

Walter Stewart Clan

2004 Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

The 97th Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held during the weekend of August 7-8, 2004 at Fairview 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 for our Saturday morning registration and tour, and for our catered supper Saturday night. The reunion business meeting will be at Fairview Church on Sunday morning, with a picnic afterwards on the church grounds.

The good news is that we have a real sweetheart deal for our Saturday tour this year. We will have lunch at Bob Jones University in Greenville, and afterwards enjoy a guided tour of their world-class art museum. Total cost for lunch plus tour will be only \$10. The bad news is that 15-passenger van rentals have escalated out of our reach in the Greenville area, and we can no longer offer tour transportation as we have in the past. However, we do ask those of you who plan to go on the tour and have large SUVs, to offer rides to other cousins so that we can go in fewer vehicles. We will leave in a caravan from Fairview and lead everyone to Bob Jones University, but to be on the safe side we'll also pass out maps showing the location of BJU and the parking lot we will use.

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. I would like us to begin preparations this year for our 100th anniversary reunion in 2007, a century after the first Walter Stewart reunion in 1907. Could any families who still have in their possession some artifact once owned by Walter Stewart or his seven sons come forth and offer to bring these for our 100th celebration? What a wonderful thing it would be to share these with all of us. Could you contact me personally if you own any old family heirlooms like this, or know where they are? And of course we want to continue our effort to collect old and new pictures for our family computer experts.

One special project I would like to complete before our 100th anniversary reunion is identifying all the family members attending the first Stewart reunion in 1907, as pictured in the front of the Walter Stewart Family History book. We now have a computer-enhanced copy of this picture that should make identification easier. All you older members of the family will have to help with this. I will have a copy of this picture at our August reunion so we can work on identifying families and individuals.

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 call still goes out, bring a full picnic basket and join us. We hope to see you.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Stewart, Chief

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NOTE FROM THE COMPUTER RECORDS COORDINATOR- Judy L. Smith

Wedding and baby pictures wanted! In the past year or so I have received a number of excellent wedding pictures from several family members. These photographs of very happy family occasions sparked the idea that we should have a special section on the Walter Stewart Clan internet site (www.walterstewart.org) just for family wedding pictures. This will add to an already impressively large archive of other family pictures. A further idea is to add a section especially for baby pictures. Please make a point of bringing copies of your own wedding and baby pictures, along with pictures of other family members, on the Reunion this August! We'll scan them on the spot and return them to you immediately. Or if you prefer, you can e-mail electronic pictures any time to Judy Smith or Mary Rawlinson at jmlesslie_777@yahoo.com or mary@walterstewart.org.

NOTE FROM THE CHIEF HISTORIAN- MARY S. RAWLINSON

On page 4 there is a list of births, deaths and marriages reported during the past year. If you do not see your reported update here please re-submit using the Family Update Form on page 5. And please accept my abject apologies for having erased these records from a computer file by mistake.

2004 REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 7 – Fairview Presbyterian Church

- 10:00 am Registration and coffee, Fairview Church community building, Fountain Inn.
- 11:00 am Lunch and guided tour - board vehicles at Fairview Church community building, return at 5:00 pm. For reservations see order blank, p.2.
- 6:30 pm Catered supper, Fairview Church Community Building. For reservations see order blank, p.2.
- 8:00 pm Fellowship hour, Fairview Church Community Building. Bring family update sheets and old pictures.

Sunday, August 8 – Fairview Presbyterian Church

- 10:00 am Registration begins, Fairview Church. Coffee and Danish, tour of church cemetery
- 11:00 am Fairview Presbyterian worship service
- 12:00 am Stewart Clan meeting
- 1:00 pm Picnic dinner on the church grounds - bring food to share

2004 REUNION ACTIVITIES

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

Saturday Lunch and Tour. Tour of Bob Jones University Museum and Art Gallery in Greenville. Cars 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 July 25 (see order blank). Lunch will be at the BJU Dining Common all-you-can-eat buffet. After lunch we will visit the art gallery, which is recognized as the largest collection of religious art in the Western hemisphere, with works by major artists such as Rubens, van Dyck and Tintoretto in a magnificent setting of period furniture, sculpture, tapestries and porcelains. The guided tour is limited to 25, so reservations will be on a first-come-first-served basis. BJU requests that children be age 6 or older.

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 July 25.

Stewart Clan Meeting. Fairview Presbyterian Church at 12:00 noon. Chief Charles Stewart will open the meeting and will ask for business reports and reports by houses.

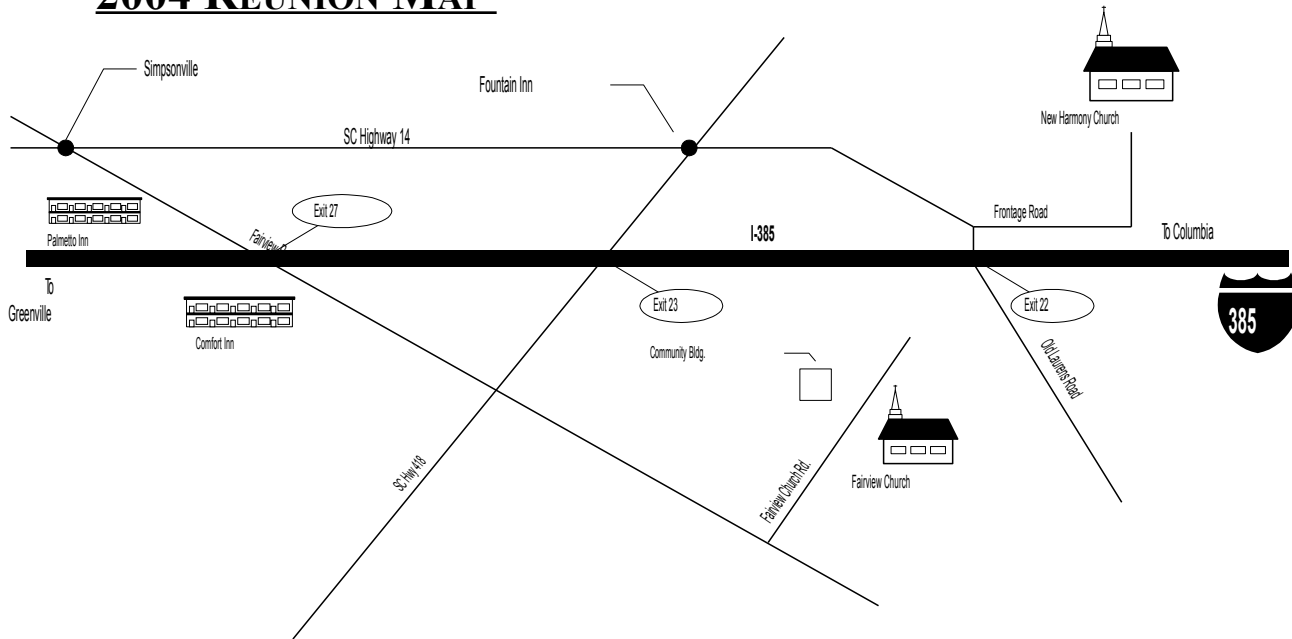
Sunday Picnic Dinner. 1:00 pm. No reservations necessary. There will be a goodwill offering to cover incidental reunion expenses. Bring picnic food to share with all. If you are coming from out of town, there are several restaurants and grocery delicatessens nearby where take-out items may be purchased. Iced tea and utensils will be provided.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you need motel accommodations, we suggest you make reservations at one of the convenient wheelchair-friendly motels in the Fountain Inn area. All these motels are in Simpsonville at or near the intersection of I-385 and Fairview Road (exit #27), which is about 10 miles from the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport (see map). Motel 6 and Holiday Inn Express have special rates for people with a reunion.

<u>Comfort Inn</u> 3755 Grandview Drive Simpsonville, SC 29680 864-963-2777	<u>Hampton Inn</u> 3934 Grandview Drive Simpsonville, SC 29680 864-963-9292	<u>Motel 6</u> 3706 Grandview Dr. Simpsonville, SC 29680 864-962-8484	<i>20m. away toward Col.</i> <u>Comfort Inn</u> 864-833-5558 <u>Days Inn</u> 864-833-6600 <u>Travelers Inn</u> 864-833-4400 <u>Ramada Inn</u> 864-833-4900
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2004 REUNION MAP



The map above shows the Fountain Inn-Simpsonville area where the Stewart reunion is held. Fairview Presbyterian Church Community Building is the center of Saturday activities each year. The Sunday reunion meeting will be held in Fairview Presbyterian Church, with a picnic dinner afterwards in the community building.

RESERVATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Return to: Mary S. Rawlinson
204 Seabury Dr.
Greenville, SC 29615

No later than July 25, 2004 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 7 at \$10.00 per person	\$ _____
Reserve ___ places for the catered supper, Sat., August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at \$7.00 per adult	\$ _____
Reserve ___ places 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	\$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip-code: _____

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 2004-2005 term. Elections will be held Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004 at the Walter Stewart Clan business meeting at Fairview Presbyterian Church. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Secretary – LaMarr Brooks, 108 Elfwing Lane, Central, SC

Treasurer – Doug W. Stewart, 941 Durbin Road, Fountain Inn, SC

Chief Historian – Mary S. Rawlinson, 204 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC

Alan Fields, Chairman

2003 REUNION MINUTES

The 96th Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan was held the weekend of Aug. 9th-10th, at New Harmony Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC. Chief Charles B. Stewart opened the Sunday business meeting at 11:15 with the Call to Order and an invitation to join in singing the Hymn “Count Your Blessings” with organist Martha Henderson #31761 accompanying.

After Chief Charles’ opening prayer he noted that after his second heart surgery in February, he was thankful to be here for the 96th anniversary and plans to be here at the 2007, 100th year anniversary for a special celebration. He commented that the even years were held at Fairview and odd years were held at New Harmony, therefore 2007 would be at New Harmony. Squire Wistar Stewart began preparation for the first reunion to be held in 1900 but it took seven years to complete.

Chief Charles made a request for a copy of the first reunion photo that appears in the Stewart Book along with items that belonged to Walter Stewart such as his walking cane, bed coverlet and trunk. In preparation for the 100th reunion, he made the suggestion that family members write about the history of the oldest Stewarts they could remember or their favorite Stewart member.

Chief Charles then requested suggestions from the floor. Some of the suggestions included coverage by the local newspaper, along with an announcement in the paper before the reunion and a search for photos of all the original 7 sons of Walter Stewart.

Chief Charles then requested members present from each house to stand for count. States represented were South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas and Virginia.” Registrar Alan Fields gave an attendance report.

Traveling farthest: #31631 Edward Smirl, #31634 Alice Smirl Odom, & #31635 Carroll & Martha Smirl Cooper from Texas.

Traveling least: #3843 Joe Stewart of 481 Stewart Rd., Fountain Inn, SC.

Oldest and attended the first reunion: #3734 Sarah Stewart Godfrey, age 98.

Youngest: #3171231 Tinsley Stewart -Chief Charles’ granddaughter.

Least Digits (4 Digit Descendants): #3843 Joe Stewart, #3845 Lucy Stewart, and #3704 Sarah Stewart Godfrey.

First time attending: #31631 Edward Smirl, #31634 Alice Smirl Odom, & #31635 Carroll & Martha Smirl Cooper from Texas.

Chief Historian #31714 Mary S. Rawlinson called on House Historians for reports.

Chief Charles called for a moment of silence to remember those lost during the past year and led in prayer of thanksgiving for their lives. Chief Charles then took up a collection for the purpose of funding the Stewart Reunion.

John T. Hellams submitted these names from Nomination Committee for the election of the 2003-2004 House Historians:

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
House of Clark Berry:	Larry E. Stewart, Kingsville, MD
House of David Bobo:	Clark H. Stewart, Walnut Springs, TX

Chief Charles opened the floor for other nominations, none given, motion was accepted to close. Vote was taken with the acceptance of all those nominated.

Chief Charles noted that the Saturday Tour included a trip to the Confederate Museum and Christ Episcopal Church in Greenville, SC. He thanked van drivers, James Rogers and John Hellams, and also Tommy Brooks for supplies and drinks.

The meeting concluded with the Meal Blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

LaMarr Brooks, Secretary

WALTER STEWART FAMILY BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES
Reported 2003-2004

- 132812 DORIS THOMPSON CATES, 77 (wife of the late George Thomas Cates) of Fountain Inn, died April 15, 2004 at the Fountain Inn Nursing Home. Burial was in Cannon Memorial Park, Fountain Inn.
- 132.11.1 LILLIAN RUTH WALKER HENRY, 89 (wife of the late Benjamin Leland Henry) of Greenville, died December 15, 2003 at National Health Care in Mauldin. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park.
- 151613 BEATTIE HUNNICUTT HIPPS, 80 (husband of the late Mary Ellen Long Hipps), died March 26, 2004. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, West.
- 21426122 RACHAEL HANNAH NORMANN, born March 17, 2004 in Orange Park, FL to Paul Roger and Deana Walston Normann of Orange Park, FL. Grandparents: Jo & Joy Walston of Cove Spring, FL.
- 24228 MILDRED COOK HAWKINS, 86 (wife of the late Thomas Calvin Hawkins) of Fountain Inn, died in September of 2003 at the home of her daughter in Jacksonville, FL. Burial was in Cannon Memorial Park.
- 25232 LILA McCALL WOODS, 85 (wife of the late Louie T. Woods) of Fayetteville, N.C., died June 23, 2004. Burial was in Cannon Memorial Park.
- 25239 OTIS GARRETT, 70 (husband of Polly Woods Garrett) of Fountain Inn, died on May 27, 2004 at his home. Burial was in Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery.
- 3213441 MICHELLE ALLISON OLIVER, born December 24, 2001 in Conroe, TX. Adopted by William Garvin & Deborah Sue Oliver on January 8, 2003. Grandparents: Dr. James E. & Emily L. Garrett Oliver of Sylva, NC. G-Grandparents: the late Dr. William B., Jr. & Lora Leonard Garrett of Fountain Inn, SC.
- 322411 SAMUEL C. "SAM" POWER, JR., 76 (husband of the late Bettie Ann Stewart Power) of Waterloo, died September 30, 2003 at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.
- 37321 ANITA STEWART SUMMEY, 80 (wife of the late John David Summey) of Greenville, died on June 17, 2004 at the Marion County Medical Center. Services were held in the Remembrance Chapel Mausoleum of Woodlawn Memorial Park in Greenville.
- 382114 KATHRYN RAE KAGIN, daughter of Edwin F. Kagin, Jr. & Dr. Sandra Graves Kagin, married George M. "Hap" Cohan IV on October 25, 2003 in Louisville, KY.
- 382121 ZACHARY CHARLES ALANIZ, born April 17, 2004 to Bradley A. & Gretchen Metzler Alaniz at the US Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan. Grandparents: Charles Lawrence & Roberta Stewart Metzler

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2004 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, 204 Seabury Drive, Greenville, S. C., 29615, phone: 864-288-0524, e-mail: mary@walterstewart.org. 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:

Age of deceased:

Date of death:

Place of burial (cemetery and city):

Occupation (before retirement):

Last address:

Name of spouse:

Name:	Phone:	E-mail:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip-code:
