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"GATH" IN MARYLAND SKETCH OF A WELL-KNOWN FAMILY

The Birthplace and Surroundings of Hon. Hugh J. Jewett—Graphic Pen Pictures of Venerable Homesteads in Harford County.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Enquirer. It is my habit every spring to make a carriage ride through some parts of Maryland, my paternal and maternal province. This year I concluded to take the most northern county, Harford, above Baltimore, wedged between the Chesapeake bay, the Susquehanna river and Pennsylvania. I went from New York to Havrede-Grace—where every train, however fast de-Grace-where every train, however fast must stop—in little more than four hours and lodged in the pretty little Harford

Leaving Havre-de-Grace at 7:30 o'clock, in a buggy, I was driven over a steep, rocky country for five miles, till the road descended by the bed of a dashing stream to Lapidum, or old "Bell's Ferry," opposite the well-known town of Port Deposit, on the Susquehanna. Three miles out from Havre-de-Grace at the hill-top, where the Chesapeake, with its many points, headlands and islands, looked in the distance like a vast mountain and forest lake, was the old broad-standing brick house, with broad, low-pitched roof of Commodore Rodgers, of the American navy. It looked to have been built early in the century, when every commodore, with his Tripolitan and British prize money, de-sired to build a great house. The entrance to Rodgers's mansion was from the rear, through an unfenced grove of oaks and chestnuts, so as to let the whole front be an unobstructed view of that unequalled bay into which six rivers emptied in sight of the commodore's piazza. The present Rodgers, I am told, is a Maryland militia colonel, holding the little office of collector of the port of Havre-de-Grace, at a salary of \$1,200

of \$1,200.
"He's a kind, grave old man," said the boy. "Him and Belmont, the big broker, married sisters (daughters of Commodore Matthew Perry). Bill Perry, his brotherin-law, or nephew, I don't know which,

The British burning Havre-de-Grace applied the torch also to Rodgers's mansion, which he called Zion Hill. The great sailor who lived here, John Rodgers, was second to Barron when he killed Decatur. Port Deposit, which might as well be built on a raft, so low is it to the water level and anchored to high granite cliffs, was erected by Col. John Cresswell, father of the late postmaster general, whose uncle. Jacob Tome, a Pennsylvania Dutchman, is the moneyed magnate of all this a closet or clothes press was in the cor- He bought up the property and re-

At Lapidum the buggy was run up the side of the Susquehanna canal for three or four miles, giving splendid river views, broad and rock-bound, and the roaring, bright current, broken with willowy inlets. At Rock Run we passed fine old mills and the wires not yet strung, waited to connect across the almost mile of flood. Before we came in sight of Conewago bridge, which the rebels guarded to prevent Maryland being invaded at the outbreak of the war, our road turned inward from the Susquehanna which we saw no more, and found a shady course up the bank of one of the most beautiful creeks in the Middle States, Deer creek. At its mouth is a great series of stone mills, employed in grinding bones, fiint and flour. This is the Deer creek on which Hugh J. Jewett passed his youth. Between this and the next mill above creek, is a very old Quaker settlement called Darlington. There the father and There lived on t mother of the Jewett boys are buried in the ancient Quaker grave-yard, by a meeting house, dating back to 1727. The army of Lafayette, moving to Virginia in 1780, found this old meeting house, already sixty found this old meeting house, already sixty in the shade of its years old, as they lay in the shade of its from Connecticut or Massachusetts and tall oak grove. Upon the tops of two low rounded marble stones, placed probably county. He married Annie Webster. and Recherche Styles of within a few years, are the letters:

'Susannah, wife of John Jewett. Died 9th month, 13, 1852, Aged 71 years.' "John Jewett, died 1 month, 28, 1824, Aged 77 years." 'James J. Jewett, 5th month, 9th, 1839,

Aged 23."

The latter was a brother of President

lewett, over whose body his mother, Susannah, a Quaker preacher, and the ablest woman probably ever known in Harford county, preached the funeral sermon. Leaving Darlington to be visited later, we continued past Wilson's mill up to Deer creek, passing agreat hollow, ruined stone mill, and on a hill above it a house sunken down with age, under whose prostrate roof it is said William Pinkney, the great advocate, was married when he had to borrow a suit of clothes. Not far beyond this the road leaves Deer creek and continues over the hills, and from their elevation we see the finest piece of granitesilled landscape in Maryland—a magniticent amphitheatre of high hills, on every hill a stone or wooden building, and all less Maryland slave-holder thas been here site, whereby there was a schism in Darand given pattern to the landscape. It is lington meeting, the orthodox minority the Quaker! Behold his apple orchards going off and building a new house of worand his old cherry trees along the lanes, ship. The will of John Jewett, the father his husbandry to save the black walnut of Hugh J. Jewett, is recorded at Belair—

fence where the boys will make paths. In the center of this rich green and nah Jewett, all my personal estate and also black-plowed landscape is a stone house all that part of my farm where I reside, on a cape of hill extending into the air to. north of the road from Deer creek iron ward Deer creek. A long lane with brown works to Dublin, during her natural life. painted fences and lines of locust trees de. To Joseph H. Jewett, my executor, the cends from the road into a dip of the pro montory and reascends again to the straight, pointed, stylish residence apparently built but yesterday. Yet the visitor detects in a moment something peculiar about the courses of the stone, which are Edward H. Jewett, their respective notes ently built but yesterday. Yet the visitor bout the courses of the stone, which are in parallel lines, and if any course is com- for \$1,900 and \$1,497, to which they stand menced small it so goes through the wider indebted to me, with interest accrued." courses. It is, in fact, an old house re- The personal estate of this modest Friend vived into a picturesque villa by the well- amounted to only \$237. known architect of Maryland, J. Crawford Here seven sons are mentioned by be-Neilson, who is now designing stations, quest and one daughter. The executor of &c., for the Erie railroad. He lives near

Mr. King, the owner, a bachelor Quaker of philanthropy and foreign travel, comes out of Kenton and gives us agreeable in-

"This honse," he says, "was the birth-place of all the Jewett boys, of whom there were eight or ten, all able, broadseeing, determined men, whom the country here could not hold. Hugh J. Jewett was the pioneer and helping spirit of them all. The old men around here remember him as a fine-looking, elastic, studious boy, working on the farm. The father of Mr. Jewett bought this place after being some Jewett bought this place after being some time in the vicinity, and he married Susannah Judge, a leader and preacher in the Quaker sect, and brought her to this house. It was built by the Husbands family, whose homestead is on the west hill, according to the white stone you see in the side front over my door." This stone said:

"J. H. and M. H.,
1770."

Sgnifying Joseph and Mary Husbands.
"You can hardly identify the exterior of the dwelling now," said Mr. King,
"because the architect has Gothicized it. The kitchen part, formerly plumb with the main dwelling, has been moved back and its cornice pierced with long, halfattic windows; architectural windows also have been added to the garret; all the windows have been arched with red brick above, and new red chimneys put on and a stone belvedere and screen have been added to the front, extending it. I have put the Greek fountain, the ice pond and the statue of a deer in the lawn. But him come inside and I will show you Kenton as it was !"

He leads the way directly into a square room, no vestible interposing, except the pretty front porch, and we see in the corner a richly carved modern mantel piece in oak, representing acorns and ears of corn. The whole room is wainscoted and cased in oak, still smelling fresh as when felled in the woods. An end room to the right also oak-faced marks the original subdivision, and this leads to the new oak staircase, with a carved bird on the balustrade. Except the modernizing and enriching, these rooms are of the dimensions as formerly. The old stone walls are two feet thick and are made of gneiss or syenite. A painting of the place as it was shows a two story, oblong house, three narrow windows wide, two dormers in the roof, a roofed porch and steps in front, and a kitchen as high as the eves, but of lower-pitched roof, with a smoke house part in the second-story of the end. It stood a substantial granite dwelling on a grassy hill, cool all summer, cold and wind-swept all winter.

"Now, I will show you the room Hugh J. Jewett was born in." The staircase in the northeast corner responding corner. Two deep silled windows lighted this room, which was of comfortable size, and here a line of American men passed the criticism of midwife and doctor and went handsomely and naturally to milk and sleep. The garret contained modern hydraulic arrangements the ruins of a long bridge across the Sus quehanna, on whose river abutments Jay for a grand bachelor bath. "It is a tradition," said Mr. King, "that when this Gould's brand-new telegraph poles, with house was built a party was held at the the North star.' And, sir, it is plumb at the gables with the axis of the North star.' So, by the same star, the third generation

has walked to use and station. The old family well is now a sink for the baths; the old seat under the locust tree on the lawn is gone, so is the stone school house on the farm where the Jewett boys received their first learning and birching. But the lovely, bold landscape, and the good old beams and timbers, are still Wilson's, on the heights north of Deer here, and the fortress-like walls that kept

There lived on the shores of the Chesapeake bay, about the river bush, an anhad two children, John and Thomas Jewett, of whom only John lived to be a man. His father dying, John was apprenticed, like the father of Gen. Grant, to a Quaker tanner, Joshua Husbands, by his uncle, John Lee Webster. The tannery was near Deer Creek, close by the farm and house described. By reference to the will of John Lee Webster at Bel Air, I find that he left "my two little nephews \$100 each when they shall be free of their master,

Joshua Husbands." This will was made May 28, 1795. John Jewett, orphan, adopted the Quaker faith of his master's family, became a good, upright, undeviating friend, and put by money and bought the Newton farm before the second war with England. He was born during the American Revolution, Old Darlington meeting was the Col. James Rigby, who turned Quaker and had 2,000 acres of land. After his meeting house had survived two wars and was the centre of the most contract of the contract of faintly remembered the American army the streams drooping out of the gray air into Deer creek, which was three or four hundred feet below their summits. The airy fields are plowed to their profiles, quent and sensible Quakeress, Susannah where, instead of goods, small groves of Judge, it is said, from Ohio, of Virginia forest trees are left to show the strength of the precious soil. The red, raveled gulleys of other parts of Maryland do not exist here. Live cattle graze along the broad, rapid creek or by its calm deep elbows. All the fences and improvements the meeting house, and when she died the are thrifty as New England, and stone meeting languished. Elias Hicks was her walls are often seen inclosing the fields. guest, and she took his side in the great One feels that some other than the shift- controversy between orthodox and Hick-

trees for what they add to winter cating, and encouragement to locusts for the best fence-posts. He also saves the springs for dairy cells, and puts a stile to cross the and bequeath to my beloved wife, Susansouthern half of the farm and my wife's

Cc., for the Erie railroad. He lives near Priest's Ford, within sight of this transformed dwelling, which is now the property of a retired Baltimore business man, Mr. King, who calls it "Kenton." Here the will was probably that son who preferred to stay near home and take care of his parents. He remained a Quaker, and recently removed from Mayland to Loudon county, Va., and is a farmer there.

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was born Hugh J. Jewett, probably in Monroe's administration. John Jewett, the eldest son, also remained around Maryland, and is now a citizen of around Maryland, and is now a citizen of

There was another son who did not leave a good practice in Baltimore he died near the age of 26, and was brought home to Darlington, to be buried in the old Quaker ground, and his mother, Susannah Jewett, preached the funeral sermon over his remains, with a faith superior to weakness. The only girl in the Jewett family, Annie. married Stephen S. John, of Harford county, Md., who made his married home married at Donald station, Pa. She became an

well known in New York, Ohio and Phila-delphia, and he led one of the most vigor-ous careers of any of the family. Going to New York city in boyhood, he became clerk in a large hide, bone, comb and cat-tle-reducing works. They found him clear sighted and with a mind able to grasp any subject in its broadest, relations. thing unduly low, he bought such a vast him a commission amounting to above \$100,000. He then went into business with his brother, probably Edward H., and they failed, owing to a business depression. Hence, probably, the notes aforesaid. Thomas then studied law, or rather took it up, and proved to have capacity enough in it to become judge. He settled in Ohio at Cadiz; was made president of a railroad and finally died in Philadelphia rich leaving a new judge. delphia rich, leaving a son now in business

and to a school near Wilson's mill and to a Latin school also. He taught school a short time in Cecil county and studied law with Col. John Groome, father of the present Maryland senator, at Elkton, Cecil county, Md. At the age of 20 he set out for the west and settled at St. Clairsville. He married the sister of a governor of the state acquired a wide practice and when went to three bed-rooms, two of which were lengthwise of the house, and the same the Central Ohio railroad was impoverished chimney provided for both their fireplaces, by harpies was made receiver of it, and he removed every man along the of the land.

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Maryland, Dr. James, and while enjoying Episcopalian.
Thomas D. Jewett, whose note was pre

sented to him above, was Judge Jewett, well known in New York, Ohio and Philasubject in its broadest relations. He was sent to South America and given a certain discretion to buy stock, and, finding everyamount that the timid part of the firm was afraid he had "swamped" them. But the venture made them rich, and they gave

Joshua Jewett emigrated, by his brother Hugh's advice, to Kentucky, dropped into law, became a celebrated land lawyer and was sent to Congress. But Kentucky politics are the enemy of steady habits and e died on the threshold of a large career. Isaac W. Jewett is the president of a ire insurance company in Baltimore city! Hugh J. Jewett, a Democrat, like his Quaker father, went to school on the farm and to a school near Wilson's mill and to a peated the same performance thirty years afterward with the great Erie railroad. which under his management has ceased to be a scandal. He is thus of English Quaker, English Episcopalian and New England types intermixed. All the family were handsome men, and he retains the fine air and kindly, yet commanding presence, very much suggesting Henry Clay. When I stood at his mother's grave it was all covered with periwinkle vine in beautiful flower, and the breeze from the Susquehanna and bay made every blossom nod. I thought to myself of the old saying of Solomon: Her husband shall be known at the gates when he sitteth among the elders

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