

THE JEWETT FAMILY OF AMERICA, INC.  
BICENTENNIAL YEAR REUNION-ROWLEY, MASS.  
JUNE 26, 1976

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Co-Chairmen

TO: Members and friends of The Jewett Family of America

The directors of The Jewett Family of America, Inc., at their board meeting on August 15th and 16th, 1975, held at Shelburne, Vermont, voted to hold a national reunion of the Family in Rowley, Massachusetts on June 26th 1976. Plans for this reunion were first discussed at Gloucester, Massachusetts in 1973 and again in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1974. It does seem appropriate for a reunion in this the bicentennial year of our nation. The date of June 26th was selected in order not to interfere with plans that members and friends might have to participate in their own home communities during the July 4th week.

We will again meet at the Congregational Meeting House built in 1841-42 by Mark R. Jewett at the cost of \$5,000.00. This is but one of the "visible memorials of the ideals of the Puritans and their descendants" that are found all throughout New England.

Registration will start at 10 A.M. for members and friends. We plan an organ recital at 10:30 A.M.. You will appreciate this fine organ, it is considered one of the best around.

The morning session, with a speaker, will open at 11 A.M.. Programs will be on hand at the opening session listing the activities of the day. We hope to have a group picture taken after the A. M. session. This seems to be a traditional "rite". At 12:30 P. M., in the Parish Hall, a dinner will be served by The Florence G. Jewett Society of the church. This society was named to honor the memory of Miss Jewett who was born in 1854 and died in 1934. She was a member of the church for over 50 years. She left us not only a cherished memory of faith and service, but also a legacy of considerable monetary value. Her father, Mark R. Jewett, built the Meeting-house. We are most grateful to the ladies of this Society in providing the dinner.

At 2:30 P. M. there will be a short business meeting. At this meeting we will hear and act on the reports of officers and committees, elect officers and directors for the coming year and elect a new President.

The Rowley Historical Society, working in conjunction with the Bicentennial Commission, will present a program of 18th century music in the lovely gardens of the Society's Home. This program was held last year and was so popular that a repeat is called for. The Historical Society and the Bicentennial Commission have purposely scheduled this program for Saturday the 26th so that our Family members and friends may have the pleasure of attending. A chance to tour the Platts-Bradstreet House, the Society's Home, prior to the musical program will be well worth your while. The program itself will commence at 4 P.M..

For those who are coming any distance and plan to be in the area before and after the reunion, it would be well to have overnight reservations made in advance. Rowley, some 30-40 miles from Boston, Bunker Hill, Lexington and Concord, etc., will be in the general area of heavy travel during the bicentennial programs of many cities and towns. Rowley has but one small motel, The Rowley Motor Lodge, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Swenson. It is a fine quiet place to stay, and while they do not serve meals, it is only a five minute walk to a good restaurant.

The Town of Rowley has a fine committee working on their Bicentennial Program for the weekend of July 4th. We hope that our Reunion on June 26th will be of interest and help to them and the town. For those who plan to be in the area after Reunion Day, we are sure that you would be welcome at any one of our three churches; Congregational, Baptist and Roman Catholic.

We enclose a return notice that we urge you to return in order to plan for the dinner - this is most important. The tickets for the dinner will be at a nominal cost.

To close, we trust that our plans for this Reunion will be well received and that our Family Reunion will have purpose and meaning for us all.

The Declaration of Independence should be close to our hearts and minds. We are descendants of many who were active in the cause of Freedom so long ago. Let us repeat a few words of John Adams, "I can see that the end is worth all the means".

Toujours le meme,

*Robert W. Ashley* *Willard Jewett*  
Co-Chairmen