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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 Jessie Jewett Elliott, Diane Jewett, Walter Sanford Wells, Robert Young, Carri Cole, and James Jewett for their contributions to this edition of the Quarterly. Your time and efforts are most appreciated. Please forward any birth, death and marriage information to both the family historian, see left, and myself, for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

SPECIAL NOTICE

With spring brings graduations. If you have a child, grandchild or other relative that has graduated this year, please forward the information, picture optional for inclusion in an upcoming issue.
Also, the last quarterly newsletter to have any news from a family reunion was Quarterly #1 from 2012. If your branch of the family has had a gathering in the last year, or is planning one this year, please drop me a line with a short story or description, photos appreciated.

Tom

Contemplations of your President

At the Directors' meeting last fall, many changes were made including election of Greg Jewett as Secretary, and Esther Kay Jewett as Treasurer. The responsibility for printing and mailing the quarterly publications has also been taken over by Greg. I am pleased to report that everything transpired smoothly and I believe with no problems. We also decided that it was important that the Directors meet more than once a year to provide continuity and allow us to move forward on several fronts. Towards that end, your Directors are meeting by teleconference on May 31 to discuss many ongoing projects including:

- The next JFA reunion. Normally we hold reunions at 5 year intervals with the last one being held in 2010. Some have suggested that we try and align our reunion with Rowley's 375th anniversary which is being held in 2014. Unfortunately, information on Rowley's celebration is not readily available (they have a web site at http://rowley375.wordpress.com/) although it seems most of their events are scheduled for Labor Day weekend. We will be discussing the details and making our decision but it is likely we will hold the reunion in 2015 as originally scheduled.
- Discussion of how to improve dues and publication fee payments. Less than half of the people on the mailing list pay dues or publication fees each year which means those people are paying extra so that the non-paying members can continue to receive the publication.
- The JFA Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/JewettFamilyOfAmerica) continues to be a success with 166 "likes". Please realize this is your page and we would hope that you would post any items of interest to the JFA community.
- Directors Barbara Shaw and Bernice (Bunny) Mansir (also known as the twins) have been busy for the last several years gathering information on early Jewetts buried in the Rowley Burial Ground. Last year they gave me a copy of their typed manuscript complete with pictures of the various gravestones. I have finally input all the data, scanned all the photographs, and arranged everything into a 100 page booklet which is presently being edited and proofread. Several preliminary copies have been printed but the work goes on to make the data as complete as possible. Right now, the photographs are scanned and we may elect to retake them digitally. This would also have the benefit of showing the gravestones after the restoration performed by Jonathan Appell in 2010. The intent is to market the completed book for the benefit of the JFA.

Memorial Day 2014 finds Claire, me, and Trina (the cat) relaxing at our home in mid-coast Maine. This is our first long visit since Christmas week in 2014 when we left early to avoid threatening storms. It has been a particularly tough winter for the Northeast and we are glad it is over. We also managed to avoid mud-season but it is still not truly summer and the oil burner is still on to take the chill out of the air. Of course we are getting older which probably influences our outlook. Since death of my Aunt Nancy Boyce last fall, the maintenance of the Jewett plot at Portland's Evergreen Cemetery for Memorial Day is now our responsibility. We stopped on our way up to plant some geraniums and make sure everything was presentable. I hope all of you had a pleasant holiday and wish you an enjoyable summer.

Toujours le même,

Ted Jewett

FYI and Announcements

Births

William Knox Ewing the 3rd was born March 17, 2014 to Lauren (Warmington) and William Knox Ewing II in Hermantown, MN. He is the grandson of Cheryl (JFA #23,433) and William Knox Ewing I, of Kingston Springs, TN. Great grandson of Jessie Jewett (JFA #23,406) Elliott of Madison, TN. William is to be known as Liam has a brother Landen, and two sisters Brielle and Liviana.

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Zayden Noreen Jewett, born in Las Vegas, Nevada Apr 30, 2014. Parents are Cory Brent and Joceyln Abugon (Ratuita) Jewett. He joins a brother Maxamillian Jewett. Grandfather is James Sidney Jewett. All descentants of #944.

Jaxon Allen Jewett, was born on May 20, 2014, to Bernard Allen Jewett #14056 and Christine Damron.

Jace Charles Jewett was born September 30, 2011 and **Elli Lynn Jewett** was born on February 12, 2013 to Charles William Jewett #14053 and Amiee Morales.

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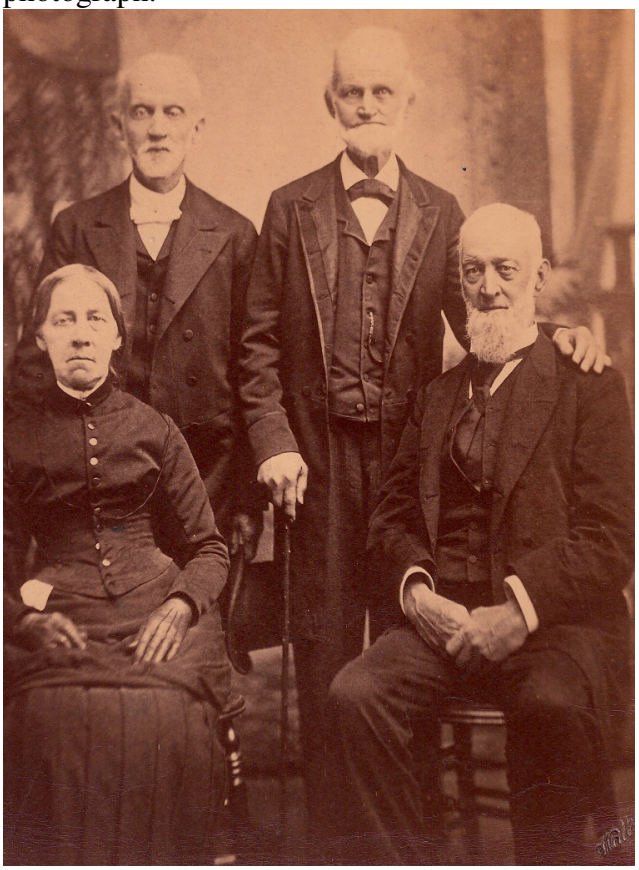
Request for Information

I am Walter Sandford Wells (JFA #21046).
I have been going through some pictures handed down by my late mother, Margaret Ansley Jewett Wells (JFA # 21031) and am trying to identify the people in the attached photograph.
It was in a group of pictures that included Martha Jane Thornton Ansley - wife of Francis Marion Ansley. William Lord Jewett, 1847-1912, Annie Sandford Jewett, Meta Glass Jewett, Stephen Jewett VI, John Sandford were in the other photograph.



In Sympathy

Martha (Hunt) Tilton, JFA #24,215, age 86, longtime Salisbury resident, died peacefully at her home Thursday afternoon while being cared for by her cousin and caretaker, Dianne Jewett. Born in Newburyport, February 26, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Fred L. and Laura J. (Jewett) Hunt. She graduated from Newburyport High School, and then went on to receive a nursing degree. She had worked as a market researcher for Audits and Surveys in New York and for some years had worked as a registered nurse and as a private duty nurse. She was a trustee on the board of the Salisbury Public Library; volunteered for the Newburyport Custom House and was a member of the Sons and Daughters of Early Settlers of Newbury as well as the Jewett family of America. She was an avid singer in many choirs and took part in many re-enactments with the DAR. In addition to her husband of 48 years, Russell C. Tilton, she is survived by her daughter, Marsha Johnson of Charlotte N.C.; her two stepsons, David R. Titlon of Salisbury and Wayne A. Tilton of Amesbury; her brother, Fred C. Hunt of Tuftonboro, N.H.; along with many grandchildren and generations of nieces and nephews, all of whom will truly miss her. She was predeceased by her son, B. Fred Felch.

Reprinted from the Newburyport News
June 15, 2013
Submitted by Diane Jewett

Ashley Jewett Hunt, JFA #24,217, beloved husband and father, passed away in his home after a short illness on February 13, 2013. He was born June 13, 1934, in Newburyport, Mass., the son of Fred Lindsey Hunt and Laura Jewett Hunt - long residence on High Street in Newburyport, Mass. He served his country in the Army National Guard as a vehicle mechanic and in the U.S. Air Force in the military police in the Korean War. He enjoyed his life with his family and friends in Camden/Rockland, Maine, Tucson, Ariz., and most recently in Epsom, N.H. In addition to his beloved wife, Karen K. Hunt, to whom he would have been married 32 years on July 18, he is survived by their daughter, Maryjean Hunt Emerson and husband, Travis, of Epsom, N.H.; his children from his first marriage to Roberta Hunt, son, Ashley Jewett Hunt II and wife, Maryanne, of Rockland, Maine; daughter, Kimberly Cooley and husband, Craig, of Waldaboro, Maine; 5 grandchildren, Amber Hunt Parker, Ashley Jewett Hunt III, Gabe Cooley, Madison Emerson and Arabella Emerson; his brother, Fred Hunt and wife, Evelyn, of Tuftonboro, N.H.; and sister, Martha Hunt Tilton of Salisbury, Mass.; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. He will be dearly missed by all. His parents, brothers, Lindsey A. Hunt and Rodney P. Hunt, and sister, Barbara Hunt Abbott, all preceded him in death.

Reprinted from the Newburyport News
June 22, 2013
Submitted by Diane Jewett

JEWETT, JOSHUA DAVID –(JFA #24,569) It is with very deep sadness that we announce the passing of Joshua Jewett of Fredericton, NB. Josh was 31 years old and died on April 28, 2014. He was the son of Margaret and the late Gary Jewett. Josh loved the outdoors, skateboarding, fishing, taekwondo and playing chess. He traveled as far as India and backpacked through Canada and the United States as far as Mexico. Josh loved special meals and holidays at his sister Roxanne's house. He enjoyed his job at the YMCA and Aura Foods. Josh was a gentle soul with a kind heart. He was helpful to his mom when she was sick and so kind to others. Josh played many musical instruments and was a talented writer. In addition to his mother, Margaret Jewett of Yarmouth, NS, Josh is survived by his sisters, Roxanne (husband Bob Manuel) of Fredericton, NB and April (husband Mark Bragg) of Calgary, AB.

Published in The Daily Gleaner

Ethel Jenness Jewett, 94, of Fairhaven Avenue, Ferry Beach, Saco passed away peacefully on April 19, 2014 at the Seal Rock Healthcare Facility where she had been a resident for several months since suffering a severe fall and broken hip at her home. She was born Mar 8, 1920 in Springvale, Maine, the daughter of Delbert and Bernice (Foss) Jenness. She graduated from Sanford High school and work locally for several businesses before being appointed as Deputy Clerk of Courts for York County, a position in the York County Courthouse at Alfred she held for several years until after her marriage to Dean Francis Jewett May 16 1952, a Buxton lawyer, son of Frank Harold and Dora M (Hutchings) Jewett (JFA #8,688).
After settling into their new home in Buxton and raising two sons, she resumed working at the York County Courthouse, only now as an assistant in her husband's law office, researching land ownership in the York County Registry of Deeds and Registry of Probate until her husband closed his law office in Saco.
She was a Life member and Past Worthy Grand Matron of Ruth Chapter #14 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Springvale. During her time in Buxton she was active in local organizations on gardening, home health and family. She was also a member of the First Congregational Church of Buxton, known locally as Tory Hill Church. When the church building needed repairs, she proposed issuing an annual church calendar with each month having a different picture of old time areas of Buxton and Hollis. The calendar was an instant success and for many years raised much needed funds for church expenses. She was also one of the founders of the women only investment club called Powder Puff Investors that operated successfully for quite a few years. After moving from Buxton to their new home at Ferry Beach for over 20 years she and her husband enjoyed the beach in the summer and lived in their Fla. condo during the winter months. She is survived by her husband of 61 plus years; her two sons, Martin and Timothy; and one grandson Benjamin.
Reprinted from the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram
April 22, 2014

Glenn Robert Jewett, (descendant of Oscar Bryant Jewett JFA #16,070) a resident of Kitsap County for 72 years died April 9, 2014 at the age of 87. He was born in Lusk, Wyoming son of Lynn Forest and Hattie Hazel (Craig) Jewett. He served in the Army as an airplane mechanic in Japan on Housin just after Hiroshima. He was a founding member of the Handlers Racing Association. He graduated in 1955 from PSNS apprenticeship as a welder and worked there for many years. Upon leaving PSNS, he became a self-employed contractor preparing land for homes as well as building and repairing equipment for himself and other area contractors. Glenn is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia; four children, 14 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.
Reprinted from the Kitsap Sun
April 24, 2014

Ronald B. Jewett, 78, (Descendant of Benjamin F. Jewett JFA #13,727) of Orange City, formerly of Franklinville, N.Y., passed away May 14, 2014, at a local care center. Ronald was born Oct. 8, 1935, to the late Merle Jewett and Thelma Clement Jewett in Franklinville. He was a 1954 graduate of Ten Broeck Academy, where he was an outstanding high school athlete. Mr. Jewett proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force, retiring after 20 years of service. Following his military service, Mr. Jewett retired as an assistant superintendent with the State of Florida Department of Corrections after 24 years. He enjoyed camping, golfing and fishing. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 53 1/2 years, Jacqueline; his son Ronald B. (Sherie) Jewett Jr.; a daughter, Renee B. (Gene) Slone; a brother, Paul (Kay) Jewett; a sister, Marcia Case; and four grandchildren, Kayla and Mercedes Slone, and Taylor and Joshua Jewett.
Reprinted from The Olean Times Herald
May 24, 2014

Charles Everett Jewett, 71, (descendant of Josiah Jewett JFA #3,033) passed away on April 30, 2014, at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Hospital in Muskogee. Charles served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964. He worked as a truck driver, iron worker, and as on offshore driller in the oil and gas industry. Charles was a member of the Tahlequah Masonic Lodge No. 10, Elks Lodge, and Hulbert First Baptist Church.
Charles enjoyed working his home farm, and going camping and boating at the lake. He had a big heart and enjoyed helping others whenever he was able. Charles has been preceded in death by his parents; his first wife of 42 years, Virginia Jewett; and his brother John Jewett.
He is survived by three children, Craig Jewett of Ohio, Denise Burson and husband Tim of Welling, and Timothy Jewett and wife Stormie of Hulbert; his fiance, Maudene Whitby, of Muskogee; sisters, Reta Myers of Hulbert, Vera Thompson of Iowa, and Debbie Hull of Hulbert; a sister-in-law, Cynthia Jewett, of Tahlequah; six grandchildren, Jeremy Burson and wife Laci, Cole Jewett, Jack Burson and wife Samantha, Christopher Jewett, Megan Lucas and husband Aaron, Kyle Jewett and Cherokee Jewett; four great-grandchildren, Brecken Burson, Bryleigh Burson, Akya Lucas and Tidus Burson; as well as many other friends and loved ones.
Reprinted from the Tahlequah Daily Press
May 2, 2014

Pleem Ensel Jewett, 94, of Pownal, died at his home on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 5, 1919, in North Yarmouth to Ralph and Laura (Provencher) Jewett #1344-13. He was married to his beloved wife Florence "Pat" Jewett for 67 years before her passing in 2011. They made their home on the Jewett farm on Elmwood Road in Pownal, where they raised their children. He loved to work on his farm and was proud of the home he built with his own hands. He maintained a working farm for many years and always looked forward to the haying season with help from his family. He enjoyed working on the farm equipment with his son Harvey up until his death, and often rode on his land in his golf cart. Pleem attended North Yarmouth schools and started working in the Civilian Conservation Corps, which provided jobs for young men, to relieve families who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression in the United States. He joined U.S. Navy during World War II on Sept. 16, 1942, along with his five brothers, and spent his service years in the Pacific theater and was the last one of the brothers surviving the Greatest Generation. He was a member and past commander of the John Arthur Stowell Post 83 American Legion. He operated several markets in the Freeport, Pownal, New Gloucester and Casco areas during different times of his career. He also worked for Freeport Shoe Co. for a period of time and then changed career paths and joined the Carpenter Union 517, from which he retired in 1984. Pleem is survived by his sister, Roberta Young of Gray; his son Terry Jewett and wife Brenda of Freeport, his daughter Nancy Ruest and her husband Les of Pownal, his daughter Sheila Day and husband Sonny of Pittston, his daughter Lori Valliere of Poland, his son Harvey Jewett and his companion Cheryl McMahon of Durham; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; and a large extended family. He was predeceased by his parents; his siblings Joy, Noah, Euan, Osborn, Verena, Homer, Ellery, Byron, Conan, Orville and Royce; his son, Frank Jewett; and his son-in-law David Valliere. The family wishes to thank CHANS Hospice Care in Brunswick for their caring support and especially Jo-Ellyn.
Reprinted from the Forecaster
April 2, 2014

Loretta (Lottie) Mary Cefalu (JFA #16,354) died on Sunday, March 16, 2014, at the age of 97. A resident of Sunrise Assisted Living in Metairie. Lottie was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Thomas V. Cefalu, Sr. and the devoted daughter of the late Paul Eugene Mary, Sr. and Loretta Elizabeth Jewett Mary. Lottie was the loving mother of Dr. Thomas Cefalu, Jr. and Marylyn Cefalu Rovira (Klar Rovira III). She was "MiMi" to seven grandchildren, Thomas V. Cefalu, III, Christine Cefalu Schleder (David), Dr. Scott J. Cefalu, Dr. Klar A. Rovira IV (Angela), Robert T. Rovira (Trisha), Dr. Richard R. Rovira (Christine) and Amy Rovira Pemberton (Brett J.); twenty great-grandchildren Jared, Rachel, Katherine, Joshua, Jacob, Jill, Thomas, Reagan and Reid Rovira; Ashley, Alyssa, Brett James and Amelia Pemberton; Cody, Gabrielle, Trevor, and Ross Cefalu, Tegan, Noah and Hudson Schlender. Lottie was preceded in death by fourteen dear siblings, Ethel M. Satterlee, Irene M. LeBon, Lillian M. Cambeilh, Paul E. Mary, Jr., Irma M. Bishop, Harold G. Mary, Edwina M. Prados, Alice M. Toso, Mildred M. Young, Lucy M. Theriot, Dr. Charles C. Mary, Dr. Milton B. Mary and two infant brothers. Lottie was educated by the Notre Dame Nuns and attended Dominican High School and College. She received her teaching certificate from The New Orleans School of Speech and Dramatic Arts. For many years she entertained telling Cajun Stories to numerous social and civic clubs, as well as national conventions. Lottie was a member of the Hereditary and Genealogical Association, The Mayflower Society, The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Jewett Family of America.

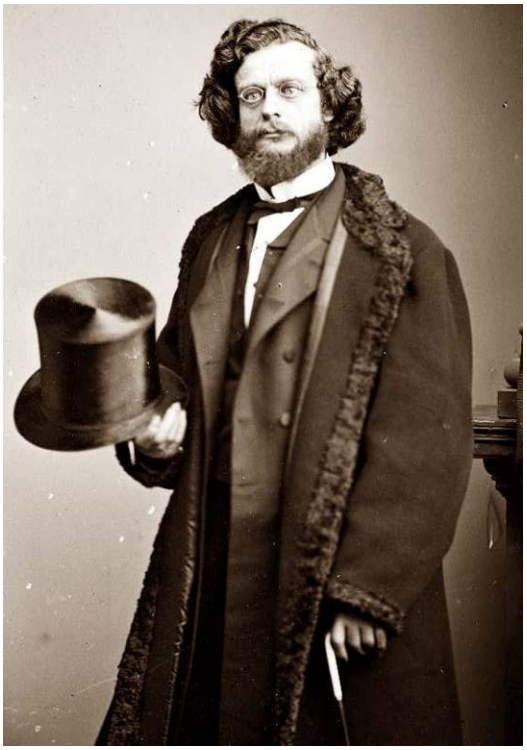
Reprinted from the New Orleans Advocate
March 18, 2014
Submitted by Robert Young

Marguerite Irene LeBon Henry (JFA #16,371) passed peacefully at home on Friday morning, April 11, 2014 at age 90. A lifetime resident of Uptown New Orleans, Irene was the beloved wife of the late Royce James Henry DDS, and the cherished daughter of the late Lawrence Joseph LeBon and Margaret Irene Mary LeBon. She was the great granddaughter of the late Paul Eugene Mary Sr. ("Big Dad") and Loretta Elizabeth Jewett Mary ("Memeire"), and was "Niffy" to countless cousins and aunts. Irene was preceded in death by her late brother Lawrence J. LeBon Jr. DDS and fifteen great aunts and uncles known as the "Mary fifteen". Irene was the loving mother of six children: Royce J. Henry Jr (Barbara), Dennis L. Henry DDS (Bobbie), Craig G. Henry (Mamie), Mary Elise Henry Kruez (Richard Kruez), Keith G. Henry (MeMe) and Gerard E. Henry (Melissa). She was grandmother to eleven: Dennis L Henry Jr (Kelly), James G. Henry, Craig G. Henry Jr, Victoria E. Henry, Katie E. Kruez, Colin R. Kruez, Marguerite E. Henry, Keith G. ("Bubba") Henry, Jr, Mary Mitchell Ives Henry, Stephen H. Henry, and Caroline L. Henry, and great grandmother to Julia Henry and Jenna Henry. Irene devoted her life to her family and friends. She was most engaging and never met a stranger. She loved hosting dinner parties, her bingo club and celebrating family milestones in her home on the avenue. She is a registered descendent of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Jewitt Family of America. Irene was a devout catholic who dedicated her time and gave of herself for others. She solicited funds behalf of the American Heart Association, did volunteer work at Hotel Dieu Hospital and routinely contributed and prayed to the Poor Clare Nuns amongst other religious orders.

Reprinted from the New Orleans Times-Picayune
April 13, 2014
Submitted by Robert Young

William Cornell (Colorado) Jewett

(JFA #2,468)



Volume 1 of the History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America provides a brief biographical reference to William Cornell Jewett, bur does not really illustrate his character or his influence on American history. The JFA entry reads:

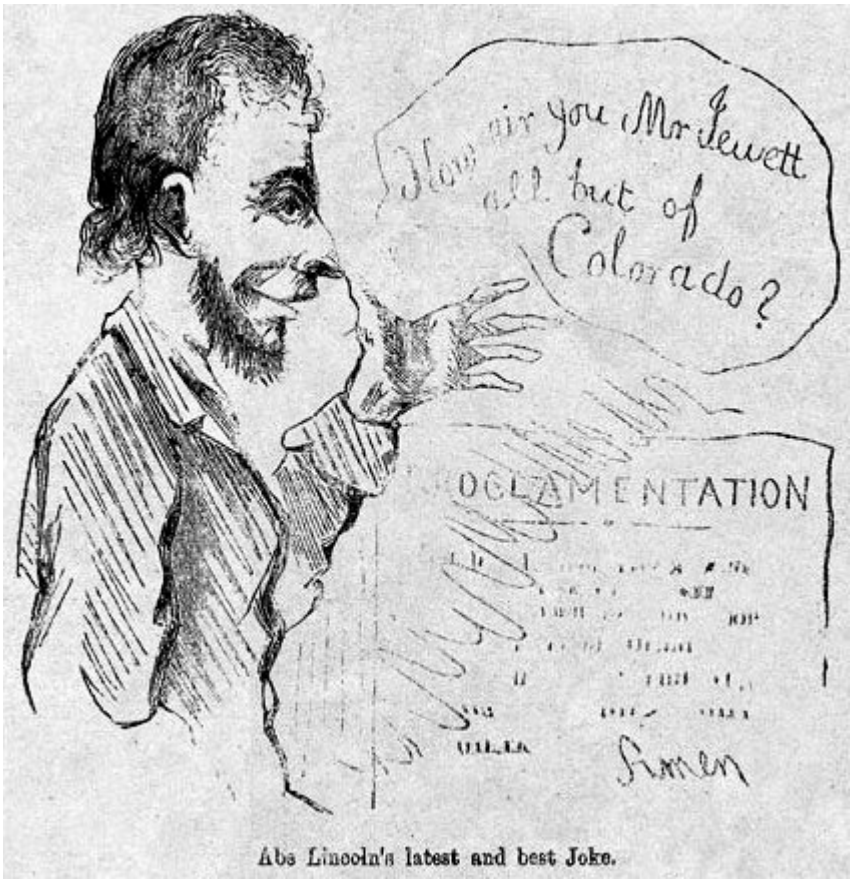
"William Cornell Jewett was born in New York, New York, Feb. 19, 1823; bapt. By the Rev. Mr. Feltus, Feb. 28, 1824. He married in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 20, 1848, Almira Guion, who was born in Cincinnati, O., Dec. 8, 1830, daughter of David Boute and Caroline Litchfield (Rogers) Guion. She died, and he married in 1859 Esther Garrison, who died in a few years. He then married, in 1867, Charlotte Berna. Mr. Jewett was a merchant and lived in New York, San Francisco, Paris, France, and Geneva, Switzerland. He died in Geneva, Oct. 27, 1893."

In truth, William attempted to wield influence far beyond that of the average individual. An ardent peace activist during the Civil War, he became embroiled in one of the most intreaging political maneuvers during the war, the Niagara Peace Conference of 1864.

By the 1850's William had moved to San Francisco, California where he went into business as an auctioneer. The Daily Alto California newspaper indicated that William was a bit loud and lacked business tact and common sense. William's business eventually failed, and he left the San Francisco area. However, while in the bay area, he engaged in a considerable amount of self publicity and was known to often visit newspaper editors where he would try and ply them with articles he had written and push for their publication.

After leaving California William traveled to Colorado, where he picked up has infamous nickname, Colorado Jewett. The Denver newspapers note the arrival of William Jewett in the city on May 15, 1860, and do not have kind things to say, stating that "bombastic "Colorado Jewett," soon made himself obnoxious by his great pretensions and positive worthlessness." While in Colorado he was a delegate from Pike's Peak at a Colorado peace conference in 1861. William was an avowed peace advocate, and sought any number of avenues to try and bring peace to the fractured country. Shortly after the peace conference William learned of a mysterious photographer that could produce photos of someone with summoned spirits of the dead, possibly the renowned William H. Mumler himself. William felt that were he to show he had the favor of past great statesmen he could increase the influence of the political work he was pursuing. Over several sessions William patiently awaited clear views of great past leaders, eventually paying $50 for images of Henry Clay, Stephen Douglas and Andrew Jackson. The great George Washington could only be indistinctly viewed. However William gladly paid $20 for additional copies. Although sincere in his beliefs and search for peace, the mystic photos were of little help in William's endeavors.

In addition to his attempts to mediate peace during the Civil War, William also operated as a business man. There are several accounts of William acting as a mine promoter in Europe, especially England from 1860 through 1863, where he tried to sell the rights to various Colorado mines. In an effort to sell mining stakes he organized the European and Colorado Gold Mining Company in 1863. According to various accounts, he was not overly successful in promoting his various Colorado mines.



Abs Lincoln's latest and best Joke.

While on his promotional mining trips William also sought to meet with various European powers to help broker a peace in the United States. As a self promoter William often sent letters to various New York and London papers which often made note of his activities and manifestos. William was a prolific letter writer, and sent a barrage of missives to both President Lincoln and Jefferson Davis. The letters were an attempt to convince the leaders to end the war and to let the South leave the union in the interest of peace. A political cartoon of the day shows Lincoln noting all the mail has received from William, from all across the country.

By 1863 both the North and the South were becoming weary of the war and the toll it was taking, especially due to the number of casualties from the major battles in 1863 and 1864. The approximate number of casualties from the major battles are noted below. The disenchantment was so great it lead to the New York draft riots of 1863.

The Siege of Vicksburg	May – July 1863	19,000 dead
Siege of Port Hudson	May – July 1863	12,000 dead
Battle of Gettysburg	July 1863	51,000 dead
Battle of Chickamauga	September 1863	35,000 dead
Battle of Chattanouga	November 1863	12,000 dead
Battle of the Wilderness	May 1864	30,000 dead
Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse	May 1864	30,000 dead

With the dawn of 1864 comes the beginning of the political manuaverings leading to the 1864 election. There are several strong contenders for the Republican ticket that are willing to challenge Lincoln in order end the war. One of the leading groups in the Democratic party was the "Peace Democrats," with vocal splinter group often referred to as the "Copperheads" With all these challenges and the initial disappointing military action, Lincoln cannot seem to be aloof to any serious peace initiative. Robert C. Williams, the biographer of Horace

Greely, wrote that because of the stalemate between the Union and the Confederate armies in the summer of 1864,

"There was general war weariness in both North and South. Lincoln's first term in office would end in November. The time was right for a peace settlement to become a national political issue, to divide the Republican Party, and perhaps to overturn the Lincoln administration."

Horace Greely, the founder of both the New Yorker magazine and the New York Tribune newspaper, was a liberal Republican and an ardent anti-slavery pundit. However, even he was shaken by the cost of the war. Into this atmosphere stepped William Colorado Jewett offering an olive branch.

Horace Greeley was entrapped by the most skillfully contrived of peace intrigues and became the willing agent of rebels who resided in Canada, Clement Clay and James Holcombe. The rebels persuaded Greeley that they were authorized by the Davis government to negotiate peace, and desired his assistance. They asked for full protection to proceed to Washington to effect that object, and made Greeley the medium to convey to the president their application and purpose." Greeley was influenced by an old journalist friend, George N. Sanders, who was handling diplomatic chores for the Confederacy, as well as William "Colorado" Jewett. Sanders "became the unofficial intermediary between Confederate agents in Canada and Peace Democrats in the United States," and he began an offensive to convince journalists and politicians in New York that the peace effort was genuine.

Greeley was a willing dupe for Sanders' and Jewett's effort to establish the legitimacy of his efforts. Lincoln chronicler John Waugh wrote that Jewett "been to Europe three times attempting to persuade the leading powers to intervene between the two warring sides. Failing that, he had returned to promote a scheme for an armistice and a convention of states. Clement Clay, one of the rebel commissioners in Canada, described Jewett as 'a man of fervent and fruitful imagination and very credulous of what he wishes to be true' - rather like Greeley."

Although Greeley truly hoped for an honest discussion on peace initiatives his initial letter to Lincoln on July 7th expressed a bit of uncertainty.

"I venture to inclose you a letter and telegraphic dispatch that I received yesterday from our irrepressible friend, Colorado Jewett, at Niagara Falls. I think they deserve attention. Of course, I do not indorse Jewett's positive avertment that his friends...have 'full powers' from J.D., though I do not doubt that he thinks they have. I let that statement stand as simply evidencing the anxiety of the Confederates everywhere for peace. So much is beyond the doubt."

A well choreographed dance around the peace negotiations and the credentials of the southern representatives continued for several days. It was not simply the form of any negotiation that was a problem. The abolition of slavery was an insuperable barrier to negotiations. Lincoln aid John Hay arrived in Niagara Falls with a statement designed to bring the non-negotiations to a conclusion. The document stated: "Any proposition which embraces the restoration of peace, the integrity of the whole Union, and the abandonment of slavery, and which comes by an with an authority that can control the armies now at war against the United States will be received and considered by the Executive government of the United States, and will be met by liberal terms on other substantial and collateral points; and the bearer, or bearers thereof shall have safe conduct both ways."

The game was almost up. When Greeley arrived in Niagara Falls on July 17, he found that the Clay and

Holcombe lacked the requisite authorization to conduct negotiations. Greeley wrote the Confederates: "I am informed that you are duly accredited from Richmond as the bearers of propositions looking to the establishment of peace; that you desire to visit Washington in the fulfilment of your mission; and that you further desire that Mr. George N. Sanders shall accompany you. If my information be thus far substantially correct, I am authorized by the President of the United States to tender you his safe-conduct on journey proposed, and to accompany you at the earliest time that will be agreeable to you."

No clearer proof can be given than is afforded in this letter that Mr. Greeley was absolutely ignorant of all the essential facts appertaining to the negotiation in in which he was engaged. As it turned out, he had been misinformed even as to the personnel of the embassy, Jacob Thompson not being, not having been, in company with the others; none of them had any authority to act in the capacity attributed to them

Lincoln knew he was playing a dangerous game in the eyes of 1864 voters. On July 18, President Lincoln addressed the supposed commissioners directly in a note he addressed to "Whom it May Concern" and sent to Hay. Lincoln wrote: "Any proposition which embraces the restoration of peace, the integrity of the whole Union, and the abandonment of slavery, and which comes by and with an authority that can control the armies now at war against the United States will be received and considered by the Executive government of the United States, and will be met by liberal terms on other substantial and collateral points; and the bearer, or bearers thereof shall have safe-conduct both ways."

President Lincoln had positively stated his willingness to negotiate, but include the poison pill of emancipation. It seems that the president had hoped that the peace scheme would die without his intervention, but was forced to say something to the 'ambassadors.' To say nothing would allow Greeley to return to New York City and proclaim in the *Tribune*'s pages that the president had turned his back on a possible peace. When Greeley read the letter it was clear that the negotiations were over before they had begun." Historian James M. McPherson wrote that Lincoln's "To Whom It May Concern" letter "was an immensely important document that framed all discussions of peace for the rest of the war. Lincoln intended it not only to lay out his own conditions but also to elicit and publicize the Confederacy's unacceptable counteroffer. But on this occasion, the rebel agents outmaneuvered Lincoln. They admitted to Greeley and Hay that they had no authority to negotiate peace but then released to the press a letter to Greeley accusing Lincoln of sabotaging the negotiations by prescribing conditions he knew to be unacceptable to the Confederacy."[40] Lincoln had drawn a line. As historian Michael Burlingame observed: "Lincoln's moral sense dictated this bold insistence on emancipation as a basis for peace. If he had been motivated by political expediency alone, he could simply have avoided mentioning the slavery issue; he knew that the Confederates would reject any peace terms denying them independence."[41]

Clearly, Greeley was being used by the Confederates. Holcombe and Clay's lengthy letter to Greeley was given to Jewett, who immediately turned it over to the press. It was a masterpiece of 'spin,' making it appear, among other things, that the North had made the initial overtures." But, two could play at communicating through the media, and Lincoln, ably assisted by Hay, was a master of the game. The White House immediately moved to repudiate Jewett. A note from John Hay firmly told Jewett that no letters of his would be 'submitted to the personal attention of the President,' and any effort to send such letters would be 'a waste of time on your part.' Hay's note was given to the press, along with a statement referring to 'an irresponsible person named Jewett.'"

The resulting imbroglio in the press reflected very badly on Greeley and somewhat badly on the President, who avoided opportunities to further blacken Greeley's image. Greeley biographer Harry C. Williams wrote:

"The northern press promptly attacked Greeley for a foolish, if not treasonous, attempt to negotiate with Confederate agents in Canada. Greeley denied any wrongdoing, claimed that the talks might have helped move the nation toward peace, and blamed Jewett for the fiasco. Greeley had supported the 'best possible peace' on the basis of 'Universal Freedom.'"

A cartoon following the fiasco is shown below, with the only official negotiators noted as the main Union generals. A bag labeled Jewett Niagara can be seen just behind the overturned chair.

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ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

97TH JEWETT FAMILY REUNION

Planning has begun for the 97th Jewett Family of America Reunion. Discussions at the director's meeting on May 31 identified the most likely dates for the reunion as the beginning on August 2015. Additional details and a firm date will be announced following the board meeting this fall. The details will be distributed in the newsletter and available online on the JFA Facebook page.

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