

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 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**.

Dear Family,

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter.

ARE YOU A WRITER?

A few people have contributed personal stories about their loved ones, their parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters. These kinds of narratives are valuable, as they're penned by someone who knew the person well and loved them. They're written in a unique voice, full of warmth and regional tone, that adds much to our understanding of the persons and their time. Don't let 10 or 20 lines in a newspaper obituary be what the world remembers about the people important to you. Write something today, and if you can't write, call me and we'll write something together.

Please see Charlene MATTHEWS' recent contribution titled [I Remember Mama](#) about her mother [Edna Lee WILLIAMS POOL](#).

MY MOM'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Charlene LARSON STEWART's 70th party was celebrated October 28th. Dale and Patty STEWART, my first cousins, grandchildren of [Clyde Arthur STEWART](#), attended with their mother Phyllis RUSSELL STEWART. We had not seen them in about 40 years so it was a special treat to get together. My mother's second cousin from the [PETERSON line](#), Roland PURNELL and his wife Peggy, attended from Ventura CA. My cousins from the [Roy LARSON line](#) Pam and Mike CYR of

MY MOM'S BIRTHDAY PARTY, con't.

Las Vegas NV, Corinne FIELD of Othello WA, Deb BUTTE of Boise ID, and Sydney GRAHAM and her son Spencer of Apache Junction AZ, attended. It was wonderful to see and visit with everyone again.

I especially want to thank those of you who sent cards to my Mom. It meant a lot to her to hear from her new Texas relatives.

[MARY MAGDALENA STEWART](#)

[Jody WATSON](#) sent a packet of WATSON family photographs, which included photos of [Mary Magdalena "Maggie" STEWART](#) and her second husband Jack Van Buren ALLUMS. Maggie descends from [Joseph Coleman STEWART](#) and Nancy Louise Elizabeth COMPTON, and is my great aunt.



Jack Allums & Maggie Stewart Allums

Thanks so much, Jody, for your contribution.

[EDITH LURA MAXWELL](#)

Orion Morgan MCLAIN confirmed that the woman on the left in this photograph is his mother, Edith Lura MAXWELL MCLAIN, the daughter of [Della Avery STEWART](#) who died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. We don't yet have a photograph of Della, but are hoping to contact other relatives in the future. The

EDITH LURA MAXWELL

woman standing to the right of Edith is her daughter [Cleatus MCLAIN HIGHNOTE](#). Cleatus was named by her father for an officer he admired in WWI. Edith's aunt, [Minnie Lee STEWART HATFIELD](#), stands to the far right. The child is David Dee HIGHNOTE, Edith's grandson.



Edith Lura Maxwell McLain, Cleatus Velma McLain Highnote, Minnie Stewart Hatfield, David Dee Highnote

LORA VIOLA WILLIAMS

Lora was sister to [Newton Commodore WILLIAMS](#) (who married [Doma Arie RABE](#)) and [Maxwell Scott WILLIAMS](#). Most amazing about her is the fact that she gave birth to two sets of twins consecutively. Ruth and Ruby ADAMS were born in OCT 1895, and Loyd and Floyd ADAMS were born in SEP 1898. Raising four young children in rural Texas at the turn of the 20th century must indeed have been a task!

Last month I finally located the name of Lora's husband, A.N. ADAMS. His WWI Draft Registration lists his first name as "Algynon." He went by "Nonnie," or "Algin."

I have not, unfortunately, been able to find out much more about this ADAMS family.

I also updated the census listings for the [Maxwell Scott WILLIAMS](#) family.

LORA VIOLA WILLIAMS, con't.

[Carlton Mack WILLIAMS](#), the orphaned son of Newton Commodore WILLIAMS and Doma Arie RABE lived with the Maxwell Scott WILLIAMS family in Baylor County.

CAROLINE ELIZABETH POSEY

was known by all as "Carrie," and though she considered smoking a nasty habit, she herself dipped snuff. Carrie is the daughter of James Henry POSEY and his first wife Sarah Caroline THWEATT. After her mother died, she and some of her siblings were raised by Effa Mathilda STEWART, James Henry POSEY's second wife. Carrie later married Isaac RANGE and together they raised three children in Hunt County TX.



Carrie Posey Range, Alice, Idalia, and Isaac Range, circa 1890

Several months ago I posted a new section for Carrie POSEY and her family, and this month I received an email from a descendant, Jan STOVALL, who sent me a family file and a photo of Carrie, her husband, and children taken around 1890. Idalia RANGE, Carrie's daughter, married Webster Franklin STOVALL in 1909.

MONROE "CROWETHERS"

One of the POSEY great aunts, perhaps [Beulah](#), compiled a POSEY family history. Within this was the following note,

MONROE "CROWETHERS", con't.

James Henry POSEY (grandfather) owned slaves and when he came to Texas, he brought a born slave, Monroe Croweathers with him. Monroe lived among our kin for many years.

I did a little research and found Monroe mentioned twice in Texas censuses, once in the 1900 Bell County TX Census, boarding with the James and Mariah MURPHY family. Monroe "CORETHERS" lists his birthday as JAN 1858, he's 48, divorced, born in TX, "not sure" about his mother and father, working as a farm laborer.

Monroe "CAROTHERS" is listed in the 1930 (Grand Prairie Road), Dallas County TX census living next door to Joseph C. Stewart. Mr. Carothers is 71, widowed, born in TX, with father from KY and mother from TN. He's listed as a laborer on a general farm, most likely the one next to him owned by William A. HUBBARD and his wife Maud. Among their many children is a son, Ernest Posey HUBBARD, which suggests a POSEY connection, though I wasn't able to pinpoint it.

Joseph Coleman STEWART lives next door to Monroe Carothers, is 74, married, and is working as a janitor at a school building (presumably Florence Hill School). Each pays \$5 a month for their home. Joe's wife Lou remained in Ranger, living near her daughters.

UNIDENTIFIED STOCKTON PHOTO

[This photo](#) was contributed by [Dorris STOCKTON TAYLOR](#). It's a small tintype. I pored over this photo a half dozen times before I noticed that the man in the photo is missing his legs. We presume that this is a STOCKTON. Many of [Bill and Merena's sons](#) served in the Civil War though we've not heard about any that survived such injuries. If you know anything about the man in the photo, please [let me know](#).

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UNIDENTIFIED STOCKTON PHOTO, con't.



Unidentified Stockton Man, circa 1870?

BIRTHDAYS. Happy birthday to [Brody KOON](#) (11/27), and [Calvin Clayton STOCKTON](#) (11/30).

PASSINGS. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Dorothy WILLIAMS MCPHERSON who lost her husband, [Edwin Price MCPHERSON](#), on 9 OCT 2006. Condolences also to their children, Dan, Cindy, and Carol.

Until next month,

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"Nothing purchased can come close to the renewed sense of gratitude for having family and friends."

- Courtland Milloy, Washington Post Columnist