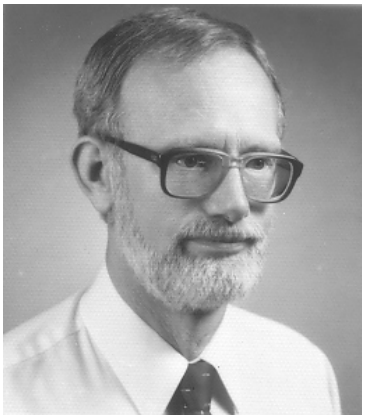
Jewett Family
Of
America



Dwight David Jewett

1945 - 2006

A Life Remembered

2010 Quarterly No. 1

Officers

President

Alfred B. Loranz (508) 561-7613© ..... 114 West Street, Medway, MA 02053

Vice President

Linda D. Remley (303) 838-5260……...10746 Marclif Rd, Conifer, CO 80433

Secretary and Treasurer

Johanna E. Jennings (978) 562-5389 .....100 Tower St., Apt. 602 Hudson, MA 01749

Historian

Carri A. Cole (219) 838-2806.....3444 Lincoln Street, Highland, IN 46322

Editor of Publications

Thomas J. Jewett (570) 888-0211 ..... 525 Oak Hill Drive, Sayre, PA 18840

Auditor

Dorothy Jewett Brigham (207) 636-1428 .....PO Box 600, Acton, ME 04001

Directors

Jeffrey R. Gorball…… (2012)……. (641) 324-1136 ……...1377 430th Street, Northwood, IA 54049
Sarah Jewett King……..... (2012)……. (954) 432-2676……9601 NW 5th Street, Hollywood, FL 33024
Cecilia Jewett McGehee….. (2012)……. (785) 242-8716…….……1147 S Elm Street, Ottawa, KS 66067
Janey Jewett Powell……. (2012)…....(816) 554-1958……..1316 NE Magnolia Street, Lees Summit, MO 64086
Patricia L. Purdy…….. (2012)……. (570) 945-5586……20 Valley View Dr, Factoryville, PA 18419
John P. Jewett……..…… (2012)…….……..65 Hamilton Circle, Marlborough, MA 01752
Carri A. Cole…… (2010).……(219) 838-2806…….3444 Lincoln Street, Highland, IN 46322
Mary Gorball…… (2010)…… (641) 772-4701…….……....1334 Cherri Ln # 450, Ellston, IA 50074
Alfred B. Loranz…….. (2010)…..…(508) 561-7613……...……...114 West Street, Medway, MA 02053
William W. Nash……. (2010).…….(570) 553-2335……...RR 1 Box 1724, Friendsville, PA 18818
Bernice Jewett Mansir……. (2010)…… (207) 713-7737……..139 Pine Hill Road, Monmouth, ME 04259
Barbara Jewett Shaw…….(2010)…… (207) 582-2937……285 Wiscasset Rd. Pittston, ME 04345
Jessie Jewett Elliott…….. (2011)…… (615) 865-6336….…….....……481 Star Blvd., Madison, TN 37115
Johanna E. Jennings……. (2011)…… (978) 562-5389……100 Tower Street, Apt. 602 Hudson, MA 01749
Mitchell Dean Jewett…….(2011)…… (316) 835-2929…..…….……...1004 11th Terrace, Halstead, KS 67056
Thomas Jewett…….. (2011)…… (570) 888-0211……..……525 Oak Hill Dr., Sayre, PA 18840
Lee Jewett Petry…….. (2011)……..209 Marchmont Road, Knoxville, TN 37923
Linda D. Remley……. (2011)……. (303) 838-5260…..…….. .10746 Marclif Rd, Conifer, CO 80433

Directors for Life

Dorothy Jewett Brigham.....PO Box 600, Acton, ME 04001
Alan D. Jewett (508) 888-7155..... PO Box 486, East Sandwich, MA 02537
Theodore V. Hermann (305) 858-5840…….2539 S. Bayshore Dr., #415 Cocoanut Grove, FL 33133
Dorothy Jewett Stitt (Editor of Publications, Emeritus) (610) 252-6944..... 110 Upper Shawnee Ave, Easton, PA 18042

(The number in parentheses is the term expiration year)

Individual Membership (including Quarterlies) $20.00; Family Membership $30.00
Life Membership $ 100.00, Life members Publication fee, $10.00/year

Published by the Jewett Family of America, Inc.
(Incorporated September 19, 1910)
Rowley, MA

Table of Contents

Officers and Directors……p 2
Letter from the President……p 4
FYI and Announcements…… ..……..p 5
In Sympathy..……... p 6
Dwight David Jewett……..…..……p 10
Mary Bell Jewett……..…....p 13
Family Reunion News……p 15

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.

Dues, Membership, Address Changes

Johanna E. Jennings
114 West Street
Medway, MA 02053
johanna.jennings@comcast.net

From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to Dorothy Vander Meulen, Mary Robison Jewett, Dorothy Boyer Stimpson, Carrie Cole and Jim Jewett for their contributions to this edition of the Quarterly. Your time and efforts are most appreciated.

Family additions, corrections, births, marriages and deaths, please forward to:

Carri A. Cole
Jewett Family Historian
3444 Lincoln Street
Highland, IN 46322
carri_indiana@yahoo.com

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

Information for future newsletters:

Thomas Jewett
Newsletter Editor
525 Oak Hill Drive
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-0211
TJEWETT.GEO@YAHOO.COM

Contemplations of your President

As I write this, we have just pretty much escaped another winter storm here in Massachusetts. They were forecasting 12+ inches yesterday but the weather persons are now apologizing for their mistake - this may be a first! I know the mid-east coast has been getting walloped and has set many new records for snowfall and they are not prepared for this kind of weather. I think I heard that Washington DC's snow removal equipment was only 75% in service. It may be poor form, but I would rather it was them than us. Unfortunately, it was just enough (2") that I had to snow blow or it would have turned into an icy mess in a few days.

Claire and I decided to splurge and just had a gas insert installed in our fireplace which hasn't been used for about 20 years. It is located in the family room which has always been a cool spot in the house. Our house is a split level and only has one hot air heating zone so it has always been a balancing act to even the temperature throughout the house and not totally successful. We have been forced to use a throw to keep warm in the past but no longer. We can now just adjust the fireplace thermostat and it goes on and off to maintain a comfortable temperature. That is not to mention the ambience of a nice fire and the efficiency of a heating device that does not use any house air for combustion. I don't know why we waited so long.

The JFA Reunion has been scheduled for August 13 and 14, 2010 at the First Congregational Church in Rowley. We are working on several speakers which we hope you will find exciting and will keep you informed as to our progress. Most of the events will occur on Saturday. There are usually many things happening in New England in the summer and we will endeavor to keep you informed of other activities available in the Rowley area. This will be the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the JFA (September 10th, 1910) so please set this time aside to join us. The dues notice included signup sheet for the reunion. Please respond in a timely fashion so that we can make this an event to remember. So far we have received only 4 responses – I hope that we get many more so we can make this a reunion to remember.

The dues notices and you will see that we have been forced to increase the annual publication fee from $5.00 to $10.00. We hesitated to do this knowing that many of you are on fixed incomes, but it costs almost $10.00 to prepare and mail the publications each year. While we are not here to make a profit (and we certainly do not), we at least need to cover expenses. Last year we had to increase the annual and family dues for the same reason and we hope you will understand.

I hope you all are looking forward to spring – I certainly am.

Toujours le même,

Ted Lorany

FYI and ANNOUNCEMENTS

****

Volumes I and II of the **History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America** can now be downloaded free on-line from the Internet Archives.

www.archive.org/details/historygenealogy01jewe

www.archive.org/details/historygenealogy02jewe

****

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

****

Corrections

Volume 4 of the History and Geneaology of the Jewetts of America: page 1252, Cluster 6592.

Helen Gertrude Jewett (JFA #8,960) died November 3, 1977. Helen was married to Otto B Boyers b 21 Mar 1895 in Numa, Iowa and Died 10 Dec 1975 in Casa Grande, Arizona. They had at least 1 child, Dorothy Boyer Stimpson.

****

Congratulations

Andrew James Scott, son of Juanita Rodriguez Scott (JFA Family #18,080) and Wayne Scott, grandson of James and Joyce (Pearl) Rodriguez and great grandson of William W. and Mildred (Hersant) Pearl, married Nicole Harding on 5 Sept. 2009 in Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, Canada.

****

Melissa Kent Jewett (JFA #22118), daughter of Kent Carter (JFA #22,097) and Mary Robinson Jewett, married Douglas Joseph Tully, son of Henry Arthur and Joan Catharine Balmer Tully, on April 25, 2009 at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, General Theological Seminary, New York City, NY.

****

Allen Vander Meulen IV, was born on December 9, 2009 to Allen Vander Meulen III (JFA Family #18,072) and Dr. Stephanie Smart, in Cambridge, MA. Allen IV is the grandson of Allen Vander Meulen Jr. and Dorothy (Overbaugh) Vander Meulen and great grandson of the late Earl and Dorothy (Pearl) Overbaugh.

****

In Sympathy

CAMERON, Floyd K., 72, passed away Sunday, (November 1, 2009) at his home in Kissimmee, FL. Floyd is the son of Augustina (Beland) Cameron of East Hartford and the late Carl Cameron. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Lynn (Richmond) Cameron (JFA Family #17,890), and his three children, Robin (Cameron) Bagnell and her husband Randy of Lake Mary, FL, Carrie Cameron, and Kenneth Cameron both of Kissimmee, FL. Floyd also leaves a sister, Carlene Cameron of East Hartford; a brother, Terry Cameron and his wife Susan of Kissimmee, FL.; his only grandchild, Jessica Bagnell, whom he adored; an aunt in Maine; an Uncle and Aunt in California; seven nieces and nephews; and several cousins, former customers, and dear friends. Floyd came from Maine to East Hartford when he was five years old and resided in East Hartford for most of his life. He graduated from East Hartford High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company in East Hartford prior to owning several businesses in Connecticut. He is mostly known for his 17 years at Cameron's Auto Repair and Towing in Windsor and after that The Dairy King ice cream business in Columbia. He also held real estate licenses in both Florida and Connecticut. This past summer he worked at the Brialee Campground in Ashford doing security and wagon rides outside of the park. Floyd was formerly active in East Hartford Little League and was instrumental in starting the Challenger Division of Little League where he was also a sponsor. He was always active repairing or building things. His family spent every summer in Ashford and after retiring, the winters in Florida. His hobbies were fishing, playing cards, and going to Dunkin Donuts. He had a close and loving family and many friends who will remember his contagious laugh and miss him dearly. Funeral services will be Friday (November 13th) at 9 am from the D'ESOPO-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 am at Our Lady of Peace Church, 370 May Road, East Hartford. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery (Section C), East Hartford.
Reprinted from the Hartford Courant
November 11, 2009
Submitted by
Dorothy Vander Meulen

Wayne W. Jewett, (JFA Family # 14,75) Funeral services for Wayne W. Jewett, 67, of Madison, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at The Potti Funeral Home, 2726 Hubbard Road (Route 528), Madison. Mr. Jewett passed away Jan. 14, 2010, at Broadfield Manor Nursing Home in Madison. He was born July 30, 1942, in Painesville. Wayne was a retired employee of Deepwood Industries in Mentor. He enjoyed playing cards, checkers and puzzles. Survivors are his sister, Janet Mattia of Florida; brother, Charles (Sue) Jewett of Madison; aunt, Betsy Robinson of Jefferson; nephews, Mike (Tracy) Jewett of Madison, Charlie (Nancy) Jewett and Tony (Anna) Jewett, both of North Carolina; niece, Elizabeth Sirra of Washington; nephew, Brian Edwards; niece, Robin Petticrew; and numerous great-nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Ella Jewett.
Reprinted from the News Herald
January 17, 2010

David Thomas Jewett, age 48, Sunday, January 10, 2010 at his residence. Preceded in death by wife Nancy Jewett, father Donavon Jewett, mother Janet Thomas. Survived by daughters, Ashley (Danny) Huston and Lindsey Jewett; grandchildren, Tiera Huston and Daniel Huston; sister, Deborah Jewett Houston; brother, Donavon Jewett; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral service Wednesday 7 p.m., EVANS FUNERAL HOME, 4171 E. Livingston Ave., where friends may call 1 hour prior to service. Rev. P.K. Fowler officiating. If anyone can identify the family please contact the family historian.
Reprinted from the Columbus Dispatch
January 12, 2010

Hartley Frank Jewett, 87, (JFA Family #21,151) of Rutherfordton, N.C. went home to be with his Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, on Jan. 2. Hartley was born in Whitefield on May 11, 1922, the son of Clifford Erskine Jewett and Eva Cecil (Despres) Jewett. He was educated in Whitefield and Pittston schools. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during WWII, member of the American Legion, and the V.F.W. and Masons. He was a retired tractor trailer truck driver for Standard Oil Company. Hartley was a devoted Christian. When Calvary Bible Baptist Church was built, he volunteered many hours helping build the church there in Whitefield. Hartley was predeceased by his parents; his first wife, V. Cathlyne Scarborough Jewett; son, James Thomas Jewett; brothers, Kenneth and Clifford Jewett and grandparents, Frank and Lubell (Smith) Jewett. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 24 years, Clara Fowlkes Jewett of Rutherfordton, N.C.; sons, Steven Jewett of Rutherfordton, N.C. and Donald E. Jewett and wife Karen of Richmond, Va.; daughters, Leta Neumann of Minneapolis, Minn., Sharon Jackson and husband Douglas.

Reprinted from the Lincoln County News
January 5, 2010

JAMES CROTHERS JONES M.D., longtime resident of Fernandina Beach, FL, died on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 10:10 a.m. following an extended illness. Jim was born in Cleveland, OH February 13, 1924, to James G. and Ida C. Jones. Jim dedicated his life to serving people. He obtained his A.B. degree from Dartmouth College and his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University. His accomplished medical career, of 41 years, began in 1948, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, where he was appointed Director of General Surgery and Director of the Surgical Residency Program. He was a dedicated teacher and mentor to many surgical residents at St. Luke's Hospital, as well as Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine, where he was an Assistant Clinical Professor. Jim used his considerable medical talents in the aid of his country as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, during the Korean Conflict. He was a surgeon in the 8063 MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) unit and his work advanced the knowledge of trauma care, including the development of unique vascular instruments that saved the arms and legs of wounded soldiers. After retiring from St. Luke's Hospital in 1989, Jim and his wife, Barbara, moved from Shaker Heights, OH to Amelia Island. Jim was well known on the Island for helping friends and neighbors seeking medical advice, and volunteering his time to several charitable organizations. He was deeply involved with the Nassau County American Cancer Society and Nassau Habitat for Humanity. He helped to build more than ten houses during his 15 years of service. Being a surgeon, it was only natural that they put him in charge of saws. Jim received the 2000 Hope Award for "exemplary volunteer achievement in cancer control" from the American Cancer Society. He was also awarded the 2000 Elsie Harper Volunteer Award for social services from the city of Fernandina Beach. Jim was a very spiritual man and an active member of his church.He was known widely for his wit and sense of humor. He is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, the former Barbara Auld Jewett, of Cleveland, OH; six children, Douglas (Diana) Jones, of Hood River, OR, Jeffrey Jones, of Whitefish, MT, Geoffrey (Ann) Jewett, of Mill Valley, CA, Mark Jewett, of Sebastopol, CA, Thomas Jewett, of Hudson, OH and Margaret Bender (Todd), of Nashville, TN; thirteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Jim was predeceased by his foster child Claude G. Haubrick, of Coral Gables, FL. A memorial service will occur on Monday, January 4th at 11 a.m. at the Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Rd, Amelia Island, with interment in the Chapel Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Amelia Plantation Chapel (36 Bowman Rd, Amelia Island, FL, 32034) and Nassau Habitat for Humanity (Attn. Treasurer, Nassau Habitat for Humanity, 516 South 10th St., Amelia Island, FL, 32034). If any one has information on this family, please contact the family historian.

Reprinted from the Cleveland Plain Dealer
January 3, 2010

Beverly Pearl Hoyt, 74, (JFA Family #17,898)beloved wife of Robert A. Hoyt and longtime resident of Glastonbury passed away peacefully on Tuesday, (December 29, 2009,) at the Alzheimer's Resource Center of Connecticut in Southington with her loving family by her side. She was born June 2, 1935 in Hartford, daughter of the late L. Reginald and Beatrice (Pearl) Thayer. She was raised in Newington before receiving her nursing degree from Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing. Beverly worked in Boston at the Brigham & Women's Hospital, in Rocky Hill at the Veteran's Home and Hospital and in Glastonbury for Dr. David Mintell. She enjoyed tennis, yoga, photography, gardening and travel. Active at First Church of Christ Congregational, Glastonbury, she served on several boards and committees, and pursued her interest in music by singing in the church choir. Above all she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Along with her loving husband Robert she is survived by her three children, Steven Hoyt and his wife Laurie of Lyme, CT, Debra Johnson and her husband Robert, Jeffrey Hoyt and his wife Rene Roselle all of East Haddam, CT; four grandchildren, Brian, Kelly, Emma and Jake; a brother Donald and his wife Sonya of Holiday Island, AR; a brother-in-law Guy Roberts of Salmon, ID; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she was predeceased by a sister Marilyn Roberts and a nephew Gary Thayer. Beverly's family will be receiving family and friends on Tuesday, (January 5, 2010,) at 1 p.m., at the Glastonbury Funeral Home, 450 New London Turnpike, for a period of visitation prior to the Memorial Service to be celebrated at 3 p.m., in the First Church of Christ Congregational, 2183 Main St., Glastonbury. Burial will be in the family plots in North Cemetery in Hampton at the convenience of the family.

Reprinted from the Hartford Courant
January 2, 2010
Submitted by
Dorothy Vander Meulen

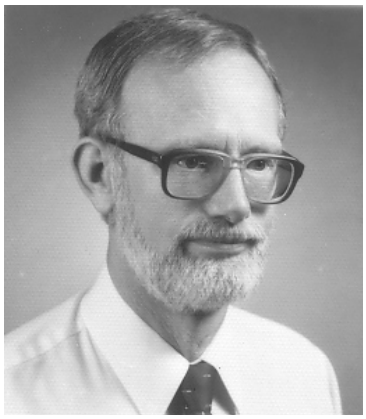
Brian 'Scott' Jewett, 30 POWNAL -- Brian 'Scott' Jewett, 30, passed away on Aug. 20, 2009. He was born on Aug. 22, 1978, in Portland, the son of Dorita Doughty Hanson of New Gloucester and Brian Jewett of Pownal. Scott attended local schools. He participated in several athletic programs throughout his childhood and achieved many outstanding awards for his athleticism. He was an avid outdoorsman. He especially enjoyed hunting; tagging his first six point buck at the age of 10. He was a very successful hunter. He also enjoyed fishing, hiking and snowshoeing. He mostly enjoyed interacting with family and friends whom were everything to him. He had been working with Richard Mooney & Family doing landscaping and logging for the past few summers. Scott would have wanted us to share his respect for them for being such a caring family. Scott was predeceased by his grandfather Willis Doughty and grandparents Royce and Greta Jewett, whom we know has met him in heaven. Jesse and Waldo, his dogs, were dearest to him. Scott is survived by his mother Dorita Doughty Hanson, and his father Brian and Esther Jewett; his grandmother Florence and Clayton Doughty Tenney of Pownal; two, sisters Malinda Jewett of Durham and Ashley Hutchinson of North Yarmouth; his nieces and nephews Cameron Campbell, T.J Morrill, Jacob Libby and Emily Catlin; many aunts, uncles; cousins; and his companion Lori Cartwright of Brunswick. A celebration of his life will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Durham Amvets on RT #136 in Durham. The family would like to extend their appreciation to the Maine Warden Service, Marine Patrol, Maine State and Brunswick Police in the recovery of our beloved one. Brian 'Scott' Jewett. If anyone has information on this family, please contact the family historian.

Reprinted from the Portland Press Herald
August 26, 2009

NADINE FORD JEWETT - age 89 of Kingston was promoted to eternal life on November 28, 2009 at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. She was a member of Walnut Hill Baptist Church who attended North Rockwood Baptist Church. She was employed nearly 40 years at Burlington Hosiery Mill. Devoted wife, mother & grandmother. Preceded in death by her parents, Archie & Minnie Reynolds, husbands Thomas Edward Ford & Marvin Frank "Dutch" Jewett, sisters Erma Lee Cromwell, Lucille Cox & Edith Reynolds, brothers Earl, Floyd, Bill, & Tolly Reynolds. Survivors: daughters, Mary Ann Schubert & husband Eddie of Kingston, Barbara Harmon & husband Ronald of Harriman; sisters, Ada Edwards of Harriman, Ovalene Galbreath of Oak Ridge, Margaret Huckelby of Coalfield; grandchildren, Tommy Schubert, Tony Schubert, Mike Schubert, Randy Mattox, Sandy Leavell, Tonja Childs; 6 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild. Funeral 8 PM Monday November 30, 2009 at Kyker Funeral Home Chapel in Harriman with Rev. Benny Whittenbarger and Rev. Howard Hannah officiating. Entombment 11 AM Tuesday December 1, 2009 at Roane Memorial Gardens. Any one having information on this family is asked to contact the family historian.
Reprinted from the Knoxville News Sentinel
November 29, 2009

Eugene Boyd Campbell, 80, of Mountain Home, Idaho, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at his home. A viewing will be held from 4-7 p.m, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home. Services will be held at the Bruneau American Legion Hall on Thursday, Dec. 17, with a viewing at 10 a.m., funeral services at 11 a.m., and burial with military honors to follow at the Bruneau Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home, Idaho. Boyd was born on Nov. 1, 1929, in McDonald County, Mo., the son of Virgil and Bessie Campbell. The family moved to eastern Oregon and later to Harper, Ore., in the 1940s. Boyd never finished high school, but got his GED later on in life. He had a great business sense and owned various businesses in Idaho and Oregon. His pride was the Valley Merc in Bruneau, which he purchased from Don Willis in the early '60s. He was part owner of the Outdoorsman in Ontario, Ore. Boyd served in the US Air Force and was stationed at Parks Air Force Base and was a member of the 3276th Food Service Squadron as a senior meat cutter. He was proud of his meat cutting abilities. Boyd married Frankie J. Kime on Aug. 11, 1950. He was honorable discharged from the Air Force on Sept. 23, 1953. He worked in grocery stores in Mt. Vernon, John Day, Burns and Harper, Ore. After Frankie's passing, Boyd married Jean Sellman Jewett on Aug. 10, 1993. Boyd was a lifetime member of the Bruneau American Legion, Post #83, Mountain Home Elks Lodge and the Mountain Home Senior Center. He enjoyed fishing with family and friends. He taught his family to fish almost before they could walk. He fished in California, Oregon and Alaska, and loved to sport fish for tarpon and sailfish in Florida. Boyd is survived by his wife, Jean Campbell, of Mountain Home, his son, David Campbell, of Mountain Home, his son, Larry "Slick" Jewett, and his wife, Dolores, of Mountain Home, his son, Perry Jewett, and his wife, Deanene, of Grand View, his daughter, Debbie Jewett Long, and her husband, Allen, of Grand View, five grandchildren, Matthew Jewett, Larry Jewett III, Alisha Jewett, Brandi Jo Long and Jay Allen Long, family friend Mike J. Marsden and many nieces and nephews that he thought the world of. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Frankie, both parents, and three sisters, Letha, Opal and Lena. If anyone has information on this family, please contact the family historian.
Reprinted from the Mountain Home News
December 14, 2009

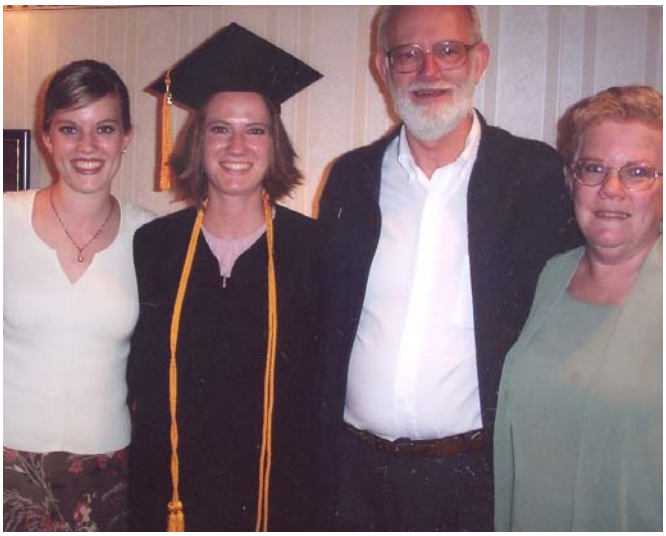
Dwight David Jewett (JFA#16,210), 12/12/1945---7/11/2006
Reprinted from the "JEWETT FAMILY OCCASIONAL"
Rachel (Jewett) Godard July 2006



I hope all have by now heard the news, but in case you have not, this is the primary reason for this edition. Dwight Jewett--our father, husband, editor in chief, and faithful, life-long servant of our Lord Jesus—has gone to be with His heavenly Father. Dwight passed unexpectedly from this world into glory at the age of 60 on Tuesday night, July 11th from either a massive stroke or massive heart attack. He did not suffer, and was gone almost instantly. The exact cause of his passing is not known, nor why God chose this time in His sovereignty to allow it; all we know and feel achingly at this time is that he is no longer with us. We are deeply grieved to find ourselves having to share this news with all of you—all of whom we know loved and greatly respected him.

We would like to share with you a brief email that Sara sent out to everyone she could think of right after she heard the news. We thought she was able to articulate beautifully much of what we all would like to express at this time in our lives. She writes: "How do I start an e-mail that has to encompass all the emotions that my family and I are experiencing right now? I suppose there is no given format, so with these words I'll try to express the past day's events.

Last night I received a call from my mother, from Nebaj, Guatemala, telling me that my father had died. I never thought I would ever receive a call like that, and I will never forget it. It appears to have been either a stroke or a heart attack, we can't be sure. The Nebaj hospital doesn't exactly employ a coroner; we're lucky there was a doctor at all. Although, from what my mom tells me, he was dead before he arrived at the hospital, probably before he even hit the floor. My father will be buried on Friday in the Wycliffe plot there in Guatemala City, as he and my mom had planned (if something unexpected were to happen to them) since first becoming missionaries with Wycliffe. Even as I write these words, I can't really believe them; it's all still so surreal. Being thousands of miles away from the event has a way of diminishing it's reality. For those of you who have called and e-mailed your sympathies and prayers, I am so thankful. I know that there are so many amazing people offering prayers for my family, and we feel truly blessed by you all. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement—they mean so much to us during this time. I know that my dad is in Heaven with Christ, at complete peace. I grieve for those of us he left behind; my mother and sister, the Ixil people - still waiting for a translation of the Bible in their own language. I mourn for the part of my life that is still to come, that I won't be able to share with him, but most of all I praise God that my father lived his life truly loving Jesus and living his life all for His glory. I only pray that I may follow in his footsteps.



"Because We Have Hope"

The outpouring of care, comfort, and love to our family has been beyond our ability to describe or give thanks for. A wake was held in the house in Nebaj that same night and morning after Dwight died. The number of local people from all three of the towns of the Ixil triangle—Chajul, Nebaj, and Cotzal---that showed up to express sorrow and support to Dwight's family was absolutely astonishing. Evidently news had been spread on a local radio station, and people began to arrive to the house—totaling over a hundred by the end . The traditional black bow was tied above the outside doorway of the house to indicate a death in the family; but this time a white bow was placed in the middle of the black to indicate "that we have hope" as the lovely Ixil sister who put it there explained. This is the first time our family has ever seen this done. Many, many came up to Sue, hugged her, pressed money in her hands, and without shame let tears roll down their faces. These traditionally stoic Mayans were unable to cover their grief and shock at the loss of a man who had given so much and impacted their lives to such an extent.

Sue left Nebaj early that afternoon with a few other Wycliffe friends who had heard the news and rushed out to be with her. None of the people who had come to the wake wanted to leave until they had seen them off. The crowd filled the street outside the house, and everyone waved until the cars were out of sight. Dwight was taken to the funeral home in Guatemala in a hand-carved coffin that had been found right in Nebaj. Sara and Rachel, and Rachel's husband, Matt, arrived into Guatemala City on the evening of July 13th, and went directly from the airport to the funeral home where a second wake was being held for friends who lived in Guatemala City. A memorial and funeral service were both held for Dwight on the morning of Friday, July 14th in Guatemala City, after which he was laid to rest in the Wycliffe plot. This original plan (to be buried in Guatemala should something unexpected happen) still seemed appropriate to us, his family, since this is the geographic location in all of God's creation that received the most of Dwight's heart and labor. Dwight loved Guatemala and its people and felt most at home here among them and his fellow workers with Wycliffe.

He Holds the Future…

As we look to the future now, many thoughts and options present themselves. Sue would definitely like to stay with Wycliffe, and has been informed that this presents no problem at all. Different possibilities are being explored currently as to what role she will play with the organization. As for the Nebaj and Chajul translations, Wycliffe has assured and promised us that they ***will*** be finished. Currently, the Nebaj translation is at the very brink of being sent off to the printers. Dwight was able to bring it almost the entire way to completion. The Chajul translation has a bit longer to go before it is ready to be printed, but the Wycliffe administrators are working on some different options of how it can be supervised to completion. The Chajul translation committee has been working beautifully for some time now semi-autonomously, with Dwight checking in on them a couple times a week. They can therefore continue as they are, but will need someone to supervise and advise their continuing progress.

I, Rachel, write to you from Nebaj at this current moment. We have come out here for a few days to sort through some things, find some documents, and have a bit more closure on my dad not being out here anymore. As we sorted through some filed papers today, we came across a written evaluation done by Dwight's supervisor back in the year 2001. We wanted to share excerpts of this with you as well as it seemed to articulate an accurate snap shot of who Dwight Jewett was on a day-in, day-out basis. He wrote:

"Dwight Jewett has served in Central America Branch since about 1977 and has contributed in many ways. His primary responsibility has been a full language project in the Chajul dialect of Ixil, and in that role has produced language text materials, a dictionary, some simple reading materials…..Apart from his primary assignment, Dwight has also served as a Branch translation consultant, a member of the Executive Committee (and most recently as Chairman of that committee),

as director of Branch workshops for indigenous helpers, as well as teaching several courses. In the last two years, Dwight has taken on the additional responsibility for supervision of the Nebaj Ixil translation and has moved that project ahead steadily.
Dwight has an exceptional ability to work harmoniously with colleagues in the Branch. He is quietly competent in his areas of responsibility, and allows room for others working in the same project to make their contributions as well….It has been a pleasure to work with Dwight over the years…"

For those interested in viewing the original article on Dwight David Jewett, it can be viewed on the Sterner family web site:

http://www.sternerfamily.com/Obits/DwightJewett.pdf

A special thanks to Jim Jewett for locating this article and suggesting that it be presented in the newsletter. Dwight and Susan have previously been regular contributors to the quarterly newsletters.

Dwight and others working on the translation of the New Testament into the native Ixil language in Nebaj, Guatemala.

The translation work was completed in 2007, with the actual publication of the New Testament taking place in 2008. Additional information on the translation project, which began about 1953, is available on the following web-site:

http://www.sololagracia.com/2008/08/dinner-in-nebaj-with-ray-elliott.html

Mary Bell Jewett (JFA Family #7,604) – 2/28/1858 ---2/5/1928

Excerpts from the Winter Haven, FL – News Chief
Sunday, December 20, 2009

Dr. Mary Bell Jewett was born on February 28, 1858, in Ohio. She was from a family of nine children. In 1876, she received her bachelor's degree in education from Buchtel College, now known as the University of Akron. After teaching for a short time, she entered Wellesley College in Massachusetts where she earned a post-graduate degree. Later, she moved to New York to enroll in the New York School of Medicine. Dr. Jewett completed her residency at the Philadelphia School of Medicine and afterwards set up medical practice in New York in 1897. In 1910, she gave up her medical practice in New York to move to Florida where her widowed sister lived. She and her sister lived in a small community named Florence Villa. Dr. Jewett established a medical practice in Florence Villa and became involved in the civic affairs of this community with a great desire to help the mostly African American residents who lived in the community.

Dr. Jewett accomplished many things to help with the needs of those in the community. She was instrumental in starting the Winter Haven Women's Club, a library, the Central Park, purchased property near Avenue T for low-cost homes, and built a small training school. The school was built in 1924, but it was burned down about a year later. Dr. Jewett built another school near Avenues R and S.

Dr. Mary Jewett contributed much to the residents of her community of Florence Villa. She died at the age of 70 on February 5, 1928. In her memory, two schools now bear her name, Jewett Academy and Jewett School of the Arts.

Historic Marker Dedication

A tribute to Dr. Mary Bell Jewett, and her donation of a school site so black children could get an education in Polk County starting in the 1920s, came Saturday with the dedication of the Florence Villa Training School Historical Marker. The event, featuring several speakers, was held in the 700 block of Avenue O, N.E., in Winter Haven and sponsored by the Jewett High School Alumni Association Inc.

At its peak enrollment, 250 students were taught in a year at the training school, Perry Burnham said. "Eighty-five years ago, there were no street lights, no electricity, but a building existed with three rooms under a roof facing east and three rooms with large windows facing west that was the only thing in this area of palmetto patches and dirt roads that was heralded apart from the white area nearby," Burnham said. "In 1922, the schools were segregated by law, so children from Pughsville (in southwest Winter Haven), Auburndale and surrounding areas walked to this school for an education. White children in buses passed them on the roads on their way to their schools."

Because there weren't many schools in 1924 for blacks, Jewett put some of her own money into the construction of the training school and used her influence to find other funding sources for the school. "She donated the land for the school," said Ulysses J. Johnson, the historian for the Jewett School Alumni Association. "Funds for the school came from white people (including a lot from Jewett) and from the African Americans themselves, which is significant in that the colored people helped. Funds also came from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. He was a president for Sears and Roebuck and made his money from there. He created a fund to help African Americans throughout the South."

Johnson said the school was called a training school "because back then people didn't think that black people could be educated." Saturday's 10 a.m. ceremony, which was held in cool weather but under sunny skies, also was attended by alumni from the black-only Jewett High School and two of Jewett's grandnieces.
"Mary Bell Jewett donated the land and was also instrumental in developing the community of Florence Villa," Burnham said. "Today the unveiling of this historic marker in the northeast corner of Winter Haven marks the location of our grandparents' hard-earned dollars and to Jewett, whose training school was the forerunner of our beloved Jewett High School."
Following a suspicious training school fire in 1924, Jewett saw that another school was built. That school was built farther north and became Jewett High School.

Kierstein Nelson, Charisse Jones, Nathanial Birdsong, Winter Haven city commissioner, and Twanna Dewdney unveil the historical marker on Saturday during an unveiling ceremony at the site of the former Florence Villa Training School located in the 700 block of Avenue O, N.E, in Winter Haven. Saturday, December 19, 2009.

96TH JEWETT FAMILY REUNION

Plan now to attend the 96th Jewett Family of America Reunion, August 13 – 14, 2010 to held in Rowley, Massachusetts, and help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Jewett Family of America.

If you are planning on attending the reunion please fill out the registration form on the following page. It is requested that the registration fee be made in the form of a check payable to the JFA. The registration form and fee should be returned to:

The Jewett Family of America
c/o Ted Loranz
114 West Street
Medway, MA 02053

Registration Form for JFA Reunion 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: Email: _____

Total # of people included in my party: _____

Their names/addresses are:

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Family Registration- $35.00 / Couple Registration-$25.00 / Individual Registration - $15.00

Total included: _____

The Jewett Family of America, Inc.
114 West Street
Medway, MA 02053

PRSRT STD
AUTO
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
MEDWAY, MA
PERMIT NO.80

Address Service Requested