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Eleanore M. Jewett, Author

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Eleanore Myers Jewett was born April 4, 1890 in New York City. She loved the city, but spent every summer in Cape Ann, Massachusetts, where she was a member of a "summer gang" much like that in Cobbler's Knob. An old sea captain used to take them all out sailing, and she liked best to sit in front of the mast, reveling in the motion of the boat and the long sweep of the blue sea.

Eleanore was an ambitious, witty and prolific woman who had a strong sense of self and a healthy dose of mischievous humor. She was a superb storyteller and pushed herself to excel in higher education at a time when few women had the chance. She put her undergraduate degree in Medieval English to good use, having it serve as the basis of her creative and detailed historical fiction for children. She wished to be as specific and accurate a writer as possible, Mrs. Jewett wrote about faraway lands such as Tibet, Korea, and Egypt only after research and discussions.

In 1908 she enrolled in Barnard College as a commuter student. There she grew into herself, taking advantage of the many opportunities and activities the school offered. She was well-liked by her classmates, evident due to her being named "best all-around," "famous in the future," and "cleverest" in the 1912 *Mortarboard*. During these formative years she always made the time to hone her craft: writing. She worked on the *Barnard Bulletin* and the *Mortarboard* as an editor.

In addition to spending long hours working on student publications, Jewett was a member of the Young Women's Christian Association, the fraternity Kappa Kappa Gamma, and not only the Vice President of her sophomore class but President her senior year. She played a fairy in *Comus* and Borachio in *Much Ado about Nothing*. In the class of 1912 versus the class of 1913 Greek Games, she proved her versatility by placing first in both serious lyric and hurdles.

After graduating from Barnard in 1912, Jewett matriculated at Columbia University's School of Philosophy to earn a Masters in Medieval Comparative Literature in 1915. She remained in the city teaching English and History to 5th through 7th graders at Miss Jacob's School until her marriage to **Dr. Charles Harvey Jewett (JFA#7687: May 22, 1888 – July 8, 1978)** whom she met while he was studying for his MD at Columbia University. Together they relocated to Canandaigua, New York where Dr. Jewett's family had practiced medicine for three generations. Mrs. Jewett bore two daughters (**Barbara Jewett Gosda:** 1918 - 1981 and **Jane Jewett Stickler:** 1928 - 2016) and raised them with her husband in upstate New York. An active member of her community, Jewett served on both the Library Board and the Board of Education. She wrote both children's novels and poetry. Her work was published by Viking Press and appeared in magazines such *The Woman's World* ("Before You Came," March 1920) and *St. Nicholas Magazine* ("Binkie and Bing," 1921). Her writings were well-researched and engaging for readers of all ages because of her delightful prose that wove together exciting tales and likeable characters. In a review of her novel *Told on the King's Highway* entitled "Some History, and Lighter Fare, for Young Readers," The New York Times declared, "These tales of the Middle Ages are retold with sympathy and affection... The author has emphasized the romantic quality and touched her retellings with gracious fancy." Her highest award was a 1947 Newberry Honor for *The Hidden Treasure of Glaston*. By the time she died at the age of 76 on March 30, 1967, she had written over 10 children's books in addition to an assortment of published short stories and poems.

The Hidden Treasure of Glaston

Modified from Wikipedia

The Hidden Treasure of Glaston is a children's historical novel by **Eleanore M. Jewett**, first published in 1946. Set in 1171 England in the turbulent days of King Henry II, the story involves Hugh and Dickon the Oblate searching for the Holy Grail in an area associated with King Arthur. The novel won a Newbery Honor award in 1947.

The Hidden Treasure of Glaston is an exciting mystery thriller about a boy's journey in becoming a man and his struggle to obtain the Holy Grail that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The story is seen through the eyes of the main character Hugh, a sickly 12 year old boy whose father must flee to England too swiftly to be burdened by a crippled son abandons him at Glastonbury Abbey. Ashamed of his physical weakness, yet possessed of a stout heart, Hugh seeks occupation at the monastery's scriptorium, where it is the monks' responsibility to copy the scriptures as the printing press was not yet invented. Hugh does not show much promise upon his arrival at the monastery at first, but makes immense changes as he transforms into a persevering and religious young man. Hugh, his friend Dickon and their strange friend, the mad Bleheris uncover a treasure trove, and with it a deeper mystery of the sort that could only occur in Glastonbury where Joseph of Arimathea was said to have lived out his last years. It is nearing the end of his journey that Hugh shows the qualities and personal growth that make him seem more refined in all aspects of his personality. He shows little regard towards his well-being as he begins to travel knowing the dangers he would face. The journey unravels with him escaping from a mob that chases after him, finding his way through deserts and caves and making it to Glaston before he gets caught. Despite all the difficulties he faces throughout the story, he shows perseverance. He becomes a new person through his adventures, having developed more strength, faith and courage.

Many critics regard this piece of literature as a masterful story told through the eyes of an adolescent, and it is obvious to see why, because it inspires the spirit of adventure. This story features many real life artifacts, especially with Christianity. The events in this story seem to be what is giving such critical acclaim. Nevertheless, this is a story for ages, and many critics really love this book and the wholesome morals it holds.

Eleanore Myers Jewett

Announcements

In Sympathy

Emmie Ann Marie Long (nee Ignowski) Cedar Lake, IN - Emmie Ann Marie Long (nee Ignowski), age 45, late of Cedar Lake, IN passed away on Friday, April 13, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edward Long. Loving daughter of the late Gerard F. and late JoAnn (nee Jewett) Ignowski. Dear stepmother of Jacob and Katherine. Fond niece of Edward (Aleta) Jewett, Jean (late Ronald) Jewett, David (late Brian Beavers) Jewett, Jodie (Steve) Demoff, Frank (Janice) Ignowski, Elaine (Arthur), Renas and Steve (Shantel) Ignowski. Also survived by many cousins and dear friends. Retired employee of the Lake County Court System, Gary, IN office. Friends are invited to meet with the family DIRECTLY at Elmwood Cemetery 1413-169th Street Hammond, IN 46324 on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. where a committal service will take place. Pastor Kris Graunke, officiating. Arrangement entrusted to ELMWOOD FUNERAL CHAPEL & CREMATORY, CEDAR LAKE, IN, 219-374-9300. www.elmwoodchapel.com

Published in The Northwest IndianaTimes on Apr. 26, 2018

Joan Patricia Power Healy, born August 16, 1935 died April 6, 2018 in San Francisco, California. Joan was born in San Francisco to William Power and Virginia Boyce Power. She was a descendent of Col. Ezekiel Jewett. Prior to her marriage to Timothy Healy of Cork, Ireland, she worked as a radiological technician at San Francisco General Hospital. Her siblings all preceded her in death; Mary Power, Marjorie Power Whelan, Sr. M. Claude Power, and William Power. She is survived by her son Timothy Healy and grandsons Kieran and Tighe Healy.

Submitted by her cousin Priscilla Barbanica

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.

Ellie Victoria Jewett born 8-31-2017 to Allister Miles Jewett (18347) and Elizabeth Caram Jewett 7 lb. 7 oz.

Kai Alonso born January 11, 2018 to Jasmine Chavez (18358) and Francesco Alonso 7 lb. 3 oz. They celebrated the Baptism of their son Kai on April 7, 2018 at St. Raymond Catholic Church. Kai is the first grandson to Ivan & **Antonia (18293) Chavez**

Milestone

Ronald K. Jewett, PhD, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, North Central University, Minneapolis, Minnesota retired May 5, 2018 after serving for 30 years in higher education. Dr. Jewett was a professor of psychology and addictions counseling. He also served as the Registrar of Northcentral University and as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Valor Christian University, Canal Winchester, Ohio for 4 years.

He is a 1974 graduate of Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio with a B.A. in psychology and German. He also earned his PhD from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

He also retired from the USAF after serving on active duty and in the Air National Guard. He was a Minuteman Missile Launch Officer and The Chief of the Social Actions Office at various Air Force installations.

Dr. Jewett will be moving to Ohio to be close to family.

Evan Montgomery Jewett celebrated his 13th Birthday on March 24, 2018 at Tropical Park with friends and family. Evan is the son of **Clyde and Ana Jewett**. Happy Birthday Evan!!

A bridal shower was held **for Lauren Viejo (18356)** on Saturday April 21, 2018 in Miami Florida at Rusty Pelican Restaurant. It was a beautiful day to celebrate her upcoming wedding in June to Chris Vergara with family and friends.

Special Recognition

Sailor of the Month

Rebecca Jewett is daughter of **Dr. Ronald Jewett** is the *Old Boat Magazine* sailor of the month for the June 2018 issue. She hails from Woodbury, Minnesota, and loves sailing Freedom, her dad's 1976 Bristol 32, on Lake Superior. Here she is at the helm near the entrance to Superior Bay (Superior, Wisconsin).

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Toujours le même,

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From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to James Jewett, Toni Chavez, Carri Cole, Marian Lawless, Greg Jewett and Janet Peabody for their contributions to this edition.

Presidents Reflection: Jewett Gathering at Oberlin

I want to start by encouraging members of our Jewett family to attend a special event at the Frank Fanning Jewett House in Oberlin, Ohio on Saturday, August 4 (see article later in this quarterly). It will be a special day when three new display boards will be unveiled in the Jewett House. One display board will provide information about Dr. Charles Jewett, father of Professor Frank F. Jewett, and his children. The second one will explain the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers who were the first African-American company in the Civil War and included two of Professor Jewett's brothers as officers. The final display board will feature the John P. Jewett Publishing Company who is famous for publishing *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Following the presentation, Jewett family members will be treated to a private tour of the Jewett House. This is an event that you won't want to miss. It is the result of several years of cooperative work of the Jewett Family and the Oberlin Heritage Center (OHC). Liz Shultz and her staff at the OHC have been wonderful partners. You will enjoy spending the day under their guidance.

Then as usual, I come across things with Jewett connections during the course of everyday living. The first one was the new book, *DEROS* by John Vanek. I received the OHC Newsletter and included was a book signing for Vanek's new murder mystery. I would probably have passed over the event but it showed the cover of the book and to my surprise the cover was a picture of the Jewett House in Oberlin. I contacted John Vanek and he has graciously provided an article about his new book in the quarterly. He promised me that an autographed copy will be waiting for me at our event on August 4. I am eager to read the book and hope I don't have any nightmares.

While waiting for my copy of *DEROS* to arrive, I was searching for a good book to read. To my amazement, I discovered *The Hidden Treasure of Glaston* by Eleanore M. Jewett. It received a Newberry Book Honor in 1947. I ordered the book and the other night stayed up until 2 am reading it. I could not put it down. It is an excellent book and an easy read. See the article about the book and Eleanore in this quarterly.

I am continually amazed at the number of interesting Jewett books, places and people. I know that many of you have the same experience. As you come across them, I encourage you to share them with the rest of the Jewett family. You must be getting tired of reading articles from my interest and perspective. Help and add your spice to our quarterly. Send articles to our editor, Dr. Ron Jewett, who is now a retired professor looking for something to fill his day or to me.

SEE YOU AT THE JEWETT HOUSE (Oberlin, OH).

Toujours le meme,

Gregory L. Jewett

Jewett Family Event at the Jewett House in Oberlin, OH

On Saturday, August 4 a Family Fun Fair & Jewett Gathering will take place at the Oberlin Heritage Center in Oberlin, Ohio (www.Oberlinheritagecenter.org). Come see the results of the Oberlin Heritage Center and the Jewett Family cooperative relationship with the unveiling of new Jewett history panels at the Jewett House. **We encourage Jewett Family Members to come and experience this fun and historic event.**

Oberlin's 26th Annual Family Fun Fair features free activities all over town for families with young children. At the Oberlin Heritage Center, visitors can try their hand at old-fashioned games on the lawn of the 1836 Little Red Schoolhouse, or step back in time and explore the first floor of the 1866 Monroe House on a self-guided tour. We also have two special offerings this Saturday:

11:00 a.m. I Spy Oberlin Tour: Fun and engaging for all ages, this guided one-hour walking tour through historic Oberlin is designed for younger children (ages 5-11) accompanied by an adult. You'll be kept on your toes as you seek out historic markers, decorative details, and Oberlin oddities. Free today; reservations encouraged. Starting location: Monroe House.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Jewett House: Members of the Jewett family will be visiting the Heritage Center's Jewett House and all are welcome to attend a mini program about Frank and Fannie Jewett, who lived in the house from 1884 to 1923, and their connections to national events and social movements in the Civil War era. Afterward, visitors may view newly installed history panels about Frank's extended family and tour the house at their own pace.

Location: Family Fun Fair takes place throughout downtown Oberlin and the Heritage Center's activities are held at the Little Red Schoolhouse, Monroe House, and Jewett House. For more information about Family Fun Fair, visit www.oberlin.org or call (440) 774-6262.

DEROS by John Vanek features the Jewett House on Cover

By John Vanek

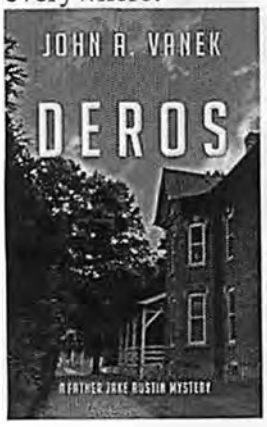
DEROS is the first book in the Father Jake Austin mystery series. The protagonist, Father Jake Austin returns to his hometown in search of inner peace after a brutal war, but a series of murders place his life in jeopardy, hurling him back into another bloodbath. As he struggles to prove his innocence and to find his footing in a town that remembers him as a hellion, Jake searches for threads that will connect these vicious attacks. Can he put aside his own demons long enough to find the living, breathing devil who stalks his friends and classmates? In the process, Jake is forced to confront his past, his regrets over lost love, and his doubts about the priesthood.

The action takes place in Lorain County and Cleveland. Because the plot revolves around Oberlin's history and the Oberlin Heritage Center's key role in solving the mystery, my publisher and I wanted the cover art for *DEROS* to reflect the mood of the story, as well as the town itself. After rejecting dozens of images, Liz Schultz suggested that we look at the OHC properties. When I approached the **Jewett House** from the east, I knew I'd found the book cover. The brick exterior played nicely off of the brick walkway, which symbolized Jake's path to self-discovery. The *1800*'s appearance and its lean, angular style fit the concept perfectly. The initial photos of the Jewett House, however, were taken on a beautiful sunny day and did not suggest mystery and danger, so we asked the photographer, Ed von Hofen, to return when the sky was more ominous. Not only did he capture the mood, but he also managed to catch a mysterious light in a second floor window.

I am a physician by training, but a writer by passion. Medicine was his wife, writing my mistress, and mysteries my drug of choice. I practiced throughout Lorain County for 25 years, including St. Joseph's Hospital, which I resurrected for the story after it closed its doors in 1997. I'm now retired and live happily as an ink-stained wretch.

Father Jake Austin, is loosely based on two priests who were my friends. I detest stereotypes, including those concerning Roman Catholic priests. Placing priests on a pedestal is as wrong as lumping them all in with degenerates and pedophiles. The truth is that they are simply human beings, warts and all, and that is how I portray Jake. As the gifted novelist Sterling Watson said, "John Vanek guides the reader through the seldom-seen worlds of both medicine and the priesthood." NY Times bestselling author Laura Lippman described ***DEROS*** as "Interesting, nuanced characters in a finely wrought setting."

DEROS is available worldwide at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and fine bookstores everywhere.



John Vanek

The Covered Bridge Building Dynamos – the Jewett Brothers

Modified From Stories by Sara Taylor, W. R. Branthoover, and Kevin Walsh

Sheldon and Savarnard Jewett (back row right)

The Wright Brothers mastered flight, the Smith Brothers perfected cough drops, and the Kennedy Brothers ruled the 1960s political arena. But no list of "famous" brother duos would be complete without adding the 19th-century covered-bridge building team of **Sheldon (JFA# 25294, 1842 – 1889) and Savarnard (JFA#25297, 1848 – 1925) Jewett** of Montgomery, Vt.

While less famous than other brother duos, the Jewett brothers were quite productive, and are now locally revered for their covered-bridge building skills. During the late 1800s, Jewett bridges covered the Montgomery landscape. Today, six bridges remain standing, a testament to the brothers' impressive building skills.

Thanks to the Jewett brothers, Montgomery is "The Covered Bridge Capital of Vermont" has more covered bridges within its borders than any other Vermont town. Montgomery is a relatively low-lying area surrounded by mountains, and water flowing from these mountains fills the rivers, streams and brooks that meander throughout the town. To get from one place to another in Montgomery one or more of these waterways need to be crossed. The bridges allowed farmers and loggers access to land otherwise out of reach. As such, they were signs of the post-Civil War recovery, hope, and prosperity. They also played other roles in the life of the area's citizens, including playgrounds, diving boards, advertising centers, shelters, and locations to discretely steal a kiss.

The Jewett brothers operated a sawmill on West Hill which enable them to mill the wood to their specific requirements. Hemlock was the wood of choice because of its strength and durability. Of the many types of covered bridge designs used in the United States during the 1800s, the Jewett brothers specialized in one design type known as the Ithial Town lattice truss which accommodated the weight of snow, wagons loaded with butter tubs, and logging vehicles. They were enclosed, or covered, to protect the massive beams from the weather.

The brothers started by positioning the main bearing beams across the stream onto a pier foundation on each end and supported with temporary posts into the river beds. Next the trusses were moved into position and the top beams tied. Finally the roof was secured.

Modern requirements for larger loads, better safety, and cheaper maintenance all contribute to the bridges' declining numbers. Still these beautiful structures serve us well and link us to our heritage. For many, they remind us of a time when life seemed slower and less complicated.

Several of the Jewett bridges have been restored. The latest project was the Longley Bridge, built in 1863, and restored in late 2017. The remaining Jewett bridges are:

- Comstock Covered Bridge, built 1883
- Fuller Covered Bridge, built in 1890, restored in 2000
- Hectorville Covered Bridge, built in 1883
- Hopkins Covered Bridge, built in 1875
- Hutchins Covered Bridge, built in 1883, restored in 2009
- Longley Covered Bridge, built in 1863, restored in 2017
- West Hill (or Creamery) Covered Bridge, built in 1883, restored in 2009

Fuller Bridge (1890, restored 2000)

West Hill Bridge (1883. Restored in 2009)

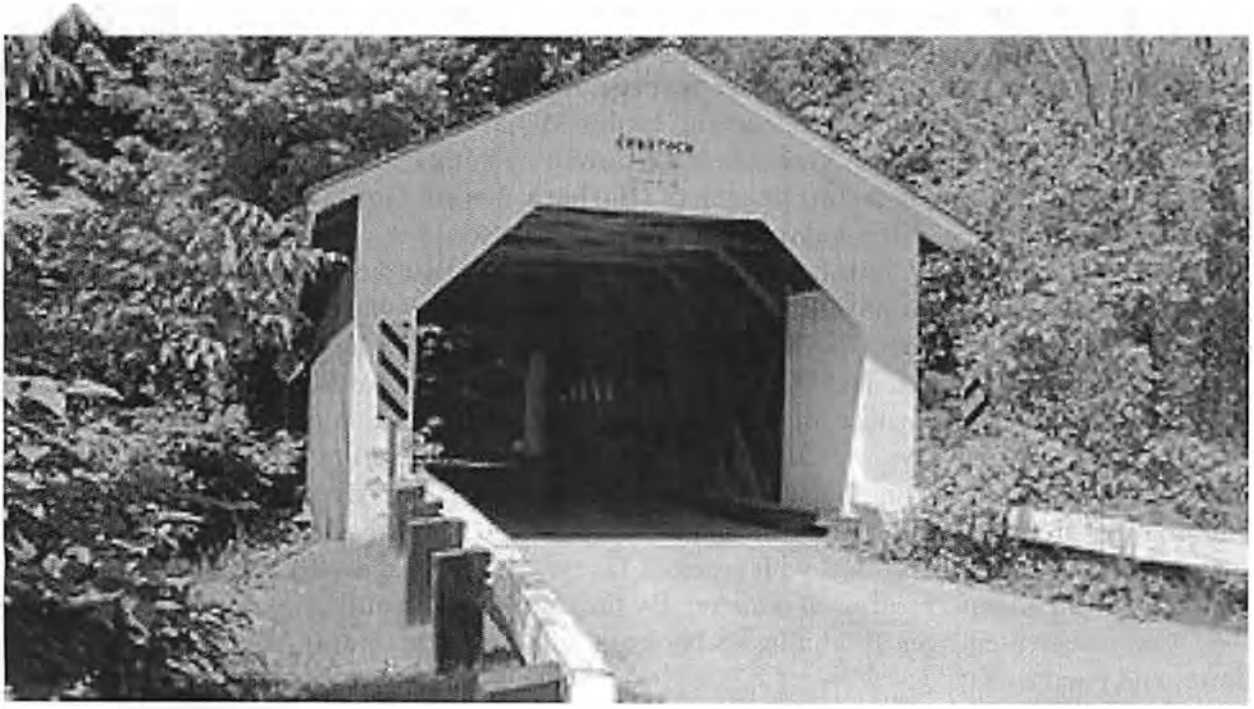
Hectorville Bridge (1883)

Hopkins Bridge (1875)

Hutchins Bridge (1883, restored 2009)

Longley Bridge (1863, restored 2017)

AN OLD COVERED BRIDGE

By Leila Murray Macia
Richford, Vermont
From *The Enosburg Standard*, September, 1939
Written about the Comstock Bridge

Just a little old wooden covered bridge
In a small town up in northern Vermont.
Nestled at the foot of a mountain ridge
Many the memory you must haunt;
Though you're not so pretty as yesteryear
You need many repairs, and painting too,
But your rustic beauty is just as dear
And all who have seen you will say it's true;
Little old bridge you have been there so long
With unpolished splendor that seems to last,
Stood floods and storms, and made happy the throng
Who used you daily in all the years past,
Old covered bridge may time never erase
Such beauty, by putting steel in your place.