

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**.

Louvenia Domer Stewart & Daniel Florence

Though I had tried for years, I'd never had much luck finding information about Daniel and Araminta STEWART's youngest child, Louvenia Domer STEWART, and her husband, Daniel FLORENCE. Then, last week, out of the blue, John Orion FLORENCE contacted me through my Ancestry.com tree. We talked on the phone for some time, then, as he lives in Los Angeles as I do, we agreed to meet. He put me in touch with his cousin, Wayne PLOWMAN, of Lubbock, TX. Wayne and I corresponded and he sent me a box of family photos, which I scanned.



The next day John Orion FLORENCE dropped by. I scanned all of his photos and listened to many wonderful stories about the Florence family when they lived in Overton, Rusk County, Texas.

John brought with him a book titled, "From The Overton Story - A Century Of Progress, Overton, Texas Centennial, 1973". The Florence family is listed among the early pioneers and Louvenia is mentioned by name,

Louvenia was a beautiful, soft-spoken, well-bred lady and an excellent mother...

Louvenia & Daniel Florence, continued Louvenia and Daniel had 10 children - 5 boys and 5 girls.

Nancy Kysar & Isaac Wasson Blake

John Francis COPP, the grandson of Charles Cennial BLAKE, visited Pat Stewart FAIRCHILD in Meridian, ID this month, as well as me, in Los Angeles, CA. His



grandfather, Charles Cennial BLAKE was brother to Jennie BLAKE, whose daughter, Audrey Beryl GOLDING married Clyde Arthur STEWART, my grandfather. John COPP brought lots of photos, which I scanned. One includes a BLAKE family photograph of Nancy and Isaac Wasson BLAKE and their six children and spouses. Jennie BLAKE and her husband Roscoe GOLDING are present along with their children, Audrey Beryl, Eva Ninevah, and Wayne GOLDING. I was asked not to post the photograph, so I'll just include this small comp, but if you are a direct descendent of this family drop me a note and I'll send you a full scan.

It was great meeting John. He is a wonderful man, and the only relative I've met from the BLAKE family.

Stewart DNA

As you may remember, my dad, Robert STEWART, was kind enough to give a DNA sample to FamilyTreeDNA.com. I've upgraded our Stewart DNA test to 64 markers. As more and more people provide DNA for genealogy, with 64 markers we will be more likely to find definitive matches. I have already found two. One match was our cousin Larry J. Stewart, grandson of Walker Jerome STEWART of the Joseph Coleman STEWART line. The other was for a fellow named James STEWART born in 1890. I have been working hard to track down this line, as it might help us find brothers, sisters, parents, or aunt and uncles of Daniel STEWART.

I've also cross referenced our DNA code at Y-Search.com and Ancestry.com. I feel confident that in time we will identify the precursors of the Daniel Stewart line. I'll let you know if we come up with any matches in the future.

John Jay Wynn, Jr. & Callie Williamson

I have our dear cousin Norene Gravely to thank for first sending me to FindAGrave.com as she had finally located the graves of John Jay WYNN, Jr. and his wife Callie WILLIAMSON. We had been searching for these graves for some time, so a big thank you to Norene for her help.



The Death of Henry D. Allen

Ella COMPTON was the little sister of Nancy Louise COMPTON who, in 1878, married Joseph Coleman STEWART. Ella married Henry D. ALLEN 28 OCT 1891, in Van Zandt County, TX. They were married about two and a half years when Henry died. Questions concerning his death continue to this day, as evidenced by the following articles. These were found at FindAGrave.com.



Wills Point Chronicle (14 Apr 1894):

A feeling of sadness pervaded our little town Saturday evening about 3:30 o'clock upon the announcement of the death, by accidental gun shot, of Mr. H.D. Allen at his home south east of the square. There was no one present at the time except his wife and their little child. In an instant after the report of the gun heart rending screams were heard at the house and a crowd gathered in just as Mr. Allen breathed his last. As the first persons arrived Mrs. Allen in her almost maniac screams, said he was accidentally shot. She has been beside herself with grief, and we have been unable to obtain a reliable report of the particulars of the accident.

The Death of Henry D. Allen, continued

A large number of friends witnessed the interment Sunday evening under the impressive Masonic ceremony. He was also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. Deceased has been a citizen of Canton for many years. He first had charge of the Grange store, and buying that out continued in the family grocery business until burned out in 1892. He then bought out a livery stable which business he was running at the time of his death. He was seen during the day on the streets attending to business and visited the barber shop chatting pleasantly with friends, unconscious of the awful fate so soon to befall him. It is another evidence of the uncertainty of life.

The Canton Telephone (20 Apr 1894):

The killing of H.D. Allen last Saturday evening created quite an excitement in our town. Justice McClelen took testimony to ascertain how he was killed, and rendered a verdict that he was accidentally shot with a shot gun. The verdict was based upon the evidence of deceased's wife's testimony, who stated that deceased was attempting to kill himself and in a struggle to prevent it by his wife, the gun was accidentally discharged. His body was interred in the city cemetery with Masonic honors.

Henry's death was hard on Ella. It was more than four years later that she married Nathaniel CRAWFORD, a lawyer working in Grand Saline. Together they had three children: Robert Simpson CRAWFORD, Lula Maye CRAWFORD STANFORD, and Lafairies Lucile CRAWFORD RITUS.

Online Resources

There is an entire Stewarts Family website available to you, as well as our Ancestry.com tree, and a Picasa photo gallery with about 400 family photos that you may not have seen.

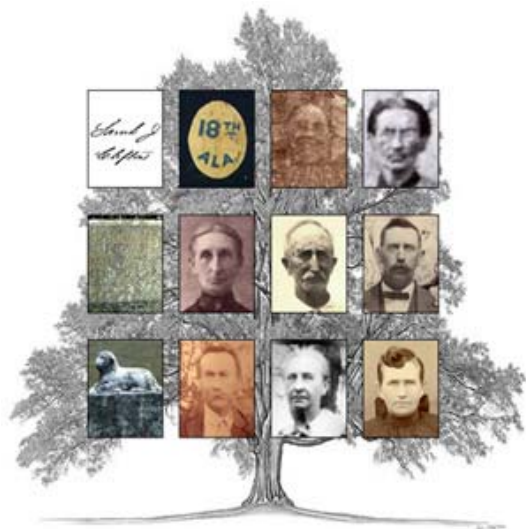
If you are now online, let me know your email address and I'll send you this newsletter by email next time, and let you know about all the cool online options available to you.

AND..., you'll save a TREE!!!

2010 Stewart Family Reunion

Next year will be the 200th anniversary of the birth of Daniel Stewart. It seems fitting that we should join together at a family reunion to celebrate. Several families have voiced a desire to do so. If you are interested, drop me a line. It is very difficult for me to arrange things from Los Angeles, so if someone in Texas would like to be in charge I will completely support you. We still have a little money in our family fund, so there should be no out-of-pocket expenses.

If you have an idea of where we should hold a reunion, when, or if you have other ideas besides a potluck, please let me know. I would really enjoy seeing everyone again.



2010 Stewart Family Reunion

BIRTHDAYS.

Happy birthday to Clem JONES (11/10), Brody KOON (11/27), and Calvin Clayton STOCKTON (11/30).

PASSINGS.

Janet Maxine BRAWNER COLE, 7 FEB 2009; Rubye Lucille MARLER BRACKENRIDGE 10 MAR 2009; Dorothy Jo WILLIAMS MCPHERSON; 18 APR 2009; Juanita Jo WILLIAMS LITTLEJOHN, 8 MAY 2009; Dorris Mae STOCKTON TAYLOR, 20 JUL 2009.

Many dear ones have passed since last I wrote. Dorris Mae STOCKTON TAYLOR and Dorothy Jo WILLIAMS MCPHERSON both attended our two reunions and Dorothy worked

PASSINGS. continued

very hard to make sure the 2007 event in Arlington was a success. Both Dorris and Dorothy jumped into our family history with both feet, supplying information, photographs, and loads of encouragement. Lucille MARLER BRACKENRIDGE came to the 2007 reunion and was a joy to visit with. It's unfortunate that we were not able to meet Maxine COLE and Jo LITTLEJOHN.

NOTE.

For a couple of years I've been dealing with a balance disorder. Just last month I had surgery to correct it. The surgeon cut into my skull and patched a small hole that was causing all the trouble. I was in the hospital for five days. It sounds like a big deal, but there was very little pain, my recovery has been swift, and the quality of my life has greatly improved. If you want to see the photos of my wicked scar and the most expensive haircut of my life, friend me at Facebook.

Until next month,

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"Smell brings to mind... a family dinner of pot roast and sweet potatoes during a myrtle-mad August in a Midwestern town. Smells detonate softly in our memory like poignant land mines hidden under the weedy mass of years."

Diane Ackerman quotes
(American Writer, b.1948)

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