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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 Toni Chavez, Mary Ann Gorball, Carri Cole, James Jewett, Thomas Jewett, Eleanor Jewett Haley, Ted Loranz 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.

President's Reflection

The snow is coming down, the schools are closed, and it is a federal holiday. It appears to be a good time to write my reflection for our next Jewett Family Quarterly. The last quarterly told you who I am. Now that I have answered that question, your next question may be "what is he going to do?" Our past leadership has accomplished much and put us in a strong position. As I reflect upon the needs of the family, I plan on concentrating on three main goals.

First is to increase participation in Jewett Family of America. The obvious action out of this goal is to increase membership. As with most organizations like ours, an aging membership is a challenge. We need to get our message out especially to the younger generation, use technology intelligently, and provide services that are interesting. This goal includes more than just increasing membership, it means engaging our current member base. This includes more members willing to pay dues, more members writing articles and more event participation.

My second goal is for the Jewett Family of America to partner with organizations that have a relevance to the Jewett Family. An example of this is the Oberlin Heritage Center (OHC) in Oberlin, Ohio. The Frank Fanning Jewett house is a feature of the OHC. I have been working with OHC for several years, helping them with programs and doing research on Frank Fanning Jewett's family. It is a win-win relationship. OHC offers a great place for Jewett Family members to visit and JFA helps with support, advertising and research. There are many more out there. I can name several such as the Sarah Orne Jewett House in Maine, the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Connecticut, the Jack Jouett Home in Kentucky and the Patty Jewett Golf Course in Colorado. There are many more.

My final goal is to compile a Jewett Family History. Our four volumes of genealogy are full of great stories. Members of the Jewett family have founded towns, started colleges, headed up libraries, written or published books, started companies, defended our country, served in public service and manufactured automobiles, typewriters, stoves, pianos. It would be a tribute to our ancestors to compile such a book. I challenge all our family members to communicate who they think should be featured in this tribute.

We have a great family and these are big goals. I know that these cannot be accomplished by one person. I call out to all connected with our family to speak out, to suggest, to volunteer, to join and to encourage. After you read this quarterly spend a little time reflecting to determine how you can contribute and then take action. We are all family, let's work together!

Toujours le meme,

Gregory L. Jewett

JEWETT FAMILY OF AMERICA, INC.

Treasurer's Report FY 2015
September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015

Huntington Checking Account	4,137.74
Wells Fargo Investment Account	21,315.49
Starting Total Cash on Hand	25,453.23

Income

Book Sales	290.00
Donations	220.00
Dues, Publication Fees, etc	2,830.00
Other Merchandise Sales	40.00
Reunion	810.00
Wells Fargo Investment Gain	
Total Income	4,190.00

Operating Expenses

Publication Printing	2,461.31
Postage/Shipping Expenses	628.76
Bank Fees/Check Printing	1.42
Director Expense/Conference Call	92.29
Reunion	1,839.26
Book Printing	877.60
Donations	
Wells Fargo Investment Loss	231.47
Total Expenses	6,132.11

Huntington Checking Account	2,427.10
Wells Fargo Investment Account	21,084.02
Ending Total Cash on Hand as of 8/31/2015	23,511.12

In Sympathy

Charles Thomas Wingerath (JFA #12,723) of Clayton, NY died November 20, 2013 in Massena, NY at the age of 62. He was born February 26, 1952 in Watertown, NY. He graduated salutatorian Clayton High School in 1969. Awarded Bachelors Degrees in Civil Engineering and Economics from Union College in 1974. Earned his MS from the University of North Carolina in the field of Education in 2001. Tom was a construction manager for Wingerath Bros. in Clayton, NY. Tom had devoted himself to amassing a library that could feed his curiosity and provide the tools for self education in historical subjects. He is survived by his mother Phyllis, brothers Fred and Douglas, sister Ann and his daughter Jessica.

Nancy Hill Jewett, died peacefully on January 22, 2016 at her home in Buffalo. She was 95 years of age. She had a gift for communicating with all generations and used the principles of positive thinking in ever aspect of her family and community life. Born and in Buffalo and raised in East Aurora, New York. She and her deceased husband Nelson H. Jewett (JFA #22,086), traveled widely throughout the world and spent more than 60 summers on Pleasant Island in Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada. Survivors include three sons, Dean H. of East Aurora, NY, Nelson H. of Kingston, WA, and Kent C. of Summit, N.J; 6 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren.

Anne G. Jewett, age 86 years, died peacefully in her home on Dec. 17, 2015. She suffered from adenocarcinoma of the lung (lung cancer). Born on Feb. 4, 1929 to Arthur H. Bastille and Alvine (Hanley) Bastille in Winchendon, MA, she was one of fourteen children in the family. Anne attended Clark University in Worcester, MA for two years before entering the Worcester Memorial Hospital School of Nursing from which she graduated in 1954. She was first in her class academically as well as class president. In September of 1954, she married Winston Jewett (JFA #21,864) of Gardner, MA. They lived in Gardner, MA, Hanson, MA, and Middleborough, MA successively. Winston died in 1991. Anne was predeceased by her brothers, Louis, Joseph, Theodor, Edward, John, and William and by her sisters, Beatrice Davis, Sylvia Lemire, and Edith Buckley. She is survived by her oldest son Amory, daughter Beth, and son William, and a granddaughter, Laurel Anne, and by her sisters, Bernice Evans, Janet Waller, and Teresa Prostak, and by many loved nieces and nephews and their families.

Jean Emily Jewett, beloved wife of the late Roland C. Jewett, Jr. (JFA#23,855) died on January 9, 2016; She was the devoted mother of Roland C. Jewett, III, Pam Endley, Cheryl Koblinsky and Laura Bauer; and is also survived by 10 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren.

Jenifer (Jewett) Latham Dart (JFA #25,059) of Colchester, died on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, 2015. She was born in Baltimore, MD on August 3, 1936, the daughter late Royal F. and Elizabeth (Stocksdale) Jewett. She attended school in Nyack, New York and for many years ran her own secretarial business, Secretary and ½, in Nyack. She married Fred R. Dart on May 20, 2000 in Moodus, Connecticut, where they resided until their move to Colchester. She is predeceased by her husband, Fred R. Dart on April 1, 2015; her parents; and her brother, Royal F. Jewett. She is survived by her stepson Peter Dart; stepdaugter Jennifer Yuris; sister in law, Marlene M. Jewett; her niece and nephews, Kimberly, Jeffrey and Brian Jewett, and their families.

Margaret A. Fitzgerald Jewett, died on January 2, 2016 in Washington, DC. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Fitzgerald and Francis Albert Jewett; mother of Margaret A. DeTurk; grandmother of Sheila M. DeTurk, Joanne Roberson, Denise Cox and John F. DeTurk; sister of Joanne Shea. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, many nieces and nephews and three stepchildren.

James Nelson Jewett, 76, (JFA #24,124) passed away Nov. 16, 2015, in his home. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Betty; son Robert Jewett (Jacqueline) of Wichita, Kan.; and daughter Amy Jewett Rawlins of Las Vegas. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Elizabeth Jewett and Jackson Jewett. James is survived by one brother, John J. Jewett. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace R. Jewett and Mary M. Jewett, and by brother William R. Jewett and sister Mary E. Reeves. James was born at home in Kansas City, Mo., on June 13, 1939. He graduated from Paseo High School in Kansas City, Mo. After graduation, he served in the USMC. Following his honorable discharge from military service, he was accepted as an apprentice electrician in the IBEW, Union No. 124, KC, Mo., where he became a journeyman electrician and was a union member for 54 years. He was awarded a scholarship by the IBEW to study electrical engineering. He attended the University of Kansas and earned a bachelor of science in Electrical Engineering. He furthered his education by receiving a M.S. degree in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. James was a lifetime member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He lived every day to its fullest extent. He will be missed by everyone whose lives he touched.
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David Ernest Jewett of Bedford, formerly of Lowell and Salisbury, died December 21, 2015, in Bedford, aged 82 years. Born in Danvers, September 19, 1933, a son of the late Lloyd and Cora (Corllis) Jewett Sr, descended from John Lewis Jewett (JFA #6,352). He received his early education in the Danvers school system, and attended Danvers Holton High School. Mr. Jewett enlisted in the United States navy on April 14, 1952. He received the National Defense Service Ribbon, and was honorably discharged on March 4, 1955. Mr. Jewett worked at Martin & Jim Butt Plumbing & Heating Company, and then at the Boston Naval Ship Yard Foundry until 1973. He also held assembler positions at Fort Devens, the Ideal Baby Shoe Company and Porter Sewing Machine. He is survived by a son, David Jewett, and two daughters, Laurel Jewett and Sharon Jewett, and two sisters, Pauline Starbard of Haverhill, NH, and Dorothy Crosby of Beverly.

David Monroe Jewett, 70, of Franklin passed away at his home on Nov. 14, 2015, with his mother and three sisters by his side. David was born in Westbrook, Maine, on May 29, 1945, and was the son of Noah and Irene Jewett of East Andover, N.H. The family is descended from Maximilian Jewett. David was an active member of the East Andover Congregational Church, Franklin Elks Club Post 1280, a lifetime member of the Franklin VFW Post 1698, serving as chaplain for 15 years and on many fundraising committees. He was also master of ceremonies for the Andover Fourth of July celebration in Andover. David was graduated from Andover High School in 1963. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, with part of his military service being spent in Korea. He also attended New Hampshire College of Accounting. He then moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where he attended The Career Academy, studying broadcasting. David then went on to earn his culinary apprenticeship, eventually retiring from the Milwaukee County Prison System as kitchen supervisor. David moved back to New Hampshire as a resident of Bristol and was employed by Freudenberg NOK for 10 years. He then worked part time in the kitchen for Proctor Academy in Andover. David spent his final years as a resident of Franklin. David enjoyed gardening, gambling, card games and volunteering for charitable organizations. David was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, the New England Patriots and the Green Bay Packers and enjoyed other sports. David is predeceased by his father, Noah; brothers Frank and Stephen; and brother-in-law Darrell Schader. David is survived by his mother, Irene (Haley) Jewett of East Andover; three sisters, Barbara Schader of Athens, Ga., Sharon Kern and her husband, Arch, of Knoxville, Tenn., Becky Dobretz and her husband, Robert, of Andover; and three nieces, one nephew, one grand-niece, an aunt, uncle and many cousins.

FYI and Announcements

Births

Vanessa Lillie Wingerath (JFA #12,954) and Mark Andrew Ferguson announce the birth of their sons. **Oliver Wingerath Ferguson** was born on February 23, 2013 in New York, NY. And **August Wingerarth Ferguson** was born on August 8, 2015 in Lincoln Park, Morris, NJ.

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Weddings/Engagements

Windy Renee Williams (#14035) married Joseph Wade Farmer on 1 Jan 2016 at the brides home in Lithia, Hillsborough, FL. The bride is the daughter of Rick Robert Williams (#13879) and Elizabeth Faye (Bates) Waller The groom is the son of Patrick Farmer and Patricia (Hancock) Farmer. Joseph's step mother is Vicky Farmer. Joseph was born on 21 Aug 1970, in Orlando, Orange Co., FL.

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Adrian Perez and **Vanessa Rodriguez** (JFA #18,344) were married November 6, 2015 at St Kevin's Catholic Church in Miami Florida. Following the wedding everyone went to Birdside Banquet Hall for a night of celebration and dance. The couple headed to Walt Disney World for a wonderful honeymoon.
Vanessa is the Daughter of Manuel and Jannette Jewett Rodriguez (JFA #18,269) and the grandaughter of George Jewett 18,226 Olidia

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Kristina Day Gorball Hart (JFA #20,794) married **Scott Wayne VerSteeg** (d.o.b. 10-21-61) October 18, 2015. Kristina is the daughter of Richard Day Gorball (JFA #20,719) and Mary Ann

Larson Gorball. The ceremony was held at their residence in Rural Oskaloosa, IA, and was officiated by Mike Sereg. The combined families of children of Scott and Kristina served as their attendants. Following the ceremony all the blended family members poured differently colored sands into a jar in layers to blend in a colorful collage at the Altar. Kristina has four children from her previous marriage to Lee Hart; Daniel Lee Hart, Leah Ann Hart, and twin daughters, Lainey Marie and Nicole Kristine Hart. Kristina's Mother Mary Ann and her brother Jeffrey are directors on the JFA board.

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Ethan Shlomo Nissan Jewett (JFA #23,303) (son of Theodore Thomas Jewett (JFA #23,294) and Deborah Bearman Jewett of Minneapolis, MN) married **Patrica Isabelle Pohl** (daughter of Peter Pohl and Ilse Pohl) November 18, 2011 in Kiel, Germany. Ethan (U of Chicago, 2005) met Trici (U of Potsdam, 11//2005) while employed at EnForte in Chicago. They now have a child, Ruth Jana Jewett, born March 2, 2013 in Madison, Wisconsin. Ethan is developing his business, Cordatra and Trici is pursuing a doctorate in Population Health Sciences at the U of Wisconsin in Madison.

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2015 Weddings without details

Valerie Marie Jewett and John Conlee Richter were married on March 14, 2015 in Houston, TX.

Amanda Jewett and Nate Gallen were married on November 14, 2015 in Virginia Beach, VA

Courtney Jewett and Garrett Topham IV were married on November 14, 2015 in Morgan City, LA.

Peggy Jewett and David Jewett were married on December 25, 2015 in Albany, OR.

Peter Jewett and Serwat Farooq were married on January 23, 2016 in Brooklyn, NY.

Upcoming weddings for 2016

Liz Mathews and Reid Jewett will marry on April 2, 2016 in Columbus, OH.

Catherine Norris and Brooks Jewett will marry on April 9, 2015 in Winston-Salem, NC.

Allie Jewett and Mark Anson will marry on May 1, 2016 in San Clemente, CA.

Diana Dorsey and Jimmy Jewett will marry on June 4, 2016 in Richmond, VA.

Alyssa McElray and Tyler Jewett will marry on June 11, 2016 in Loveland, CO.

Allison O'Conner and Matthew Jewett will marry on June 12, 2016.

Judy Girma andRyn Jewett will marry on June 25, 2016 in Snohomish, WA.

Haley Wright and Timmothy Jewett will marry on July 9, 2016 in Tacoma, WA.

Maeghan Jewett and Taylor Browning will marry on July 23, 2016 in Greenville, SC

Anyone having information on the aforementioned weddings is asked to submit it to the historian, Carrie Cole and myself. Thank you.

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Gabriel Sainzs son of Fernando Sainz (JFA #18,281) and Patricia Quiros Perry was engaged to **Haileigh Nicole Houze** on Jan 21st, 2016.

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Graduations and Promotions

Gabriel Sainz, son of Fernando Sainz (JFA #18,281) and Patricia Quiros Perry was pinned with his Eagle Globe and Anchor when he graduated USMC boot camp from Parris Island, SC on January 15, 2016 from Platoon 1006. His MOS will be 1833 AAV Crewman.

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Congratulations to **William Wilkenson** (JFA #18,362), son of Joseph and Theone (JFA #18,301) Wilkenson who graduated December 18,2015 after 6 months of training from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission/Division of Law Enforcement. He and his class will join the more than 800 conservation officers who patrol the state each day to conserve Florida's natural resources while providing protection and assistance to Florida residents and visitors.

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Medal of Honor Distinguished Achievement Scholarship

Cadet **Philip G. Jewett** (JFA#23,672), a junior at the Virginia Military Institute was presented the Medal of Honor Distinguished Achievement Scholarship at a ceremony on Thursday, February 4, 2016. Presenting the award to Cadet Jewett on behalf of the Medal of Honor Foundation was Col. Wesley L. Fox (ret., USMC). Colonel Wesley L. Fox is a Medal of Honor recipient and one of the Marine Corps most decorated Marine.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, in partnership with the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Educational Foundation established the Medal of Honor scholarship and Distinguished Service scholarship. This scholarship awards annually scholarships to outstanding ROTC undergraduate students committed to serving in each the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps and enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). The recipients shall exemplify the spirit of courage, selflessness, service to country, and pursuit of academic and military excellence in their academic and military endeavors, and extracurricular activities. The primary criteria for selection will be a candidate's demonstrated leadership performance and potential and strong commitment to serve in the United States Armed Forces.

Cadet Jewett is a Mechanical Engineering major and a member of VMI's Detachment 880 of the Air Force ROTC. In the VMI Corps of Cadets, he holds the rank of Second Battalion Sergeant Major (the second highest rank for a junior), and wears Academic Stars. In October 2015 Cadet Jewett successfully completed the Air Force Combat Rescue Officer (CRO) Phase II Selection. A CRO is part of the Air Force Special Forces created to strengthen USAF personnel recovery capabilities. Upon graduation he will commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and start the CRO training pipeline. Cadet Philip Jewett is a native of Findlay, Ohio and son of Gregory (JFA#23,643) and Jill Jewett.

A Retrospective

My mother, Grace (Boyce) Loranz made me keenly aware of my Jewett Heritage. Her favorite uncle was Captain Lincoln Webb Jewett (he was "Uncle Linc" to her; her parents bestowed Lincoln on her as a middle name). Linc was larger than life for many reasons but first and foremost was his legendary role as a ship's captain in which he was known for his skill as seaman and pilot. He was described as "fearless" and would set out in virtually any weather, sailing by dead reckoning and his compass when other captains would stay in port. He captained a number of vessels culminating in the "Eleanor Percy", a six-masted schooner which he sailed into Portland, ME harbor without a pilot – a first. Captain Jewett lived with his wife in Woodfords, ME (a part of Portland), helped raise my grandmother in her early years and also gave my mother's family his Packard touring car when he purchased a new one, much appreciated since my mother was part of a family of 7 children. Mother often stated that they talked about stopping in Rowley to check out their Jewett roots on their travels between Massachusetts and Maine but, for whatever reason never did.

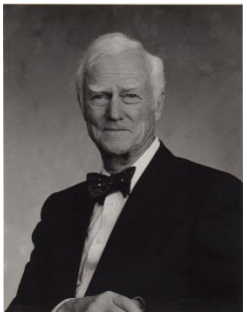
When I was given the "family copy" of Volumes I & II of the ***History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America***. I spent much time perusing the family tree. Being from one of the unconnected lines in the back section of volume II, I could not trace back to Maximillian or Joseph. Also, I couldn't find out much about the JFA in that age before personal computers, but somehow I stumbled upon the name Willard Jewett. When I contacted Willard, he was very gracious in supplying information about the JFA and my actual connection to Joseph, which is explained in Blodgette's ***Early Settlers of Rowley***. Most important, he told me how I could join. As a result of Willard's encouragement, I joined the JFA, learned of the JFA historian Edna Jewett, and attended the 1989 JFA reunion.

The 1989 Reunion was an amazing and large event. It was held at the Rowley church with over 200 people there and featured a sit down meal which had to be served in shifts because there were so many people in attendance. It was at that reunion that Hank Jewett of Minnesota was elected as president. He spent much of his time there interfacing with others, trying to build a coalition of younger members in order to revitalize the organization. Several months after the reunion, I was contacted to see if I was interested in serving as the JFA corresponding secretary. Several other "recruits" were asked to participate actively as well. The recruits and I were invited to attend the directors' meeting at Willard's home in Rowley where we met all the officers and directors. At that meeting, I was elected as Corresponding Secretary along with Jim Jewett of CT as Treasurer, Lee Petry as Historian and Ted Herrmann of NJ as First Vice President. I was also appointed to work with Ted Herrmann towards the publishing of Volumes III and IV in 1996.

My primary function as corresponding secretary was to assist then editor of publications Dorothy Stitt by mailing the JFA yearbooks. The 600 plus yearbooks arrived and it was up to me to package and mail them (a relatively daunting task since the JFA member addresses were not computerized). All of the addresses were from Edna Jewett's handwritten records and it was quite a task to make labels, paste them in place, stuff the yearbooks into envelopes, and apply the necessary postage. I soon decided that the database had to be computerized. It took a fair amount of research and work, but finally the digital database was created with necessary information so that reports and labels could be printed easily. It was a pleasure to work with Dorothy Stitt, a proud Texan, who was educated for and worked in the printing industry for her entire life. She knew her craft well and served as editor for many years. In 1995, Dorothy stepped down and Lee Petry took over. Dorothy was appointed Editor of Publications Emeritus. In 1997 it was decided to adopt a Quarterly Publication format and the mailings were changed to use the USPS bulk mailing standards resulting in cutting postage costs to a fraction of first class mailing of the yearbooks.

President Hank Jewett died in 1994. The Presidency went to Ted Herrmann until Dorothy Brigham (Edna Jewett's daughter) was elected in 2000. I succeeded Dorothy in 2005. During those years, we held a reunion in Rowley every five years and the JFA received several notable gifts. The first was a bequest from an anonymous benefactor for $20,000 (we later learned he was from upstate New York and was never an actual member of the JFA) which the board decided to invest equally in stocks and bonds and use as an endowment for family activities. We have used the endowment to help the JFA through some of the leaner years and several special projects. I am happy to report that the investments have done well and the balance remains well above the $20,000 figure. The second notable gift was the portrait of Commodore David Jewett given by JFA member Molly Barringer. The portrait is imposing and requires a lot of space to display properly. Molly had it mounted in the entryway to her home and, when she decided to move to a retirement home, she realized that the portrait could not go with her. She contacted me to see if the JFA was interested in taking ownership of it. We are fortunate to have obtained it and it presently hangs in the History Room of the Rowley Public Library on permanent loan for all to see.

The JFA has been privileged to have twin sisters Barbara Shaw and Bernice Mansir (known as "the twins") serve as JFA Directors for many years. One of their passions has been the Rowley Burial Ground where they have helped maintain the several hundred Jewett gravestones in the older section of the cemetery. It was at their suggestion that the JFA used some of the endowment to fund stabilization of the Jewett stones in the burial ground using the services of Jonathan Appell, a noted expert in this field. Many of the stones were made of soft materials and had deteriorated to the point where they were unreadable. While the stones could not be fully brought back, Jonathan helped preserve their present state for future generations to see. For years, the twins have spent tremendous amounts of time attending the graves and learning as much about them as they could. In 2015 I helped the twins edit and publish their book ***Early Jewett Graves in the Rowley Burial Ground***.



Hank Jewett

Hank Jewett was a visionary who had great plans for the future growth of Jewett Family of America. He saw that it was imperative that the JFA enlist new, young, enthusiastic members into the leadership of the organization. The JFA, like many other organizations, has suffered from declining membership over the years as most people are not really interested in their roots until they are middle-aged. Hank did a great job of identifying the next generation of enthusiasts and bringing the technology of the organization into the present. While Hank died after only a few years of leadership, I believe he accomplished his goals and set a standard for us to follow. I am certain that our new leadership (Greg Jewett, Esther Jewett, Carri Cole, Linda Remley, Tom Jewett, Marta Mobley and Antonia Chavez) would meet with his approval. It has been a pleasure to serve as your president for the last ten years and I thank you for supporting the JFA.

Ted Loranz
Past President

Discovering My Ancestors

By Tom Jewett (okiausa@yahoo.com)

My childhood home was a large, slightly run down, Tudor style house in Des Moines Iowa. The little used attic served as the final destination for our old keepsakes. It was here, as a young person, that I discovered the three deteriorating journals of Homer Harris Jewett, the Civil War hero of the family. I read a few pages of his 1861 entries in the notebook he had titled *Journal A*.

Homer was hard to relate to. He wrote of walking across Illinois and of selling envelopes and other small items to the people he met, trying to raise money to pay for legal training at a school in Chicago. In his journal he succinctly commented on the people he encountered. One man with whom he lodged was tarred with the description, "Wilcox a drinking fellow." Of a young man with whose family Homer stayed he wrote, "We united in prayer and commended ourselves to God." Such entries came across as judgmental or overly religious to me.

The Journals of Homer H. Jewett

I returned the notebooks to their place and moved on to other things.

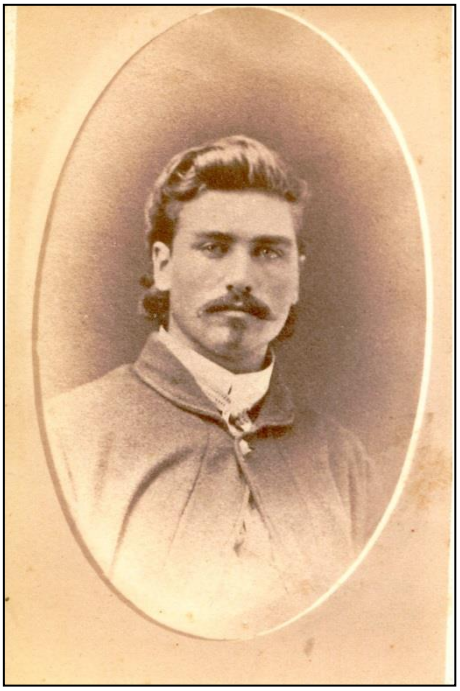
Yet, those few entries in Homer's journal did stay with me. And, with the passing of time I became aware of their importance and eventually returned to finish his story. Now, decades later, with more life experience, as well as my own encounter with Christian faith, I could better appreciate his record. This time I discovered an idealistic young man who was struggling to find success in life. He was influenced by Christian revivalism, virtue, patriotism, and he was carrying a wound from growing up in a family which had been "deserted" by its father. After taking that walk across Illinois, Homer had joined a Union Calvary Unit and fought in the US Civil War. With the end of the war he remained in the South, hoping to find success for himself and his family in Iowa. Instead, he mysteriously perished there in 1866. Thus, - after reading all of Homer's journals and surviving letters - I became convinced that they should be preserved and made accessible to all.

The result has been the publications of his writings and story in the book, *Failed Ambition*. In addition, the record of Homer's father, George Enoch Jewett, and his younger brother, George Anson Jewett, have likewise been preserved and made accessible as self-published books.

George E. Jewett (GEJ), father of Homer H. Jewett, left his Iowa family to pursue California gold in 1849. He had joined a company of friends and neighbors who left behind loved ones to seek fortune. For George E. Jewett it would result in his being divorced by his abandoned wife and never returning to Iowa. GEJ kept a diary in which he recorded his trek from Iowa to Californian and his early days of gold prospecting. That diary is now available in book form.

George Anson Jewett (GAJ), brother of Homer H. Jewett, was too young to volunteer for the Civil War. After the war he would walk from his home in Pella Iowa to Des Moines where he became a successful businessman and civic leader. Perhaps his premier venture was the Jewett Typewriter Company. The Jewett was considered to be the best typewriter of its time. GAJ traveled the world marketing the machine and meeting numerous noteworthy individuals of his day. In later life he recorded his experiences, which are the basis of the book about him. Also included is an interview with two of GAJ's descendants, Gerald A. Jewett, Jr. and Connie (Jewett) Cory in which they recount some of their family memories.

- *Failed Ambition: The Civil War Journals & Letters of Cavalryman Homer Harris Jewett*
- *It Is One Grand Rush For Gold: George E. Jewett's 1849-1850 California Gold Rush Journal*
- *George Anson Jewett: Pioneering Iowa Entrepreneur*



Homer in His Confederate Guise

Each of these titles was revised in 2015 with the help of Jennifer (Jewett) Dilley. They are available from CreateSpace Bookstore, Amazon, and Amazon Kindle.

Preserving and publishing my ancestor's stories has been an undertaking for which I have no regrets. My wish is someday to see their stories scripted and made available as a movie or television production.

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Family history often gets put in the attic. From there it too easily ends up in a landfill - lost forever. This is natural, but some records should be saved and passed on to others to maintain connections with the past. I would like to encourage others to take inventory of their important family records. Decide what is worth saving. These items need to be kept in a safe place where damage and loss are not likely. Fragile documents might be scanned for digital preservation. Documents of historic value can be donated to respected archives where they will become part of the public record and are less likely to perish with time. Finally, consider creating oral histories if appropriate.

What's in your attic?

Tom Jewett

Family Donations

A correspondence was received late last year from Miss Eleanor Jewett Haley (JFA #25,255). Miss Haley indicated that on September 30, 2015 she donated several Jewett genealogical materials to the Peabody-Essex Museum, located at East India Square, Salem, MA. The items donated included:

1) Additions and Corrections to the History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America, Vols. 3 and 4.
2) The Jewett Family of America Yearbook 1912 -1913
3) The Jewett Family of America Yearbook, 1963 – 1996 (multiple volumes)
4) The Jewett Family of America Quarterlies 1997-2014 (multiple volumes)
5) Photos and deeds pertaining to her branch of the Jewett family.

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