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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.

Facebook Sites of Interest

Jewett Families of America Site:
www.Facebook.com/JewettFamilyOfAmerica

Jewett Family Group Page: by Tal Hazelden
www.facebook.com/groups/239945182856883/

From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to Barbara Webster, Toni Chavez, Carri Cole, James Jewett and Greg 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.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW JFA PRESIDENT GREGORY L. JEWETT

Greetings to all Jewett Family of America (JFA), may you enjoy a wonderful Christmas season and I pray the New Year will see your dreams come true. I am honored and humbled to be voted in as the new president of JFA. My first duty is to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ted Lorz for his twenty five years of service to JFA. For those who may have some trepidation with a “new guy”, be assured that Ted was named as Director for Life and will be available to continue to guide JFA and offer his wisdom. Also, we are blessed to have a very capable board of directors.

So you may ask, “Who is this new guy?” From my youth, my father Robert Wayne Jewett instilled a sense of family and pride in being part of JFA. I remember as an early teenager taking my first trip to Rowley and having my picture taken in front of the Joseph/Maximillian Jewett Rock Boulder Gravestone in the Rowley cemetery. In 1989, I attended my first National JFA reunion with my father and older brother Colonel Kenneth Jewett and family. It was a large and wonderful reunion. After the reunion, the new JFA president Frank Jewett asked me to serve on the JFA board. I served on the board from 1990 to 1992. I worked with my Great Aunt Mary Jewett Gorski, to compile Cluster 5145 for the “History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America.” In 2010, I assisted with the JFA reunion where my brother Ken was the featured speaker and I presented a Jewett slide show. In 2012, Ted asked me to again serve on the JFA board. In 2013, I became the JFA secretary. I was the coordinator for the 2015 JFA reunion this past summer. Beyond my wildest dreams, Ted asked if I would serve as the next JFA president. So here I am with the hope of filling big shoes in serving our great family. You have my phone number, email (Jewettgjp@aol.com) and address. Use them to communicate any suggestions, constructive criticism or to volunteer with the JFA. I am excited to serve you to the best of my ability.



Your next question may be “Where did he come from and what has he done?” I grew up in Hilliard, Ohio (a suburb of Columbus), graduating in the top ten of his class from Hilliard High School in 1974, and attended Otterbein College, now Otterbein University, graduating with honors in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and physics. I then attended The Ohio State University, graduating in 1980 with a Master of Science degree in Industrial & Systems Engineering.

During my high school and college years I participated in band, cross country and track. In high school I played flute and saxophone in the marching, stage, pep and concert bands. In sports I earned several varsity letters and was named cross country MVP my senior year in high school. I also earned varsity letters at Otterbein College and was named Most Improved Runner my senior year. I ran with my Otterbein College team in the 1977 NCAA Div. III National Championships. It is during my years at Otterbein College where I became involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). I was a member of the college huddle and was voted president my senior year.

Following graduation I went on to join Cooper Tire & Rubber Company. I held various positions over my more than thirty three year career including Operations Research, Information Technology, Sales Planning and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project team. During my career, I represented Cooper Tire on three industry committees; the Tire Market Analysis Committee (TMAC) of the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA), the Statistical Committee of the Rubber Association of Canada (RAC) and the Tread Rubber Market

Analysis Committee (TRMAC) of the RMA. I served as chairman of all three committees. I retired from Cooper Tire in July, 2013.

In addition to my work at Cooper Tire, I served at the University of Findlay as an adjunct instructor, head cross country coach for four years, and assistant track coach for twenty years. While coaching, I trained and completed the Chicago marathon in 1985. I was the founder and advisor to the university's huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I volunteered as advisor for over thirty years and attended several FCA Coaches Camps. Over the years, I have also served my church as ruling elder, Sunday school teacher, mission committee chairman, Christian education chairman, and Clerk of Session.

I also enjoy history. I am a member of the 8th PA Revolutionary War re-enacting group, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) where I am part of the color guard, the NMLRA (National Muzzle Loaders Rifle Association) where I participate in primitive rendezvous and of course the Jewett Family of America (JFA).

Upon retirement, I moved to Rockbridge County, Virginia (Lexington area) and serve as the FCA Area Representative. The events of retirement, my son Philip's entry into the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and my brother Ken's death led to my move. The move provides me the opportunity to enjoy watching my son in VMI activities and to serve the athletes and coaches in the area.

For those interested in my pedigree and how we may be connected as cousins, here it is. I am a 13th generation Jewett in Cluster 5145 for the "History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America."

Edward Jewett (1): 1580-1614

Joseph Jewett (4): 1609-1660

Jeremiah Jewett (15): 1637-1714

Eleazer Jewett (72): 1673-1748

Eleazer Jewett (226): 1704-1747

Elam Jewett (671): 1746-1813 Patriot of the Revolutionary War

Elam Jewett (1402): 1770-1824 Moved to Ohio

Benjamin Franklin Jewett (2887): 1800-1867

Cyrenus Isaiah Jewett (5145): 1840-1926

Earl Rushley Jewett (7735): 1879-1957

Cyrenus Henry Jewett (23,602): 1905-1960 grandfather

Robert Wayne Jewett (23,617): 1928-1994 father

Gregory Lewis Jewett (23,643): 1956-

Philip Gregory Jewett (23,672): 1994- son



Jewett Family of America
Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by JFA president Ted Lorz at 5:04 pm.

Roll call:

Present via conference call: Ted Lorz (pres), Greg Jewett (sec), Cecilia McGehee, Rodney Jewett, Carri Cole (hist), Mary Gorball (audit), Bernice Mansir, Barbara Shaw, Jessie Elliott, Mitchell Jewett

Absent: Jeff Gorball, Sarah King, Pat Purdy, Esther Jewett (treas), Johanna Jennings, Tom Jewett (editor), Linda Remley (vpres), Mike Jewett

Old Business:

- The minutes of the October 11, 2014 Meeting was approved with the correction to the name Susan Hazer of the Historical Association. Greg Jewett moved to approve, Mary Gorball second, all approved.
- No Treasurer's report was presented. Esther Jewett will complete upon returning from vacation.
- Ted Lorz provided an update on the sales of the book "Early Jewett Gravestones" by Bernice Mansir and Barbaara Shaw. All who attended the 2015 Jewett Reunion received a copy. Sales outside the reunion have been slow. Will continue to advertise until book inventory is gone.
- Greg Jewett reported that the mailing list contains 374 names of which 134 or 37.3% pay dues (14 family, 63 individuals and 57 life). Of the 134 dues paying members, 120 provided e-mail addresses. The cost/year per person (374) is \$6.99. A program to include e-mail will be investigated.
- Ted Lorz and Greg Jewett provided a review of the 2015 JFA Reunion. It was agreed that although it had low attendance (29), it was a successful and fun reunion. Thanks went out to our guest speaker Marta Mobley, the 54th MA Reenactors, the Village Pancake House, the Rowley Library, the First Congregational Church, and Greg Jewett.
- Ted Lorz provided a report on JFA in the social media. JFA does not use Twitter but website and Facebook. Rodney Jewett has agreed to update the Jewett page and Ted Lorz will update Facebook.

New Business:

- Ted Lorz proposed that we continue our practice of sending \$200 grants to Rowley Historical Society, Grandview Foundation and Oberlin Heritage and \$100 grants to Rowley Library and Rowley 1st Congregational Church. Ted will write the letters and forward them on to Esther Jewett. Carrie Cole moved to approve, Cecilia McGehee second, all approved.
- Mary Gorball noted that the phone numbers of Jeffrey Gorball and Mary Gorball needs correcting on the Director List. Greg Jewett will correct for next newsletter.

Elections:

- Ted Lorz announced that Sarah King is resigning from the JFA Board due to health reasons. Sarah was thanked for her many years of dedicated service to the family.

- Ted Loran presented the following candidates for term as directors: Jeffrey Gorbali, Marta Mobley, Gregory Jewett, Cecelia McGehee, Patricia Purdy and Rodney Jewett. Mary Gorbali second, all approved
- Ted Loran announced his desire to step down as president of JFA. Many comments of thanks were given for his many years of service to JFA.
- Ted Loran presented the slate of officers: Gregory Jewett – president, Linda D. Remley – vice president, Marta Mobley – secretary, Esther K. Jewett – treasurer, Carri A. Cole – historian, Thomas J. Jewett – editor of publications, Mary Gorbali – auditor, and Alfred Loran – Director for Life. Cecilia McGehee moved to approve, Barbara Shaw second, all approved.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.

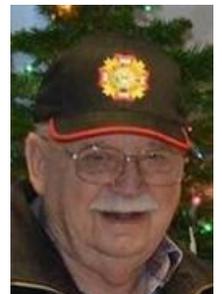
Gregory L. Jewett
Secretary



In Sympathy

Robert G. Jewett, Sr. (JFA #16,897) of Charlotte, Michigan September 9, 2015 saw the passing of a very good man. At least he tried to be. He was 80 years old on his passing. He was a farmer, a grave digger, a school teacher, a carpet installer, a scout leader and a business owner. He was also a pretty fair athlete. An accomplishment not easy but very rewarding to him. It made him proud. His wife, Irene of 40 years watched over him and kept him pretty much on the straight and narrow. Their children, Rob, Greg, Shelley and Kelly and their spouses added six grandchildren, 2 boys and 4 girls to the mix. Then along came two great grandsons.

Irwin L. Jewett, 85, (JFA #24,085) of Flanagan passed away Thursday, September 17, 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator. Born January 18, 1930 in Morris he was the son of Carroll and Elizabeth (Broadhurst) Jewett. He is survived by daughters, Faith Jewett of Chenoa and Jenny (Dennis) Madlock of Oklahoma; sons, Thomas (Kim) Jewett of Ottawa, Timothy (Cathy) Jewett of Morris and Jesse (Amy) Jewett of Oklahoma; 16 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; a sister, Jeannie (Elwin) Baker of Arkansas and a special friend, Linda Fosdick of Cornell. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Caroline Esgar; a brother, Robert Jewett; a great granddaughter, Addy Stanford and twin siblings in infancy. He lived most of his life in the Grundy County area having also lived in Oklahoma for a time. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He worked for many years until his retirement at the Joliet Arsenal.



Nancy Lea (Firestone) Jewett, 57 of Markleysburg, Pa. passed away Friday Sept. 4, 2015 at her home due to complications of ALS that was diagnosed in June of 2014. She was born March 19, 1958 in Cleveland, Ohio daughter of Edna Mae (Jenkins) Firestone of Markleysburg, Pa and the late Clifford Firestone. Surviving in addition to her mother are her husband Charles Martin Jewett, Jr. (JFA #14,749), three children April, Brandy and Charles, seven grandchildren, a sister Victoria and a brother Perry.

Emma Eleanor Jewett, 99, was promoted to glory on September 20, 2015, in Atlanta, Georgia. Born in Richmond, Va. she was preceded in death by beloved husband, Melvin E. Jewett, Sr. (JFA #14,549) and is survived by children Neva (John) Meyer of Muncy, Pa.; Melvin (Charlotte) Jewett, Jr. of Augusta, Ga.; Raymond (Nell) Jewett of Waycross, Ga.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great- grandchildren. She was a faithful servant of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and of the Salvation Army, having been commissioned in the World for God session (1936) and served in Virginia and West Virginia, before her final appointment to the School for Officer Training in Atlanta, as dietitian. Emma remained a resident of Atlanta since 1967. She was known for her delicious candies and baked goods which she freely gave to numerous cadets, officers, friends and family throughout the south. After retirement she continued to work for the Salvation Army in the education department.

Kathleen Olive (Jewett) Seale, 99, (JFA #13,853) Merrillville, passed away at 4:12 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. She was born July 6, 1916 in Wolcott to Robert S. and Olive S. (Scifert) Jewett. Kathleen's education began in a rural one-room schoolhouse and culminated at Purdue University in 1938 with a teaching degree in home economics, physical education and biology. Kathleen taught all three subjects at Merrillville High School over a long career. Kathleen and her husband of 58 years, Joseph J. Seale, enjoyed gardening and traveled extensively across the United States during the summer months with their four children and camping supplies in a Volkswagen bus. After retirement they continued to travel making their way by boat and plane to destinations around the world. She is survived by her children, John (Judy) Seale, Merrillville, Ruth (Wally) Bennett of Walton, Jane (Bob) Megquier, Chicago, Illinois, and Kerry (Marty) Sher, Floyd Knobs. She was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Nancy (James) Jones of Lafayette. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, on Aug. 27, 2002.

Philip Donald Jewett, 97, (JFA #21,363) of Marlborough, died early Wednesday morning, November 4, 2015, at Cheshire Medical Center, following a brief period of declining health. He was born on September 20, 1918, in Weybridge, VT, to Charles Lyman and Mary Emily (Hamilton) Jewett. Growing up in Vermont, he was a 1936 graduate of Middlebury High School. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in late 1940 and served for more than four years before his Honorable Discharge in 1945 as a Staff Sargent. Most of his service was in the Pacific theater. He was at Wheeler Field in Honolulu when that base was bombed at the same time as Pearl Harbor; he also spent many months on Guadalcanal. He married Helen Potter, on June 26, 1945, in New Haven, VT. After working as a laborer for a few years, he entered the University of Vermont in the fall of 1948, graduating with the class of 1952 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Soon after graduation, he moved the family to Massachusetts. He subsequently returned north to settle in Marlborough in 1962 when he took a job as a Design Engineer at MARKEM Corporation. He retired from Markem in 1983, after 21 years with the company.



He is survived by his four sons and their families: Malcom R Jewett and his wife Wanda of Beavercreek, OH, David P Jewett and his wife Cyndie of Roxbury, Robert H Jewett and his wife Karen of Marlborough and Stephen L Jewett and his husband Tom Choinski of Boston, MA; 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and one sister: Shirley Badger of Cleveland, OH. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Helen P Jewett; two sisters: Irene Jewett and Ruth Lang as well as his three brothers: Lloyd Jewett, Silas Jewett and Charles Jewett.

Jeannine Kay (Jewett) Jasper, 86, was born August 6, 1929 and passed away November 20, 2015 at Innis free Nursing in Rogers, Ark. She was raised in Audubon and Carroll, Iowa and studied fine art at Drake University. She was descended from Samuel Jewett (JFA #9,705). Jeannine met Robert Warren Jasper, the love of her life, when both were students at Iowa State College. They married June 16, 1951 and had three children. Jeannine and Robert relocated often while Robert was in the Army Signal Corps, throughout his career in the oil and natural gas industry, and chose Northwest Arkansas for their retirement. Jeannine was preceded in death by her parents, Irene and Larry Jewett; son, Steven Jasper; and daughter, Susan Nelson. She is survived by her husband, Robert of Bentonville; daughter, Kate Salem (Tom) of Bentonville; one brother, Michael Jewett (Laura) of Battle Creek, Mich.; one sister, Susan Jewett of Ames, Iowa; nieces and nephews; son-in-law, Michael Nelson (Roanoke, Texas); three grandchildren, Adam Nelson (Carly) of Chicago, Ill.; Libby Rickley (Justin) of Ocean Springs, Miss.; Blake Salem of Lincoln, Neb.; and three great-grandchildren.

Leo H. Jewett, age 77, of Remer, MN, passed away Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd, MN. Leo was born in 1938 to Harold and Agnes Jewett in Hill City, MN, and was the grandson of Harry L. Jewett, JFA #10,392. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, having served from 1961 to 1964 as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic. Leo met his wife Marilyn while he was stationed in France. They enjoyed dancing and foot races under the Eiffel Tower during their courtship. They were united in marriage in 1965. Leo was a truck driver in the Twin Cities for 17 years before he moved back to the Remer area. He and his brother Larry started L & L Logging and stayed in business for 20 years. Leo spent his retirement caring for Marilyn and still found time to enjoy the outdoors. Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Marilyn; brother, Harold "Eddie", and sister, Julie Emerson. Leo is survived by his five children, Wanda (Dave) Mullen, Deanna Jewett, Deborah (Steve) Richerson, Carolyn (Lance) Jewett-Daniels, and Brant (Katie) Jewett; 10 grandchildren; siblings, Frances (Ronald) Williams, Larry (Sharon) Jewett, Gary (Diane) Snakenberg, Warren (Patricia) Jewett and Laurie Hare; step-mother, Dorothy Jewett.



MARILYN (ZINN) JEWETT, age 76, of Remer, MN, passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 with her family by her side. She was born in 1939 to Howard and Mildred Zinn in Reedsville, WV. Marilyn graduated from Arthurdale/Masontown Valley High School (WV) in 1957. After high school, Marilyn and her twin sister, Carolyn, enlisted in the U.S. Army. Marilyn served six years as a medic within the U.S. and later in Orleans, France where she met Leo Jewett. In 1965, Leo and Marilyn were united in marriage and moved to Fridley and Big Marine eventually building a house in Stacy, MN where they lived for many years. In 1981, they moved to Remer, MN. Marilyn was employed as a health services technician for 16 years at Ah' Gwah Ching in Walker, MN. Preceding her in death were her parents; and her beloved twin sister, Carolyn Zinn. Marilyn is survived by her husband of 50 years, Leo H. Jewett of Remer, MN; daughters, Wanda (Dave) Mullen of New Hope, MN, Deanna Jewett of Chisholm, MN, Debra (Steve) Richerson of Hill AFB, UT, Carolyn Jewett Daniels of Bemidji, MN; son, Brant (Katie) Jewett of Grand Rapids, MN; and 10 grandchildren that she adored.

Clayton G. Jewett (descended from Charles Jewett JFA #2,427), age 85 of Pineland Park Road in Milton, NH died Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Born June 23, 1930 in Rochester, son of Harold and Dorothea (Grenier) Jewett, he resided there for years and resided in Milton since 1969. He was retired from Pratt and Whitney. Survived by his wife Norma Rose (Burroughs) Jewett and their son Dana Jewett, his children: Clayton Jewett, Patricia Roy, Betsy Jones, Craig Jewett and his step-children: Richard Woodbury, Marty Woodbury and Wesley Woodbury, also many grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Predeceased by a step-son: Dwayne Woodbury, 2 brothers: Harold Jewett and Arthur Jewett.

FYI and Announcements

Births

Graham Edward Jennings born September 22 in Boston, MA to Brian and Joanna (JFA director) Jennings (JFA #13,454) of Medway, MA. Joanna is the daughter of past JFA president Alfred B. Loranz (JFA #13,414) and his wife Claire.



Kinleigh June Clark was born on October 8 at 9:02 AM, in Crown Point, Lake Co., IN to Michelle Loriane Mullenburg Clark and Kevin Clark announces the birth of Kinleigh weighed 7lbs 15 oz and was 19 3/4 inches long.

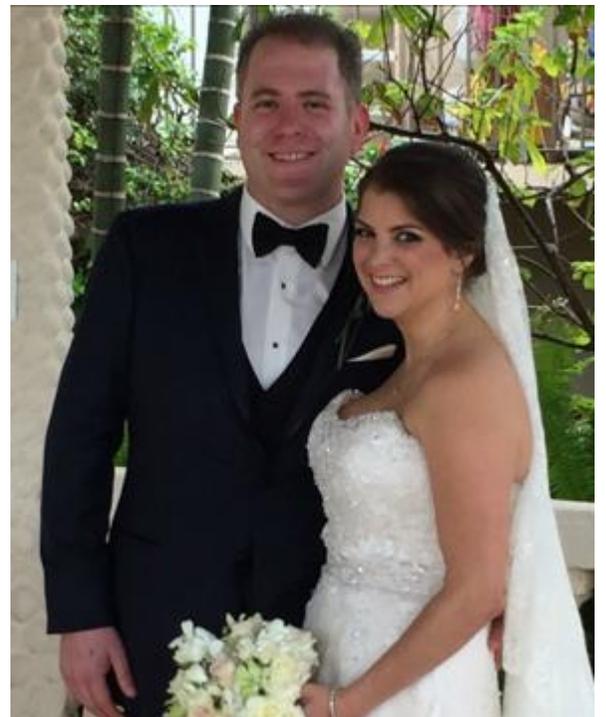


Macie Grace Jewett, was born Sept. 19, 2015, at 12.35 pm in St. Mary's Hospital in Hobart, Lake, Co., IN, to Thomas Ralph Jewett and Ashley Ackerman. Macie weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and was 20.5 inches long.



Weddings/Engagements

On November 21, 2015 Julie Jewett (18346) married Matthew Haines in Marathon, FL. The wedding was held at San Pablo Catholic Church and all then headed to Key Colony Inn for a night of celebration. The day started with rain, but ended with a night of fun. The rain was just a bit of luck for the happy couple. Family and friends came from all over, some even made a weekend of it arriving the Thursday before. The happy couple headed to Orlando for a short honeymoon before heading home to MA. Julie is the daughter of Allister and Sara Jewett, granddaughter of George Jewett, great-granddaughter to Clyde Jewett 18,214



Vanessa Rodriguez (18,344) Daughter to Manuel and Jannette Jewett Rodriguez (18,269) became engaged to Adrian Perez on March 29, 2015. They plan to wed in November 2015 in Miami

Allester Jewett (18,347) Son to Allester (18,270) and Sara Jewett became engaged to Elizabeth Marie Caram on June 22, 2015. Their wedding is planned for July 2016 in Miami.

Graduations

Natalie Yong, Daughter of Ana Maria Meneses Jewett and Anthony Yong attended American University from 2005 to 2009. She graduated with a B.A. in History and a minor in Political Science. She graduated cum laude from Florida International University College of Law in 2015 where she was an editor for the Law Review and a member of the Federalist Society. She booked corporate and partnership tax as well as computer and internet law seminar. Natalie is the Granddaughter of Hilda Meneses Jewett 18,260 and Nelson Menesis and Great Granddaughter of Alexander Jewett 18,223 and Laura Aguilera



Jennie Hausler 18,306 Received her Crime Scene Technician Certificate from the Legal Studies Institute at Florida International University on Sept 5, 2015.

Melissa Viejo (18,357) Daughter to Miguel Viejo and Sylvia Jewett (18,289) Graduated from Florida Int'l University on May 3, 2015 with a double major in business and Human Resources. She graduated with Magna Cum Laude with a 3.86 GPA and Dean's List for all 4 years of her time in college. On May 26, 2015 she started her career with Franklin Templeton Investments as an HR Specialist in the Ft. Lauderdale area. Her future aspirations are to be successful in any company she might work for.



Jewett Reunion at the 1915 World's Fair

A submission from Barbara Webster: JFA #13,617



With the Jewett Family of America National Reunion having taken place this year, it is good to look back at earlier reunions and recognize those that have helped to build and support this organization. A recent letter from Barbara Webster in California has provided such an opportunity. Barbara forwarded news clippings and a photo from the reunion held in conjunction with the 1915 World's Fair, that took place in San Francisco, CA. The reunion was held on July 28, and this is the 100th anniversary of that reunion. Barbara's great grandmother, Ida May Jewett (JFA #13,501) was a member of the Jewett Family of America, but was unable to attend the celebration due to medical problems. However, Ida's daughter Maude Marie Wallace did attend the event, along with several relatives.

The Panama–Pacific International Exposition (PPIE) was a world's fair in San Francisco between February 20 and December 4, 1915 that attracted 18,876,438 attendees. Its purpose was to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal, and it was an opportunity to showcase the San Francisco recovery from the 1906 earthquake. The world's fair was constructed on a 635 acre site in San Francisco, along the northern shore now known as the Marina District.

In addition to booths and displays from all corners of the world and the presentation of the latest technological wonders, the exhibition also hosted a meeting of the International Congress of Genealogy, which was held July 28 – 31, 1915. The lure of World's Fair, along with the Genealogical Congress made San Francisco the logical choice for the Jewett Family reunion that year. The family reunion coincided with the opening of the Genealogical Congress, and as a special souvenir, ribbons were distributed to all of the reunion attendees, see next page.

The Jewett Family of America was noted as one of the 66 associations and societies in attendance at the Genealogical Congress. Scholarly presentations on various aspects of genealogy were given, including papers on such topics as: Genealogical records of the Maori; Genealogy and name origins of the Chinese; and Genealogical research among descendants of the Mayflower immigrants. While none of the Jewett family members made presentations at the Genealogical Congress, several are noted in the proceedings as having attended: Lucy Clapper, Miss Annis C. Jewett (8,596), A.E. Jewett (9,093), E.L. Jewett, George A. Jewett (11,173), J.M. Jewett and Anna Jewett LeFevre (8,307). Family identification numbers are tentatively assigned where possible.

The reunion was of sufficient interest to be featured in a local newspaper article.

JEWETT FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

Members Gather Here From All States of Union

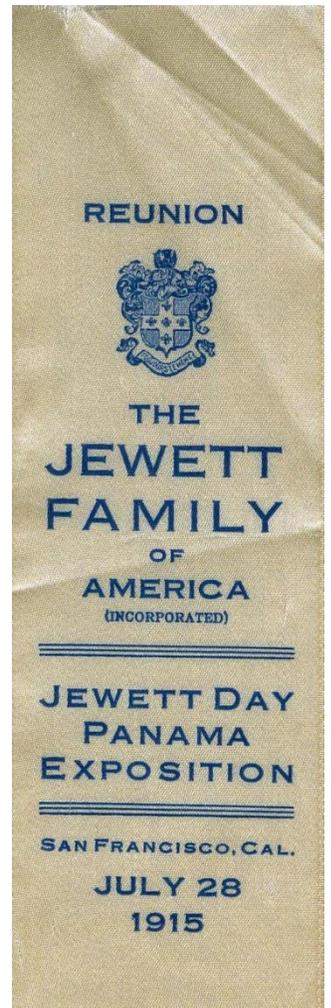
The Jewett family of America, pioneers of the country and pioneers in practically every state of the Union, met in annual convention yesterday at the Massachusetts building at the Exposition. There were present sixty or more delegates from the East, while every state was represented and there were many from California in attendance.

The reunion was opened with a reception at 10 o'clock in the morning. Then followed a very handsomely appointed luncheon, following which there was an enjoyable program of speeches and music.

Professor Algernon Jewett of Harvard University, the president, gave an interesting address, reviewing the history of the Jewett family and telling briefly of the organizations composed of grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the distinguished Jewett tribe, such organizations now existing in thirty-six States of the Union, as well as in Canada and Cuba. A.S. Jewett, vice-president, of Kansas, also gave an interesting address.

Miss Fidelia Jewett of San Francisco read a paper on "Early Jewett Pioneers of California," telling how they were lured here by the discovery of gold and how they had aided in the upbuilding of the State. A paper sent on from Virginia told of the literary and philanthropic work of members of the family.

Annual gatherings have been held by the Jewetts for more than twenty years, but this is the first time such a reunion has been held in California. Most of the reunions have been in New York or Massachusetts.



Anna Jewett LeFevre (JFA #8,307)

Anna was born on December 19, 1868 in Drummer Township, Illinois to Samuel Jewett LeFevre and Laura Ann (Carver) Jewett. Anna was heavily involved in higher education, starting in 1902 when she became the secretary to the Dean of the School of Education at the University of Chicago. She left that position in 1912 to become the Registrar of Bradley University, then Bradley Polytechnic Institute, in Peoria Illinois, where she remained until retiring in 1935. Upon retiring, the trustees bestowed upon her the honor of "Registrar Emeritus" and commissioned the painting of her portrait to be hung in the registrar's office.

Anna was a charter member of the Illinois Collegiate Registrar's Association Mrs. Boyer held many offices including that of President. At the time of her retirement she was made a life member of the organization "in recognition of her meritorious contributions to the Registrar's profession." Additionally, on September 10, 1935, Mrs. Boyer was made an honorary member of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars.

Anna was active in several organizations including genealogical organizations. Busy with life Anna did not marry until after retiring. In about 1938 she married Dr. George Rowlands Boyer.



Frank Bladwin Jewett JFA #6,118

Electronic Pioneer

Stanley P. Jewett, and Phebe C. Mead, were living in Ohio at the time they were married, 1878. A few years earlier, one of Stanley's uncles had been a member of a group that purchased the entire area of what is now Pasadena and Altadena, north-easterly of Los Angeles. This was largely unsettled and undeveloped country, and even Los Angeles itself at that time had a population of under 10,000. As an inducement to settle in and develop southern California, Jewett's grandmother, Belle Maria Stanley Jewett, purchased a twenty five acre tract of this land and offered it to Jewett's father as a wedding present. The property was in Pasadena—a community at that time of some twelve houses. It was here that Frank B. Jewett was born, the elder of two children, on September 5, 1879.

Stanley Jewett was an engineer, and had attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology before his marriage. Although he actively managed his ranch, his heart was in engineering—particularly railroading, in which he had been engaged in Ohio. In the middle '80's he and two others organized the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railroad, and built a line from Los Angeles to Pasadena. This is now the main line of the Santa Fe, to which it was later sold, and of which Stanley later became a vice president.

Frank Jewett attended the Throop Institute of Technology, which has since become the California Institute of Technology. He later attended the Institute itself, and received the A.B. degree in 1898. While Frank was completing his education his father left the Santa Fe Railroad to pursue his interest in the power industry. Frank planned on studying electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and then joining his father's firm. However, due to the death of his mother was unable to enter MIT for the fall 1898 session. Instead, Frank was contacted by his former physics professor at Throop, who happened to be taking a sabbatical at the University of Chicago, for him to come there to take graduate work in physics. The proposal appealed to both Frank and his father, and as a result in January, 1899, he entered the University of Chicago. He received the doctoral degree in physics in 1902. It was at the University of Chicago where he met Clara Frances (Fannie) Frisbie. She had graduated from Rockford College with an A.B. in 1899 and then attended the University of Chicago, where she obtained her Ph.D in 1904. They married in 1905.

After obtaining his Ph.D, Frank accepted a teaching position at MIT. In 1903, a chance encounter with Dr. George A. Campbell of the engineering department of the A. T. & T. lead to the recruitment Frank, at the end of his 1904 term at MIT. He joined the A.T. & T. research staff, with a starting salary of \$1600 a year which at that time was very high for a man even of his training and experience.

Frank's first position at A.T.&T. was as a transmission engineer, looking at how to protect phone lines from noise and high voltage from nearby electrical lines. He also conducted work on improving telephone transmissions over long distances. By 1906, Frank had succeeded Dr. Campbell as the head of the electrical department. In 1908 Frank was a member of the group that travelled to the Pacific coast to review the telephone situation there. Preparations were already underway for the Panama-Pacific Exposition of 1905, and numerous businessmen were pressing for telephone communications with the east be ready for the opening of the exposition. The responsibility for ensuring the completion of a transcontinental telephone line was given to Frank Jewett. It was his first large undertaking, and he demonstrated his abilities by successfully completing the project. Through his insight in selecting the correct individuals for projects, Frank was able to steer research into repeater technology that enabled economical transcontinental service.

Recognition of his abilities resulted in Frank's promotion to the assistant chief engineer of the Western Electric Company, the manufacturing organization of the Bell system, in 1912. He progressed to the chief engineer in 1916, and then became the vice president and director in 1921. In 1924, the engineering department of the Western Electric Company was incorporated as Bell Telephone Laboratories. The legal steps were completed during the closing days of the year, and the new corporation with Frank Jewett as its

president began functioning in the opening days of 1925 with a staff of about 3600. In a period of just over twenty years, Dr. Jewett, after wide supervisory experience in the engineering departments of both the A. T. and T. and the Western Electric Company, had become—as vice president of A. T. and T. and as president of Bell Telephone Laboratories—the director of all research and development of the Bell System. In 1940, Frank relinquished the presidency of Bell Telephone Laboratories to become chairman of its Board of Directors, a position he retained until his retirement in 1944. He died on November 18, 1949 in Summit, New Jersey. One of Frank Jewett’s contemporaries noted that there was about Jewett nothing of the ruthless drive, the self seeking, and the disregard of others that so often is associated with a successful career. His intellect was cool, clear, and penetrating, never impassioned or combative. An infection in his early life had cost him the use of one eye and had seriously impaired the other. All his life he thus endured a handicap that must have been particularly trying to a student. It served to spur rather than to embitter him, however, and he made so little of it that many were never aware of his affliction. To some extent it perhaps partially explains his willingness to learn how things looked to others, which was always characteristic of him. In his lifetime and posthumously he received numerous awards, including: the Edison Medal in 1928, the Faraday Medal (British) in 1935, the Franklin Medal in 1936, the Washington Award in 1938, the John Fritz Medal in 1939, and the Medal for Merit in 1946. The Hoover Medal and the Industrial Research Institute Medal were awarded him in 1949 and were to have been presented early in 1950.



Frank Jewett also provided significant support to the US war efforts both in WWI and WWII. During WWI he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Signal Corps, as an advisory member of the Special Submarine Board of the Navy, and was a member of the Special Committee on Cables for the State Department. For his efforts, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. In 1933 he was made a member of President Roosevelt’s Science Advisory Board, and in 1940 was a member of the group that created the National Defense Research Committee, of which he was the chairman of its Division C, concerned with communication, transportation and submarine warfare. In 1941 he was made a member of the Coordination and Equipment Division of the Signal Corps, and in 1942 was a consultant to the Chief of Ordnance.

In addition to his work in the US, Frank developed an interest in the promotion of scientific cooperation between the US and Japan. He became actively interested in Japan's behalf at the time of the Tokyo earthquake in September 1923, and rendered active and effective assistance for which he was later awarded the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun. As further recognition of his services to Japan, he was awarded the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure in 1930. Later, as president of the National Academy of Sciences, he was instrumental in organizing two scientific missions to Japan during the postwar years.

Brief family genealogy

Frank Baldwin Jewett (JFA #6,118) married Clara Frances (Fannie) Frisbie in 1905 in Chicago.

Daughter (died in infancy)

Frank Baldwin Jewett Jr. , born 1917, married Edar von L. Fleming

Frank Bladwin Jewett III

Robert F. Jewett

Rebecca Jewett

Edar Jewett

Harrison Leach Jewett (JFA #11,825), died prior to 1975, married Alice Metcalf in 1950.

Harrison Leach Jewett Jr.

Elizabeth Jewett, married Stephen Douglas Gray on July 12, 1975.



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