

Walter Stewart Clan

2009 Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

The 102nd Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held during the weekend of August 8-9, 2009 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 for our Saturday morning registration and tour, and for our catered supper Saturday night. The reunion business meeting will be at New Harmony on Sunday morning, with a picnic afterwards on the church grounds.

For our Saturday afternoon tour we, we will visit the Rev. Clark Berry Stewart's historic homeplace in the Fairview community. The property is now owned by Dr. and Mrs. James Richardson, who have lovingly restored the home in its original style. Then we will visit the homes of 312 Baker "Bake" and Ella Stewart (now occupied by their grandson Doug Stewart, our treasurer) and 38 James Preston and Martha Cely Stewart in the Durbin community. We have toured these three beautiful old homes in past years, but now we want the younger generation to see them.

For Saturday dutch lunch we will gather at the Coach House Restaurant in Simpsonville at noon and start our tour there. For supper, we will meet at the Fairview Church community building for a catered supper. This is a time of fellowship, renewing family ties, and sharing of family news. And of course we want to continue our effort to collect old and new pictures for our family computer experts.

We have an unusual treat in store for Sunday at New Harmony church. The speaker will be our own 3.13.352 Beth Lindsay Templeton of Greenville, SC. Beth is an ordained Presbyterian minister and author of "Loving Our Neighbor: A Thoughtful Approach to Helping People in Poverty." Her book distills the wisdom she gained through "making mistakes," as she says, as director of Greenville United Ministries, where she worked closely with people who are poor and marginalized, as well as with groups and individuals who want to help people with minimal resources. Nowadays she shares the lessons she learned through workshops, speeches, writing, consulting, and her blog at oureyeswereopened.blogspot.com. She will share with us at our reunion meeting on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you during Stewart reunion weekend to renew old ties and celebrate new ones. As it has for over a hundred years, 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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2009 REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 8 – Fairview Presbyterian Church

2:00 noon Dutch lunch at Coach House Restaurant, 637 SE Main St, Simpsonville

1:00 pm Guided tour of old Stewart homeplaces - board personal vehicles at Coach House, return at 5:00 pm. For reservations see order blank, p.0

- 7:00 pm Catered supper, Fairview Church Community Building. For reservations see order blank, p.0.
8:00 pm Fellowship hour, Fairview Church Community Building. Bring family update sheets and old pictures.

Sunday, August 9 – New Harmony Presbyterian Church

- 10:00 am Registration begins, New Harmony Church.
11:00 pm Clan Meeting
1:00 pm Picnic dinner on the church grounds - bring food to share. Drinks/utensils provided.
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2009 REUNION ACTIVITIES 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 and are elected in alternate years. The Nominating Committee submits these nominations for the 2009-2010 term. Elections will be held Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 at the Walter Stewart Clan business meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

House of Samuel - Margaret Sumerel, Laurens, SC
House of John - Anne Shaver, Greenville, SC
House of Robert - Alan & Kathy Fields, Greensboro, NC
House of James - David G. Jones, Austin, TX
House of Walter, Jr. - Donna Skarloken, Tracy, CA
House of Clark Berry - Larry E. Stewart, Kingsville, MD
House of David Bobo - Clark H. Stewart, Glenn Rose, TX

John T. Hellams, Nominating Committee

Tidbits

Out of State Cousins: At our Stewart Executive Committee Meeting this year we talked about the problem of out-of-town cousins trying to find food to bring to our Sunday picnic dinner. If this is a problem for you, we suggest you donate a few extra dollars to the Sunday collection plate, and we will see that there is enough food on hand to go around (no miracles necessary, we hope).

Help Wanted: Every reunion takes some planning and sharing of tasks to make everything go smoothly, so every year some of us meet in the SC Upstate to accomplish this. Many who would be glad to attend these meetings live in other states, too far away to be on hand. We need a few more "locals" within driving distance to help get ready for our reunions. If you're willing to be on a Planning Committee, please let Chief Charles or one of the members of the Executive Committee know. Help wanted!

Address Change: We try to keep track of everybody by asking the Postal Service to notify us of address changes, but sometimes this isn't available, and it always costs us extra money even to find that out. Please, if you're moving, add the Stewart family to your notification list! Send to Registrar Wendy Welch, 5600 Ashwind Trce Alpharetta, GA 30005-7291, or report on the family webpage at www.walterstewart.org.

2008 Reunion Minutes

The 101st Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan was held the weekend of August 9th & 10th, at the Fairview Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC. Mary Kramer #38213 opened the Sunday business meeting with the song "Amazing Grace" which she played on the bagpipes. Chief Charles B. Stewart #31712 opened the Sunday business meeting with the Call to Order and an invitation to join in singing the Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" with organist Martha Henderson #31761 accompanying on the organ and 11 year old Carrie Henderson #3176521 leading in song.

After Chief Charles Stewart's opening prayer he noted many items from the 100th reunion of 2007; he was in awe of the average of 250 attendance that exceeded his greatest hopes. He was glad to see so many happy encounters and gave thanks for the work of the many people from both far and near that made it all possible. He made note of some items learned from the reunion which included how the family heirlooms are preserved and recorded with today's technology tools such as: the medallions that were passed out and will be handed down from generation to generation, the original Stewart Reunion Ribbon re-created with help from John Hellams and Louise Fulmer and donated by John, better record keeping with the help of Judy Smith adding to the Walter Stewart website every year. Chief Charles requested family members to continue bringing items to the reunions for addition to the website.

The closest traveled was Henry Peden #3733, the farthest traveled were Carl and Mary Kramer #38213, the youngest in attendance was Grace Henderson #3176524, the oldest in attendance was Charles Stewart #31712, first time attendees were Allison Benjamin # 3221151 and Vonda McCurry, least number of digits was Joe Stewart #3843. The 2007 reunion minutes were read by Secretary, LaMarr Brooks #351231 with corrections and additions made.

Treasurer's report was given by Doug Stewart #31235: Balance as of Aug. 2007: \$3,018.60, Expenses: \$1,515.93, Collection: \$1,026.25, Balance as of Aug. 2008: \$2,528.92.

Chief Historian, Mary Newton #31714 called on House Historians for reports of deaths reported in the past year. Mary Newton also reported that there have been no new DNA matches and our DNA is a rare and unique DNA even though the Stewart name is a common one.

Chief Historian Mary Stewart reported on the family's connection with Bethany Presbyterian Church in lower Laurens County, founded in 1833 on property donated by Walter Stewart, Jr. #5 son. Clark Berry Stewart #6 son taught at the Bethany school before going to Presbyterian seminary. The church was closed in 1930. In 1982 it was re-established and a new building was constructed due to termite destruction of the old one. The cemetery has been refurbished; the tombstones have been researched and new markers are being put up memorializing charter members of the church. Bethany has asked if we would like to donate to the restoration fund. 1st & 2nd Motion was made to donate \$200.00 to the Bethany Presbyterian Church; vote was yes with no opposition. 1st & 2nd motion was also made to donate \$100.00 for the use of the Fairview Presbyterian Church for the meeting; vote was yes with no opposition.

Chief Charles recognized and gave thanks to James Rodgers #6581 for the newsletter mailings, Linda Clark #313142 for editing the newsletter and Judy Lesslie Smith #317143 for the web page work.

Election of the Officers: Nominating Committee Chairman, Alan Fields recommended officers serving for the next two years:

351231 LaMarr Brooks for Secretary

31235 Doug Stewart for Treasurer

31714 Mary Stewart Newton for Chief Historian

The nominations were accepted unanimously.

Offering was taken while Martha Henderson played the organ. Chief Charles ended the meeting with the meal blessing and all adjourned to "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" played by Martha.

**Walter Stewart Clan
Births, Deaths, & Marriages
Reported 2008-2009**

113286221 TRAVIS LANE CALE, 19, son of Stephen Eugene and Connie Payne Cale of Greenville, SC died October 28, 2007 in a tragic fire at Ocean Isle Beach, NC. A funeral service was held November 3, 2007 at Brookwood Church in Simpsonville.

151251 KATHLEEN ROSE HELLAMS, 79 (widow of Richard Murray Hellams) of Spring Hill, FL died April 2, 2008 at The Residence at Timber Pines. Burial was at Florida Hills Cemetery in Spring Hill.

15131 MYRA DILL OWENS, 94, widow of George "Edd" Owens, formerly of 211 Quillen Ave. in Fountain Inn, died August 4, 2008. Funeral services were August 6, 2008 at

Durbin Creek Baptist Church near Fountain Inn. Burial was in Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery. Myra was the faithful Historian for the House of Samuel for many years.

- 151614112 ERIN SYBLE LONG, born May 8, 2008 to J. Curtis, Jr. and Amanda Long of Simpsonville, SC on August 3, 2006 at Greenville Memorial Hospital, Greenville, SC. Grandparents: John C., Sr. and Martha Long of Seneca, SC. G-Grandparents: Johnny Ray and Betty Hedrick Long of Travelers Rest, SC.
- 15161412 SARA ELIZABETH LONG, daughter of John C., Sr. and Martha Long of Seneca, SC married Jeremiah James Johnson April 3, 1981 in Morningside Baptist Church in Greenville, SC.
- 17561 JACK FRENCH PARSONS, 71 (husband of Joan Washburn Parsons) of Brevard, NC died September 2, 2004. Burial was in Gillespie Cemetery in Brevard.
- 175612 LINDA SUSAN PARSONS, 38, daughter of Joan W. Parsons and the late Jack F. Parsons, died March 8, 2004 at Transylvania Community Hospital in Brevard, NC. Burial was in Gillespie Cemetery in Brevard, where she lies beside her father.
- 1.11.23312 STEPHEN RAY DUNCAN, 56 (husband of Brenda Abercrombie Duncan) of Laurens, SC, died August 10, 2008 at his home. A memorial service was held August 13, 2008, at Little River Dominick Presbyterian Church.
- 24279 ROBERT EARLE "BOB" COLEMAN, 83 (husband of Jane Williams Coleman) of Greenville, SC died March 28, 2008 at his home. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Greenville.
- 31175121 JESSICA NOEL BURKS, daughter of Charles and Cinda Van Meter Burks of Circleville, OH married Patrick Hugh Donaldson October 27, 2007 at Crossroads Church in Circleville.
- 31762 ALICE HENDERSON BRAZILL JOHNSON, 74 (wife of Milton G Johnson, Jr.; widow of the Rev. Dewey Brazill) of Kirksey, SC died Aug. 25, 2008 at her home. Buried was in Rosemont Cemetery in Clinton, SC.
- 3176524 LAURA KATHERINE GRACE HENDERSON, born December 19, 2007 to Joe and Becky Henderson of Waterloo, SC. Grandparents: Jean Pulley Henderson and the late Joseph W. Henderson of Laurens. G-grandparents: the late J.C. and Belle Stewart Henderson.
- 32227211 KATHRYN CAROWAY RIEBEL, born July 23, 2006 to Bruce S., Jr. ("Buddy") and Traci Caroway Riebel of Morgantown, NC. Grandparents: Bruce S., Sr. and Jacqueline A. Riebel of Venetia, PA. G-grandparents: Helen Stewart Riebel and the late Albert Riebel of Bethel Park, PA.
- 3822 MARTHA PRESTON STEWART SCOTT, 93 (wife of C. Lawson Scott) of Greenville, SC died July 28, 2008. A memorial service was held July 30, 2008 in the chapel of Thomas McAfee Funeral Home in Greenville.

532232 DONALD RICHARD CHENEY, JR, 72 (husband of Anne Sparks Cheney) of Spartanburg, SC died March 5, 2008 at the Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Spartanburg.

WALTER STEWART EXECUTIVE BOARD 2008

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RESERVATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

No later than July 25, 2009 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 Old Homes Tour on Sat., August 8 at \$2.00 per person (\$1.00 for under 12) \$ _____
 Reserve ___ places for the catered supper, Sat., August 8 at 7:00 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 \$25.00 (postage included) \$ _____
 Send ___ copy(s) of same, CD-Rom at \$35 per copy (postage included) \$ _____
 Send ___ copy(s) of Centennial Stewart Family Cookbook at \$20 per copy (postage included) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

2009 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 if 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:

Your Name:

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