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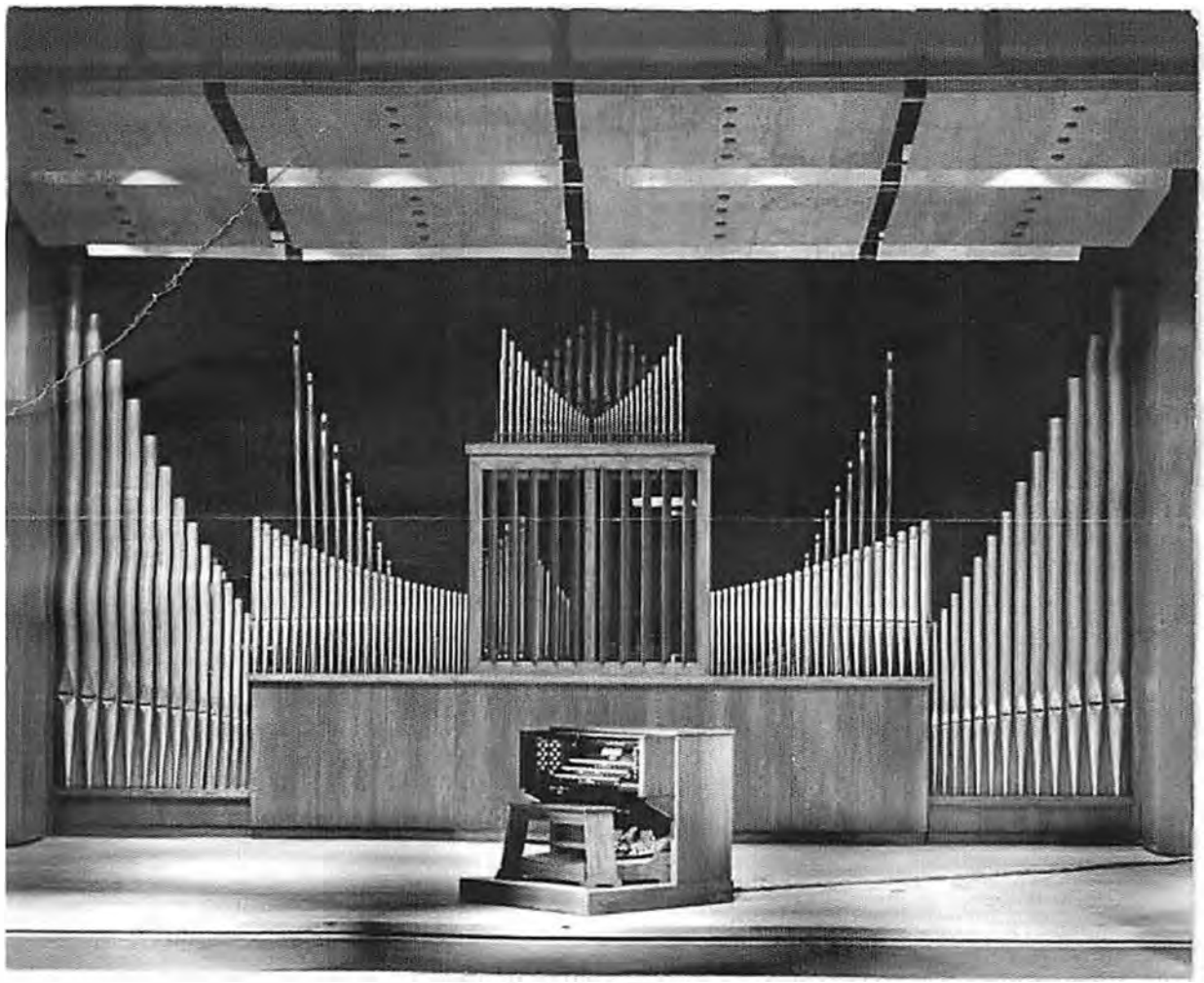

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Jewett Family member, Rodney Jewett has volunteered to host and maintain his Jewett website for our benefit. He does own the domain name. You can access the website at www.jewett.org. Back issues of the newsletter, and yearbooks have been added. Current issues of the newsletter are not available at this time but will be added at a later date.

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From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to Kent Jewett, Toni Chavez, Carri Cole, Buddy Nelson, Sarah Jewett, Robert Barbanica, James Paxton, Esther 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.

Presidents Reflection: Roses

Spring is a time for celebrations, graduations and weddings. This one has been an especially busy one for me as our family has experienced all three. It started in April when I traveled to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa to cheer on my son Philip as he competed in the National Club Triathlon Championships. Philip did well in finishing in the top 25% of the field. In May it was Air Force commissioning and graduation. At the Virginia Military Institute the graduation festivities are spread over three days. Included are the military commissioning, the change of command parade, the New Market Memorial parade, Institute Awards ceremony and finally the actual graduation.

June was the wedding of Philip Jewett and Julia Zelinsky. The bride was beautiful in her wedding dress and Philip was stunning in his Air Force dress uniform. At the reception the VMI cadets were a hit on the dance floor. The wedding does not end the events as Philip and Julia will be packing their belongings and heading for Albuquerque, NM. Are there any Jewett's out there to welcome them?

Weddings are always a fun time for family to gather and to celebrate love and family. I found a unique way to commemorate the occasion. An artist in California (Suzette White of PageGarden) makes roses out of paper. Perfect, since the rose is a symbol of love and a dozen roses is the sign of complete love. To incorporate our family, I gave one of my late brother's books (*Defend the Valley* by Col. Kenneth Jewett) to Suzette for the pedals of the roses. Ken's books are historical fiction where he took our family and placed us back into the 18th century. It was a reminder of how family is special and that Ken was there in spirit with us. Within the book there are family members who were at the wedding celebrating the occasion and there are family members who have passed but their memories are still in our hearts and it was a reminder of their continued influence on our family.

I am sure you have celebrated special family events and have unique ways to commemorate the occasions and remember family both present and past. After you enjoy your event, share it with our extended Jewett family. When one celebrates, we all celebrate! Allow us the opportunity to share your joy!

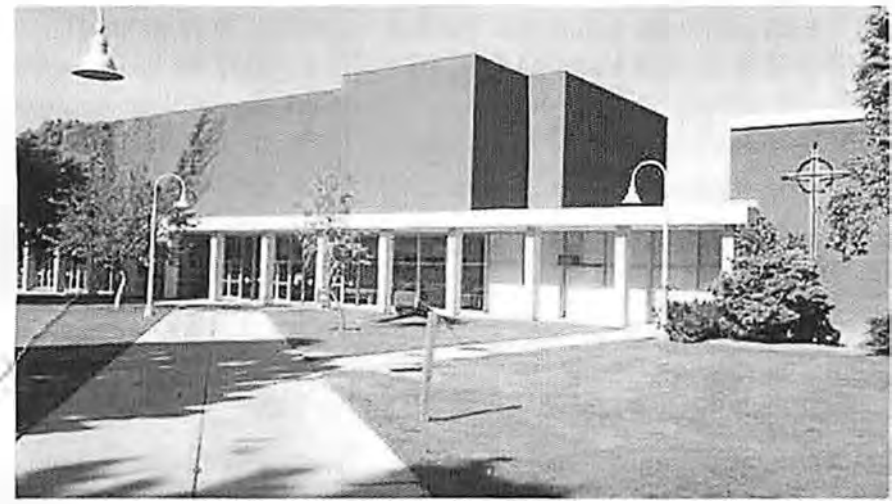
Toujours le meme,

Gregory L. Jewett

The Jewett Auditorium

By Jessie Elliott

My cousin, Carol Jewett Thompson and her husband, Dennis, have been visiting in Boise, Idaho with her son, Charles Thompson, and family and like me they like to visit anything with the Jewett name attached. Just a little trivia I thought maybe you would like to read and use.



Jewett Auditorium hosts the Caldwell Fine Arts Series which was founded in 1961 as a co-operative effort between The College of Idaho a private, residential liberal arts college located in Caldwell, Idaho, and community leaders to present world class events and artists. The performances sponsored by the Caldwell Fine Arts Series have included a wide variety of disciplines: solo artists, chamber music, orchestra, theater, opera, ballet, ethnic dance and jazz. Jewett Auditorium was built to house a three manual pipe organ (Jewett Organ) donated by the Jewett foundation. The building was completed in 1962 with funds from the Presbyterian Synod of Idaho and the Jewett Foundation. Jewett Auditorium also serves as the home stage of Music Theatre of Idaho and Dreamweaver Musical Theatre. The interior of the auditorium was designed for acoustical excellence and seats 850 people.

The Jewett Foundation was created by the family of **George Frederick Jewett** and his son, **George Frederick "Fritz" Jewett Jr.**, a prominent San Francisco businessman, philanthropist.

George Frederick "Fritz" Jewett, a prominent lumberman, was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota, August 22, 1896, the son of James Richard and Margaret (Weyerhaeuser) Jewett. He died in Spokane, Washington, November 23, 1956. He is buried in Coeur d'Alene.

He received his early education at Brown and Nichols School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. He continued his studies at Harvard University where he received his B.A. in 1919 and M.B.A. in 1922. In 1937 he did postgraduate work in forestry in Germany on a Carl Schurz Memorial Fellowship. In 1949 he received an honorary LL.D degree from Washington State College, and in 1954 an honorary L.H.D. degree from Pacific University.

In 1917 he entered naval training at Newport, Rhode Island and served as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve aboard the USS Oklahoma, on convoy duty in the Mediterranean Sea, during the First World War.

Fritz Jewett married Mary Pelton Cooper in Ogdensburg, New York, September 12, 1925. They had two children, George Frederick and Margaret Weyerhaeuser.

In 1922 Jewett joined the accounting department of the General Timber Service in Saint Paul as an auditor's apprentice. In 1925 he became office manager of the Clearwater Timber Company, Lewiston, Idaho, and three years later he joined the Edward Rutledge Timber Company, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, as general manager, a position he held until 1931. He served in an executive capacity in several timber companies until 1937 when he moved to Spokane, Washington to become president of Potlatch Yards, Inc. In 1946 he was elected president of Potlatch Forests, Inc., which was formed by the merger of the Edward Rutledge, Clearwater, and Potlatch timber concerns; from 1949 until his death he was board chairman of Potlatch Forests, Inc.

He was well known in the timber industry for his progressive ideas in forest conservation. In addition to his principal business interest, he was a director of Boise Payette Lumber Co., Weyerhaeuser Sales Co., the Columbia Electric & Manufacturing Co., and the Northern Pacific Railway Co. At one time he served on the advisory board of the Spokane and Eastern branch of the Seattle First National Bank.

Known for his local philanthropic activities, Jewett made substantial gifts to St. John's Cathedral and other Spokane institutions. He financed the Donald Kirk David Fellowships at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, donated the James Richard Jewett Observatory at Washington State College, and made a substantial contribution to the music department of the University of Idaho.

He was a member of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, serving as chairman of its conservation committee during 1931-1935. He was also a member of the Society of American Foresters, Western Forestry and Conservation Association (president, 1936-1943), North Idaho Forestry Association, North Idaho Conservation Association, and the Society of American Foresters. Locally he belonged to the Rotary, Country, and City clubs of Spokane. He was lay reader at St. John's Cathedral in Spokane, and director of the National Episcopal Church Foundation.

In Sympathy

Marion, Kansas - Evelyn May Jewett, age 90, passed away March 6, 2017, at Marion Assisted Living. She was born March 17, 1926, in Lost Springs, the daughter of Floyd and Hazel (Reeser) Corey. On June 6, 1942, she was united in marriage to Burt G. Jewett. She was a homemaker. Burt and Evelyn began their married life farming in Marion County near Elmdale. After farming they resided in McPherson for many years. Upon retirement they relocated to Marion. Evelyn was active with the Marion Senior Center where she spent many hours quilting, working crafts, playing cards and visiting with friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Burt, a daughter Judy Paoli, and siblings: Junior, Lloyd, Helen and Naomi. She is survived by her daughter Janie Westerman of Newnan, Georgia; and 3 grandsons: Tom Phillip, Joshua Westerman, and Nicholas Westerman; and 4 great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. The Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2017, at Zeiner Funeral Home, Marion. Interment will be in the Grant Township Cemetery.

Miriam I. Owen – (#16,611), age 106, March 1, 2017. Miriam was corresponding secretary for the years 1986, 1987, and 1988 and was mentioned as a Director for Life Sunday, October 16, 1910. Miriam Irene Hodgman was born to Albert and Imogene Hodgman at home in Roxbury MA. She had an older brother Russell Jewett Hodgman and a younger brother Richard Albert Hodgman. Both are now deceased.

When she was four, her family moved to Stoneham, MA. She lived there until 1962. Miriam graduated from Stoneham High School in 1928, and then took a one year post graduate course from high school in Business. The following year she attended Chandler School Women in Boston MA, a two year secretarial school, graduating in 1931.

During her growing up years Miriam was active in Girl Scouts and achieved the highest scouting award which was the Eaglet award. There were only three of these awards given in Stoneham at that time. Her first job was a secretary at the E. L. Patch Co. in Stoneham. This was a pharmaceutical manufacturing company. There she met Randolph J. Owen who also worked at the Patch Co. They enjoyed going to concerts. Their first date was a concert on the Esplanade beside the Charles River in Boston for a Pops concert. One of the numbers played was Revel's "Bolero". They had such a good time they went back again. Miriam and Randy did a lot of snowshoeing and skiing during the winter, mountain climbing in the summer. Soon they were engaged and then they married on September 15, 1934. They had just over 50 years of marriage before Randy died.

Miriam had two daughters: Marilyn J. Wile and Ruth E. LaFranchi. She had seven randchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, and five great, great grandchildren. Miriam was a stay at home mom until Ruth was in high school. During this time she was active in many things. She was active in her church. For years she prepared the communion service and washed the little cups after each service. She also was in charge of the altar flowers each week and ordered them for each service and distributed them afterwards to shut-ins. She was involved in the women's group at church which included many church dinners, fairs, rummage sales and the like. She also was

involved in the Stoneham Women's Club. Her summers were spent at Alton Bay NH on Lake Winnepesaukee where the family had a summer camp.

For a while she was a member of the Eastern Star where she held several offices. She made (sewed) many of the evening gowns she had to wear at the meetings. Miriam became an expert seamstress over the years. Her expertise was tailoring coats. When Marilyn was 11 and Ruth was 4 she made them matching fabric winter coats. Many an Easter eve she was up all night finishing a new spring coat for one of the girls or herself, to wear to church Easter morning. She was a girl scout leader for a year or two when Marilyn was in elementary school.

In 1962 Miriam and Randy moved from Stoneham to West Boylston MA. In 1966 there was a change in Miriam's life. She made a decision to accept Christ as her Savior. When Randy made this same decision about two months later they started growing in the Lord. Soon they joined Wachusett Valley Baptist Church where they were both active. Miriam sang in the choir and performed in many cantatas.

She was a great hostess and loved to entertain. After the death of her husband Randolph in 1985 she continued to be active in her church. In November of 1988 she moved to Sherrill NY. She became active at Lighthouse Baptist Church and then Grace Baptist Church (now North Madison Baptist church. She was one of the women who started the Stonecroft ministry of Christian Women's Clubs over 26 years ago. This is a luncheon group that meets once a month.

Miriam was an active member of the Embroiders Guild of America for many years and produced many fine articles of handiwork. Over the years she collected purple glass. This glass was special to her as it turned purple because of the manganese in the glass to keep out the green cast. By the First World War manganese was needed for the war effort and so it no longer was put into the glass. This hobby started with the glass garage door knob on the side door facing south which turned purple instead of staying white. She loved to crochet and knit. After moving to Sherrill, she crocheted a lovely afghan. She always kept a nice cozy home. Miriam was a good cook. Her fame was apple pies and hot milk sponge cake. The cake recipe was from her mother-in-law. It is great frosted or unfrosted, served with strawberries and ice cream. She was willing to try new recipes.

Miriam loved to work in the garden. In fact how many people in the 90's get an electric hedge clipper for Mother's Day. About that time she also bought a new lawn mower. Miriam liked to travel and did so over the years. From plane trips, auto trips, train trips, she had traveled across our country to California and Washington many times. She had travel from Nova Scotia to Key West, Florida, and to Arkansas, Missouri, Washington, DC, and South Carolina. She also took a driving trip across the United States. Miriam drove until she was 95 and decided to give it up willingly. About that time she needed hip surgery. Doctors said she was a young 97 and could withstand the surgery which she had. The timing was wrong due to other medical situations that needed to be addressed. Once these were taken care of she had her hip replaced at age 98, and was back on her feet in 6 weeks. She was interested in her family and friends. She loved to go out to eat. She enjoyed life to the fullest. She always had a positive attitude about life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Awards

Jose Alejandro, son to Jose and Janette (18343) Huerta is a 2015-2016 VPK Graduate who won his first Kinderten Award from Kiddie College of South Miami Corp. He is the recipient of the "2017 Antonio Brito Munoz Spanish Award" Awarded by the bilingual Private School Assoc. Congratulations to Jose and his parents! Submitted by Toni Chavez

Births

Angela Jewett, grandaughter to Clyde Jewett (18238) and Tina Jewett-Martinez/Daughter to Clyde and Marlene Jewett, gave birth to her second child.

Angela Jewett and Michael Drago welcomed **Lila Merlyn Drago** on March 23, 2017 weighing in at 7lbs 8 oz and 20 inches long. She was born at Baptist Hospital in Miami Florida. She joins her big brother Dominick Dominguez.
Submitted by Toni Chavez

Graduations

Kristen Ann Rodriguez (18353) graduated from the American University Washington College of Law on May 21, 2017. Kristen (18353) is the daughter of Eddie and Annette (18282) Rodriguez. Friends and family celebrated with her in Washington, D.C. Kristen is currently studying for the Maryland Bar Exam. After the bar exam, Kristen will celebrate graduation with her boyfriend, Nick, in Europe. Kristen accepted a position with the State's Attorney's Office in Montgomery County Maryland, working with the felony team. Submitted by Toni Chavez (18293)

Ivan Chavez (18359) and **Jasmine Chavez** (18358), son and daughter to Ivan and Antonia (18293) Chavez graduated from the Miami Beach Fire Department Academy on March 24, 2017. The academy was 10 weeks long. Ivan received the top academic award and Jasmine was the class leader. They join their brother Christian Chavez on the department. They will all be working together now as Miami Beach firefighters.
Submitted by Toni Chavez (18293)

Philip G. Jewett Commissioned, Graduates and Marries

Philip G. Jewett (JFA#23,672) was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force on May 15, 2017. On May 16, Philip graduated with Distinction from the Virginia Military Institute with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics. During the Institute Awards Ceremony Philip received the Charles R. Martin '55 Award for excellence in military studies and leadership. On June 3 Philip, son of Gregory (JFA#23,643) & Jill Jewett, married Julia M. Zelinsky, daughter of John & Pam Zelinsky, at Gateway Church in Findlay, Ohio. Following the ceremony, family and friends gathered at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center for a dinner and reception. For those who attended the 2015 Jewett Family Reunion, Philip and Julia were the young couple who worked the registration table. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple will travel to Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, New Mexico where Philip will begin his training as an Air Force Combat Rescue Officer (CRO) and Julia will begin her nursing career at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Philip Jewett pinning as 2nd Lieutenant, USAF

Lt. Philip Gregory and Julia Marie Jewett

New Life Members

Please welcome new life members Brian Michael LaFranchi of Charlotte NC, Scott Owen La Franchi of Phoenix AZ, Robert Allen Jewett of Waldorf TX and Barbara J Paulson of Knoxville TN.

Special Thanks

We wish to give a shout out and give appreciation to John W. Jewett of Anaheim CA for his generous $250 donation to JFA.

Research Aims to Provide Affordable Prosthetics

By Mary Price, Virginia Military Institute

Spencer Jefferson '17 and **Philip Jewett '17** fit the prosthetic leg they constructed as part of their capstone project onto a volunteer subject. – VMI Photo by Kelly Nye.

LEXINGTON, Va., April 24, 2017 – A project underway in the mechanical engineering lab at VMI may someday help amputees in developing countries.

Major Joyce Blandino, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, has led a group of three cadets in her capstone class, mechanical engineering design, in their quest to develop a low-cost prosthetic for below-the-knee amputees.

Blandino explained that she's had an interest in prosthetics since graduate school, but until she and Colonel Mike Krackow, professor of physical education, teamed up two years ago on a biomechanics project, she had no way of testing her ideas.

Their 2015 receipt of a Jackson-Hope Fund grant to purchase a force plate and an electromyography machine, which records electrical activity produced by muscles, provided Blandino with the equipment she'd need to test the forces acting upon an artificial leg. "I don't want to just design and build," said Blandino. "I want to be able to test it. You can design and build anything you want, but without testing, there's no meaning."

Blandino's prosthetics research began with last spring's capstone class, which developed a basic prosthetic, but with a rigid ankle that greatly limited the user's mobility on inclines. This year's cadets – Cody Ellis '17, Spencer Jefferson '17, and **Philip Jewett '17 (JFA #23,672)**– were tasked with taking last year's design and improving it.

The three cadets took separate directions to reach that goal. Ellis used RecurDyn, which is computer-aided engineering software, to produce a walking gait simulation – and he also did an honors thesis on his research. Jefferson and **Jewett**, meanwhile, focused their efforts on making the design more dynamic for a greater range of motion.

"This year our purpose was to create a design that would allow the ankle to flex and create greater mobility on inclines," explained Jefferson. "It's definitely been a challenge, but it's been a great project to work on."

Jewett, meanwhile, said that he'd found that patience and the willingness to experiment were key in developing the flexible ankle. "Your initial ideas aren't necessarily what come to fruition," he commented. "Just knowing that 'simple is usually better' applies."

Simple is a word well used to describe this year's model, as the primary building materials are PVC pipe and steel. "We're trying to approach it in a very quantitative way," said Blandino. "We want to make a low-cost [prosthetic]."

Like Blandino, **Jewett** stressed that prosthetics, especially the higher-end ones, aren't cheap. "Part of the goal of this is to come up with a low-cost prosthetic for third-world countries," he stated. "A lot of times prosthetics will be thousands of dollars. Our test subject is looking at ones that cost $10,000."

In the future, Blandino would like to focus research on improving the fit of the upper part of the prosthetic, where the amputee's stump attaches. "You want to develop something that's comfortable for the user."

The Bucket List

By Esther Jewett (JFA# 23,641)

Many of us have a bucket list but for most we never get a chance to fulfill any of the items that we have placed in that bucket but my mother, **Margaret Jewett** was able to check off her biggest wish. The one thing that she has been talking about for quite a while is her bucket list and really there was only one item on it. She wanted to see her great-grandchildren for the first time in person. There were a couple of issues, one being they lived in the state of Washington and two my Mom will be 90 this year so traveling can be tricky.

My brothers, Ron and Dennis, along with my cousin Greg joined me in surprising Mom at Christmas by presenting her with plane tickets and a companion (me) to check this bucket list item off. To say that it was a complete surprise and there were plenty of tears is an understatement.

In March, we were able to fly out to Seattle and spend a week. The first half of the week we visited Puyallup, WA which is located about thirty minutes outside of Seattle. There we visited her grandson Tim, his wife Virginia. My mother was surrounded by love from her four step-great-grandchildren, Jake, Tarah, Aidan and Haley and great-grandchildren. Mason and Alice, who she shares a birthday, ranging from age 5 to 16 years old. I expected some shy moments but there were none; it was more like a reunion then a first-time meeting. One of the highlights was taking the auto ferry across the bay into Seattle and visiting MoPOP, The Museum of Pop

Culture. We even have a picture of my mother in front of the Guitar Sculpture consisting of over 700 instruments and is 2 stories tall.

Next it was on to Bellingham WA, about 45 minutes from the Canadian border. Along the way we saw fields and fields of bright yellow daffodils and the famous Deception Pass. In Bellingham, we visited with David and his wife Heather and three great-grandchildren, Hailey (7), Anne (5) and Alex (3). Again, it was like they had known their great-grandmother all their lives not meeting here for the first time. David remembered his grandma's love of salmon and treated her to fresh salmon on the grill and Heather served her made from scratch blackberry pie, from handpicked berries. One of the highlights of this visit was the opportunity for us to visit the church where David is head pastor and hear his sermon. Mom was thrilled as Hailey and Anne kept bringing church members up to her to meet their great-grandmother (and of course their Aunt Esther).

The trip was short but fun filled and most importantly LOVEFILLED, I took plenty of pictures and for Mother's Day gave her an album filled with precious memories.

One of the things that I learned from this was helping your loved ones fulfill items on their bucket list, it will not only enrich their lives but yours as well as you can share in the excitement and lifelong memories.

If you want your life to be a magnificent story, then begin by realizing that you are the author and everyday you have the opportunity to write a new page. ~ Mark Houlahan

Margaret Jewett with Aidan, Tarah, Alice, Haley, Jake, Mason

Margaret Jewett with Anne, Hailey, Alex

Breathing New Life Into Old Family History

By Jennifer Jewett Dilley, Des Moines, Iowa

"Toujours le meme"... "Always the same." That's quite the motto for a 107 year old organization to live up to, especially in a world that's constantly changing! And that's the challenge that our particular family took on several months ago, in hopes of breathing new life into an "always the same" Jewett family tradition of transferring memories to the next generations. In our case, it's in the form of a written book about the life of my father, Gerald Anson Jewett, Jr., of Des Moines, Iowa. As a gift to him for his 91st birthday last fall, and in light of his current good health and mental acuity, I put aside other projects to offer my skills in helping Dad compose a book about his colorful decades-long journey. He really took no time in accepting the gift, and we have been working together on this for the past nine or so months. Soon it will be time to publish, and it's become quite the 300 page masterpiece, reading almost like a fun novel, and with lots of pictures to help it come alive! It's really a fresh hybrid book of sorts, a mixture of past history with current 'his-story.'

Dad's great-grandfather, George Anson Jewett, was co-founder of the Jewett Family of America back in 1910, and became President of the organization two years later (serving as that until his passing in 1934). Dad was just crazy about his great-grandfather, and has lots of stories about his early years with the guy. And because of George's work for the JFA and as a later-in-life genealogist, we have many written records about him and our other ancestors. Along with a multitude of journals, audio tapes, and videos of enterprising family members (and in our case, gratefully from *both* sides of the tree), there was a book just waiting to happen! So Dad agreed that I would also find a way to insert pertinent historical and genealogical data about his ancestors into the book about himself, since he stands on such big shoulders. The story of Dad's life has actually become more of a "bio-mentary" for future generations, a research project that offers something for the casual reader and also for the avid family history buff. And that's how we gave an "always the same" tradition a breath of new life.

Is it any wonder that we Jewetts are all such a proud bunch? Just look at the example left us through the early drive and determination of Maximilian and Joseph, and by so many of our forefathers since. And now it's imperative that we carry on the tradition, but with a freshened storytelling for the next generations. It doesn't have to be a huge project in the form of a written life book, but can be as simple as assembling scribbled quotes onto a laptop or grabbing an I-phone to catch your own Dad or Granddad or Great-Grandad telling family tales—we live in a day and age in which it's pretty easy to breathe new life into seemingly tired history! One of my favorite authors recently penned a book about her two grandmothers, and included a quote that really gave me inspiration; I trust it might get under your skin as well: "Remember who you come from; you owe them because they gave you the ticket to this adventure. Honor the debt." So let's go for it, Jewetts! We have a lot to honor.

(quote from Trigiani, Adriana, *Don't Sing at the Table: Life Lessons from My Grandmothers*. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, Inc., 2011.)

Jennifer Jewett Diley and Gerald Anson Jewett, Jr. at grave of George Anson Jewett

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