

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 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**.

THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF DANIEL AND ARAMINTA STEWART

This is the Fayette County Courthouse, built in 1825 in Fayette County, Georgia. These are the steps that Araminta Domer COLEMAN and Daniel STEWART ascended when they went before a clerk to petition for a marriage license. A few days later they returned, and before Justice of the Peace D.S. Waterson, were wed.



CAFÉ PRESS is an online company that allows you to place your images on various products - such as mugs, magnets, shirts - and sell them online. I'd like to take a few of our family photos and make magnets, for those interested, to buy at Christmas.



I would charge from \$0.50 to \$1.00 over the set price for each item, with the proceeds paying for the monthly store rental fee (\$6.95) and the remainder, if any, going to the reunion fund. I would link to the store from Our American Families, so it's highly unlikely that any people outside of the family would visit our family store site.

*What I need to know is if anyone out there has strong feelings **against** my creating a family store.*

I don't want to upset anyone and will shelve the idea if there are any objections. I think, however, that many of you might like fridge magnets and mugs, etc., for yourself or for gifts for your children and grandchildren, and the reunion fund could sure use the money. Let me know your thoughts.

Sample magnet above of Lucy Stewart and her son Reuben Daniel Rabe, his wife Lela Kate Wynn and their children

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Georgia }
Fayette County }

To any minister of the Gospel, Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court or Justice of the Peace. You are hereby authorised to join Daniel Stewart & Miss Armentia D. Coleman in the holy state of Matrimony according to the Constitution & laws of this State & for so doing this shall be your sufficient License given under my hand & seal this 21st day of June 1836.

Jesse Ward D. Clerk

Georgia }
Fayette County }

I do certify that Daniel Stewart & Armentia D. Coleman were duly joined in Matrimony by me this 24th day of June 1836.

D.S. Waterson, J.P.
Recorded Sep 30th, 1836
Wm. McBride, Clerk

Many thanks to our Georgia cousin, Patrick Coleman, who has done so much work piecing the COLEMAN family back together.

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF HENRY D. ALLEN

The woman in the portrait is Josiah Ella COMPTON, the sister of Nancy Louise Elizabeth COMPTON who married Joseph Coleman STEWART. Ella's first husband was Henry D. ALLEN. He died 14 APR 1894, the victim of a gunshot wound. He may have accidentally shot himself, or been shot by someone else. The record is unclear. Even his wife Ella, was not above suspicion.



Henry D. ALLEN owned a livery and stables in Canton and provided a will for Ella and their daughter Winnie. Because his executor, a relative named W.L. Harrison, refused his position the will went into probate and is available to us today.

According to probate records Ella surrendered her guardianship of Winnie to her father, Simpson P. COMPTON. Upon Simpson COMPTON's death Ella regained her guardianship. On 1 NOV 1898, four years after the death of her first husband, Ella married Nathaniel Monroe CRAWFORD, an attorney in Van Zandt County.

The chalk portrait of Ella and the letter from Lou to Maye were donated by Mary TERRY STANFORD OGLETREE. Thank you, Mary. The Will was provided by the Van Zandt County Genealogical Society.

MORE CONFEDERATE PENSION RECORDS

Last month I received pension records for John J. WYNN, John Henry WILLIAMS, and F.M. WILLIAMS. First, the record for **F.M. WILLIAMS** turned out to be for a different F.M. WILLIAMS, so it's back to the drawing board for one of our most elusive family members.



MORE CONFEDERATE PENSION RECORDS

The application of **John J. WYNN** (pictured) was disapproved so we don't find as much information as we would have if it had been approved, or filed by his wife. It was rejected because he was "not indigent within meaning of the law."

Though 64 years old, and suffering from asthmatic bronchitis and general debility, John Jay WYNN owned "80 acres of land valued at \$3.00 per acres; 2 ponies, at \$10 each - \$20.00."

His son-in-law, Fleming Jordan CREWS, testified on his behalf, as did someone named J.T. Edmonson. According to his own testimony, John J. WYNN served in Company "D", 37th Alabama Infantry for three years.

Mrs. Margaret Jane MAXWELL WILLIAMS

filed for a widow's pension 1 AUG 1913. Her husband, John Henry WILLIAMS, died 17 NOV 1909. From the application we are able to discover their wedding date, 6 OCT 1856, in Benton County, Arkansas. They moved from Arkansas to Texas in 1888. J.H. WILLIAMS enlisted in 15th Regiment, Arkansas Infantry in 1862. He served with Commodore Decatur WILLIAMS, James Harvey MAXWELL, and others in their families. John GREGORY and R.A. HICKMAN, both of Bentonville, Benton County, Arkansas testified on behalf of J.H. WILLIAMS. Margaret Jane WILLIAMS died 13 MAY 1926 of chronic Brights disease.

FAMILY REUNION PHOTOS

You can view and order the reunion photos at: stewartreunion2007.shutterfly.com. If you want high resolution scans to print at home, just email me and I'll send them to you.

Here are all the names for the people in the photographs:

Group Photograph

Front Row: Carter Hammermeister, Wade Jones, Tyler Jones, Elliott Sitz, Lindsay Jones, Teresa Stewart Sitz

Second Row: Walter Pittman, Dovie Pittman, Dorothy Pitman, Dorris Stockton Taylor, Dorothy Jo Williams McPherson, Clem Jones, LaDella Rabe Jones, Bettye Stewart, Bobbie Overton Whitaker, Judi Brawner Hammond

Third Row: Pam Stockton Prouty, Hedy Sue Stewart, Carol McPherson, Connie McPherson,

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Group Photograph

Third Row continued: Cindy McPherson, Bev Ryan Woodroof, Ethylene Hatfield, Charles Swinnea, Kat Johnson Swinnea, Carolyn Fairbairn, Iris Hatfield, Charylott Swinnea, Donna Mathis, Michael Whitaker, Athena Hammond

Fourth Row: Marvin Stewart Jr., Karen Stewart, Paula and Jeff Jones, Daniel McPherson, Alex Woodroof, Harry Farmer, Ken Sitz, W.D. Skeeter Hatfield, Bill Fairbairn, Jan Swinnea Claeys, Marvin Stewart Sr., Sarah Jean Meaders, Ken Meaders, Herman Lee Bullet Hatfield, Charlene Stewart, Jack Whitaker, John Hammermeister, Dewey Brawner, Johann Attaway Davis

Effa Matilda Stewart Posey Family Line

Front: Carter Hammermeister, Johann Attaway Davis, Charylott Swinnea, Carolyn and Bill Fairbairn, Kat Johnson Swinnea
Back: John and Jennifer Hammermeister, Charles Swinnea, Jan Swinnea Claeys

Louisiana Carolina Stewart Rabe Family Line

Front: Harry Farmer, LaDena Jones Parnacher, Daniel McPherson, Dorothy Williams McPherson, Clem and LaDella Jones, Bobbie Overton Whitaker, Lindsay Jones, Donna Day Mathis

Back: Joanne Farmer, Cindy McPherson, Connie McPherson, Carol McPherson, Sarah Jean Williams Meaders and Ken Meaders, Michael Whitaker, Jack Whitaker, Brittani Moran, Paula Jones, Wade Jones, Jeffrey Jones, Tyler Jones

(Joe and Paula Burnes left before photos were taken.)

Daniel Morrison Stewart Family Line

Walter and Dovie Pittman, Dorothy Pitman, Hedy Sue Stewart, Marvin and Bettye Stewart, Karen and Marvin Stewart

(Lucille Marler Brackenridge and Linda Brackenridge Dunlap left before photos were taken.)

Joseph Coleman Stewart Family Line

Front: Ken Sitz, Elliott Sitz, Charlene Larson Stewart, Athena Hammond, Judi Brawner Hammond, Dewey Brawner

Back: Teresa Stewart Sitz, Herman Lee "Bullet" and Iris Hatfield, Ethylene and William David "Skeeter" Hatfield

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Araminta Emma Stewart Stockton Family Line

Front: Pam Stockton Prouty, Dorris Stockton Taylor, Beverly Ann Ryan Woodroof
Back: Alex Woodroof, Ryan Woodroof

CLYDE ARTHUR STEWART | PHOTOGRAPHS

Patricia STEWART FAIRCHILD contributed these photographs of Clyde Arthur STEWART, the youngest son of Joseph Coleman STEWART.



We don't know who the gentleman with Clyde is in this photo, but hope that one of you may. Dewey Brawner thinks Clyde's friend may be Dewey's uncle, Claude Maxwell. Claude married Beulah Brawner. Dewey is Clyde Stewart's nephew.



We believe the woman in this photograph was Clyde's first wife, Mabel, who appears in the 1920 census. When Clyde married Audrey Beryl GOLDING, in 1924, he noted on their marriage certificate that he was widowed.

Thank you so much, Aunt Pat, for contributing these precious photographs.

**The Last Will and Testament of H.D.Allen,
Dec'd**

The State of Texas, County of Van Zandt

Know all men by these present that Henry D. Allen living of Lawful age and being of Sound Mind and Memory and fully realizing the uncertainty of life and the Certainty of death and desiring to give a Legal and intelligible expression to the purposes, intents, wishes and desires which I Desire to have executed and carried into effect after my death, Do Make, Publish, and Declare this as and for my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking any and all other Wills at any time theretofore made by me.

1. I give Bequeath and Devise unto my beloved daughter [Winnie Davis Allen](#) My Policy in the [Knights and Ladies of Honor](#) and all monies, affects, rights, privileges and benefits arising or growing out of said policy.

2. I Give bequeath and Devise unto my beloved wife [Ella Allen](#) all my estate whether real, personal, or mixed either in possession or expectancy with the exception of the policy mentioned in item one, that I now have or may have at the time of my death.

3. I request and direct that my Executor herein after named shall pay off and Discharge all Legal and Just debts that may be outstanding against me at my Death.

4. Reposing full confidence in the Capability and integrity of W.L. Harrison I do make and constitute and appoint him the said W.L. Harrison Executor of this my [said (inserted)] [Last (stricken)] Will with full and complete power to execute the provisions of this will and I command my spirit to God who gave it and [invoke?] his mercy and protecting Care of my Loved ones herein named. In Testamony of all the above hereinto sign my name this 5th day of January, 1893.

H.D. Allen

Signed, Sealed and delivered by the above named Henry D. Allen as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereto Subscribed our names at his request as Witnesses thereto in the presence of said

**The Last Will and Testament of H.D.Allen,
Dec'd, continued**

Testator and of Each other. This 5th day of January A.D. 1893.

*Jno S. Spinks
D. F. Clark*

BIRTHDAYS.

Happy birthday to Harry Alvin Farmer (10/16), Dorothy Lee Pitman (10/18), Scharie Stewart (10/24), Charlene Stewart (10/29).

PASSINGS.

Our beloved cousin Thomas James PARKINSON died 15 SEP 2007. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Mary TUFFIELD PARKINSON, who died 24 JUN 2007.

Until next month,

Teresa Stewart Sitz
www.ouramericanfamilies.com

"There is properly no history; only biography."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson