Fredericton, NB, Joyce Hudlin (Arthur) of Toronto, ON as well as Donald Hickey (Sherry) of North Gower, ON; four sisters, Esther Davis, of Green Hill Lake, NB, Margaret Goodine of Alberta, Norma Kelly of Maugerville, NB and Jackie Hennessey of Barrie, ON, seven grandchildren, Shelly (Hickey) Jones, Thomas Hickey, Andrea Hickey, Derek Hickey, Michael Hudlin, Megan Hickey and Mikyla Hickey and two great-grandchildren, Alicia and Callum Jones. Buddy was predeceased by his parents, one brother, Donald Hickey and two sisters, Dorothy "Dolly" Powers and Patricia Jewett. The family will receive visitors at McAdam's Select Community Funeral Home, 160 York Street, Fredericton, on Tuesday, May 5th, 2009 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Lincoln, on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 at 12:00 noon with Fr. Monte Peters as celebrant. Interment will take place in the adjoining cemetery. Thanks to the Oromocto Public Hospital Palliative Care, Saint John Dialysis nurses, Extra-mural nurses, Dr. Reid and most especially Dr. Peter Fraser and the anonymous heart donor from Western Canada for the last twenty and a half years. For those who wish, memorial tributes made to the New Brunswick Heart and Stroke Foundation, Kidney Foundation of Canada or to the charity of the donors choice would be appreciated by the family."
Reprinted from East Canada's Dailey Gleaner
May 4, 2009

Raymond Lee Jewett, (23,494) born 9/23/24, in Altamont, Kansas, died June 15th in Middletown, Rhode Island. A resident of Bristol, Rhode Island, formerly of Dennis, Lincoln, Wayland and Lexington, Massachusetts, Raymond was an exceptional husband, father, friend and an extraordinary humanitarian.

Survived by his wife, Eleanor, of Bristol, RI; his children: Richard L. Jewett and wife, Paula, of Portsmouth, RI; Laura Jewett of Concord, MA; Linda Jewett and husband, Rick Lane of Bainbridge Island, WA and Robert N. Jewett and wife, Sharon, of Franklin, MA. Mr. Jewett was grandfather to Christopher L. Jewett of Redondo Beach, CA; Winston R. Doershuk of Seattle, WA and Raymond L. Jewett, II, of Franklin, MA. Mr. Jewett was the brother of Frances Feeter of Molokai, HI and the late Arthur Jewett of Louisville, KY.

During WW II, Raymond served in Army Intelligence at The Pentagon, where he met and married Eleanor. He received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and went on to earn his MBA at Harvard.

Mr. Jewett was a mentor to many and a philanthropic giver. He donated his time freely for important causes. He was past Board President of Minute Man ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens). He served as Chairman of the Wayland (MA) School Board. He was an ardent and effusive supporter of: Habitat for Humanity, The ACLU, The Smile Fund, Sierra Club, The Heart Fund, Edith's List and The Hemlock Society.

Raymond was President of Precision Control Products; served on The Board of Directors of NYSE listed Milton Roy Co., Inc. and was President and Chairman of Liquid Metronics, Inc. which was acquired by Sundstrand Corp., a United Technologies Division. Ray, Eleanor and family travelled the world, over their years together, and developed many long-lasting, valued friendships – both business and personal.

Throughout his life, having lost an eye at the age of 6, Ray Jewett devoted much of his time to learning, counseling and fostering achievement and self-reliance in others. Baseball, an early love, was out of the question so, with his one good eye, he took to books. He read voraciously, developing a broad-based knowledge of just about everything. Friends and family lovingly called him "The Original Know-It-All".

Memorial arrangements are private. In his name, you may, kindly, make a donation to Ray Jewett's dearest charity:

Submitted by
Rob Jewett
Reprinted from the WaterburyRepublican-American
November 20, 2008

Norma Rae Jewett age 87, former longtime resident of the Miami area died Wednesday, January 21, 2009 in Gainesville, GA. She was the widow of Master Sgt. Frank F. Jewett, USMC retired, and she was a graduate of Miami-Edison H.S. Surviving are sons and daughter-in-laws, Ron & Elsie Jewett of Rochester, MA, Doug & Martha Jewett of Woodstock, GA, 2 grandchildren, Jennifer Jewett and Benjamin Jewett and one great grandchild, Liza Jewett.

Submitted by
Sarah Jewett King
Reprinted from the Miami Herald
January 23, 2009

Bruce Allen Krupula (17,888) age 67, formerly of Hampton, CT, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, SC.
Mr. Krupula was born June 19, 1942 in Putnam, CT, a son of the late Carl and Alice Pearl Krupula (17,800). Prior to his retirement, he was employed for Brand Rex, American Thread Company, and later General Dynamics in Groton, CT. Mr. Krupula enjoyed spending the winter months in Myrtle Beach, SC and traveling home to Hampton, CT for the milder summer months. Mr. Krupula was predeceased by his son; Eric Krupula; his brother, Arnie Krupula; and his sister, Rita Beal.
Survivors include his devoted wife of 45 years; Anne Marie Webb Kupula; his son, Timothy Kupula and his wife, Teresa, of Altamonte Springs, FL; his daughters, Linda Krupula of Honolulu, HI, Beth Crute and her husband, Daniel, of Moosup, CT, Anita Krupula of Hampton, CT; his sister, Hilda Moseley of Pomfret, CT; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
A private service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.
Submitted by
Dorothy Vander Meulen
Reprinted from the Norwich Bulletin
June 27, 2009

Guy R. Jewett (21,592) of West Salem passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2009, at the age of 101, at Lakeview Health Center, West Salem. He was born Oct. 28, 1907, the fourth of 11 children on a farm in the town of Burns, WI, to Harry and Grace (Atwater) Jewett. Guy graduated from Sparta High School in 1925 and began a career in the dairy industry milking test cows, before becoming a herdsman for the state of Wisconsin.
On Aug. 7, 1933, he married Mabel Freese in Rockford, Ill., and she preceded him in death on Oct. 18, 2000, after over 67 years of marriage. Returning to the West Salem area in 1936, he managed farms for a doctor until buying his own place in McKinley Valley, where he lived for over 50 years. Guy was active on local school boards, a 4-H Leader for many years and participated in numerous agriculture business organizations. An excellent musician, he enjoyed performing with his accordian or harmonica at any event or by personal request. After many years of farming, Guy discovered that repairing antique clocks and building unique furniture was more satisfying than milking cows, so he sold his herd and started a new vocation.
He will be remembered by all he met for his strong convictions, many talents, and the happiness he found in his new work. When his eyesight began to fail, he had to give up his craftmanship tasks and then moved to West Salem. Survivors include four sons, Douglas (Marge) of Sacramento, Calif., Jerry (Joanne) of Nesbit, Miss., Tom (Kathleen) of Kailua Kona, Hawaii, and Chester (Debbie) of St. Francis, Wis.; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Verne (Jean) of San Jose, Calif. and Roger (Marge) of Hudson, Wis.; and many nieces and nephews.
Funeral services will be Friday, July 10, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church of West Salem, 625 W. Franklin St. Pastor Stephanie M. Steiner will officiate. Burial will be in Burns Cemetery. Friends may call at Jostad-Jandt Funeral Home, 121 N. Youlon St., West Salem, on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. and at the church on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be given to the Presbyterian Church of West Salem.
Reprinted from Coulee News
West Salem, Wisconsin
July 9, 2009

William Lord Jewett (4,534)

Weather Watchers

Collecting data on rainfall, temperature is tradition for Ocala family

Originally printed in the Ocala, Star Banner; May 4, 1997
Submitted by Sarah Jewett King

In 1897, Marion County resident William Lord Jewett began making the first of his daily trips to Northwest 27th Avenue – the city's first weather station – to read gauges for his daily weather report. The news of Jewett's work came as a surprise to his great grandson, Hunter Bowen, an Ocala stockbroker. Until Bob Breitenbecker , a weather reporter for the National Weather service and for the Star-Banner, came to him with news of the document, Bowen was unaware of this bit of family lore.

"I had no idea that my great-grandfather was interested in the weather," he said. "I know my grandfather used to check it downtown, but I never really paid attention to that." Apparently recording and reporting the weather was of significance to the family. Bowen's collection of family memorabilia includes scenes of the family for generations back.

"In old pictures, my grandfather and great-grandfather were always in starched shirts and ties, always very proper. They always reminded me of Clifton Webb in those old movies from the 1930s and 1940s," he said. "They were very involved in government service and community projects. They were very conscientious."

Bowen's mother didn't inherit the family weather trait, but he did, never understanding why. "I always collected rainfall and temperature data," he said. "I can tell you how much rain we got on a particular date, and I keep track of all the weather. When I found out about great-grandfather, I was exhilarated."

Always a family history buff, he collects all of the information he can about both his own and other pioneering Ocala families. The only thing he had been missing is the basis for where the interest in weather originated. Thanks to Breitenbecker, that mystery is solved.

The history of weather reporting in Marion County is a rich one. On March 26, 1897, Jewett provided the first known recording of the weather in Ocala. The report, filed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Weather Bureau, included a description of Jewett's station and the instruments he used. The building, near the corner of Northwest 27th Avenue and Northwest 10th Street, is still standing in an area behind what is now the Party Central complex.

The statistics are based on information received from what was then the Florida Central and The Peninsula Railroad Company that ran from Ocala to Silver Springs, and the Gulf Railroad Company that ran from Ocala west to the Gulf of Mexico, said Breitenbecker. The coordinates of the first station were made in 1897 by James R. Moorhead of the J.R. Moorhead Company – now Moorhead Engineering Company.

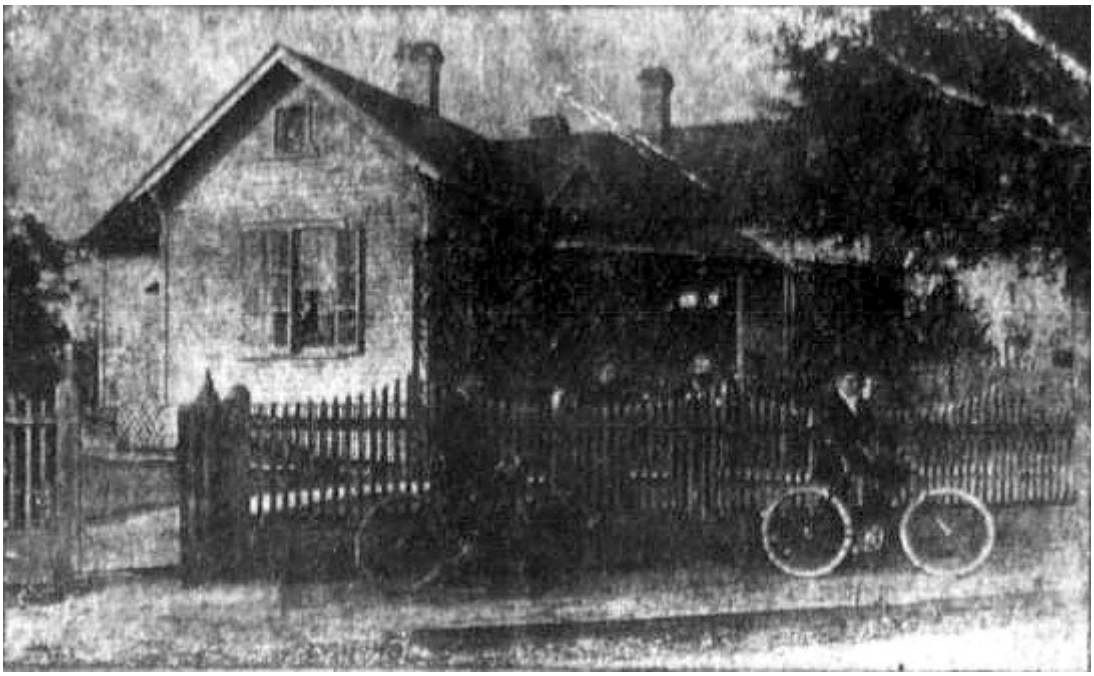
Jewett's son Steven, took over the weather duties in the late 1930s and early 1940s, using two information gathering sites. Steven, who died in 1957, was a tax collector in Marion County for more than two decades. He and his family lived in a three-story house on South Pine Avenue. The property is now occupied by Firestone Tire Company.

Records kept then show a weather station was located across the street from City Hall, which was housed in what was then called City Park, today the site of the Ocala Public Library. The other site was at the radio station WTMC (Welcome to Marion County).

Another early weather reporter was Frederick Weihe. A jeweler, he moved here from Louisville, Ky., in 1883, and opened a jewelry store. His weather observations were taken at the Armory at Tuscawilla Park

where he recorded weather material for the military troops training in Ocala during World War II and for the "Ocala Morning Banner."
All weather station operations were under the direction of the Department of Agriculture until 1940 when President Roosevelt ordered the Coast Guard to start manning them. The name was changed to the National Weather Service in 1967, said Breitenbecker. Breitenbecker has been providing weather information to the Star-Banner for about 10 years and has developed a passion for the history of his work. When he received the old data from the National Weather service and first saw the handwritten notes of jewettt on the official form, he regarded it as a testament to the dedication of the volunteer weather reporter and the job performed. "This is the first known paper on record that documents at least 100 years of weather reporting in marion County," Breitenbecker said. It was just as important 100 years ago as it is today, but there have been changes, he said. Today, the national Weather service requires that reporting stations adhere to specific rules. Thermometers and the sensors to the recording instruments must be inside a ventilated shelter designed to allow maximum possible flow of air while providing protection from the heat and light. The access door must face north so sunlight will not shine in on the sensors and give erroneous readings. These rules are applicable to all reporting stations across the country.
"Back 100 years ago, when this report was made, the thermometer was placed under the reporter's porch, 10 feet above the ground. The rain gauge was on the ground about 10 feet south of a one-story house. It is also interesting to note that time was recorded in Central Standard Time – the same as used by the railroads – instead of Eastern Standard Time which we use today," Breitenbecker said.
Breitenbecker's collection of weather reporting memorabilia and local facts includes this information: Weather reporters all worked without pay just as today. The volunteers provide their services because they are interested in the science of day-to-day weather record keeping.

The complete article can be accessed on the internet by going to the **Google** home page and inserting the following words as a single search:
William Lord Jewett Weather Watcher



William Lord Jewett and family in front of their home, about 1900.

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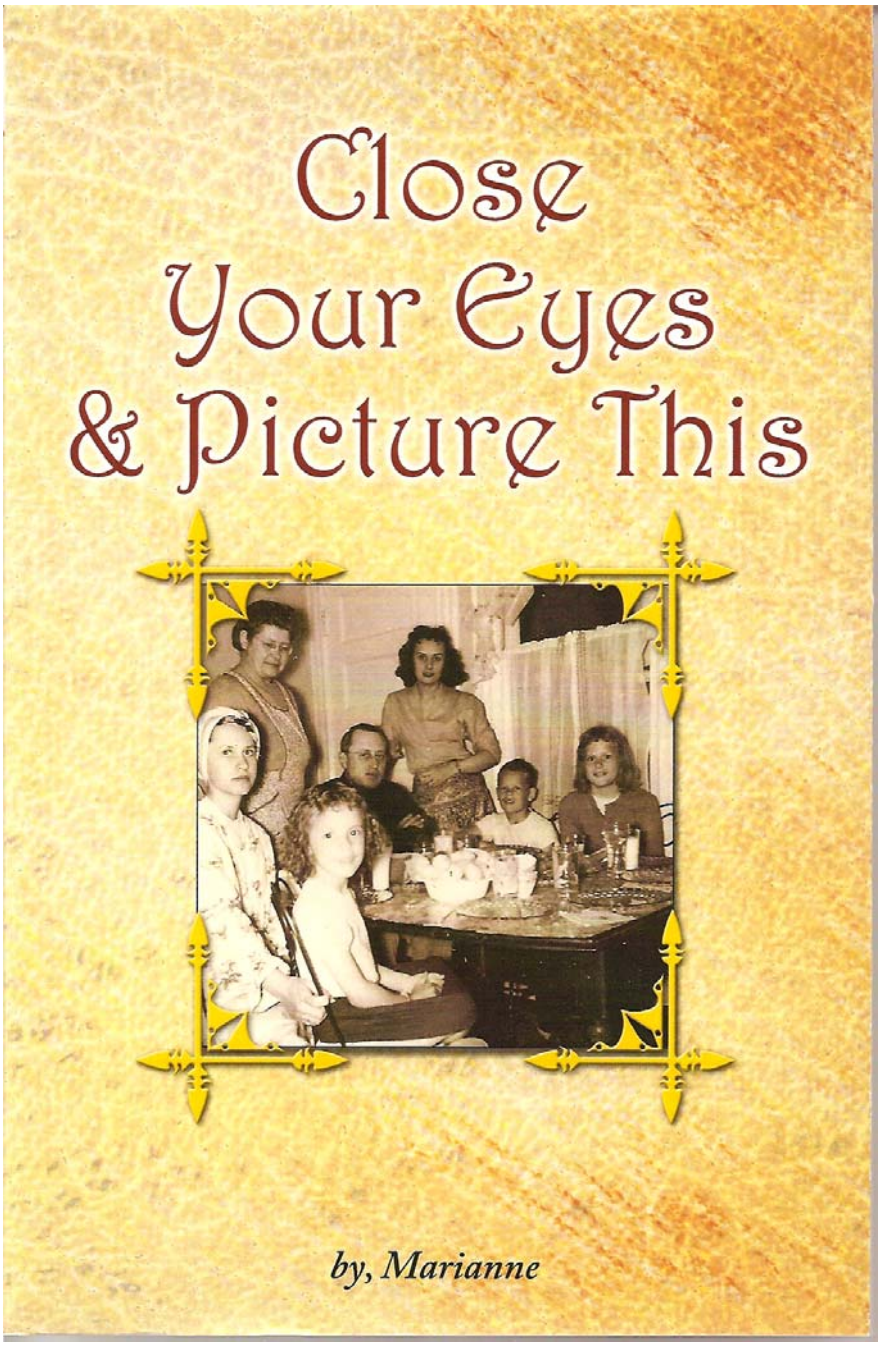
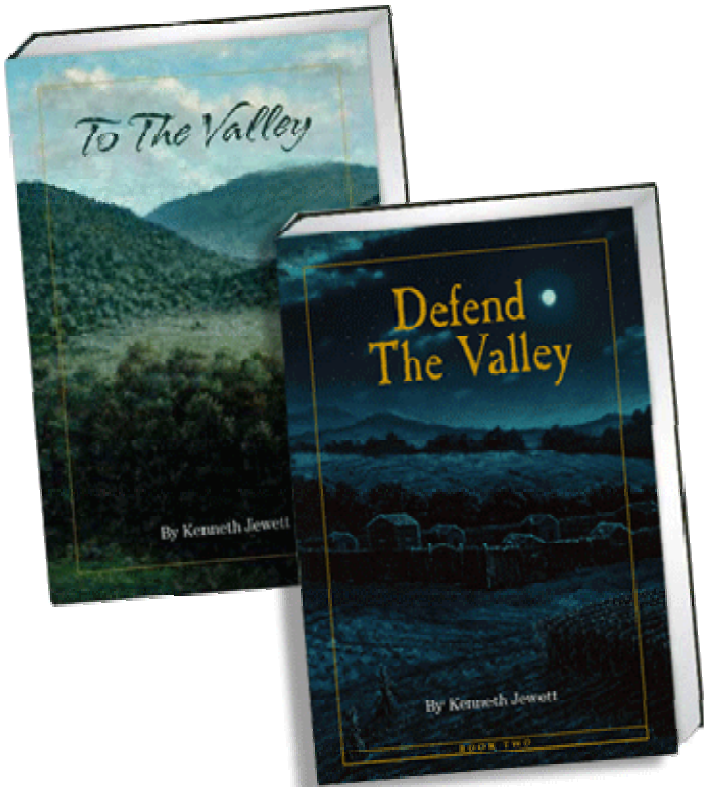


Jewett Nominated for Pulitzer Prize



Ithaca Press recently released the second historical fiction novel by Kenneth Wayne Jewett (23642), *Defend the Valley*. In it, Ken continues the saga of the fictional Jewett family, begun in his first work, *To the Valley*, as they struggle to make a life on the wild frontier of colonial Virginia during the turbulent French and Indian War (1755-1763). The books tell a heart-warming, engrossing tale that is full of excitement and adventure. These novels are suitable for teens through adults and are fast-paced, vivid historical fiction.

Last year's release of *To the Valley* garnered Ken his first Pulitzer Prize in American Literature nomination. Now this year's *Defend the Valley* has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, a very prestigious award for any author. Ken feels greatly honored just to have had both of his first two works nominated.

Ken, a retired Colonel, spent thirty years in the US Air Force before retiring to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, the setting for both of his novels. He didn't begin writing until after his retirement, more on a challenge from his brother, Greg (Gregory Lewis, 23643). Choosing to use his family members as the main characters, even to the point of retaining several of their names on Greg's suggestion, he places them in historical settings and has them interact with well known historical figures, such as George Washington and Daniel Boone, just to name two.

To learn more about the books and to hear Ken discuss them, web cast interviews of Ken may be found at www.artistfirst.com in the Ithaca Press Authors archive section. Books are available for $28 each at Ken's Ithaca Press web site, www.kennethjewett.com.

As before, Ken does have a small supply of books available for those in JFA who would like autographed copies. Send your requests to Col Kenneth W. Jewett, 255 Agners Mill Road, Lexington, VA 24450 along with $33 ($28 plus shipping/handling) and any instruction for personalization.

FAMILY REUNION NEWS

70th PEARL FAMILY REUNION

The 70th Pearl Reunion was held for the 2nd year at the farm of Russell and Susan Gray in Sterling, CT. Rain, though predicted, held off and the Sun came out so that folks could enjoy sitting on the lawn and the children had space to play. Some 58 "cousins" came to enjoy the day, the food and company of each other. An event such as this brings the opportunity to reconnect with family, get to meet unfamiliar and familiar faces. Sharing stories and memories and sharing lives is fun.

The oldest attendee was 90 years of age and the youngest was 10 months. The folks came from as far away as Utah and Florida. All but one of the 6 New England states were represented. The pot luck dinner was eagerly attacked and nobody went away from the tables hungry. Two milestone birthdays were celebrated, a 70th and a 30th, with cake and slightly out of tune renditions of 'Happy Birthday'.

After dinner moderator, Neal Moon, presided over the business meeting. Each 'cousin' introduced themselves including information on the line they were descended from and any new family news that they wanted to share. Some discussion revolved around this new Pearl Family website, **www.thepearlsofhampton.org**. Those present, who had accessed the site, liked it. It is much cheaper than the old site and it was approved by the gathering to continue its support. Profuse thanks were given to the Gray family for hosting the past 2 reunions. Their hospitality and organizational skills were excellent and much appreciated. Some discussion followed on a possible site for next year's reunion. The Hampton Community Center (the old Little River Grange Hall) as a site was placed on the table. Other possibilities were mentioned and all will be considered before a final decision is made. In the meantime anyone who is interested in hosting the Reunion is invited to contact Dot Vander Meulen, or post a comment on this site, or contact Neal Moon.

After the business meeting, a group photo was taken. Unfortunately some people had already left for home, but enough were present to be recorded for posterity!

Submitted by
Dorothy Vander Meulen

THE ANNUAL JEWETT FAMILY REUNION IN KANSAS

The descendants of Edson Asaph (7316) and Lottie Cope Jewett met for their annual reunion at the Marion County Lake on July 5, 2009. Twenty nine family members came from five states. Attendees included Evelyn Corey Jewett, Marion, Kansas, widow of Burt (23402) Jewett, Janie (23424) Jewett Westerman, Fayetteville, Georgia; Jessie (23406) Jewett McCarty Elliott, Madison, Tennessee; Sam (23405) Jewett, Holiday Island, Arkansas; John and Edith (23403) Jewett Darting, Hillsboro, Kansas; Lloyd (23426) Spencer, his children, KimberLea, Isaac, and Kaleb, Hillsboro, Kansas; Eudora May (23410) Christner Hebrank, Burdick, Kansas; Edson Clifford (23412) and Linda Jewett, Mt. Hope, Kansas; Edson, Jr.(23441) Jewett, and children Chelsea (23470) and Ed IV (23470a), Mt. Hope, Kansas; Kristi (23440) Jewett Van Heule, Buena Park, California; Jeanna Christianson, Buena Park, California; Larry (23420) Baxter, Marion, Kansas; Diana (23421) Baxter Kennedy, Wichita, Kansas; Ruth (23418) and Jean Baczkowski, Valley Center, Kansas; Richard (23419) Baxter, Great Bend, Kansas; Mike Baxter and son, Dylan of Great Bend, Kansas; Lee and Gina Baxter Bates, their children Jarrett and Marleigh of Great Bend, Kansas.

We had a pitch in meal with many good things to eat and everyone enjoyed the afternoon visiting catching up on everyone's lives. Lots of pictures were taken. This branch meets the first Sunday in July every year and will meet again on July 4, 2010 at the Marion County Lake Hall. Everyone is welcome and we had 2 visitors come by and visit, Lester and Mayme Franta, ElDorado, Kansas. They are cousins to Sam, Jessie and Edith.

Submitted by
Jessie Elliott

Edson Clifford Jewett, Eudora May Christner Hebrank, Jessie Jewett McCarty Elliott

96TH JEWETT FAMILY REUNION

Planning for the 96th Jewett Family of America Reunion, Summer 2010 to be held in Rowley, Massachusetts is currently underway, and your input is important to the process. If you have not already returned your reunion suggestion form to Ted Loranz, please consider doing so at the earliest opportunity.

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