

Walter Stewart Clan

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

The 96th Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held during the weekend of August 9-10, 2003 at New Harmony Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, S.C. We hope you will join us for the family sharing and tour on Saturday and the traditional reunion meeting and picnic dinner on Sunday.

We will meet at the Fairview Church community building near Fountain Inn for our Saturday morning registration and tour, and for our catered supper Saturday night. The reunion business meeting will be at New Harmony Church on Sunday morning, with a picnic afterwards on the church grounds.

Vans will be provided for those who would like to go on the Saturday tour. We are leaving earlier this year, at 11:00 am, and we will have lunch at the S&S Cafeteria in Greenville. After lunch, we will visit the Confederate Museum in Greenville, a fascinating repository of Civil War memorabilia. Among other things, they have a unique gun collection that has not been replicated elsewhere. We will also tour Christ Episcopal Church nearby, one of the oldest churches in the Upstate, founded by summer residents from the Charleston area in 1820 when Greenville was barely a village.

Saturday night, we will gather for our family supper at the Fairview Presbyterian Church community building. This is a time of fellowship, renewing family ties, and sharing of family news and pictures. We would like to continue collecting old pictures for our Walter Stewart family website, thanks to webmistress Judy Lesslie Smith and her helpers – La Marr Brooks, Robert Hall, and my own grandson and computer whiz Andrew McClure. Thanks to this group, and members of the family who have brought in their old pictures and records for scanning, we have greatly enhanced the family archives. We hope to continue the project at this and future reunions. Be sure to bring in your pictures, clippings and old letters for free on-the-spot scanning by our experts.

On Sunday morning we will meet at 11:00 at New Harmony Presbyterian Church for our clan business meeting. Consider coming early while it's cool to tour New Harmony's interesting old cemetery, where more Stewart ancestors are buried than anywhere else. Baptist Stewart descendants know it as Harmony Cemetery, and Presbyterian descendants know it as New Harmony Cemetery, following old tradition when the Presbyterians and Baptists began to share the building, as they still do on alternate Sundays.

The Walter Stewart family has been having reunions since 1907, which means we will celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2007, four years from now. We are already beginning to plan for this. One thing we would like to do is gather together and exhibit the oldest surviving artifacts in the Stewart family, especially any owned by Walter Stewart himself. It would also be fascinating to see anything owned by his sons. If you own any old family heirlooms like this, or know where any are, I would deeply appreciate it if you would contact me personally so we can make plans for a family exhibit at the 1907 reunion. I don't know of anything that would mean more to present day descendants.

We look forward to seeing you during Stewart reunion weekend to renew old ties and celebrate new ones. As it has for many decades, the goes out call still, bring a full picnic basket and join us. We hope to see you.

Sincerely,

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2003 REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 9 – Fairview Presbyterian Church

10:00 am	Registration and coffee, Fairview Church community building, Fountain Inn.
11:00 am	Lunch and guided tour - board vans at Fairview Church community building, return at 5:00 pm. For reservations see order blank, p. 7.
6:30 pm	Catered supper, Fairview Church Community Building. For reservations see order blank, p. 7.
8:00 pm	Fellowship hour, Fairview Church Community Building. Bring family update sheets and old pictures.

Sunday, August 10 – New Harmony Presbyterian Church

- 10:00 am Registration begins, New Harmony Church
Tour of church cemetery
11:00 am Stewart Clan meeting
12:30 pm Picnic dinner on the church grounds - bring food to share

2003 REUNION ACTIVITIES

Saturday Registration. Saturday activities will be at the Fairview Church Community Building across the road from the church (see map, p. 3). Join us there Saturday morning at 10:00 for coffee, registration, informal introductions, handing in family update sheets, etc.

Saturday Lunch and Tour. Tour vans will leave from the Fairview Church community building at 11:00 am on Saturday and return there by 5:00 pm. If you plan to go, your reservations must be mailed by August 1 (see order blank, p. 6). Dutch treat lunch will be at S&S Cafeteria on Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville, after which we will visit The Confederate Museum and Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Greenville.

Saturday Night Supper. This will be an informal catered supper at the Fairview Church community building Saturday at 6:30 pm. Bring the whole family, and pictures and family news to share with all of us. Older family members especially welcome! A buffet supper will be served. If you plan to attend the supper, please have your reservations in by August 1.

Stewart Clan Meeting. New Harmony Presbyterian Church at 11:00 am. Chief Charles Stewart will open the meeting and will ask for business reports and reports by houses.

Sunday Picnic Dinner. 12:30 pm. No reservations necessary. There will be a goodwill offering to cover incidental reunion expenses. Bring picnic food to share with all. If you are coming from out of town, there are several restaurants and grocery delicatessens nearby where take-out items may be purchased. Ice tea and utensils will be provided.

Motels. If you need motel accommodations, we suggest you make reservations at one of the convenient wheelchair-friendly motels in the Fountain Inn area. These motels are in Simpsonville at or near the intersection of I-385 and Fairview Road, which is about 10 miles from the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport (see map, p. 3).

Palmetto Inn (formerly Days Inn), intersection of I-385 and Fairview Road, Simpsonville. Cable TV. Phone: (864) 967-4500.

Comfort Inn intersection of I-385 and Fairview Road, Simpsonville. Cable TV, microwave and refrigerator, outdoor pool. For reservations, call (800) 221-2222 (national reservations) or call the motel direct at (864) 963-2777.

Jameson Inn, 45 Ray E. Talley Ct., Simpsonville. Directions: From I-85 North or South: 385 South. Exit 27. Look for Taco Bell or KFC. Turn Left. Go through two red lights. Third red light near Baskin Robins turn left. You will see the Jameson Inn on your left. Cable TV, pool and fitness center. Phone: (864) 963-7701 or call (800) JAMESON for national reservations.

Microtel Inn, 3706 Grandview Road, Simpsonville. Directions: From I-85, 385 South Exit 27 (Fairview Rd.) Turn right on Grandview Rd. (BP gas station) and all the way round and motel on left side. Cable TV, pool. Phone: (864) 962-8484.

Holiday Inn Express, Fairview Road (I-385 Exit 27), Simpsonville. Cable TV, pool. Phone: (864) 962-8500.

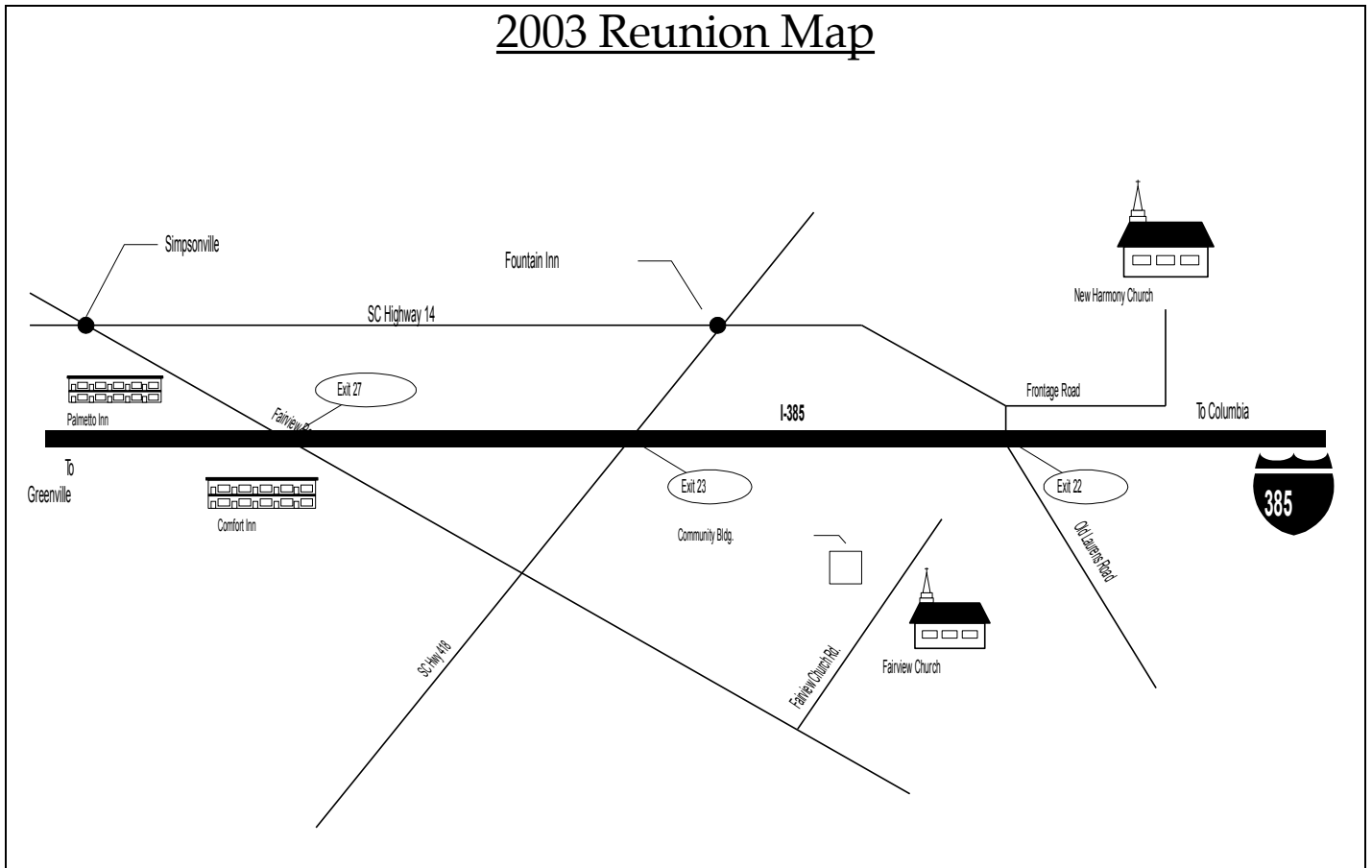
If necessary, try these motels. They are all about 20 miles from Simpsonville toward Columbia (see map).

Comfort Inn, I-385 Exit 52, ph. (864) 833-5558
Days Inn, I-385 Exit 52, ph. (864) 833-6600
Travelers Inn, I-385 Exit 52, ph. (864) 833-4400
Ramada Inn, I-385 Exit 52, ph. (864) 833-4900

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chief of the Walter Stewart Clan is elected for life. Officers and house historians of the Walter Stewart Clan serve two-year terms. Officers and house historians are elected in alternate years. The Nominating Committee submits these nominations for the 2003-2004 term. Elections will be held Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003 at the Walter Stewart Clan business meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

House of Samuel - Myra Dill Owens, Fountain Inn, SC
House of John - Jack and Joyce W. Pendarvis, Simpsonville, SC
House of Robert - Alan and Kathy L. Fields, Greensboro, NC
House of James - David G. Jones, Austin, TX
House of Walter, Jr. - Laurie S. Radford, Chapel Hill, NC



2002 REUNION MINUTES

The 95th Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan was held the weekend of August 10-11, 2002, at Fairview Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC. Chief Charles B. Stewart opened at noon with the Call to Order and an invitation to join in singing "Faith of Our Fathers" with organist Martha Henderson #31761 accompanying.

In his opening remarks, Chief Charles noted that, the clan was invited to join Fairview congregation for their morning worship at 11 o'clock. He said it will be our practice for now on to do so when the reunion is held at Fairview on alternate years. He thanked Fairview Church for their generosity in sharing their wonderful buildings and grounds with us. This adjustment is to meet their needs and growth, and at the same time will adequately serve our needs as well. So until further notice we will follow that schedule.

Chief Charles then requested members present from each house to stand for count. The report given by Registrar & Parliamentarian, Alan Fields:

1. Samuel	10	5. Walter, Jr.	0
2. John	2	6. Clark	2
3. Robert	71	7. David	0
4. James	0	8. Visitors	3

Total=88

States represented were South Carolina 74, Georgia 5, North Carolina 4, Louisiana 3, Florida 1, New Jersey 1.

Traveling farthest: 242.12.1 Jane Told Oldham from New Jersey.

Traveling least: brothers 37331John Peden, Jr., 37332 Stewart Peden, and 7333 Henry Peden with their wives.

Oldest: 3704 Sarah Stewart Godfrey, age 96, who attended the first reunion in 1907.

Youngest: 3171312 Ryan Mills Stewart, who turned 1 on July 28.

4 digit Descendants: 3843 Joe Stewart, 3845 Lucy Stewart, and 3704 Sarah Godfrey.

8 digit Descendant: 35123111 Alex Young

First time attending: Frances and Alex Young (351231Tommy & La Marr Brooks' daughter and grandson)

Chief Historian 31714 Mary S. Rawlinson reported regards from 3831 Mary Rob Stewart Kagin, who now resides near her daughter in an assisted living facility in Indiana. She then called on House Historians for reports.

House of Samuel – 15131 Myra Dill Owens reported no deaths.

House of John - 25261Jack Pendarvis reported deaths of 31426 Leah Johnson Sherman, 262216 Susan Roe

Keeler, 26721 Konrad Blank, and 26722 William Stewart Owings.

House of Robert - 317141 Alan Fields reported deaths of 31423 Elizabeth Prior Armstrong, Robert Hadley, 31752 Paula Sperry Leto, 3514 J.T. Brooks at 102, 384113 Trey Stewart 384113 at 13, 3842 Francis Ewen Carter, Jr.

House of James - No report. 42712 Pauline Stewart from Texas, widow of John, sent regards.

House of Walter, Jr. - 3851 Laurie Radford sent regards, reported death of 53214 Dudley Greer.

House of Clark Berry - No report.

House of David - No report.

Chief Charles called for a moment of silence to remember these, and led in prayer of thanksgiving for their lives among us.

Chief Historian Mary also recognized:

3171421 Chelsea Clark who did a lot of work in putting together the newsletter;
644165 Beth Rickenbaker who met and became acquainted with a cousin in South America;
317143 Judy L. Smith who reported more than 2000 hits on the walterstewart.org website.

Nominating Committee Chairman Alan Fields recommended:

351231 La Marr Brooks for Secretary;
31235 Doug Stewart for Treasurer;
31714 Mary Rawlinson for Chief Historian.
The recommendations were accepted unanimously.

Chief Charles called upon 131222 John Hellams and 313121 Dick Stewart to take up collection.

151222 Acting Secretary Polly Hellams reported that 351231 La Marr Brooks was absent because she was with her mother, who was not well. At La Marr's request Polly was taking minutes. Polly cited but did not read, the minutes of 2001 (printed in the newsletter), which had been received by all in attendance. Jack Pendarvis requested the change of the number attending from the House of John from 0 to 6; the change was noted and reported to the secretary. No other changes were requested.

31235 Treasurer Doug Stewart reported:

Balance 2001 reunion	\$1509.40
2001 reunion expenses	92.00
2001 collection	346.35
Balance 2002	1763.75
2002 collection	332.00
Balance (before 2002 expenses)	2095.75

Chief Charles noted that the previous day's tour included about 20 persons. Sites visited were 17435 Jack Stewart's farm and corn maze, and Mountain Shoals, an historic home in Enoree.

"We visited 17435 Jack Stewart's farm and toured the corn maze. It was not yet at full height. When it is, people get lost in it. Jack Stewart's daughter Angela and our son Bill were born at the same hospital on the same day some years ago, so there were two Stewart babies in the hospital. When the nurse went in to take little Bill's blood for Rh testing, she took it from the wrong Stewart baby. No harm was done.

"We also went to Mountain Shoals at Enoree, 150-year-old house on the bluff above the river, at the intersection of highways 221 and 92. A most interesting tour of the house was giving by its owners Preservation Architect Martin Meek and Library Director Bill Cooper, and a young woman whose name I didn't get. The house is a treasure trove of interesting and valuable antique furniture, musical instruments, portraits, painting, prints, household utensils, linens etc.

"Over the years I was in the house a few time when Mrs. Irby lived there, servicing appliances, etc. She wore green nail polish. She was a nice, but very private person, so few people ever got in there.

"Young Alex (age 4) went on the trip, the nicest young man you'll ever see. There was not a bit of misbehaving, whining or complaining from him, in spite of the heat."

In closing, Chief Charles thanked Fairview for their facilities; a donation will be made. Thanks also to 351231 Tommy Brooks serving as reunion host and providing cold drinks, and to 151222 John Hellams for driving the tour van.

He then adjourned to the picnic dinner.

Polly Parsons Hellams, Acting Secretary

WALTER STEWART FAMILY BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES
Reported 2002-2003

- 13286211 JASON CHRISTOPHER GAUL, son of Tommy & Jacque Gaul, married Amy Tenille Mayhugh, daughter of Terry & Joyce Mayhugh, on May 4, 2002 at Riverwood Mansion in Nashville, TN.
- 132.11.4232 JESSE DEVAN MURPHY, born November 5, 1999 in Seneca, SC, to Thyrone Vance & Vonda Kay Pitts Murphy of 135 Holly Ridge Drive, Walhalla, SC. Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Herman Marshall Pitts.
- 132.11.4252 THOMAS MACKENZIE MORRIS, born February 17, 1997 in Seneca, SC, to Thomas Christopher & Miranda Michelle Pitts Morris of Walhalla, SC. Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Herman Marshall Pitts.
- 15125 LYDA SIMS HELLAMS RICHARDS, 98, (wife of the late John Irby Richards) of Lakeview Terrace, Simpsonville, SC, died September 16, 2002 at the B.J. Workman Memorial Hospital in Woodruff. Burial was in the New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery.
- 21426121 JOSEPH MAGNUS NORMANN, born September 23, 2002 to Paul Roger & Deana Alison Walston Normann of Orange Park, FL. Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Jo Dean Walston.
- 31364 CYRUS ROBERT "BUCK" MOSS, 87 (husband of Mabel Rogers Moss) of Columbia SC died July 1, 2003. A memorial service was held at Kathwood Place in Columbia on July 9, 2003 and another was held at Spartanburg Municipal Airport on July 19.
- 31633 JOHN DAVID SMIRL, 78, (husband of Cleo Irene Turner Smirl) of Aubrey, TX, died January 4, 2003. Burial was in the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Dallas, TX.
- 31634 HUGHEL YOUNG ODOM, 86 (husband of Mary Alice Smirl Odom) of 1214 Strong Parkway, W., Grand Prairie, TX, died March 1, 2003. Buried in Arlington, TX.
- 31712 MARY DANDRIDGE OLTMAN STEWART, 79, (wife of Chief Charles Stewart) of 233 Edgewood Circle, Woodruff, SC, died September 6, 2002, at the B.J. Memorial Hospital in Woodruff, SC. Burial was in Greenhaven Memorial Gardens in Woodruff.
- 32111 JOHN SLOAN LEONARD (TONY), 89, (widower of Grace Givens Leonard and husband of Dorothy Aebersold Leonard) of Lakeway, TX, died December 31, 2002.
- 38433 **Correction:** SUSAN ALLYCE STEWART, daughter of Dr. Joe A. and Louise Rome Stewart, married Glenn Cullis Campbell, son of Grady & Mary Campbell, January 27, 2001 in Gatlinburg, TN.
- 3.13.22412 NATALIE AMANDA COLEMAN, daughter of Samuel Broadus & Rebecca M. Coleman, married Barry Evan Smith, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Hart and Eddie Smith, on April 13, 2003 at Hunter House in Simpsonville, SC.
- 3.13.224 BROADUS STEEDLEY COLEMAN, 80, (husband of Frances Stoddard Coleman) of Coleman Avenue, Fountain Inn, SC, died January 2, 2003 at Hillcrest Hospital. Burial was in Cannon Memorial Park Cemetery in Fountain Inn.
- 3.13.2242 JOHN STODDARD COLEMAN, son of Broadus S. and Frances Stoddard Coleman, married Alice Marie Tinsley, daughter of Robert & Josephine Bolt Tinsley, on June 29, 2002 at Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC.
- 6412 MARY ELIZABETH DUBOSE (BETH) STEWART, (wife of the late Harry Todd Stewart) of Seneca, SC died February 12, 2003. Burial was in Orangeburg Memorial Park.
- 68414 SCOTT ALAN STEWART, son of Clark Berry and Dorothy Baker Stewart, married Elizabeth Jane Devine, daughter of James & Rose Saccone Devine, on September, 10, 1994 in Purcellville, Virginia.
- 684141 ALEC CLARK STEWART, born January 23, 1995 to Scot Alan and Elizabeth Jane Devine Stewart of Alexandria, VA. Grandparents: Clark Berry and Dorothy Baker Stewart, James & Rose Saccone Devine.

2003 WALTER STEWART FAMILY UPDATE FORM

Please help us keep the records up to date on your family! Use back of sheet or extra pages if necessary. Bring this information with you to the Stewart Reunion, give it to your house historian, or mail to the Chief Historian: Mary S. Rawlinson, 6336 Briarwood Road, Columbia, South Carolina, 29206, phone 803-782-1464, e-mail maryr@sc.rr.com. A small donation to defray the cost of keeping the family records is always appreciated.

BIRTHS

This child is # ___ in this family.

Child's Stewart code (if known) and full name:

Date and place of birth:

Father's full name and occupation:

Mother's full name and occupation:

Paternal grandparent's names and residence:

Maternal grandparent's names and residence:

Family's mailing address:

MARRIAGES

Descendant's Stewart code (if known) and full name:

Date and place of marriage:

Spouse's date of birth:

Spouse's parents and place of residence:

Descendant's parents and mailing address:

DEATHS

Please enclose a copy of the newspaper obituary is available.

Stewart code (if known) and full name:

Date of death:

Place of burial (cemetery and city):

Occupation (before retirement):

Last address:

Name of spouse:

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Return no later than August 1, 2003 for reservations.
Checks payable to Walter Stewart Family.

Please continue sending me the Stewart family newsletter at \$2.00 per year for ___ years \$ _____
Reserve ___ places for the tour on Sat., August 9 at \$8.00 per person \$ _____
Reserve ___ places for the catered supper, Sat., Aug 10 at 6:30 pm. at \$7.00 per adult \$ _____
Reserve ___ places for the catered supper for children under 12 at \$3.50 per child \$ _____
Send ___ copy(s) of the Walter Stewart Family History book at \$28.00 (postage included) \$ _____
Send ___ copy(s) of same, CD-Rom at \$35 per copy (postage included) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Your Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

