

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 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**.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Toll-FREE Number

I signed up for a toll-free number, so if any of you want to call me to discuss the family, or even just to chat, please feel free to call. I'd love to hear from you. There will be no charge to you. The toll-free number is:

1-(866)-XXX-XXXX

Your Messages

If there's anything you'd like to post in this newsletter - family news, notifications, queries - or if you'd like to let the rest of us know about a product or service you have to offer, send the information to me and I'll fit it in.

CHARLENE LARSON STEWART



I'm hosting a 70th birthday party for my mom at our house in LA. (This is her, at age 2!) A few of you, who met her at the reunion, have asked for her address so you could send a card. Since she'll be here with us in LA, please send it to her here, at:

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POSEYS | Children of Sarah Caroline THWEATT

James Henry POSEY married Effa Mathilda STEWART. Together they had four children: Henrietta, Catherine Florence, John Harrison, and Loula Minter. I've posted new photos of Catherine Florence and Loula Minter, courtesy of Johann ATTAWAY DAVIS.

Before James Henry POSEY married Effa, he was married to Sarah Caroline THWEATT, and together they had eight children: Sarah Drucilla POSEY, who married Thomas Wyatt BEVILLE; William THWEATT POSEY, who married Lucy A. FINLEY; James Elgin POSEY, who died young; Mary Ann POSEY, who married Arthur BARTON; Frances Montgomery POSEY, who married William L. BEVILLE; Daniel Edgar POSEY, who married Mammie KIDD; Caroline Elizabeth POSEY, who married Isaac RANGE; and Emma Roseanor POSEY, who married Wallace William SMITH.



Best guess

Front: Joseph Harrison, William Thweatt Posey, Henry Powell Posey, Lucy A. Finley, Walter Lee (in lap) Peter Elgin

Back: Frederick Cleveland, Thomas M., Gilbert, James, Lizzie M., Viola Sarah
circa 1897, TX

Using notes made long ago by [Beulah POSEY](#), I pieced together the families of William THWEATT POSEY, Caroline Elizabeth POSEY RANGE, and Emma Roseanor POSEY SMITH. Though these POSEYs are not part of our immediate family, they are part of our family history.

MARY CATHARINE STEWART

I posted a small photo of Mary Catharine STEWART with Cordie Grimmatt POSEY. As far as I know, this is the only photo of Mary Catharine in existence. What I like best about it is her relaxed stance and warm and winning smile.



Thank you, Rebecca Minor PETERSON for the scan of this beautiful photograph.

ALLEN JESSE COMPTON

Joseph Coleman STEWART, the fourth son of Daniel STEWART, married Nancy Louise "Lou" Elizabeth COMPTON. Lou had a younger brother named Jesse A. COMPTON that we have, until now, been unable to locate.

After Clyde Arthur STEWART, and later his wife Oleta PHILLIPS STEWART, died, some of Clyde's papers ended up with Oleta's youngest brother. Among these was a flyer advertising the magic act of Allen J. COMPTON, his uncle.

*Allen J. Compton Magician and Mentalist
World's Champion Blindfold Quick Rifle Shot.
The Act Supreme in Mental Thought. The most
attractive and expensive setting in magic since
the day of Hermann. A miniature menagerie of
white owls, Golden Pheasants, Guinea Pigs,
ferrets, pigeons, spotted rabbits, monkeys,
Japanese sparrows, Canaries, Ducks & Geese
\$1500.00 invested in stage paraphernalia -
one-half ton of baggage.*

ALLEN JESSE COMPTON, continued

I was able to find a WWI Draft Registration for Allen Jesse COMPTON of Delta County, just two counties north of Van Zandt County TX, where the COMPTONS lived.

The Van Zandt County Genealogical Society lists the marriage of J.A. COMPTON and Donie BARNES, married 31 DEC 1899, the last day of the 1800s. Donie, short for Fredonia, daughter of Joseph W. and Fredonia BARNES, and the sister of Ada BARNES, who married Dee Witt COMPTON, the son of Lou's older brother Josephus "Sephus" COMPTON.

In both the 1900 census and in Allen J. COMPTON's draft registration he's listed as a house painter. I don't know the date of the magic flyer, but if he invested a small fortune in this magic show, then we might not be surprised that Donie BARNES COMPTON is listed as divorced, living with her mother on the 1920 Van Zandt County TX census.

Donie and Allen COMPTON had one son, William H. COMPTON. He married Lilla CLARK, who died before 1930. William H. COMPTON died 23 JUL 1940 in Van Zandt County. It is not known if William and Lilla had children, or if William married again.

BIRTHDAYS. Happy birthday to Charlene Stewart (10/29).

PASSINGS. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Dorris STOCKTON TAYLOR who lost her husband, Bill TAYLOR, on 22 SEP 2006.

Until next month,

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"We all grow up with the weight of history on us. Our ancestors dwell in the attics of our brains as they do in the spiraling chains of knowledge hidden in every cell of our bodies."
- Shirley Abbott, American author