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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 Pam Jewett, Gregory Jewett, Robert Young, Rodney Jewett, Jim Jewett, Toni Chavez and Ted Loranz for their contributions to this edition of the Quarterly. Your time and efforts are most appreciated.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone that who has submitted material for inclusion in the newsletter. For important family events such as births weddings and deaths, I will attempt to include those items in the next newsletter. Other stories, genealogical updates or interesting tidbits will be worked into future newsletters as soon as possible. Photos are welcome, I ask only that you submit them either as glossy prints or JPG files.

Tom

Contemplations of your President

The fall season is really not my favorite. I really do not like having everything turn brown and getting and getting ready for the snow and ice, but at least nature has figured out how to do an elegant last fling by changing the leaves to many different colors before they fall to the ground in the inevitable step towards winter as shown in the photograph of Camden, ME which is now considered the "prettiest little village in Maine" a designation it apparently won over Wiscasset several years ago.

Fall does have another redeeming feature in that it is when we hold the JFA teleconference annual meeting and this year there is cause for more excitement – we have new board members and officers who are eager to move the JFA forward with new ideas.

Greg Jewett has been active in the family ever since he and his brother Ken helped host the 2010 JFA reunion in Rowley where he was a tremendous help in organizing the event. He has since been instrumental in representing the JFA at Oberlin and helped lead the very successful "Jewett Day" there this past summer. His write-up of the event is included in this quarterly. Greg joins us as Director and JFA Secretary and will take over the tasks of maintaining the membership rolls and distributing the JFA quarterly and other publications.

Esther Kay Jewett was suggested by Greg and has assisted him at local JFA events. Esther is Vice President of an Ohio based bank and is taking on the role of JFA Director and Treasurer. We have moved the JFA checking account to be more convenient to her. She will soon be managing our money for us. Biographies of Greg and Esther will be featured in upcoming quarterlies so you can get to know them a little better.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Johanna Jennings for her many years of service during her tenure as JFA Secretary and Treasurer. Johanna will continue to be a Director and will help the JFA improve its presence on the Internet and in the social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

This year's Directors meeting was an exciting event, not only because of our new directors and officers, but also because of the many new ideas. Greg is sparking moving the JFA into the future and is working with the whole board to make this happen. Your board is going to start meeting twice a year to improve communication. Please read the minutes of the Directors' meeting elsewhere in this quarterly for more details and get ready for progress.

Toujours le même,

Ted Lorany

Jewett Family of America
Annual Board Meeting
September 28, 2013

Attendees via conference call: Ted Loranz, Cecilia McGeehee, Tom Jewett, Bunny Mansir, Mary Gorball, Barbara Shaw, James (Mike) Jewett, Greg Jewett and Johanna Jennings
At 6:00pm the meeting was called to order.
The role was called.

Old Business:

A motion was made to approve the 2012 Board meeting minutes as written, was seconded and approved by the Board.
The Treasurer's Report was presented. Ted reported that we are down to 17 sets of books as of September 1. We have distributed additional sets since then and are now down to 10 sets now that Ted has. Ted said he has several single volume 4's available that are available to anyone for only the cost of shipping. The report was approved by the Board as written.
Carrie Cole was not present to give the historian's report.
Barbara Shaw stated that she had sent biographies for her and Bunny to Ken Jewett, but they never made it into the Quarterly. Greg said that Ken wasn't well then, so that is probably why they were overlooked. He said he would look into it and see about getting the biographies to Tom to publish.
There was a discussion about the next reunion. Ted said that the town of Rowley doesn't have much on their website right now and we need to plan the reunion way in advance and therefore couldn't count on Rowley for support. He recommended that, since 2015 is the official reunion year, and there is no compelling reason to change it to match Rowley's in 2014, that we leave it for 2015. The directors had a discussion previously about moving the reunion to 2014 to complement Rowley's celebration.

New Business:

Ted proposed that The Family grant $200 each to the Rowley Historical Society, Grandview and Oberlin as well as $100 grants to the Rowley Library and the 1st Congregational Church. The directors approved these grants as proposed.
Greg Jewett had recommended holding two directors meetings a year via teleconference to keep everyone more informed. Ted said that cost is not an issue as the service fee is under $100. A meeting was tentatively set for March 2014.
Ted began a discussion about the Family's website and how it would be nice to update it and have someone work with him more closely to do that. Currently the website domain is own and hosted by Rodney Jewett. There was a suggestion made to ask Rodney to become a director to help him become more connected. Ted said he will look into the appointment of a director midyear in order to Bring Rodney into a more active role. Ted said that there is already a presence of a Jewett Family on Facebook and Johanna Jennings volunteered to look into getting a Jewett Family Facebook page and twitter account going as well as working with Rodney on the website development.
In the 1990's Ted reported he had looked into the JFA becoming a tax exempt organization and had applied for 501c3 status which was denied.. He said that being a 501c3 organization might cause us to have more financial accounting duties to the IRS, but we should look into it if we think it will be of benefit to us. Mike Jewett said he would look into this more as well as if we need to be filing a tax returns with the IRS. There was a discussion about the taxable income of the JFA. There was a suggestion made that it might be good to

offer an incentive to paying dues, such as a print of Jewett items or something similar like a Jewett keychain. Ted said that right now he does not have much merchandise in stock, but there are some things available on zazzle.com.
There was a discussion about distributing the Quarterly electronically. Ted said that right now it is fairly easy to distribute the Quarterly to a point as it already is in PDF format. Johanna said that you have to be careful about distributing to a large quantity of email addresses at once because your address could get marked as spam. Ted said that in order to do the bulk mailing as we do for the Quarterly now, we need 200 items. If we distributed the Quarterly to some people electronically this could make it difficult to reach the 200 needed to take advantage of the reduced cost of bulk mailing. A suggestion was made to include a question with the dues notices asking if people would take advantage of an electronic version of the Quarterly.
Greg spoke about re-energizing the JFA. He said that the members are aging and aren't as involved. He has been working with Oberlin Heritage Foundation which could be a good thing for us. We could tap into places that already exist and make a connection with them. Some examples would be the Sarah Orne Jewett house in Maine, the Jewett stove, the Jewett car, etc. He said there are Jewett related places everywhere and we should look around the country for things to connect the Jewetts together. He went on to say that the younger generations seems to identify more with things they can do rather than just coming to a reunion. Greg asked that if anyone knows about a Jewett connection to please let him know and then we can look into things further. He suggested we look into things in our area and perhaps by March we could have a list of connections we want to make. Ted said that he has the JFA brochure that he can email out to all the directors and we can reprint them if we want to.
Mike suggested having a place on the JFA website where people could list Jewett memorabilia that they would like to sell. Greg said he wished we had a JFA polo shirt with the crest on it or the Jewett day at Oberlin. He thought it would add to the interest and credibility of the organization. Ted said that Zazzle now offers embroidery so that might be an option. He will check on that and have a report for the next meeting.

Elections:

The slate of directors was presented to the Board. There was a discussion regarding the President and other officers always being members of the Board. Esther K. Jewett will be filling the director position previously held by Ken Jewett. The slate of directors was accepted by acclimation.
Ted presented the slate of officers to the Board. Ted asked if anyone was willing to serve as Auditor, which would involve reviewing the Treasurer's report and checking the bank and brokerage statements before the report is produced. Mary Gorball volunteered to serve as Auditor. The slate of officers was accepted by acclimation.

One directors address and another's phone number were given to be updated .
The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Johanna E. Jennings
Secretary/Treasurer

Jewett Family of America, Inc.

Treasurer's Report FY 2013

September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013

OPENING BALANCES SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

Checking	$5,439.25	
Wells Fargo Investment Account	$16,127.74	
	Total on Hand as of 9/1/11	**$21,566.99**

INCOME

Book Sales	$ 190.00	
Donations	$ 188.00	
Dues, Publication Fees, etc.	$3,243.00	
Merchandise Sales	$ 110.00	
Wells Fargo Investment Account Gain	$2,087.28	
	Total Income	**$ 5,810.28**

EXPENSES

Publication Printing	$2,695.57	
Postage/Shipping Expenses	$ 735.92	
Bank and State Fees	$ 15.00	
Directors Expenses	$ 0.00	
Donations	$ 800.00	
	Total Expenses	**$ 4,246.49**

Checking	$ 4,911.37	
Wells Fargo Investment Account	$18,219.41	
	Total on Hand as of 8/31/2013	**$23,130.78**

INVENTORY ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 2012

Volumes 1&2 (sets) - 0	Gold plated charms/pendants - 0
Volumes 3&4 (sets) – 17	Gold plated cufflinks – 0
Gold plated pins – 21	Tote Bags – 0
Bronze pins – 6	Ornaments - 0

Respectfully submitted
September 20, 2013

Johanna Jennings
Secretary-Treasurer

FYI and Announcements

Births

Bennett Rose Messer daughter of Kevin Mark Messer (JFA # 16,556) and Yamira Anne "Yami" Pagan Messer was born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 10, 2013.

Kathryn Loretta Jewett, born on September 12, 2013 in Shelton, Washington, to parents: Matthew John Jewett and Krystal Lyn Jewett. Paternal grandparents are Jeffrey Robert Jewett & Pamela Francene Jewett of Fox Island, Washington. Paternal Great Grandparents are: Robert Peter Jewett and Loretta Jean Jewett of Lakebay, Washington. Paternal Great-Great Grandparents were: Harvey M Jewett and Allene Snider Jewett, Paternal Great Great Grandfather was Frank S. Jewett (JFA #8874).

Carlos Manuel Huerta was born June 9th, 2013 at South Miami Hospital, Miami Florida to Jannette (18,343) and Jose Huerta. He is their second child. First son, Jose Alejandro Grandson to Jannette Jewett-Rodriguez (18,269) Great-grandson to George Albin/Alvin Jewett (18,226)

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Family Updates

Kevin Mark Messer (JFA #16,556) married Yamira Anne "Yami" Pagan in Louiza, Puerto Rico on Feb 21, 2009. Yami was born in New Orleans, LA on November 12, 1975.

Murphy Joseph Messer was born in Indianapolis, Indiana of Feb 22, 2010, son of Kevin Mark Messer (JFA # 16,556) and Yamira Anne "Yami" Pagan.

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News Updates

Trent Jewett, who spent half of 2011 and all of 2012 as the Washington National's 1st Base Coach, and 2013 as the 3rd Base Coach has accepted a position with the Seattle Mariners as their Bench Coach. Trent was selected for the position in part by Seattle Manager Lloyd McClendon, with whom he worked while in the Pittsburgh organization.

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Additional Items

Ted Loranz has indicated that he currently has 4 copies of Volume 4 of the History and Genealogy of the Jewett Family. These extra volumes can be obtained on a first come basis for the cost of mailing, about $10. Please contact Ted Loranz by phone or e-mail.

In Sympathy

John Persinger Jewett, beloved husband of Isabel G., passed away on October 22, 2013 while traveling in Stresa, Italy. Born on July 26, 1943 in Yakima, Washington, Jewett attended Trinity College, in Hartford, Connecticut, and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Connecticut School of Law. After earning his law degree, Jewett went on to attain a Masters of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he was a member of Middle Temple. Mr. Jewett began his legal career at the firm of Tyler, Cooper & Alcorn, LLP in New Haven, Connecticut and held the role Associate General Counsel at Sperry Univac and Data General Corporation prior to attaining the role of Vice President and General Counsel of Apollo Computer in 1981. He spent the remainder of his 50+ year career as a technology executive for multiple New England-based companies, including Bitstream Inc. where he raised nearly $9M in private equity, and Calidus Systems, Inc., where he served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. In 1998 he joined Switchboard Incorporated where he managed the companys $95M initial public offering. Jewett spent the past few years as Managing Director of House-Counsel, LLC, counseling his clients on all aspects of computer law. Throughout his life, Jewett participated in numerous philanthropic activities and served on a number of foundations and boards including for the University of Connecticut School of Law and the Boy Scouts of America, Algonquin Council, as he was an Eagle Scout. Mr. Jewett is survived by his wife 47 years of Isabel (Goodman), and three sons, Jonathan, Todd and Chris, and their children. John was also a former director of the Jewett Family of America.

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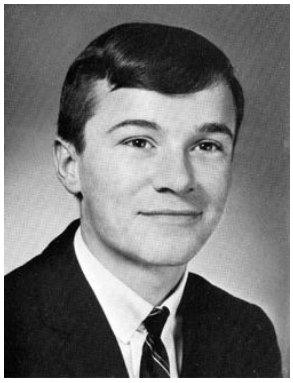

Paul C. Reimers (Age 65) Passed away October 13, 2013 in Spokane, WA. Paul was born to Winston "Blackie" C. and Louise G. (Jewett) Reimers on March 2, 1948 in Seattle, WA. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Ritzville, WA. Paul attended Ritzville schools, graduating in 1966. While in school he was active in the band and wrestling. After graduation, Paul attended Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, WA. In June of 1967 he enlisted in the US Army and in December 1967 was sent to Vietnam as a member of the Medical Corps. Paul received a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Medical Badge, and Vietnam Campaign Medal for his service in the US Army. He was honorably discharged in 1970. Following his discharge, Paul lived in various places; Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Colorado, Oregon and most recently in Spokane, WA. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Eddie Reimers. He is survived by his son Joshua of Mankato, MN. Also surviving are five brothers; Winston (Mary) of Fayetteville, NC, Steven and Fred, Spokane, WA, William (Janis) of Boise, ID, Michael (Jeanne) of Connell, WA; six sisters: Marsha Smith of Ritzville, WA, Carrie (Ron) Knight of Mountlake Terrace, WA, Patricia (Charles)Wilson of Lincoln, NE, Frances (Chuck) Rabaliati of The Dalles, OR, Mary Reimers of Portland, OR and Cecilia (Craig) Dalzell of Mead, WA as well as many nephews, nieces and Reprinted from the Ritzville Journal

Elliott Ammon Jewett, 81, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013. Service: 1 p.m. Friday in Emerald Hills Memorial Park in Kennedale. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Davis Funeral Chapel. He was born Dec. 3, 1931, in Haltom City. He was a veteran. He became a Mason in 1955. He was an avid gardener. Survivors: Wife of 61 years, Dorothy; sons, James, Jerry and Jim; daughters, Teresa and Shelley; sister, Sandy Dodson; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Elliott Ammon Jewett, son of James Almond Jewett & Pauline Lucille Woods. He is a descendant of George Fox Jewett #5303.
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November 6, 2013

David M. Jewett, 74, died peacefully Sept. 16, 2013 gone to be with his Lord and Savior following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Oct. 25, 1938 in Bath, a son of Donald and Evelyn (Black) Jewett. David was a descendant of John Jewett (JFA #10,251). Dave grew up in Bath and following high school graduation from Higgins Classical Institute, he proudly served in the United States Air Force. In 1973, Dave began a 40 year career with Cyr Bus. He considered his colleagues not just coworkers but also as great friends. By 1982, he left his desk to get behind the wheel as a professional tour bus driver. With over 2 million miles logged, Dave had hundreds of tourists that he made laugh with his charismatic tales and stories, which he was well known for. Dave is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Marjorie (Brown) Jewett of Bangor. Together, Dave and Marjie raised a wonderful family with three children, Pete Jewett and his wife, Robin of Dublin, Va.; Deborah Jewett-Chretien and her husband, Jeremy of Holden, and Dana Homsted and her husband, Scott of Calais; and blessed by six grandchildren, Andrew and Ashley Homsted of Calais, Matthew Chretien of Holden, Dwayne Moody of Mooresville, N.C., Cory Moody and his wife Andrea of Holly Springs, N.C. and Chris Moody and his wife, Jodie of Dublin, Va.; many nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and three brothers-in-law, David Brown, Donald King, and Jim O'Neil.

James Franklin Jewett, JFA #18,285, 49, born in Greensboro, NC on July 16,1963 was called home May 29, 2013. He is survived by his loving wife Maureen Jewett and daughter Caitlyn Jewett also his brothers Brad and Jeff Jewett, mother Marcella (nee Evans) and stepfather William Gemmell, James and Christina Jewett and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his father James O. Jewett JFA #18,230.
Reprinted from the Gainesville Sun
June 2 to June 3, 2013
Submitted by Toni Chavez

Audrey Cecelia (Jewett) Clarke (86) of Chelsea passed away September 29 in Chelsea. She was a descendant of John Baker Jewett JFA #6,315. Born in St. John, New Brunswick Canada, she was the daughter of the late Duncan and Celia "Annie" (Bursey) Jewett. She came to the United States with her family when she was just four years old and has lived in Chelsea for over 80 years. Audrey attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1945. She worked in the food industry as a function coordinator for Seilers Caterers. She also worked for the Museum of Science in Boston for 13 years as a function manager, retiring in 1992. She was the wife of the late Joseph Roy Clarke; beloved mother of Roy Clarke and his wife, Terry of Danvers, Richard Clarke and his wife, Roberta of Texas, Deborah Tarlow and her husband, Douglas N. of Melrose, Scott A. Clarke and his wife, Christine of Watertown; dear sister of Mildred Scarvalas of Woburn and the late Ronald Jewett, Florence Jewett and Kathleen King. She is also lovingly survived by Devin, Susan, Sean Clarke, Mark and David Tarlow, Jacob and Matthew Clarke and one great granddaughter ,Kyleigh.

Ruth E. Frank, 94, of Marshall died on Monday October 21, 2013, at Maplewood of Marshall. Mrs. Frank was born on March 10, 1919, in Albion to Ellis and Rose A.G. (Trader) Jewett. Ruth was a descentant of Caleb Jewett JFA #680. She graduated from Albion High School in 1936. On April 2, 1942, she married Oliver W. Frank in Albion at Saint Paul Lutheran Church. He preceded her in death on January 9, 1982. Mrs. Frank graduated from Jackson School of Cosmetology and worked as a Cosmetologist in the Albion area for several years. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Marshall. She also volunteered at Oaklawn Hospital for over 20 years. Mrs. Frank enjoyed spending time with her family and would travel to many of her grandson's activities in Georgia and her family Florida. She also enjoyed traveling and playing cards with friends. She is survived by her son, Thomas Frank of Albion, daughters Kathleene (Jonathon Powell) Frank of Atlanta, Georgia, Sherryl (Douglas) Danks of Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. She is also survived by grandsons', Matthew Powell of Atlanta, Georgia and Scott Powell of Chicago Illinois, step grandson Shawn Danks of Naples, Florida, and a brother Donald Jewett of Battle Creek. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Wayne Jewett, sisters Merryl Ford, and Josephine Bailey.

Florence M. Jewett, 78, died Oct. 13, 2013, at a Bangor hospital after a critical fall and head injury. She was born March 9, 1935, in Thorndike, the middle daughter of Herman and Edna (Peterson) Cates. She attended Freedom Academy and became a licensed cosmetologist, a career she loved. As a professional hairdresser she operated her own salon for many years and then offered traveling in-home services. Flo was a long standing member of the Troy Grange, an honorary member of the Troy Firemen's Auxiliary, and a Charter member of the Unity Rotary. She also worked as a ballot clerk in Troy for many years. She was predeceased by her husband, Harold Phil Jewett (a descendant of Adelbert Rodney Jewett JFA #6,178); and her brother, Ramon Cates. She is survived by her loving sister, Carolyn Connell of Hartland; and her nephews, Michael and Jeffery and their families. She is also survived by her daughters and their husbands, Deborah and Ron Nason, Candace and Bill Ryan, and Rebecca Lee and Patrick Sullivan; her three granddaughters, Nicole Brown, Sasha Kenney, and Katherine Sullivan; and her three great-grandchildren, Madison Brown, Kayin Kenney, and Chase Kenney.

Verlin Howard Rees, 75, of Hamilton, died of natural causes Monday, July 15, 2013 at Marcus Daly Hospice. Verlin was born Nov. 1, 1937, in Bonner to Robert and Emma Rees. He attended Bonner Grade School. He was in the National Guard at Fort Ord, Calif., from 1960 to 1967. Verlin married Sharon Pamin on May 6, 1960. He was a specialist in the National Guard and worked as a headrig sawyer in Montana and Idaho until he retired. He was preceded in death by his parents; uncle Ky; and brothers-in-law Carl Jordon, Art Pamin and Jim Dorndorf. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sharon, of Hamilton; daughter Valerie (Bill) Jones of Hamilton; son Valance (Ruth) Rees of Missoula; daughter Heather (Howard) Applegate of Hamilton; daughter Shay Rees of Victor; sister Nancy Jordon of Missoula; brother Robert (Maxine) Rees of Potomac; grandchildren Jessica (Mark) Weaver of Hamilton, Colby (Stacy) Jones of Hamilton, Kylend, Kenya, Kayden and Keana Rees of Missoula, Zachary (Jillian) Applegate of Hamilton; great-grandchildren Beau, Becky, Pamela, Kale, Alexander and Darius; and numerous extended family members.
Submitted by James Jewett

Joyce Marie Ware, 76, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, comfortably at her home in Gainesville.. Joye is a descendant of Joseph Edgerly Jewett, JFA #4,152. Mrs. Ware was born Oct. 1, 1937, in Fulbright to Lonnie and Clara Jewett. She attended Callisburg schools when she was younger and was a longtime member of Commerce Street Church of Christ. Mrs. Ware was employed at various places, including Gainesville State School, Ranger Arms, E.M.C. Plastics, Denton Printing, Braum's, Beall's Dept. Store and Ware's Welding Supplies. Survivors include husband, George P. Ware, Jr., of Gainesville; daughter and son-in-law, Carla and

Mickey Underhill of Denton; son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Debbie Ware of Mena, Ariz.; and son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Tammy Ware of McAlester, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild on the way; sister, Martha Dean Maughan and husband Bill of Valley View; sister, Glenda Fuller of Gainesville; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joe and Nell Ware of Callisburg; sister-in-law, Iris Isaacs of North Carolina; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Mrs. Ware was preceded in death by daughter, Sharon Kay Ware-Harrison; son-in-law, Bill Harrison; son-in-law, Larry Monden; parents, Lonnie and Clara Jewett; great-granddaughter, Megan Michele Monden; and brother-in-law, Dennis Fuller.

Emma Belle Siefert, 90, (JFA #16,862) passed away on May 24, 2013. She was born on February 14, 1923, in Mason, Michigan to Alton and Ione (Sanders) Jewett. She graduated from Mason High School and later graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Emma Belle married Donald Siefert on June 16, 1951. She taught elementary school in Rockford, Michigan and later worked as a caseworker for the State of Illinois. Emma was a member of Riverside Assembly of God Church in Rockford; she loved her family, gardening, her puppies, and spending time with her senior friends at church. She is survived by her husband, Donald; her children, Paul Siefert, Mark (Judy) Siefert, Joel Siefert, and Beth (Terry) Miller. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Emma Belle is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Marion Hansen; and brothers, Herschel and Joe Jewett.
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Submitted by Rodney Jewett

Michelle Grace (Jewett) Gutierrez, mother, daughter, sister and aunt, age 42 of Mountain Home, passed away on Aug. 25, 2013. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 30, 2013, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel. Michelle was born June 12, 1971, in Mountain Home to the proud parents of Steve Jewett and Linda Kromm. Michelle graduated from Rimrock High in 1989. Upon graduation, she joined the U.S. Navy. She served four years on the USS Cape Cod. She also served in Desert Storm. On June 18, 1994, Michelle married Frank Gutierrez. In April of 1994, they welcomed their first son, Joseph. Two years later, in 1996, they welcomed a second son, Marcus. After returning home from serving in the Navy, she was employed by Winings Electric until 1995. She then worked for Smokey Mountain Pizza and Paul's Market. In January 1997, she attended Post Academy and served on the Mountain Home Police Department for three years. In 1999, Michelle met Jaye Houtcooper and had 14 wonderful years together. Jaye welcomed Michelle and the boys into his life with open arms. In 2005, she attended Taxidermy School in Wyoming. Upon completion, she began her greatest passion of Taxidermy. She then began her own business, MJ Taxidermy. She was also employed with the U.S. Postal Service. At the time of death, she was employed with ELM. Michelle was also very active with her boys from Cub Scouts to all their sporting activities. She also enjoyed spending time outdoors. Hunting and softball were two of her greatest passions. Michelle is survived by her sons Joseph (Jennica Quintal) and Marcus (Mallory Tong), the lights of her life. Her father Steve Jewett, her mother Linda (Harry) Kromm, and mother Donna (Raymond) Robison. Her siblings Jake (Jennifer) Hofer, Shawn (Tammy) Jewett, Travis (Jodi) Jewett, Kristin (James) Davis, Dustin (Jessie) Jewett, David (Allison) Gove, Desiree Jewett and Timothy Jewett. Many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Also her special buddies Tucker & Diesel. She is preceded in death by grandparents Bud & Grace Jewett, Fred and Irene Stevenson and numerous aunts and uncles, and other extended family.
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Jewett Day at Oberlin Heritage Center

The day started out cloudy with a chance of rain but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Oberlin Heritage Center staff and the Jewett family. The tent was up and ready for the "tent talks", the special Jewett display was set up in the Jewett house dining room, and the membership materials for both the Jewett Family of America (JFA) and the Oberlin Heritage Center (OHC) were nicely displayed on the Jewett house porch. The only piece missing was the Jewett car. We all waited in anticipation and wondered if the weather would be a deterrent.

Soon around the corner came George Strom in a truck transporting his 1923 Jewett Deluxe Touring car. This instantly drew excitement and interest to the driveway of the Jewett house. It is a beautiful car in mint condition. George is an antique car enthusiast and student of history who provides plenty of TLC (tender loving care) to this remarkable car. He would normally have driven the car to the event but he took caution with the threat of rain. Before the rest of the events started, many of our Jewett family members including board members Mike Jewett, Esther Jewett and Greg Jewett along with Margaret Jewett, Sarah Jewett and Philip Jewett posed in front of the Jewett car for pictures.

There wasn't much time for the staff to stand around for pictures and admiration of the Jewett car. The day was filled with tours and special talks. The day was kicked off by a walking tour of the interior and exterior of the Jewett house, showing preservation challenges and accomplishments. This was led by Patricia Murphy, OHC Executive Director. Frank Fanning Jewett and his wife, Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett bought the home unfinished in 1884 when Frank became a professor of chemistry at Oberlin College and lived there until they retired in 1923. The house has many distinctive touches including those from the Jewett's life in Japan. The Jewett's would also open their doors to students and housed them on the second and third floors. The biggest threat to the house today is a deteriorating roof which jeopardizes the entire structure.

Next up on the schedule was Norman Craig, an Oberlin College Emeritus Professor of Chemistry who provided an illustrated talk on "Marriage Made in Japan: Sarah Frances (Fannie) Gulick and Frank Fanning Jewett" and a tour of the Jewett house woodshed. Frank and Sarah met in Japan and were married there in 1880. Frank was teaching at the Imperial University in Tokyo while Fannie was the daughter of missionaries to Japan. Dr. Craig shared how the two happen to meet and marry so far from home. He followed up his very interesting talk with taking the audience to the woodshed. Don't be alarmed, this woodshed was not used for the disciplining of young boys but rather it is a recreation of the scientific laboratory where an exhibit showing the interpretation of Martin Hall's groundbreaking aluminum experiments and Professor Jewett's role in the process is located. Dr. Craig's knowledge of chemistry made the tour very educational.

From the house, the group went out to the lawn for two "Tent Talks" given by JFA Board and OHC member, Greg Jewett. The first talk was on "Jewetts & Civil War Connections". There were approximately three million soldiers who participated in the Civil War. The war touched most families including our Jewett family. There have been 458 Jewetts documented serving for the Union and 48 for the Confederacy. The talk focused on one Medal of Honor, two books and three brothers from the Jewett family who impacted the war. The Medal of Honor is the highest medal given by the military. The Jewett family has had one recipient,

Lieutenant Erastus W. Jewett who served in the 9th Vermont Infantry, Company A. Lt. Jewett's actions at Newport Barracks, North Carolina on February 2, 1864 saved the retreating Union forces from complete annihilation by the opposing superior Confederate forces led by General George Pickett.

Beyond the bravery in battle, the Jewett family contribution to the war through literature can be traced to two books. In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe was struggling to find a publisher for her book. Most publishers recognized the strong impact the story could have and feared public retribution. John P. Jewett was not only unafraid but believed that the abolition movement needed to move into the mainstream of American political dialogue. He saw this book as the avenue and thus "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was published by Jewett Publishing. It had the impact expected and became the 19th century's only blockbuster book. Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying upon meeting Harriet Beecher Stowe, "so this is the little woman who started the big war." The second book compiled by Jacob R. Shipherd and titled "The history of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue" describes the incident of a runaway slave, John Price, from Kentucky who was harbored from authorities by many men, including students and professors of Oberlin College, in Oberlin and Wellington. Thirty seven men were incarcerated and brought to trial in Cuyahoga County, Ohio with two being convicted. This incident and the publishing of the book by John P. Jewett helped Oberlin gain the national reputation as "the town that started the Civil War."

There are many family stories from the Civil War and Frank Fanning Jewett was no exception. He is known for his connection with aluminum but he also was connected to the war through his three older brothers. John Hampden Jewett served with the 10th Wisconsin. He was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga. His dying wish was to give his Bible to his mother. He and his mother had coordinated daily Bible readings which John faithfully followed and wanted that fact to be communicated to her as a comfort. Frank's other brother Richard Henry Lee Jewett started his Civil War service with the 2nd Massachusetts Infantry but through the influence of his father Dr. Charles Jewett and publisher John P. Jewett was given an officer's commission with the famed 54th Massachusetts Colored Troops. He was wounded in the attack on Fort Wagoner as depicted in the movie "Glory." After losing many officers, Richard recommended his brother John for an officer's commission but unfortunately his brother was killed before being able to accept it. The commission was transferred to his oldest brother Charles Jewett, Jr. Charles accepted the commission and fought with his brother until severe heat stroke at the Battle of Oluster, Florida caused him to resign in June 1865. His brother Richard resigned at the same time to take his injured brother home. The swords of both Richard and Charles survived the war. Richard's sword is bent from saving his life by redirecting the bullet aimed at his head in the attack of Fort Wagoner and is in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Charles' sword with its original sheath is in the possession of the Grandview Heritage Foundation (TN).

The second "Tent Talk" given by Greg Jewett focused on the Jewetts in Literature. There have been many Jewett authors, publishers and librarians who have contributed to the literary world. The focus of this talk was on publisher John P. Jewett, author Sarah Orne Jewett and author Colonel Kenneth W. Jewett. John P. Jewett's most famous book was Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin. Sarah Orne Jewett is the most famous Jewett author and is considered a true literary giant. Her masterpiece is considered "The Country of the Pointed Firs" (1884) and is listed in the top 100 greatest works in American Literature. Colonel Kenneth W. Jewett was a JFA board member who wrote three historical fiction books that were nominated for the Pulitzer Prize which is an amazing feat for a first time author. With Ken's untimely death;

"To the Valley", "Defend the Valley" and "Beyond the Valley" have become treasures by many family members.

Following Greg was George Strom to share about his 1923 Jewett Deluxe Touring car built by the Paige-Detroit Auto Company and named after its president Harry M. Jewett. George discussed its unique lightweight design and the reasons for its popularity. It had many features of the more expensive models and was used for a while by the Detroit Police Force. The cars success was guided by the company president Harry M. Jewett who was a graduate of Notre Dame and originally made his money in mining. In addition to turning the Paige-Detroit Auto Company's fortunes around from near bankruptcy with the Jewett car, he bought a radio station and changed the call letters to WJR for "We're Jewett Radio". This station still exists today as one of the largest AM radio stations in the Midwest and is the voice of the Detroit Tigers.

The Day was rounded out with two more talks. One was by Richard Donegan, OHC AmeriCorps member sharing the Temperance in Oberlin and the Jewetts. The Anti-Saloon League was founded in Oberlin and quickly became a national movement. Frank and Fannie Jewett were very involved in the national reform movement which culminated in the 18th Amendment to the Constitution (1920) banning alcohol. This involvement was natural since Frank's father Dr. Charles Jewett was a prominent national temperance speaker and writer of several books. The second talk by Courtney Martin an OHC college student intern from Grinnell College focused on Fannie Jewett and her strong advocacy of public health and hygiene. She wrote several books that sold collectively over six million copies. This complimented her husband's work of influencing the town to build a water treatment plant to prevent the spread of typhoid and other diseases, and his design and implementation of the first water softening system in the country.

It was a busy but fun day for the OHC staff and JFA members. It ended up a beautiful day where the rain held off and the sun shone. To conclude the day George and Marjie Strom said their good-byes, hopped into the Jewett car and happily rode down Professor Street on their way home to Elyria.

This day would not have been successful without the hard work of many people. Special thanks need to go out to Patricia Murphy, Mary Anne Cunningham and the OHC staff for their many hours of work and preparation. It would be remiss not to thank George and Marjie Strom for sharing their Jewett car with all those who attended. It certainly was a highlight of the day. And finally a much deserved thanks to Lee Jewett Petry of JFA who, to my knowledge, is the closest living relative to Frank Fanning Jewett as the great granddaughter of his brother Richard H. L. Jewett. Mrs. Petry who served many years as JFA historian, began and nurtured the relationship between OHC and JFA. And to all others who helped or attended, Thank you.

Information Requested

If there were any family reunions or gatherings this past year, or you are planning any for 2014 please consider submitting news or a report from the event. Pictures are always welcome.

Additionally, 2014 and 2015 will try to focus on the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Any stories or family focus articles on that time period would be appreciated for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

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