



A WALKING TOUR OF JEWETT-RELATED SITES IN OBERLIN



Jewett House (73 S. Professor St.)
Built in 1884. Photo 1930.

1. JEWETT HOUSE

Frank Fanning Jewett and his wife, Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett, bought this home unfinished in 1884, added many distinctive touches and lived in it until 1923 when they retired to Hawaii. They housed students, including some nieces and nephews, in the rooms on the second and third floors. Their only child died early in infancy.



2. City Hall (85 S. Main Street)



3. Old Village Hall
(now site of Hall Auditorium, 67 N. Main)

VILLAGE AND CITY HALLS

Frank Jewett served on Village Council for 8 years between 1885 and 1894. Meetings were held in the Village Hall, which stood where Hall Auditorium is now. Later, he would also have attended Water Works meetings in the new City Hall, built in 1919. He was elected on the Republican and Union Temperance Party tickets or Republican and Prohibition Party tickets and made Chair of Council in 1892.



(now site of Peters Hall, 50 N. Professor)

4. CABINET HALL

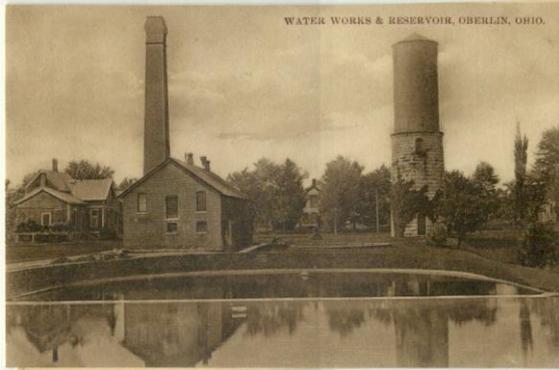
Prof. Jewett taught in Cabinet Hall, shared by most of the science departments, until 1901. It was so badly built that he remembered having to creep under the floor with a Bunsen burner to thaw the water pipes. The only available water came from a tank on the roof. One of his most successful students was Charles Martin Hall, who in 1886 discovered a way to inexpensively produce aluminum and later founded ALCOA, the Aluminum Company of America.



Interior of Severance Laboratory
(120 West Lorain St.)

5. SEVERANCE LABORATORY

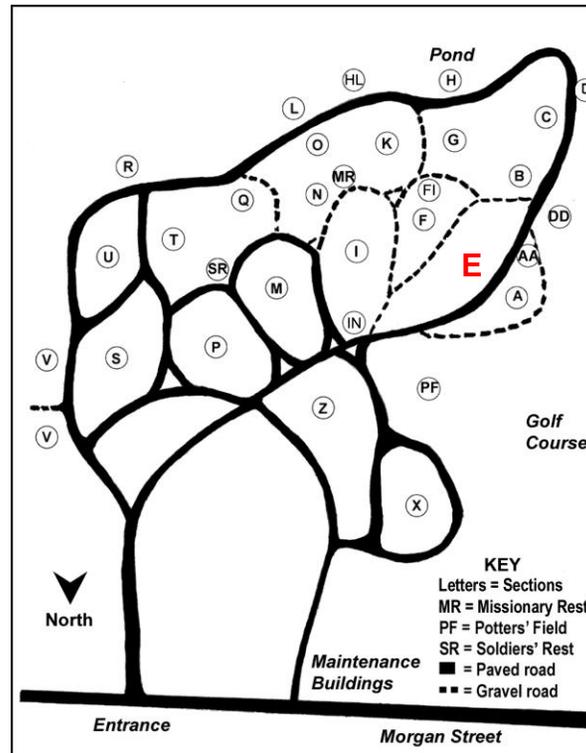
L. H. Severance, college trustee and father of one of Jewett's pupils, was so impressed with the professor that he endowed a professorship and financed the building of this state-of-the-art chemistry laboratory in 1901. Jewett provided specifications for both the interior and exterior of the building, including which bricks were to be used on the walls of the student labs. When he returned from a summer vacation and discovered that incorrect bricks had been laid, Severance did not object to having them torn out and getting the correct ones installed.



Waterworks ca. 1900 (205 Morgan Street)

6. OBERLIN WATERWORKS

Professor Jewett was very influential in the Village of Oberlin's decision in the mid 1880s to build a water treatment plant to replace private wells and cisterns and prevent the spread of typhoid and other diseases. In 1903 he designed and implemented the first water softening system in the country in the basins still visible south of the buildings. He served on the Water Works committee for 30 years and did regular testing of treated water. Frances Gulick Jewett, his wife, wrote many books on personal and community hygiene that were often used as textbooks in schools and colleges.

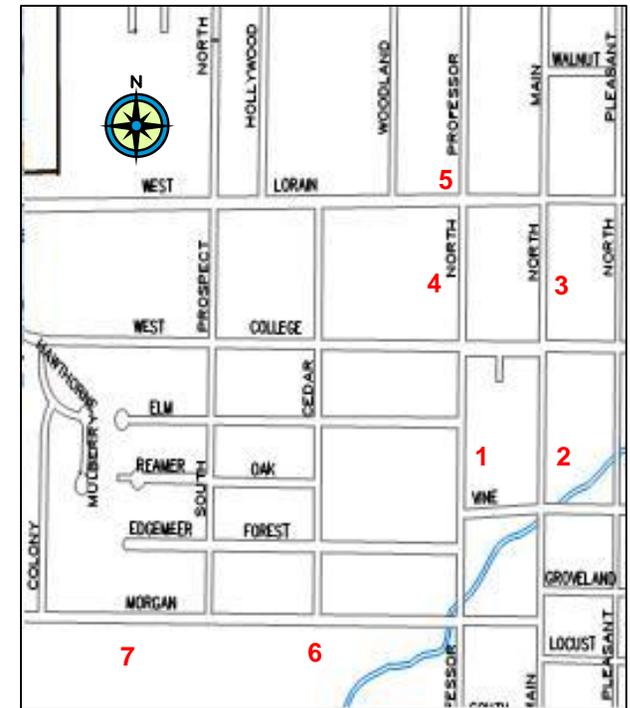


Westwood Cemetery (455 Morgan St.)

7. WESTWOOD CEMETERY

Frank and Frances Jewett and their only child are buried in this grave in Section E. Professor and Mrs. Jewett died in Hawaii, he in 1926 and she in 1937. Their ashes were sent to Oberlin for burial here.

MAP OF JEWETT SITES:



Key for Sites:

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| 1. Jewett House | 73 S. Professor St. |
| 2. City Hall | 85 S. Main St. |
| 3. Site of Old City Hall | 67 N. Main St. |
| 4. Site of Cabinet Hall | 50 N. Professor St. |
| 5. Severance Laboratory | 120 W. Lorain St. |
| 6. Oberlin Waterworks | 205 Morgan St. |
| 7. Westwood Cemetery | 455 Morgan St. |

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