

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**.

Every now and then I think I'm finally going to run out of new discoveries to share with you. I'm always sending out queries, but no longer wait as expectantly as I used to, as often I do not get a reply. Today, however, I was greeted with a stack of replies, full of family information. The first I will share with you is the Confederate Pension Records sent from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

CONFEDERATE PENSION RECORDS

I've received Confederate Pension Records from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the following family members: Samuel Oliver Stockton, William Porter Stockton, John Hosea Stockton, James Harvey Maxwell, and Frederick Seybert Posey.

I have not edited or made corrections to the testimonies as written in the pension records.

Samuel Oliver Stockton

Samuel and Mary Clarrisa SHUMATE were married 20 NOV 1868 in Hunt County TX. Mary Clarrisa SHUMATE STOCKTON died 7 FEB 1922 from burns sustained while cooking. She was born in Benton County AR. William Franklin STOCKTON and Sarah Madison STOCKTON HOLMESLY, Samuel's brother and sister, testified that Mary Clarrisa SHUMATE STOCKTON was the widow of Samuel Oliver STOCKTON. Her son, James N. STOCKTON, signed her mortuary warrant.

William Porter Stockton

Lucinda Emeline IVY STOCKTON, the wife of William Porter STOCKTON, died 9 FEB 1937.

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William Porter Stockton, continued

John Hosea STOCKTON testified that he served with Porter. Lucinda Emeline IVY STOCKTON suffered from senile debility and died of chronic bronchitis.

John Hosea Stockton

He filed form A, "for the use of soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances." He testified,

My Regiment had disbanded and gone home at the time of the close of the war, and I was at home at that time which was in Feb, 1865, hence I was never discharged from the army, I together with 50 others of my Reg, went home without permission about 2 weeks before the Reg. disbanded, we left with the knowledge of the our Lieu, we did not consider that we deserted as we were never called back to the army any more but we aimed to go back if called.

Sarah Madison STOCKTON HOLMESLY testified that John Hosea STOCKTON served in the Confederate Army.

I know that J.H. Stockton went to the army and served in the Texas army, I knew the time he went to the army and the time he came back from the army, and it fell my lot to weave and make the clothing for J.H. Stockton while he was in the army.

Sarah Madison STOCKTON, according to Stockton family historian Willie Emma Jean STOCKTON WHISENHUNT PRUETT, was the family spinner and weaver.

We do know she helped her mother at the spinning wheel for hours and hours at a time. For they had to make their clothes, eleven of them. The family thought that Sally sat in one position so long, at a time when her body was growing, that it caused one shoulder to be lower than the other one.

Quitman IVEY, a brother-in-law, also testified, having served with John Hosea STOCKTON in the 23 Texas Calvary, Company I, Goulds Regiment. He testified that he knew of John's service,

By personally serving with him, I never knew of any other soldier by the name of J.H. Stockton.

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James Harvey MAXWELL

He and Amanda Lavina WILLIAMS married 3 APR 1859 in Benton County AR. At the time of her pension application Amanda testified,

I own no land - own two milk cows worth about \$40.00.

Anderson Henderson HENRY testified that she was the widow of James Harvey MAXWELL. A.H. HENRY was the spouse of Sarah Elizabeth WILLIAMS, a probable cousin of Amanda's. This relationship provides further evidence that Amanda's mother, Sarah WILLIAMS, was the daughter of Clarissa GORE and Samuel WILLIAMS. Amanda's brother, F.M. WILLIAMS, also testified.

Amanda died of pneumonia in 1932.

NOTE: I can find no relationship between Anderson Henderson HENRY and the HENRY family that married into the STOCKTON family.

Frederick Seybert POSEY



Frederick Seybert POSEY was the brother of James Henry POSEY who married Effa Matilda STEWART. Frederick Seybert POSEY and Mary A. BEVILLE were married 5 DEC 1875 in Hopkins County TX. Mary BEVILLE POSEY was born in Tennessee. She states that he served in Company "C" of the 35th Texas Calvary, Terrells

Brigade. J.S. Lewis and T.B. Carroll testified that,

We, and each of us, positively know that Seybert Posey served in the Confederate army by reason of both of us having soldiered with him. We and each of us saw him repeatedly during such service, and talked with after and we cannot be mistaken, but absolutely sure that he made a good and faithful soldier.

Frederick Seybert POSEY's record was not located as the War Department replied,

There are no rolls of file in this office of Company C, 35th Texas Calvary, Terrells Brigade, Confederate States Army. There is on file, however, a roster of officers and a list (not dated) of men absent from Liken's 35th Texas Cavalry (of which Wm. A. Wortham was major), but the name F.S. Posey is not borne thereon. No record has been found of the

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Frederick Seybert POSEY, continued

capture or parole of a man named F.S. Posey as of the organization mentioned.

A Masonic Resolution made upon his death stated,

[Frederick Seybert Posey] joined the Confederate service, joined Capt. Dan Martin, Co. I, Col. Henleys 18th Regt.; was discharged on account of bad health; came to Texas, volunteered in a Cavalry Co. in Sulphur Springs.

I've ordered several more records, for John Henry WILLIAMS, Francis Marion WILLIAMS, John J. WYNN whose application was rejected, and a few others. My hope is that these records will resolve longstanding family mysteries. *Mad props* to the great State of Texas for so generously supplying these documents.

MARVIS WADE KOON

May STOCKTON, the daughter of Lula D. CLIFTON and Francis M. STOCKTON, married Herman Chester KOON. Lula was the daughter of Sarah Jane STEWART and Nathaniel CLIFTON. The first son of May STOCKTON and Herman Chester KOON was Marvin Wade KOON, brother to Juanita, and Brody KOON. Marvin didn't care for being confused with another Marvin at his school, so changed his name to Marvis. He later married the lovely Velma Lee SHAFER, whom he met at the East Texas State Teachers College, in Commerce, Hopkins County, Texas.



On a day trip to Sulphur Springs, after the reunion last May, I had the pleasure of meeting Velma Jean KOON RUTH, the daughter of Velma Lee SHAFER and Marvis KOON. A recently retired schoolteacher, Jean is a budding genealogist and supplied me with a set of beautiful family photographs. Thanks, Jean.

EDNA G. RABE & NEALY AMBROSE MORTON



Front: Steven Sparks, Beverly Ryan, Melisa Sparks, Nancy Acker Sparks
Back: Mildred Morton Acker, Loula Stockton Henry, Unknown, Lela Stockton, Nealy Morton, Edna Rabe Morton, Azalea Henry Ryan, Ethel Henry Daniels, Preston Florence, Kizzie Duke Stockton, circa 1963.

Opal Nell HENRY SMITH sent me this photograph of a reunion of the RABE/MORTON and STOCKTON/HENRY, and FLORENCE families. Opal is the granddaughter of Emma Araminta STEWART, who married Wilce STOCKTON.

To date, this is the only photograph we have of Edna Goldie Rabe MORTON, the youngest daughter of Louisiana Carolina "Lucy" STEWART and Robert William RABE. There were two people in the photograph whose identities we were unsure of. The first was the young woman kneeling in the bottom row. She turned out to be Nancy Lou ACKER SPARKS, the daughter of Mildred Morton ACKER, the first woman in the back row, left. I contacted Nancy SPARKS and she replied with information about the MORTON family that I didn't have before, such as Edna's birthday, and the identity of the man standing behind her, Reverend Preston FLORENCE, the son of Lovenia Domer STEWART and Daniel FLORENCE.

It's rewarding to see that three branches of the family stayed in touch, and that, through the reunions, we are able to carry on that traditional of amity and familial affection today.

UPDATES TO FAMILY BOOKS

Stockton Family

pages 3 and 8: Samuel Oliver Stockton and Mary Clarrisa SHUMATE, were married 20 NOV 1868, Hunt County TX. Mary Clarrisa Shumate Stockton died 7 FEB 1922 in Lone Oak, Hunt County, Texas, and is buried in Lynch Cemetery, Rains County, Texas.
Source: Confederate Pension Record

BIRTHDAYS.

Happy birthday to Joann Hulda Watson (8/11), Marvin Stewart, Jr. (8/18), Hedy Susan Stewart (8/21), Marvin Stewart, Sr. (8/27).

Until next month,

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"Life is a flame that is always burning itself out, but it catches fire again every time a child is born."

- George Bernard Shaw



Thanks, Opal!