

## Cornelia Gould Dewey (1839-1924)

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Cornelia Gould Dewey was a charter member of Scott Club.

In 1880, Cornelia was living on Pearl Street with her husband, Henry Dewey, her two sons, Fred and Julius, and her widowed sister, Lucy Rogers (also a charter member). This is where she was living when the Scott Club first met as a reading group in 1883.

Cornelia Gould was born and raised in the town of Forestville, New York not far from Lake Erie, the second-oldest of six girls.

In 1861, she married Henry Dewey and moved from Forestville to Erie, PA, then to Almont, MI, and eventually to South Haven in 1865. Henry Dewey was a partner in the lumber firm of Dickenson, Rogers & Co. In 1870, Cornelia and Henry were living in the home of one of the partners, Samuel Rogers. It was in about that year that she encouraged her younger sister, Lucy Gould, to visit South Haven. (See biographical sketch of Lucy Rogers, Scott Club Founder).

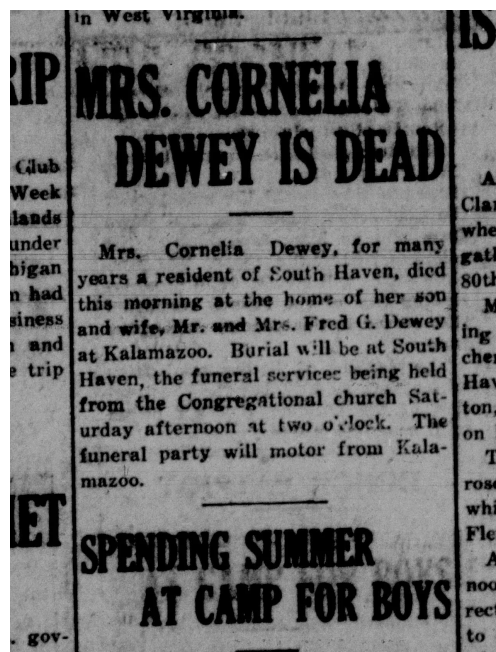
Cornelia was a charter member of the Scott Club at its founding in 1883 and was involved in the community in many other ways. She was a member of the Congregational Church (her family had one of the four memorial windows there), an officer in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and a Lady of the Maccabees.

By the time her sister, Lucy, relocated to Chicago in 1893, Cornelia and family had moved to Lucy's property on the corner of North Shore and Dyckman. By 1898, Cornelia was operating the Dewey Resort on that property (current site of The Yelton Manor) and the Hemlock Bluff Resort across the street. The Dewey Resort continued under several other owners until it was torn down in 1976.



Cornelia supported her husband in his many endeavors, which included the founding of a Fire Insurance agency in about 1875, the Oak Telephone Company in 1895, and a tenure as the South Haven Village Supervisor. During his term in office, the swing bridge over the Black River was built. He died in 1908 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Cornelia continued to operate the resorts along with her son, Julius, who also operated the Lakeside Resort on North Shore Drive. Her son, Fred, relocated to Kalamazoo and became Vice President of the Kalamazoo Savings Bank. After about 1910, she spent winters with Fred while maintaining a summer residence in South Haven. She died in Kalamazoo while staying with Fred in July 1924. She is buried next to Henry in Lakeview Cemetery.



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