

## STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2006

Welcome to the **JUNE EDITION**.

### 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**.

### [SIR WILLIAM STEWART](#)

William STEWART, born in 1839 in Alabama, was the first-born son of Daniel and Araminta STEWART. As such he inherited the title "Sir," most likely the title of a baronet purchased from the throne by a landowner in Scotland and passed on to the first-born male child.

William fought and died of wounds suffered in the Civil War. I had searched for some time for his Civil War record and recently wrote to the National Archives in Washington D.C. with a request. They matched my criteria and returned the record of Wallace W. STEWART, of the 18th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Company I, under Captain Peter Forney HUNLEY. Luther B. THWEATT (a relative through the POSEY family) and Frederick Seybert POSEY (whose brother Henry James POSEY married William's sister Effa) were both in this unit. Both survived the war and settled in Hopkins County TX. William was not so fortunate, losing his life at age 25.

The [STEWART Family Bible](#) contains the following entries:

*W.W.C. Stewart was Killed at Jonesborough, August the 31st, 1864*

and the correction:

*W.W.C. Stewart was wounded at the Battle of Jonesboro on the 31st of August 1864 & died on the 3rd September 1864*

### [SIR WILLIAM STEWART](#), continued

The Civil War service record that I received contains [this entry](#):

#### **Diagnosis:**

*Gun shot wound fracturing parietal bones*

**Missile:** Bullet

#### **Wounded at:**

*Jonesboro GA, Aug 31 to Sep. 1, 1864*

**Treatment:** Simple Dressing, 5 hours after Injury

**Remarks:** Left at Jonesboro GA

Though we cannot be 100% certain that this is our William, there are many similarities in the records that suggest he is. The W.W. STEWART in the war record shares the same initials and surname as the William listed in the family Bible; he enlisted in the service in our William's home town, Harpersville AL, along with friends and relatives; and he is wounded on the same day, and in the same place, as our William, and dies shortly after. No other STEWARTS from Harpersville enlisted in the 18th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company I.

The Confederate soldiers that died in local hospitals during the battles of Jonesboro and Atlanta were buried in unmarked graves in the Pat Cleburn Cemetery, Jonesboro, Clayton County, Georgia.

### [JOHN S. MARTIN](#)

John S. MARTIN was the first husband of [Sarah Jane STEWART](#), whom she married in Shelby County AL, in 1858. They had two children: [Mary Gertrude MARTIN](#) and John MARTIN. A "J.S. Martin" is listed on the roster of [Alabama's 18th Infantry Regiment, Company I](#), along with Sarah's brother William STEWART and many other friends and family members. When the STEWART family left Alabama for Texas around 1868, John S. MARTIN was not with them. He appears on no subsequent censuses and it is assumed he died in the war. His parents were William and Ede MARTIN. William's brother John MARTIN lived next door with his wife Sarah F. THWEATT, the aunt of James Henry POSEY'S first wife Sarah Caroline THWEATT. (Are you confused yet?) James Henry POSEY married Effa Matilda STEWART, Sarah Jane Stewart's younger sister, following the death of his first wife.

To make a long story short, I've sent to the National Archives for the Civil War Service

[JOHN S. MARTIN](#), continued

Record of John S. MARTIN, so maybe next month we'll find out what happened to Sarah's husband and Mary Gertrude MARTIN'S father. Sarah and John's son, John MARTIN, JR. was born around 1864. He's last found on the 1880 Rains County TX census living with Mary Gertrude MARTIN KNIGHT, her newborn son [Franklin](#), and her younger sister [Lula](#), from Sarah's second marriage to Nathaniel CLIFTON. Rumors in the family have John Martin, Jr. dying young.

[JOHN GREEN ENGLAND FAMILY](#)

[Thomas Newton STEWART](#), born in 1852, was the eldest son of [Daniel Morrison STEWART](#). Thomas Newton STEWART married Mollie Jane ENGLAND sometime around 1904. Mollie was from Mississippi. I first tried to locate her family a year ago but didn't have any luck. Since then I've learned that "Mollie" is a nickname for "Mary." My search for Mary Jane ENGLAND bore fruit. I found the family in Webster County MS and later in Dallas County TX. Marvin STEWART, Sr., Mollie's step-son, told me that the photo of the homestead I had on the Daniel STEWART homepage, was of Mollie's family, which means the people in the photo are John Green ENGLAND, his wife Eliza Gammill, their children Thomas Lee ENGLAND and Mary Jane ENGLAND, and other unknown relatives of John and Eliza. Thomas Lee ENGLAND, Mollie's brother, registered for WWI in Grand Prairie TX. His and Thomas Newton STEWART'S draft registrations both note that they work as stockmen for Butler Brothers in Dallas.

[JOHN J. WYNN FAMILY](#)

The little town of Desdemona, in Eastland County TX, was named for Desdemona WYNN, the daughter of local Justice of the Peace John J. WYNN. Two of the WYNN daughters married into families associated with the STEWARTS. Mary Josephine WYNN married Thomas Jefferson HENRY, whose son James Thomas HENRY married Loula Mae STOCKTON. Loula Mae's mother was Emma STEWART. Lela Kate WYNN married Reuben Daniel RABE, the son of Lucy STEWART. The Wynn family is now detailed on the site - photos to come next month. Many STEWARTS, STOCKTONS, and RABES were born in Desdemona.

**PASSINGS**

[Wilburn "Willie" Lee DAWSON](#)

4 OCT 1940 - 17 MAY 2006

[Thomas Dale HENRY](#)

26 JUL 1922 - 7 MAY 2006

[Lillie Parilee STEWART MAXWELL](#)

17 APR 1923 - 13 APR 2006

[Bobby Joe MCLAIN, JR.](#)

9 FEB 1951 - 3 APR 2006

Willie Dawson was my dad's cousin, my first cousin once removed. I spoke with him often on the phone. I'm very sad that I will not get a chance to meet this sweet man. – Teresa

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Eddie TULLAR (6.8), Johann DAVIS (6.9), Annette Stewart BROWN (6.10), and Garth LOONEY (6.25).

Until next month,

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*"There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children, one is roots; the other, wings."*

- Anonymous

**REUNION NEWS**

See attached



**Thomas Dale HENRY**

b. 26 JUL 1922,  
Desdemona, TX  
d. 7 MAY 2006,  
Stephenville, TX