

## STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2006

Welcome to the **FEBRUARY EDITION** of our newsletter.

### BACKGROUND

The STEWART family in Texas was headed by Daniel and Araminta STEWART of Hopkins County. They had twelve children – seven of these married and had children of their own.

These seven were: Sarah Jane Stewart **MARTIN CLIFTON DRENNAN** (married three times), Mary Catharine Stewart **WADSWORTH FLORENCE**, Effa Matilda Stewart **POSEY**, Louisiana Caroline "Lucy" Stewart **RABE**, Daniel Morrison **STEWART**, Joseph Coleman **STEWART**, Araminta Emma Stewart **STOCKTON**, and Louvenia Domer Stewart **FLORENCE**.

### VALENTINE'S DAY

I received a letter this month from Charlotte and Cal **STOCKTON**. Charlotte and Cal went to elementary school together. When they were in the first grade six-year-old Cal sent Charlotte a note,

*Dear Charlotte*

*I love you so much I wish to marry you when I grow up. I hope you will want to marry me when you grow up.*

*Your sweetheart,*

*C.C.*

*Nov 26, 1932*

Charlotte and Cal will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this June. Thanks, Charlotte and Cal, for being such a sweet Valentine's Day inspiration.

### CIVIL WAR LETTER

I forgot to mention last time, that along with the photo of Edith Lura MAXWELL, Orion MCLAIN also sent an [1862 letter written by his great-grandmother Amanda](#) to his great-grandfather James who was serving in the Civil War. It's a hair raising missive, so be sure to give it a read. Another letter dated 1886 from Edith's grandfather, James Harvey MAXWELL, mentions others in the STEWART family. Also worth a read. Thank you for these treasures, Orion. (Orion is a descendant of Joseph STEWART.)

### ARAMINTA EMMA STEWART STOCKTON

Cousin Bev WOODROOF is the angel that sent us a photograph of one of the 12 original children – Emma STOCKTON. Emma's holding her grand-daughter (Bev's mother) Azalea HENRY. There's still a few STOCKTONS that I haven't contacted yet, so there may be more photos of Emma. The STOCKTONS are sweet people, so if you want to dip your toe in third cousin waters, I'd suggest starting with them. They'll be happy to hear from you.



Araminta Emma Stewart STOCKTON holding Azalea Henry, her granddaughter, circa 1919.

### FOUND! THE WATSONS!

Mary Magdalena "Maggie" STEWART, descendant of Joseph, married James Conden WATSON. Only by cold-calling strangers (the same way I found many of you) was I able to finally locate Carl Van WATSON, the son of Maggie's son Carl Bowden WATSON. Carl and his sister Jo Ann have been a big help in filling out their section of the history. Van saved a lot of family momentos so I'm hoping he'll be able to share some of these with us in the future. In the meantime, please remember the WATSONS in your prayers, as two of their family members have been hospitalized.

**FOUND! THE HATFIELDS!**

Through someone on a message board, who knew someone who might know the HATFIELDS, I was able to track down descendants of Minnie Lee STEWART and William Robert HATFIELD. We should be learning more about this family in the months to come. Minnie Lee STEWART was the last of my grandfather Clyde STEWART'S siblings, for whom I had not been able to contact a descendant.

**FAMILY REUNION?**

After my son Elliott gets out of school in the middle of June, our little family will be traveling to Texas to meet some of our long-lost relatives. Several of you have voiced interest in putting together a little family reunion. Everyone seems to live within a 100-mile radius of Dallas. Please let me know if you'd be interested in joining us for a picnic/barbecue. Dallas would be equidistant to all the older relatives who may have trouble getting to the event.

Contact me as soon as possible if you are interested, or if you have any ideas as to a good location. My contact info is listed below.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Vera STEWART MACON of Texas (2.15), Bobby Gene STEWART of Montana, and Herman Lee HATFIELD (2.19).

**PASSINGS**

Opal Elizabeth MCCLESKEY WOOLSEY died December 17, 2005, at the age of 93. Opal was the daughter of Ollie Dola STEWART, who was the daughter of Josphe STEWART. Opal is buried next to her husband at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Hollywood Hills, LA County CA. Our condolences to her family.

**PRAYERS, PLEASE**

Orion Morgan MCLAIN broke his hip and is recovering in the hospital. Two members of the WATSONfamily have been hospitalized. Willie DAWSON is facing surgery. Please remember all of these cousins in your prayers.

**STEWART HISTORY WEBSITE**

The entire family history is online at:  
[www.ouramericanfamilies.com](http://www.ouramericanfamilies.com)  
You are welcome to log on anytime.

If you are not able to get to a computer, please let me know and I'll send you a paper copy of the history.

If you have any stories, letters, photographs, updates, or prayer requests, please send them to me and I'll post them in the next issue of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted materials.

Until next month,

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*"Old genealogists never die, they just lose their census."*



Daniel Edward McCleskey, Opal Elizabeth McCleskey, Ollie Dola Stewart, circa 1914

