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Frank Jewett and the Jewetts: More than Aluminum

Oberlin Heritage Center members and friends know the name of Professor Frank Jewett as the mentor of 19th century industrialist and philanthropist Charles Martin Hall, inventor of an inexpensive method for producing aluminum and co-founder of the Alcoa Company. The achievements of Jewett and Hall have been recognized by the American Chemical Society as a National Historic Chemical Landmark and celebrated by the Ohio Historical Society with a historical marker. Jewett's 1884 Queen Anne style home has been beautifully preserved and is part of the tour at the Oberlin Heritage Center. Learn more about the extended Jewett family whose roots date back to the earliest of America's settlers in an illustrated presentation by brothers Kenneth and Gregory Jewett. The event takes place at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:15 p.m., and it is free and open to the public.

Ken Jewett weaves together stories of this illustrious family, including John P. Jewett, who operated the Jewett Publishing Company, the first to publish Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and Jacob R. Shipherd's *The History of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue*; Sarah Orne Jewett, 19th century novelist and short-story writer; and Frank Jewett's brothers, Charles and Richard, who served in the Civil War as officers of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the regiment of free black soldiers whose superior service was made famous by the movie "Glory."

Since retiring as a Colonel in the Air Force following 30 years of active duty, Ken Jewett has authored a series of three historical fiction novels known as "The Valley Series" (edited by brother, Greg), all of which have been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in American Literature. He resides in Lexington, Virginia. Greg, a member of the Oberlin Heritage Center, lives in Findlay, Ohio.

For more information about this evening's program or about the Oberlin Heritage Center, visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call (440) 774-1700.

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