

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – August 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.

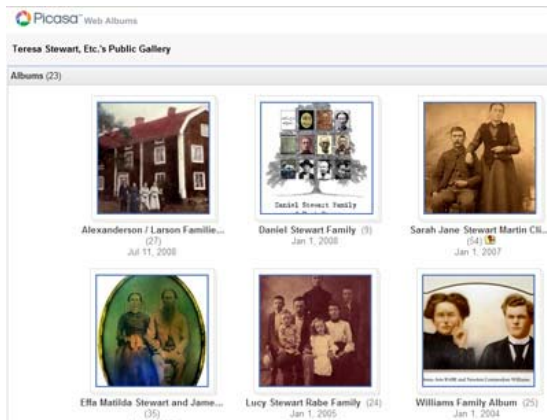
These seven were: Sarah Jane Stewart **MARTIN CLIFTON DRENNAN**, Mary Catharine Stewart **WADSWORTH FLORENCE**, Effa Matilda Stewart **POSEY**, Louisiana Caroline "Lucy" Stewart **RABE**, Daniel Morrison **STEWART**, Joseph Coleman **STEWART**, Araminta Emma Stewart **STOCKTON**, and Louvenia Domer Stewart **FLORENCE**.

2008 STEWART FAMILY REUNION

As most of you know, I was not able to attend the reunion. LaDena PARNACHER hosted the reunion in Sulphur Springs, TX, along with her mother, LaDella RABE JONES, her brother Jeff JONES, and their families. There were 26 people in attendance. Karen and Marvin STEWART, JR. were there to provide music, Brody and Mary KOON helped secure the venue and helped organize things, and Garth LOONEY helped with cleanup.

Summer is a busy time for everyone, so I'm hoping that as things wind down next month, I'll receive photos from some of the attendees to post for you.

FAMILY PHOTOS



I've posted most of our families' photos online at www.picasa.com/teresa.piccolotti

While many of you are not online, I do want you to know that these albums are available for you to look through, download, comment on, and print. You may need to get someone else to help you, but it's really worth a look so I encourage you to try.

The best thing about having these photographs, about 400 of them, online is:

1. They are accessible to all family members
2. They are safe from the elements and loss
3. They have all been labeled as accurately as possible, so our children will know who the people in the pictures are.

All of this is without cost. If you have any photos or documents you'd like to add, please contact me and I'll help you add them.

MABLE PORTERFIELD AND CLYDE STEWART



While looking through the recently digitized Texas death certificates I came across one for C.A. Stewart of Eastland County, Texas. This was the infant son of Clyde Arthur STEWART and his wife Mable. For my cousins and me, it's a surprise to find out we had another uncle.

Baby Clyde was buried in Willow Cemetery, Haskell County, Texas. Mable's last name is provided on her son's death certificate - PORTERFIELD.

With the help of my mother, Charlene STEWART, I was able to locate one of Mable's brothers, A.H. PORTERFIELD, who gave me the name and address of Mable's only sister, Bettye PORTERFIELD TEAGUE. Bettye wrote me a long letter about Clyde and Mable, excerpted below. She also sent me Mable's birth and death dates so I was able to complete Mable's genealogical record.

Bettye wrote,

I don't know the date that Mable & Clyde were married... Anyway, they were living in a tent in Ranger, Texas. There was an oil boom in Ranger at that time and it is such a small town there was not any housing to be found because there were so many people so they

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – August 2008, page 2

MABLE PORTERFIELD & CLYDE STEWART,
continued

lived in a tent. After the baby passed away she developed tuberculosis and our Father took her and checked her into the T.B. Sanitorium near San Angelo, Texas for treatment. She did get good treatment there and began to improve. When she was ready to leave the Sanitorium Dad went to get her and the Doctor told him to take her to a higher climate. Since Dad had two brothers living in Lamar, Colorado he decided to go there. He sold everything he had and moved us all to Colorado. I don't know how long we lived there before she passed away. I remember Clyde was there off & on and I suppose he was working somewhere. He left to go to a job somewhere I guess. Anyway he was not there when she passed away. She was buried in a country cemetery a few miles from Lamar, Colorado.

Mable's nephew, Nolan PORTERFIELD, also located by my detective mother, was kind enough to send me this photo of Mable. He wrote that Mable was the apple of her father's eye and that he didn't think much of Clyde, that he felt the circumstances of their marriage and housekeeping contributed to her illness. They were both just twenty when they married.

WILLIAM HENRY COLEMAN AND ELLEN ELIZA THRAILKILL



Larry MCCUTCHEN, a descendant of one of Araminta COLEMAN STEWART's brothers, contacted me recently to share information on the COLEMAN family. He sent me a copy of the photo above, of William Henry COLEMAN and his wife Ellen Eliza THRAILKILL. William Henry COLEMAN was the nephew of Araminta COLEMAN STEWART, the wife of Daniel STEWART.

WILLIAM HENRY COLEMAN AND ELLEN ELIZA THRAILKILL, continued



Larry put me in touch with Linda GRENNAN, my fourth cousin once removed, who gave me permission to post the photo online. She'll be sending us more information on the COLEMAN family.

Working through Texas death certificates, which were recently posted online, I was able to add a considerable amount of information to the COLEMAN family. If you're keeping up, please update your records.

This photo of Araminta Coleman Stewart, above, bears some resemblance to that of her nephew, below left.

BERTIE, JOHN WILLIAM, AND ARTIE MARTIN



Jim NORRIS, a MARTIN descendant, sent me this beautiful photo of the three children of Aletha Ellen ROBERTSON and John Powers MARTIN. John was the son of Sarah Jane STEWART and John S. MARTIN. John S. MARTIN died during the War Between the

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – August 2008, page 3

BERTIE, JOHN WILLIAM, AND ARTIE MARTIN,
continued

States. Sarah, Araminta and Daniel's eldest child, traveled with them to Hopkins County, Texas, bringing with her her daughter Mary Gertrude MARTIN.

CLYDE AND CLAUDE AND A HOMELESS PIANO



Clyde Arthur Stewart (far left), Claude Price Maxwell sitting on piano, possibly Homer Hatfield - seated with mandolin, and possibly his friend, Clage "Doc" Raughton, in front of the Haskell County Courthouse, Haskell, Texas, circa 1920

Patricia STEWART FAIRCHILD, the daughter of Clyde Arthur STEWART, sent me this photo of her father and his friends on a flatbed wagon that may be part of a parade. The sign they are holding says, "This PIANO will be GIVEN AWAY Mon. Oct 2nd. CALL FOR YOUR TICKETS."

You may see or download a larger copy of this image at www.picasa.com/teresa.piccolotti



Thanks, Aunt Pat.
This photo is gem!

The photo to the left is Homer Hatfield and "Doc" Raughton, from the collection of W.D. and Ethylene Hatfield.

IRA VERNON WILLIAMS AND AVIS LOONEY



Ira Vernon Williams and Avis Looney, circa 1912, Texas



Mary Gertrude Martin Potts, Ethel Williams, Avis and Jim Looney, and Ira Williams (front)

Virginia Ann THOMPSON, the daughter of Ira Vernon WILLIAMS, provided us with a copy of this photograph after the 2006 Stewart Family Reunion. She did not know the identity of the little girl.

Ira was the son of Doma Arie RABE and Newton Commodore WILLIAMS. Doma was the daughter of Lucy STEWART and Robert Williams RABE. Doma died in 1911, and Newton died the following year, leaving six orphaned children. Ira was the youngest. Ethel Jewel Williams, Ira's older sister, and Ira were sent to live with Kieffer Franklin LOONEY and Hannah

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – August 2008, page 4

IRA VERNON WILLIAMS AND AVIS LOONEY,
continued

POTTS in Hopkins County, Texas. Hannah was the daughter of Mary Gertrude MARTIN, and the granddaughter of Sarah STEWART.

As I processed all of these photographs, putting them into the various family folders to which they belong, I noticed a young girl who looks just like the one pictured here - Avis LOONEY. It makes sense that the little girl is Avis, as Ira lived in her house.

OTHER NEWS

As some of you know we had a little earthquake here yesterday, which didn't do much more than rattle our nerves. A few things fell off the shelves, but that was about it.

My ankle is much better and I'm almost back to normal. I've been to the beach three times now, and on Saturday swam over the top of a 5' long leopard shark. I mentioned it to the lifeguard and she told me, with a straight face, "They don't bite – much." In truth, they're bottom feeders with very small mouths and shy away from humans. I was back in the water within an hour.

Elliott is taking a college math class this summer, alternately proud and resentful – proud of his accomplishments and resentful at studying all summer. I've tried to make it up to him with a week at water camp.

My garden is growing fairly well, considering our soil is almost entirely clay and my garden is on a hillside in a canyon that makes for a short growing day. We've eaten a few home grown eggplants, summer squashes and tomatoes – a real joy for us city dwellers.

I hope all of you are doing well. I'm sending you postcards – one to keep, one stamped so you can send me back a quick note. Send me a story about your family. I love to hear from you. =)

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Joann Hulda WATSON (8/11), Marvin STEWART, JR. (8/18), Hedy Susan STEWART (8/21), Marvin STEWART, SR. (8/27).

MANY THANKS

to LaDena Parnacher, LeDella Jones, Jeff Jones and their families, Brody and Mary Koon, Marvin and Karen Stewart, and Garth Looney for helping with the reunion.

Until next month,

Teresa Stewart Sitz
teresa_stewart_sitz@yahoo.com
www.ouramericanfamilies.com

Teresa Stewart Sitz
948 Tularosa Drive
Los Angeles CA 90026
home: 323-667-0013

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."
- George Burns