



September Meeting

~J. B. Sanders

Members should now submit their dues for the 2022-2023 year. In spite of inflation, dues are still a bargain at \$10.00 per household. Our mailing address is Galway Preservation Society, P.O. Box 276, Galway, N.Y. 12074.

Our next meeting will be held at 7 pm on September 12, 2022 at the Galway Town Hall. No refreshments will be provided and social time will be limited. The September meeting will start promptly at 7 pm with a business meeting that includes the review and approval of the 2022-2023 budget. After the business meeting, there will be a presentation by Dave Waite on the history of Blue Corners.

We are working to jointly present the program live at the Galway Town Hall and via Zoom for those who may wish to view the program remotely. Anyone wishing to join our meeting via Zoom should sign-in to the waiting room about 6:50 pm as the meeting should start promptly at 7:00 pm. The Zoom meeting number is 294 161 5132. Logging into this meeting number will admit you to a waiting room until I connect you to the meeting. I will send an email to everyone that I have email addresses for with a reminder of the upcoming Zoom meeting a few days before the meeting. I recommend that anyone wishing to install Zoom on your computer should go to Zoom.com and download the free version of Zoom. If you would like information about accessing the Zoom meeting you can go to <https://www.seniorsguide.com/technology/a-step-by-step-guide-to-zoom-meeting/> or the Zoom website. If you still have questions or need additional information, please contact me on 518-882-6239.

The Epitaph for Sarah Jewett

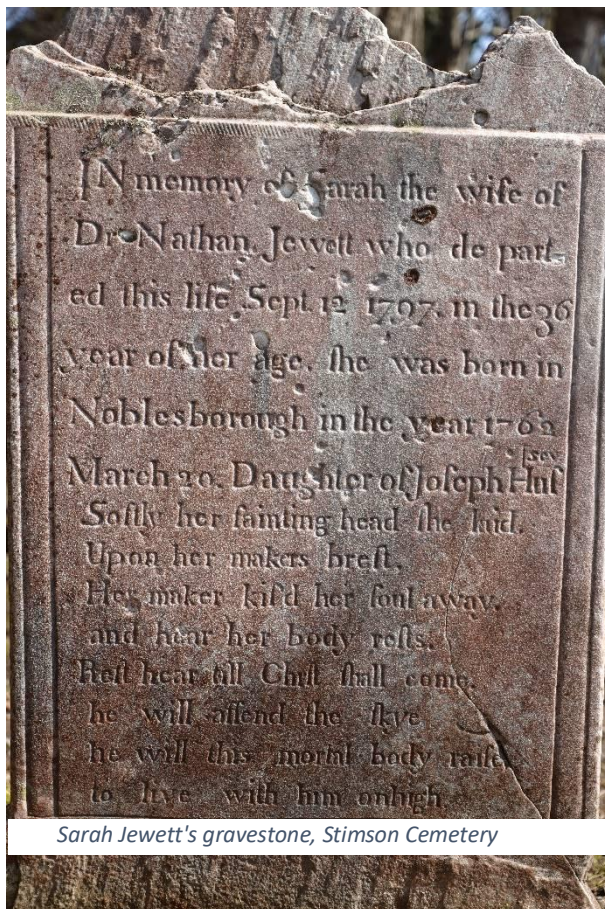
~David Waite

When traveling past the Stimson Cemetery on Consaul Road in the town of Galway you may notice three light brown gravestones sitting together close to the road.

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These are memorials to members of the Jewett family: Nathan, his wife Sarah, and their daughter-in-law Flora. These headstones are of red sandstone and are still clearly legible after two hundred years. They stand out in marked contrast to many in the Stimson Cemetery that are weathered and worn. The red sandstone for these grave markers is known as brownstone. A vein of this stone that is high in silicate and durable runs through northern Connecticut, the state where the Jewett line originated.

It is the center stone from this group that I find most interesting, as it offers both a record and poetic tribute with these words:



Sarah Jewett's gravestone, Stimson Cemetery

In memory of Sarah, the wife of Dr Nathan Jewett who departed this life Sept 12 1797, in the 36 year of her age. She was born in Noblesborough in the year 1762 March 20. Daughter of Joseph Hussey.

**Softy her fainting head she laid.
Upon her makers brest.
Her maker kis'd her soul away.
and hear her body rests.
Rest hear till Christ shall come.
he will assend the skye
he will this mortal body raise.
to live with him on high.**

Part of this verse is adapted from "The Death of Moses" by Isaac Watts. Similar adaptations have been found on gravestones in Ohio and England. Born in the United Kingdom in 1674, Isaac Watts was a minister, theologian, and popular hymn writer during his lifetime, his songs are still used today.

Nathan and Sarah Jewett had married around 1781 in the state of Maine, and four

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years later brought a baby into the world who they named Sally. This couple had three more children while in Maine, boys named Thaddeus and Nathan, and another girl named Nancy, who was born in 1789.

Nathan was the son of Revolutionary War veteran Caleb Jewett and his wife Rebecca. Caleb was one of the founders of the town of Sharon in Litchfield County, Connecticut. A minuteman in the war, he was a member of the Colonial Legislature for eleven sessions, and a selectman in his local community. Sarah was the daughter of Joseph Hussey from Noblesboro, Maine. Though some genealogy resources give her name as Hufsey, no record was found revealing her mother's name or tracing her family line.

One year after Sarah's death, Nathan purchased land in the town of Galway. It was in November of the year 1798 when Nathan paid Thomas Harrison two hundred and fifty dollars for twenty-five acres in Lot number three in the fourteenth Allotment of the Kayaderosseras Patent. Lot number three is in the southwest corner of the town, roughly in the area known today as West Galway.

Nathan followed Sarah to the grave only eight years after her passing. From his will, probated in late 1805, we learn that he had remarried, this time to a woman named Chloe. In his will, where he referred to himself as a physician, he left these instructions for the dispersal of his estate:

To wife Chloe a full and decent suit of mourning apparel and the fulfillment of their marriage contract that was held by Peter Veer Veeder, Esquire

To son Thaddeus five shillings

Daughter Sally Jewett two shillings and sixpence

Daughter Nancy two shilling and sixpence

Son Nathan Jewett five shillings

After paying all debt, the rest of his estate was to be divided in equal proportion among his four children.

Besides the record in the will of Dr. Nathan Jewett, nothing else is known about his second wife, Chloe. For his children from his first marriage, Thaddeus at first stayed in Galway but later moved to Waterford where in 1833 he was appointed as a toll collector at the Waterford & Sloop Lock. Thaddeus passed away in 1854 and was laid to rest in Galway's Stimson Cemetery.

Of Nathan's son, Nathan, nothing has been found in historic record so far.

However, his two daughters both have well-documented history. The oldest of the two was Sally, born in 1785. She married Jacob Johnson and together they raised a family in Granville, Washington County, New York. Her younger sister Nancy was born in 1789, and in 1807 she married Nathaniel Parker. After the death of her husband, she became the third wife of Reuben Skinner from Granville. Nancy passed away at the age of 77 in 1886 and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Middle Granville.

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While the Jewett line is long gone from Galway, their place in town history is assured while their brownstone markers stand tall along the edge of the Stimson Cemetery where members of the family are forever at rest.

In Memory of GPS Members

~Arlene Rhodes

With sadness we mark the passing of four GPS members this summer. Each contributed to our Society in a unique way.

Kurt L. Johnston was editor extraordinaire of the GPS Journal for sixteen years, beginning with Volume 3, Issue 1, September 1999 and ending with Volume 19, Issue 4, December 2015. With his encouragement, many members wrote articles for the Journal. Kurt had a keen interest in Galway history; he was always on the lookout for photos and ephemera and regularly incorporated these in his articles for the Journal. Kurt was instrumental in the creation, design and production of the second GPS brochure.

Although she did not often attend GPS meetings, Martha Clark Morris was a valuable source of information for the GPS photographic history book. She grew up in Galway Village and shared her stories and photos of life in Galway during the 1930s and 40s. She met with our committee members many times.

Scott Person attended meetings as often as he could and had been looking forward to taking a more active role in GPS activities in the future.

We will remember Hume B. Donnan with his broad smile and hearty laughter as he added a bit of levity to round-table discussions at our meetings. Hume lived his entire life on the family farm on Donnan Road. Through the years, he provided information for several GPS publications. If there was a question on farming methods, equipment or livestock, Hume was the one to ask.

Valued members, all. We celebrate their contributions to GPS and to our community.

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