

## STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2006

### 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**.

**Correction:** In the reunion photograph sent last month I mistakenly identified Carol STEWART, the wife of Bruce Darryl STEWART, as Brenda STEWART. (Brenda is the wife of Bruce Darryl STEWART's father and she did not attend the reunion.) Please correct this on your copies. Many apologies to Carol and Bruce Darryl, who did attend the reunion last June.

**Photographs:** I've saved high-resolution copies of many family at [Shutterfly.com](http://Shutterfly.com). If you'd like copies of any of these, contact me and I'll arrange to send you prints.



### PORTRAIT OF DANIEL STEWART

Bill Posey, the son of [Henry Ford POSEY](#), from the [Effa Matilda STEWART POSEY](#) line, gave me a framed portrait of Daniel STEWART, for

### DANIEL STEWART PORTRAIT, continued

which I am very grateful. If you attended the reunion you saw it. In addition, I sent many of you a small print of the photo, above left.

Last week I had the portrait reframed using acid-free paper and UV resistant glass. Unfortunately the original frame was badly damaged and unsalvageable. The framers did a beautiful job with a new, similar frame. The portrait will be left to a public historical or genealogical society in Texas, where anyone from our family may go to see it.

Thank you, Bill POSEY, for this gift, and to Rebecca MINOR PETERSON for facilitating the transfer.

### MARY LEE WELLS | A WALKER & WADSWORTH

(Hold onto your seats, my friends, this is going to be a bumpy ride.)

Mary Lee WELLS was the wife of Daniel Morrison STEWART, the third son of Daniel and Araminta STEWART. Mary Lee WELLS and Daniel Morrison STEWART lived in Mesquite and Grand Prairie, raising six children: Delilah Mae, Thomas Newton, Effie Ada, Luna Oney, Maud Odma, and Daniel Lee.



**Back L>R:** Luna Oney Stewart, Delilah Mae Stewart Thompson, Effie Ada Stewart, Unknown (perhaps Mr. Thompson?), Thomas Newton Stewart

**Middle L>R:** (Daniel's sister Mary or Anna?), Daniel Lee Stewart, Daniel Morrison Stewart, **Mary Lee Wells Stewart**

**Front L>R:** Maud Odma Stewart & Abbie Thompson  
Circa 1901-1903, Dallas County TX

Mary Lee WELLS was born in Alabama, and was actually a second cousin by marriage of Daniel Morrison STEWART.

**MARY LEE WELLS, continued**

As a young girl in 1870, Mary Lee WELLS lived in Kelley's Creek, Alabama with her mother Susan WADSWORTH WELLS in the home of Thomas WADSWORTH, Mary Lee's great-uncle and a brother to [Hogan WADSWORTH](#) (who married Daniel Morrison STEWART's sister, Mary Catharine STEWART, Mary Lee's aunt). It is presumed that Mary Lee's father, known to us only as Lee WELLS, died in the Civil War.

Mary Lee's mother, Susan WADSWORTH WELLS, was the daughter of John WADSWORTH and Elizabeth Betsy WALKER. John was also a brother of Hogan WADSWORTH. Mary Lee's grandmother Elizabeth WALKER WADSWORTH was the sister of Martha "Patsie" WALKER FLORENCE, the wife of [John HICKS FLORENCE](#), who married Mary Catharine STEWART WADSWORTH after their respective spouses died.

In the [1880 Dallas County TX census](#) Mary Lee WELLS has married Daniel Morrison STEWART and they are living next door to the John Hicks FLORENCE family. Mary Lee's widowed grandmother Elizabeth WALKER WADSWORTH is living with her sister Martha and John HICKS FLORENCE's family. In 1874 Elizabeth, according to a letter from descendant Julie FLORENCE MORRIS, "signed an agreement with John H. FLORENCE 'to board and clothe her so long as I should live.' In exchange she gave John H. FLORENCE her money, \$340. She lived with the FLORENCEs in Mesquite until her death [in 1896] when she was buried in FLORENCE Cemetery, later moved to [Mesquite Cemetery](#).

Mary Lee WELLS provides the STEWART family with another link to the WADSWORTH and the WALKER families. It is rumored that the mother of Daniel STEWART (the elder, not Daniel Morrison STEWART, his son) may have been a WADSWORTH.

**THE POOL FAMILY**

When perusing the Dallas County Censuses looking for STEWARTS I have often run across a POOL family living very nearby. Until recently I was unable to account for this close affinity.

**THE POOL FAMILY, continued**

[Dorothy Jo WILLIAMS MCPHERSON](#) put me in touch with [Charlene POOL MATTHEWS](#), a daughter of [Edna Lee WILLIAMS](#) from the [Lucy STEWART RABE](#) line. Edna Lee married Everett Newton POOL. From Charlene I discovered that Everett had a sister named Eula Alberta POOL who married [James Leonard ROBERTSON](#), the son of Buck ROBERTSON and Henrietta E. POSEY from the Effa Matilda STEWART POSEY line. Until I spoke with Charlene I'd no idea that Leonard ROBERTSON had married and had a child. That child, Norma, lives in Grand Prairie. I've written to her and am looking forward to a reply.

Buck ROBERTSON owned two houses in Grand Prairie, along with his little store at the corner of Polo and Robinson Roads. One, a small four room house was the home of [Alexander Newton STEWART](#) and his great-nephew [Ira WILLIAMS](#). The house was opened to many relatives and over time Alex's sisters Lucy, Anna and Mary lived there with him. Next door, in the bigger house, lived Eula POOL and her husband Leonard ROBERTSON, Buck's son.

The STEWART homestead is rumored to be at the bottom of the man-made [Joe POOL lake](#), named after a Texas Congressman related to our POOL families. The lake was created in 1986.

**OLETA "DUDE" PHILLIPS**

My grandfather, [Clyde Arthur STEWART](#), married three times. His first wife, Mabel RIGSBY, died a few years after they were married. His second wife, Audrey Beryl GOLDING, was my grandmother. No one knows exactly the circumstances of their split. Audrey died in 1948 in Boise, ID. His third wife was Oleta PHILLIPS, whom he married in 1939. Clyde and Audrey came to Idaho to visit the grandchildren two or three times, and we traveled to San Diego to visit them. Oleta, or "Dude," was the only STEWART grandmother I knew.

After having family detective [Beverly RYAN WOODROOF](#), from the [STOCKTON line](#), sleuth through funeral records, I was able to locate and talk to Oleta's only living sibling. I

**OLETA "DUDE" PHILLIPS, continued**

spoke with him briefly on the phone. He was a little suspicious, so I told him I'd send him my information and questions in a letter. I included a photo of Oleta and Clyde. He told me he has lots of pictures of he two, so I'm hoping that he'll be generous and share with the rest of us.

Thanks a million, Beverly, for your assistance.

**[ORION MCLAIN | A CUTTING EDGE DONATION](#)**

A special thanks to Orion MCLAIN, a descendant of [Joseph Coleman STEWART](#), who sent me two pairs of antique scissors, one that belonged to Joseph's daughter [Della Avery STEWART MAXWELL](#), Orion's grandmother, and another that belonged to [Edith Lura MAXWELL MCLAIN](#), Orion's mother. In addition, he sent a bunch of clippings from his Aunt Ruth. We don't have a photograph of Della, so it's nice to be able to touch something that she touched. Thank you very much, Orion.

**MOVIES ABOUT GENEALOGY**

The Jim Jarmusch movie [Coffee and Cigarettes](#) contains a delightful scene about genealogy. Alfred Molina plays himself, in a bumbling encounter with Steve Coogin, a rising star in his own right. Molina attempts to prove to Coogin that they are distant cousins. Coogin could not care less and tries to escape Molina's clutches. The tables are turned, however, and as someone who has played the Molina role many times, I enjoyed the unlikely outcome.

Another film in the genealogical genre is [Everything is Illuminated](#), starring Elijah WOOD, of [Lord of the Rings](#). It's a sweet, visually stunning, movie about a young man's attempt to connect with his family's past in the Ukraine.

If you're a genealogy buff, treat yourself, and rent these movies.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to [Modeen HUGGINS](#) (9/10), and [Mary KOON](#) (9/13), Norma Jean HALE (9/27).

**THANK YOUS**

Thanks to my mom, [Charlene LARSON STEWART](#) for proofreading the monthly newsletter, and for all her invaluable support. Thank you, everyone else, for all the little

**THANK YOUS, continued**

clues, stories, documents, letters, photographs, and encouragement. Please keep 'em coming - I couldn't do any of this without you.

Until next month,

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*"In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future."*

- Alex Haley (1921-1992, author of "Roots")

### 1880 United States Census - Precinct 3, Dallas, Texas

These properties were all within next to each other and are all interrelated.

Name	Rel	Race	Sex	Mar	Age	POB	Job	F'POB	M'POB
Edward WADE	Self	W	M	W	70	KY	Farm Laborer	VA	VA
Eliza J. WADE	Dau	S	F	W	15	KY	Keeping House	KY	KY
Benj. WADE	Son	S	M	W	14	KY	Work On Farm	KY	KY
Francis WADE	Son	S	M	W	12	KY	Work On Farm	KY	KY
Allie WADE	Dau	S	F	W	10	KY		KY	KY
Luke WADE	Son	S	M	W	3	TX		KY	KY
Parthena [Wade] WADSWORTH	Dau	M	F	W	23	KY	Works On Farm	KY	KY
Jim WADSWORTH	SonL	M	M	W	25	AL	Works On Farm	AL	GA
Willie WADSWORTH	GSo n	S	M	W	1M	TX		AL	KY

  

Name	Rel	Race	Sex	Mar	Age	POB	Job	F'POB	M'POB
DanI STEWART	Self	M	M	W	25	AL	Farm Laborer	AL	?
Mary STEWART	Wife	M	F	W	20	AL	Keeping House	?	?
[D]Elila May	Dau	S	F	W	1	TX	?	AL	AL

  

Name	Rel	Race	Sex	Mar	Age	POB	Job	F'POB	M'POB
J. H. FLORENCE	Self	M	M	W	62	GA	Retired Farmer	GA	GA
Martha FLORENCE	Wife	M	F	W	62	GA	House keeping	GA	GA
David FLORENCE	Son	M	M	W	31	AL	Farmer	GA	GA
Julia FLORENCE	D-I-L	M	F	W	29	AR	House keeping	?	?
John H. FLORENCE	GSo n	S	M	W	12	TX	Attends School	AL	AR
Dudley FLORENCE	GSo n	S	M	W	19	TX	Attends School	AL	AR
Elizabeth WADSWORTH	S-I-L	W	F	W	66	GA	No Occupation	GA	GA
Thos. BURRIS	Other	S	M	W	62	TN	Works On Farm	VA	VA

  

Name	Rel	Race	Sex	Mar	Age	POB	Job	F'POB	M'POB
Hogan WADSWORTH	Self	M	M	W	72	GA	Farmer	GA	GA
Catharine WADSWORTH	Wife	M	F	W	40	GA	Keeping House	GA	GA
Jos. FLORENCE	Other	S	M	W	22	AL	Farm Laborer	AL	AL
Dan'I FLORENCE	Other	S	M	W	21	AL	Farm Laborer	AL	AL
B. F. MOODY	Other	S	M	W	28	TN	Farm Laborer	AL	TN