

## STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – JULY 2007

### 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**.

**EFFIE ADA STEWART STEVENSON**, continued Effie Ada STEWART married Larkin B. STEVENSON on 19 DEC 1900, at the tender age of 17. Together they had two children, Eula May and Jesse Wallace. Sadly, Mr. STEVENSON died of pneumonia the 30th of January, 1908, leaving Effie a widow with two young children. Effie may have married once more to a Mr. MEYERS, as she's listed as Effie MEYERS (widowed) on the 1930 census.

This photograph, probably taken on their wedding day, was contributed by Linda BRACKENRIDGE DUNLAP, who is the great-granddaughter of Effie's sister, Maud STEWART BRACKENRIDGE. Thank you, Linda.

### EFFIE ADA STEWART & LARKIN B. STEVENSON

Effie was the third child of Mary Lee WELLS and Daniel Morrison STEWART. She was born 19 NOV 1883 and grew up in Dallas, Bell, and Erath counties.



The Daniel Morrison STEWART family lived in Bell County between the years 1887 and 1893, but could have been there a few more years on either side. Della Avery STEWART MAXWELL, the daughter of Joseph Coleman STEWART, moved from Bell County to Haskell County around 1900, so may have been living with relatives there. There are many STEWART families in Bell County.

### THE FAMILY RECORD OF M.C. STEWART

Many thanks to Beverly RYAN WOODROOF and Opal HENRY SMITH of the STOCKTON line for sharing with us the notes of their grandmother/mother, Loula May STOCKTON HENRY. On the 11th of April, 1943, Loula May copied down a family record that belonged to her mother, Araminta Emma STEWART STOCKTON. Emma obtained the record from her sister, Mary Catharine STEWART WADSWORTH FLORENCE.

From this record we were able to gather information new to us. First, Daniel STEWART was born in Richmond County, North Carolina, and his wife, Araminta D. COLEMAN, was born in Morgan County, Georgia. I have already been able to make an almost certain match with Araminta and the Thomas H. COLEMAN family, so we now have a new line of ancestors going back many more generations on her side. We hope the information about Daniel's place of birth will be equally helpful in taking the STEWART line back farther.

As far as names are concerned, we learned that Araminta D. COLEMAN STEWART's middle name was Domer. She gave this name to her youngest daughter, Lovenia Domer STEWART FLORENCE. We also discovered that the middle name for Sir William W. STEWART was indeed Wallace, so we are now able to verify with almost absolute certainty the Civil War record which we have on him. We learned that Anna Judson STEWART's husband was T.J. DUNLAP, the initials previously missing.

**THE FAMILY RECORD OF M.C. STEWART, cont.**

They were married 16 FEB 1888.

We knew little of Sarah Jane STEWART and John S. MARTIN's son, John MARTIN. From Mary Catharine's record we now know his birthdate, 15 JAN 1863, and his middle name, Towers. Comparing this with a headstone for John P. MARTIN that I found in New Hope Cemetery off of Highway 19 out of Sulphur Springs, I was able to match the dates and find his death date, 8 APR 1888. It could be that his middle name was actually Powers, and that the P was mistaken for a T over the many copyings. The grave is next to that of his uncle, Franklin P. KNIGHT, SR., the first husband of his sister, Mary Gertrude MARTIN. John lived with the KNIGHT family after his mother died when he was just 15.

I'm actually very excited about finding more on John MARTIN. Every time I'm able to complete a record for a person in our family I feel that I've brought them home, that no matter how brief their life, they will be remembered, and remain a cherished page in the book that is our family.

Thanks, Bev and Opal, and all the STOCKTON family for sharing this information with us.

**LULA CLIFTON AND DICK POTTS**

Modene NABORS HUGGINS, of the Sarah Jane STEWART line, let us copy this wonderful photo of her grandmother, Sarah's daughter Lula D. CLIFTON with her second husband Joseph Richard "Dick" POTTS. My mother, Charlene LARSON STEWART, and I had lunch with Modene and cousins Mary and Brody KOON and Velma Jean KOON RUTH, who provided us with a wealth of information on the KOON line. Lula's first husband was Francis M. STOCKTON, the son of Drury W. STOCKTON. He may have been a cousin to the William and Merena STOCKTON line, into which Araminta Emma STEWART married, but at this point only DNA will prove this additional family connection. I strongly encourage a male from the STOCKTON line (Cal, Warren, or Wilber!) to take the test and confirm this connection, or lack thereof.

We visited the Old Shirley Cemetery, off Highway 19, and photographed the headstones

**LULA CLIFTON AND DICK POTTS, continued**



of Lula CLIFTON and her first husband Francis M. STOCKTON, along with F.M. STOCKTON's uncle Porter and cousin Delmar STOCKTON. Porter and Delmar STOCKTON were involved in a tragic dispute with their neighbors Price and Clarence WOOD. The dispute turned violent, resulting in the deaths of two men from each family. The 1919 tragedy rocked the little community and the two families involved. The families were later reconciled, having been close friends before these incidents.

Thank you, Modene, for sharing this photograph with us.

**LON PARSONS AND IDA MCALLISTER**

Phyllis SCHUH CRAIG, the granddaughter of Ida MCALLISTER and Lon PARSONS, sent me a package of pictures of the Lon PARSONS family. There is a high probability that Lon PARSONS is William Alonzo PARSONS, the son of Narcisa COMPTON PARSONS and the grandson of Simpson COMPTON. Narcisa's sister Nancy Louise COMPTON married Joseph Coleman STEWART.

The minor child "W.L. PARSONS" and/or "Lon

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**LON PARSONS & IDA MCALLISTER**, continued

PARSONS" is mentioned twice in the probate record of Simpson COMPTON. He and his brother, the minor child "W.A. PARSONS," lived in Lamar County, AL. There was an A.J. PARSONS with a wife named "Sis" living in Vernon, Lamar County, AL, in 1880. At that time they had two children, Nora and Alonzo. In May I acquired Lon's 1947 funeral home record from the Hopkins County Genealogical Society and among the survivors is listed his brother Walter. From there I found a WWI Draft Registration record for Walter Alexander "PARSON", listing Lon PARSONS of Yantis, TX, as his closest contact. Lon did, indeed, live in Yantis. So, though we have no firm proof that this Lon and this Walter are ours, the weight of circumstances suggests that they probably are.



Lora Ayers, Ida Virginia McAllister Ayers Parsons, William Alonzo "Lon" Parsons, East Texas

Phyllis told me that Lon worked as a farmhand for the recently widowed Ida MCALLISTER AYERS. Ida had five children at the time, one being Lora (pictured). Lora never married, cared for Lon until he died, and is listed as the informant on his death certificate. Thank you, Phyllis, for your generosity.

**DANIEL MORRISON STEWART FAMILY**

Dovie and Walter PITTMAN contributed this wonderful group photograph of the Daniel Morrison STEWART family. Walter is the son of Abbie THOMPSON. Abbie was the granddaughter of Daniel Morrison STEWART, the daughter of his first-born, Delilah Mae STEWART THOMPSON.

**DANIEL MORRISON STEWART FAMILY**, cont.



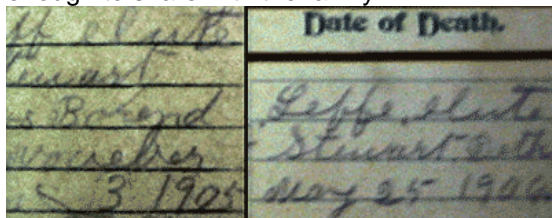
**Best guess:** Luna Oney Stewart Breckenridge, Eliza Young England, Susan Wadsworth Wells Sorenson, Molly England Stewart, Oscar Stewart, Mary Lee Wells Stewart, Floyd Stewart, Daniel Morrison Stewart, Viola Breckenridge, J.T. Breckenridge, Eula Stevenson, Effie Ada Stevenson, Jesse Stevenson, Daniel Lee Stewart, Delilah Mae Stewart Thompson, Maud Stewart Brackenridge, Abbie Thompson, Clay Brackenridge, 1914, old Stewart house where many of the children were born.

To the far right of the photograph, you'll notice a wooden post with a piece of barbed wire sticking into the picture frame. It seems the front gate needed to be open to allow the photographer to back up far enough to get everyone in the picture. Thomas Newton STEWART is the only child of Daniel Morrison STEWART absent. Since his family is present, Thomas may have been taking the photograph. Or, the man standing behind Daniel Morrison STEWART, that I've labeled J.T. BRACKENRIDGE, may be Thomas Newton STEWART. If anyone can help with these IDs, please let me know.

Thank you, Dovie and Walter, for sharing with all of us.

**JEFFIE STEWART MYSTERY**

Jeffie E. STEWART was the first son of Mollie Jane ENGLAND and Thomas Newton STEWART. He lived only about seven months. His birth and death dates are recorded in the Daniel Morrison STEWART Family Bible, which Linda BRACKENRIDGE DUNLAP was kind enough to share with the family.



**JEFFIE STEWART MYSTERY.** Continued

Portions of the two entries are listed above, showing his middle name as what looks like "elute." I have, however, been unable to find any such name referenced anywhere, so assume I must be misreading the image. Jeffie's headstone lists his name as Jeffie E. STEWART, but if the name was filled out in a form, the stonecarver may have made the same error I have. If anyone has an idea what this name may be, please let me know.

Thank you, Linda, for sharing your family Bible with us.

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**JUST IN | MORTONS AND STOCKTONS**



Opal HENRY SMITH sent me this photograph of a MORTON / STOCKTON family get together sometime in the 1960s. Edna RABE MORTON is pictured center back, the woman with the three black buttons on her dress. This is the first photograph we've acquired of Edna RABE MORTON.

My best guess on the others is:

**Front:** Steven Sparks, Beverly Ryan, Melisa Sparks, Nancy Acker Sparks

**MORTONS AND STOCKTONS,** continued

**Back:** Mildred Morton Acker, Loula Stockton Henry, Unknown, Lela Stockton, Nealy Morton, Edna Rabe Morton, Azalea Henry Ryan, Ethel Henry Daniels, Unknown, Kizzie Duke Stockton, The unknown couple may be Doyle Morton and his wife, as Bev thinks he was a minister close to the family.

If anyone can help with these IDs, please contact me.

Thank you, once more, Opal, for your generosity.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Robert K. "Bob" RABE (7/1), and Darryl Bruce STEWART (7/31).

**PASSINGS**

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to cousin Tom PARKINSON and his family on the loss of his wife, Judy Mary TUFFIELD PARKINSON, 24 JUN 2007.

Until next month,

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- Johann Schiller