

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – JUNE/JULY 2008

BACKGROUND

The STEWART family in Texas was headed by Araminta COLEMAN and Daniel 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**.

2008 STEWART FAMILY REUNION UPDATE

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

As many of you know, I had corrective surgery on my ankle on April 25th. I had every expectation of being well enough to host our Stewart Family Reunion scheduled for June 21st in Sulphur Springs, Texas. My recovery has taken longer than I thought it would and so I regret very much that I will not be able to attend the reunion with my family.

LADENA PARNACHER - YOUR NEW HOST

Once I realized this, I made a few calls and am happy to report that LaDena JONES PARNACHER has volunteered to host the reunion - same place, same time: Saturday, June 21st, Sulphur Springs, Texas. She will appreciate any offers of help from attendees that day.



LaDena Parnacher with me in Oklahoma, June 2006.

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GETTING TO THE REUNION

The reunion will be at:

The **Ag Building** in Buford Park
On Connally Street, between League Street
North and Buford Circle
Sulphur Springs, Texas

Turn off Connally into the swimming pool parking lot and the Ag Building is the blue building on Connally near the pool. (I'm not there and am negotiating between Google maps and a very nice man with a thick Texas accent, so if my directions are off a bit, please forgive me.)

Easiest:

Type: "buford park, sulphur springs, texas" into *Google.com* and print a *Google* map.

Telephone Contacts Day of the Reunion

LaDena Jones Parnacher can be reached on her cell: XXX-XXX-XXXX

LaDella Rabe Jones can be reached on her cell: XXX-XXX-XXXX

The doors open at 10:00am, and lunch will be set out at noon.

Bring your swim suits (and towels) if you want to take a dip.

You're part of the family and everyone wants to see you!

SULPHUR SPRINGS CEMETERY TOUR

The Sulphur Springs Cemetery Tour is still scheduled for Sunday, June 22. Details will be available at the reunion.

NOTE: DALLAS, MESQUITE, GRAND PRAIRIE AND GRANBURY

Because I won't be traveling to Dallas, **all of the PRE-reunion events in Dallas, Mesquite, Grand Prairie and Granbury are cancelled.**

This includes the Granbury lunch on Thursday, and the Vernoy Cemetery and Florence Ranch tours. In addition, the Silent Auction is cancelled. I did not have the energy to promote the auction properly.

TEXAS DEATH CERTIFICATES

As you may know, I've been purchasing copies of Texas death certificates for \$5 apiece from a researcher in Dallas. Little by little I've been able to add some dates to some of our family members, and expand on other families, as often the death certificates include the father's name, and the mother's maiden name, of the decedent.

I was thrilled to find out that Texas death certificates are now online and can be searched FREE by first and last names, parents' names, city, county, and date. I've been combing through dozens of certificates and will be updating many families over the coming month.



One of the most meaningful was the death certificate of the infant C.A. STEWART, born 17 JUN 1919 and died 16 AUG 1919. C.A. Stewart was the son of my grandfather, Clyde Arthur STEWART and his first wife, Mabel Ruby PORTERFIELD (pictured above). Mabel died of TB between 1920 and 1924, in Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado. With the help of my mother, Charlene STEWART, I was able to contact Mabel's youngest brother, A.H. PORTERFIELD, and through him, Mabel's youngest sister, Betty PORTERFIELD TEAGUE.

TEXAS DEATH CERTIFICATES, continued

I've sent Mrs. TEAGUE a letter requesting more information on Mabel, and am very happy to be able to fill in this information for my Grandfather STEWART.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember Dorothy Jo WILLIAMS MCPHERSON and Calvin Clayton STOCKTON in your prayers as they undergo treatments.

SPECIAL THANKS

to Mary and Brody KOON for arranging a venue for the reunion, LaDena PARNACHER for hosting the reunion, the JONES family of Oklahoma for all their support, Karen and Marvin STEWART for providing music, and Sarah Jean MEADERS for storing our reunion supplies and shipping them to LaDena. Thanks to everyone who has contributed funds for the reunion.

Until next month,

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"Human beings look separate because you see them walking about separately. But then we are so made that we can see only the present moment. If we could see the past, then of course it would look different. For there was a time when every man was part of his mother, and (earlier still) part of his father as well, and when they were part of his grandparents. If you could see humanity spread out in time, as God sees it, it would look like one single growing thing--rather like a very complicated tree. Every individual would appear connected with every other."

C. S. Lewis