

## STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2006

Welcome to the **APRIL 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**, 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**.

### THE POSEY FAMILY

We're blessed this month with a donation from a POSEY cousin - a POSEY family portrait take in 1909, presumably in the Dallas area. In the center of the photo stands James Henry POSEY, and Effa Matilda STEWART POSEY, married 21 OCT 1875 in Hopkins County TX. A photo of our great-great-grandfather Daniel Stewart has also been posted.

### THE FLORENCE FAMILY

Two Stewart sisters, Mary Catharine STEWART and Louvenia Domer STEWART married into the FLORENCE family. I knew that Mary Catharine, who first married Hogan WADSWORTH, had married a second time, due to her name change on the 1900 Dallas County Census, but I never knew which FLORENCE she married. I also knew that the STEWART family lived next door to FLORENCE Ranch in 1880.

Since I'm hoping to arrange a tour of FLORENCE Ranch for our family members, I called Historic Mesquite and told our story to a woman working there. She asked me to send the details in an email which she then forwarded to Julie MORRIS, a descendant of the FLORENCE family. Julie wrote back and told me that Catharine married John Hicks FLORENCE 28 MAR 1894. He died two years later.

### THE FLORENCE FAMILY (cont)

The grandson of John Hicks FLORENCE, John Hicks FLORENCE, Jr. was a physician, one of the first working at the Parkland Hospital. Mary Catharine never had children of her own, but was referred to as "Aunt Cat." She, and other family members, are buried in Vernoy Cemetery, in Grand Prairie, Dallas County TX.

Louvenia Domer STEWART, or "Dink," was married to Daniel FLORENCE, the son of Simeon FLORENCE, John Hicks FLORENCE'S brother. They lived in Rusk County, where their original home still stands.

## STEWART FAMILY REUNION

I've put a deposit on a vacation rental at Lake Tawakoni, near Wills Point in Van Zandt County, TX. The owners are allowing us to host a family barbecue/potluck. Please mark your calendar.

**11:00 A.M., Saturday, June 24, 2006**

### R.S.V.P.

Please R.S.V.P. to me as soon as possible, telling me whom you will be bringing, and what dish or dishes you'll be sharing. We'll have both a stove and refrigerator, as well as a gas grill.

### SURNAMES

There are few STEWARTS left, so chances are your name is not STEWART (mine isn't). If you are descended from or associated with any of the following surnames you are welcome to attend the potluck:

BRACKENRIDGE, BRAWNER, COMPTON, DAWSON, FARMER, FLORENCE, HATFIELD, KOON, LOONEY, MAXWELL, MCCLESKEY, MCLAIN, MOORE, MORTON, POSEY, POTTS, RABE, STEPHENSON, STOCKTON, WATSON, WILLIAM

The list above is not exclusive. If you've received this newsletter, you're invited. If you have a question about surnames, ask me. I'm happy to walk you through the family line. I'll also be inviting a few people from outside the family who have helped with compiling our family's history.

## OTHER REUNION ACTIVITIES

### Bring Your Family Photos

Please bring any photos, letters, or other family documents you'd like to have scanned. Later I'll put these on a CD which I'll make available to family members at cost (about \$1.00 for each CD).

### Visit FLORENCE Ranch

I'm arranging a private tour of Florence Ranch on Saturday, June 17. We may also be able to arrange another for Friday, June 23. Please let me know if you'd like to be included. The group may meet for lunch or coffee afterwards.

### Cemetery Tours

During the week of June 18 I'll be touring cemeteries in the area, searching for and photographing the gravestones of our ancestors. Please let me know if you'd like to join me and I'll send you a schedule of the sites I'll be visiting.

### Visit Our Homebound

There are a few relatives who will not be able to make it to the reunion. I will be visiting some of these the week before, and some the week after, the reunion. If you'd like to join me let me know, and as the dates near I'll provide you with a tentative schedule.

### Reunion Tagline | Vote Early and Often

Our little get together needs a tagline. My first thought was something kind of warm and fuzzy like, "Stewart Family Reunion: What Was Lost, Is Found." But then my evil twin kicked in and made a few suggestions. I have the highest regard for our family, and my mom doesn't think anyone will be offended, so please take these in the spirit in which they were intended - with a big wink.

### The Stewart Family Reunion:

"Hitting all the branches on the way down"

"In shoes since 1890"

"Having archaic and eating it too"

"A History of Death and Texas"

"Screening our calls from now on"

"How in the HELL did you find us again?!"

Vote for your favorite, or suggest your own. We'll see how it looks on a T-shirt and a coffee cup!

## PASSINGS

Elberon Grayson ANDREWS, beloved uncle, died 20 MAR 2006. He was 81. "Elby" was married to my mother's elder sister, Twyla Marie LARSON. She preceded him in death in 1992. I remember them being very much in love.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Charlotte Word STOCKTON (4.24) and Opal Nell HENRY SMITH(4.27).

## 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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*"The lack of emotional security of our American young people is due, I believe, to their isolation from the larger family unit. No two people - no mere father and mother - as I have often said, are enough to provide emotional security for a child. He needs to feel himself one in a world of kinfolk, persons of variety in age and temperament, and yet allied to himself by an indissoluble bond which he cannot break if he could, for nature has welded him into it before he was born.." – Pearl S. Buck*



**Daniel STEWART**  
b. 1810 North Carolina  
d. ~1900 Texas



**Front:**(children of Cordelia & John Posey)Clifford, Flossie, Vera  
**Back:** Lenora CATHEY BARHAM, Leonard ROBERTSON (son of  
Henrietta Posey ROBERTSON d. 1902), James Henry POSEY,  
Effa Matilda STEWART POSEY, Cordelia GRIMMET POSEY, John  
Harrison POSEY, circa 1909, Texas