

# Walter Stewart Clan

2011 Newsletter

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## LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

The 104th annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held during the weekend of August 13-14, at Bethany Presbyterian Church near Clinton, S.C. This is the first time in many years a Stewart reunion has been held at our family's original home church, which most of our ancestors attended before moving to the Fountain Inn area and elsewhere. 1 Samuel Stewart and 5 Walter Stewart, Jr. are buried in the church cemetery. Our cousins 317652 Joey and Becky Henderson and 3222211 Valerie S. and Les Jones and their families are members of Bethany Church and are making this wonderful event possible for us. We hope you'll join us on Saturday and Sunday for the many interesting activities that are planned.

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

*Stewart Furniture Co., Woodruff, SC 29388, ph. 864-476-3914*

## REUNION OVERVIEW “A TIME OF SEARCHING”

We have been welcomed by the session, members, and family of faith of Bethany Presbyterian Church for our 104th Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan. The roots of the Stewart Family and the Bethany Church are shared. Much of the original Bethany land was given by 5 Walter, Jr. and Sallie Stewart in 1833. The connection continues to this day as Bethany's current membership and family includes nearly a dozen 6th, 7th, and 8th generation Stewarts.

It would be difficult to overstate the impact of Bethany on our early American Stewarts. Hence, many of our lives today are still influenced by those early years.

In preparation for this year's reunion, please consider reading *The Walter Stewart Family History* (page 421 – 424) about 6 Clark Berry Stewart's teaching, evangelical, and pastoral missions. These ministries were essentially launched from Bethany. Clark Berry not only taught his nieces and nephews of the 2nd generation at Bethany, but also with wife Katharine taught his children at home. He ministered and evangelized in a large geographical area served by small or rural churches.

The Family History records at age 24 Clark Berry Stewart entered into “a time of searching” following the death of a dear friend. He emerged from this time two years later with a faith based mission and purpose. Consider the impact of our surroundings – personal and cultural; which are probably much different than those of Clark Berry. Would we (or our children) emerge from a time of searching brought on by deep tragedy with a stronger faith and purpose as did Clark Berry?

The Stewart Clan Reunion Committee has planned a weekend of activities and discussions to remember and reflect upon the continuing impact of this early rural church on our family, church, and world today. Perhaps you will develop a greater appreciation of the impact of those early Bethany years on your own life. Perhaps you may want to reintegrate it into your life today.

# REUNION SCHEDULE

## **SATURDAY AUGUST 13**

- 8:30 AM Gather for Tour at Comfort Suites, Exit 52 on I-26  
9:00 AM Tour: Clark Berry Stewart's "other" Laurens Churches ( +/- 2.5 hours)  
(Sandy Springs, Rocky Springs) Begin at Comfort Suites.  
Maps will be passed out, caravan . . . .  
12:30 PM Lunch Conversations at Comfort Suites Lounge  
Bring your own lunch and chat with cousins  
3:45 PM Registration, Nametags, Gathering together at Bethany  
4:00 PM Conversations 1A / 1B  
4:55 PM Break  
5:00 PM Conversations 2A / 2B  
5:55 PM Break  
6:00 PM Catered Dinner at Bethany  
7:30PM Walking Tour of the Bethany Grounds. (30 – 45 minutes), including possible home place location, cemetery markers placed in 2008 To the Glory of God and memorializing contributions of founding and early Bethany members, including several Stewarts and Templetons.

## **SUNDAY AUGUST 14**

- 09:30 AM Registration Table Will Be Open  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:55 AM Worship Service  
12:30 PM Annual Family Business Meeting, reunion meal to follow

## **DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS**

Tour: Meet at The Comfort Suites at I-26 Exit 52 to depart on this driving tour of two churches which are mentioned regularly in the Family History. There will be a brief stop and walk at each church.

Lunch: Eat lunch and chat with your cousins about current events, church news, or any subject of interest . . . Meet at the Comfort Suites. Bring your own lunch.

### Family Conversations (Meet at Bethany)

The basic format of each Family Conversation will be:

- 10 Minutes: Opening Comments by Leader  
40 Minutes: Interactive Discussion  
5 Minutes: Closing and Wrap-up by Leader

### 1A. Strength in Small Numbers: (Led by Rev. Dr. Herb Codington)

Clark Berry Stewart launched his personal and professional ministries in and from the small church. Many of us, today, remain faithful members of churches and worship families, large and small. Some common thinking today is the small church is losing its vitality and becoming irrelevant. But there is a counter-belief which holds the small church is uniquely positioned to minister and witness to today's culture. Perhaps inheriting some of Clark Berry's spiritual DNA, the folks of Bethany are recognized as national leaders in this missional movement of small churches. Bethany also joins with a cluster of smaller membership churches who have united in mission - local and global. The "Laurens" cluster is comprised of more than a dozen churches whose weekly worship attendance ranges from the 10 to 70+, yet whose missional impact could compare to churches with hundreds in attendance each week. If you are a member of a small church, come to get encouragement and fresh ideas and motivation on how you and your church could expand its missional impact. If you are a member of a large church, come see what your brothers and sisters (cousins) in smaller churches are "up to", you may find opportunity for new ministry.

### 1B. Homeschooling: (Led by Stewart and Bethany Homeschoolers)

Clark Berry and Katharine Stewart were homeschoolers in the 1850s. Many in the Bethany congregation began homeschooling their children 30 years ago and produced the first Laurens County Home School High School graduate almost 20 years ago and several graduates since then. One might say they were "homeschooling when homeschooling was not cool." Several Stewart cousins and Bethany members are homeschoolers today. If you are considering or preparing for homeschooling, or if you are wondering if homeschoolers are really as "weird" as we think we are, then come to this time of sharing.

### 2A. Connecting for Practical Church Ministries. (Led by Bethany Members)

This is a follow-up to conversation 1A. Learn about some practical ministries with which it is easy to connect and start. This will be first-hand information about many of the methods and partners of the "Laurens" Cluster. These ministries are simple and practical, so don't be surprised to be dismissed

early. Use this time to network with your cousins about what you have just learned. Exchange phone numbers, email addresses, and stories.

**2B. Spiritual Formation of Young Stewarts:** (Led by a "Stewart" who would love to learn about the spiritual formation of his cousins and ancestors). What did you learn in Sunday School, from the pulpit, from your parents and grandparents that shaped your faith? Did you learn a catechism when you were younger? If so, please share the experience with the group, positive or negative. Recite a couple of your favorite or least favorite Q and A's for us. Do you have first or second hand information about the faith of two or three digit Stewarts which may not be written in the family history? How did you receive "Spiritual Formation" when you were young? How has it changed over the years? This time will be closed with a brief discussion (less than 5 minutes each) of a couple of Stewarts whose spiritual formation was "modified" by homeschooling.

## DIRECTIONS

Note: On I-26, Exit 52 is Highway 56, the "Bethany Exit." Exit 54 is Highway 72.

### DIRECTIONS to Bethany Presbyterian Church from I-26 Exit 52:

Take Highway 56 away from Clinton, go 3.8 miles, turn left on Bethany Church Road. Go 1.1 miles, at Bethany sign, turn right on Fawn Road. Church is 100 meters on right. The address of the church is 106 Fawn Rd, Clinton, SC 29325, ph. 864-833-5763

### LODGING with GROUP RATE for one or two nights Fri. 8/12 and/or Sat. 8/13

Comfort Inn and Suites, Exit 52 on I -26, Clinton, SC 864-833-1800

"Stewart Reunion", \$79.99 +Taxes if **reserved by Friday 7/29/11**. \$114.99 Standard Rate.

Quality Inn, Exit 52 on I-26, Clinton SC 864-833-5558

"Stewart Reunion", \$59.99 + Taxes if **reserved by Friday 7/29/11**. \$69.99 Standard Rate.

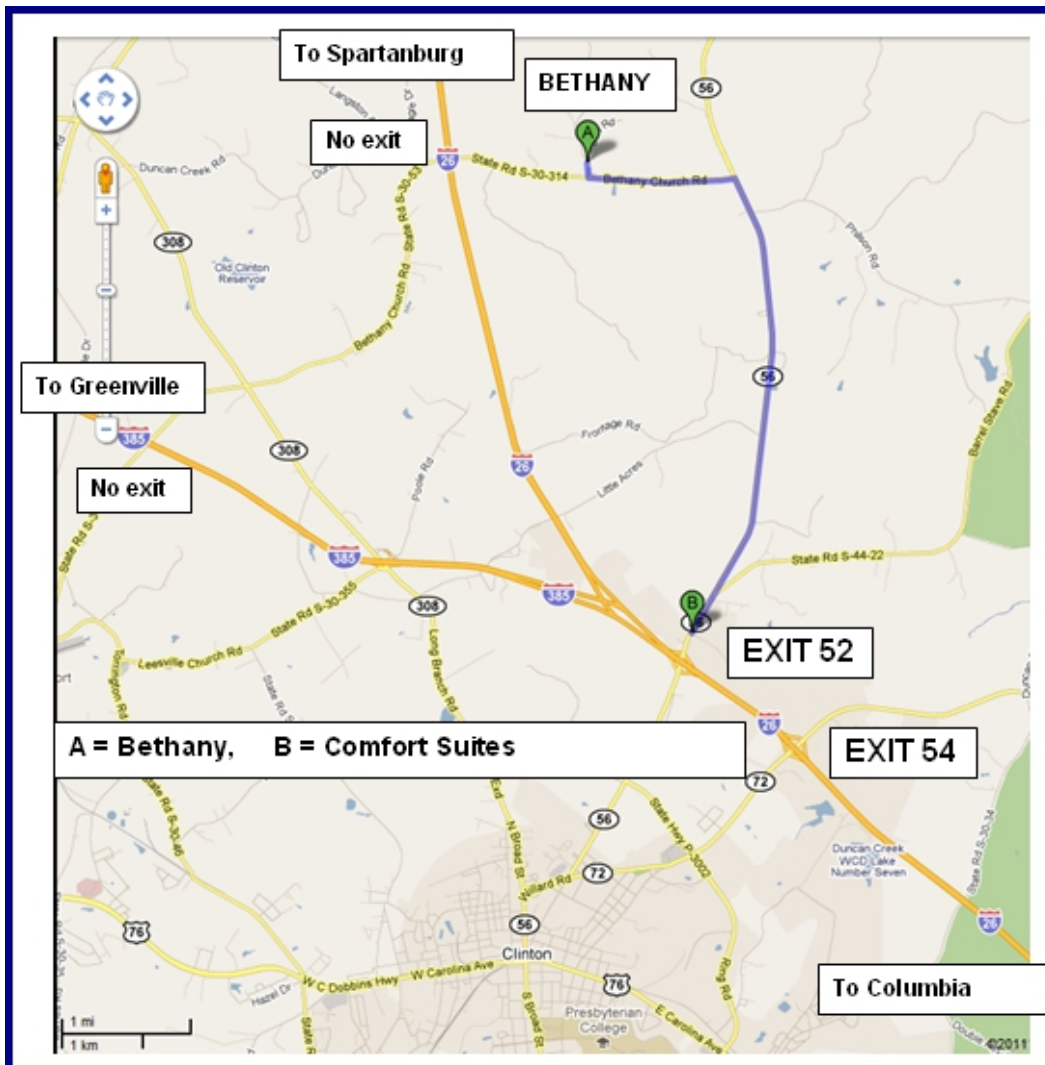
### OTHER LODGING Internet prices and hotel phone numbers:

Exit 52: Days Inn, \$44, 1-877-662-6988

Exit 52: Howard Johnson \$59, 1-864-833-4900

Exit 54: Hampton Inn \$85, 1-866-599-6674

**Hike:** If you are young and/or young at heart and interested in a short day hike on an easy to moderate trail, please indicate so on your registration form and we will try to put one together on Saturday if there is enough interest.



**REUNION REGISTRATION FORM (Please return by Monday 7/25/11)**

Contact Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

List the number of participants from your family for each event:

Saturday Tour: \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday 1A/2A: \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday 1B/2B: \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday dinner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday worship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday lunch: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you will make a monetary contribution in lieu of bringing food on Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like to be called if a hike materializes: \_\_\_\_\_

\$8.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Dinner Adult  
\$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Dinner Child (Age 10 or under)  
\$3.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Babysitting Age 6 and Under – Tour  
8:30AM – Noon, end of Tour @ Bethany Nursery  
\$2.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Babysitting Age 10 and Under - Conversations

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

Send to Joey Henderson, 350 Lake Field Rd, Waterloo SC 29384. Make checks payable to Walter Stewart Family.

**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 2011-2012 term. Elections will be held Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011 at the Walter Stewart Clan business meeting at Bethany Presbyterian Church. 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

**Walter Stewart Family  
Births, Deaths, and Marriages  
Reported 2010-2011**

- 132.11.5**      **RUTH HENRY WHITE**, 94 (widow of Charles Raymond White) died February 25, 2011 at the Presbyterian Home in Easley, SC. A funeral service was held February 28 at the Thomas McAfee Funeral Home Downtown Chapel and entombment was in Woodlawn Memorial Park Mausoleum
- 151614113**    **EMMA JULIA LONG**, born to J. Curtis, Jr. and Amanda Long of Simpsonville, SC on June 15, 2010 in Greenville, SC. Grandparents: John C. Sr. and Martha Long of Seneca, SC. G-grandparents: Johnny Ray and Betty Hedrick Long of Travelers Rest, SC.
- 21415113**      (Correction) **BENJAMIN KEITH HESTER**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hester of Elk Grove, CA married Leslie Gail Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Collins, on July 10, 2004 in Fresno, CA.
- 24241224**      **AUDREY JANE WHITE**, born September 24, 2009 to William Mark and Amelia Howard White of 952 Beverly Drive, Rock Hill, SC. Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Howard of Simpsonville, SC. G-grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Price Howard of Simpsonville.
- 24274**          **LUCILLE "CHUBB" COLEMAN TAYLOR**, 98 (widow of Robert W. Taylor) died January 2, 2010 at her residence in Taylors, SC. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville.
- 24276**          **LOIS COLEMAN WARNE**, 92 (widow of Donald H. Warne) died March 11, 2009. Burial was at Simpsonville City Cemetery in Simpsonville, SC.
- 242.11.1111**    **HANNAH KATE TURNER**, born March 7, 2007 to Kristen S. and Dr. Samuel J. Turner of Winston-Salem, NC. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. William David Stewart of Spartanburg, SC. G-grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. William Grady Stewart of Spartanburg.
- 242.11.1112**    **CAROLINE STEWART TURNER**, born January 29, 2010 to Kristen S. and Dr. Samuel J. Turner of Winston-Salem, NC. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. William David Stewart of Spartanburg, SC. G-grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. William Grady Stewart of Spartanburg.
- 2523.10.**        **JERRY BABB WOODS**, 79 (husband of Ernestine L. Woods) of Gray Court, SC died February 19, 2011. Funeral services were at Greenpond United Methodist Church and burial with military honors was in the church cemetery .
- 31312**          **MARGARET (MONNIE) LINDSEY JONES CALDWELL**, 91 (widow of William E. Caldwell) of Greenville, SC died October 2, 2009. She is buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Greenville beside her husband.
- 31377**          **JAMES CRISMON TIPTON**, 90 (widower of Virginia Lee Tipton) of Charlotte, NC died March 2, 2010. Interment was at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte.
- 3142232**        **DANIEL WILLIAM BRADFORD**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse P. Bradford of Belton, SC married Lisa Rae Parks Bradford on March 10, 2007 at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Belton, SC
- 31422321**      **COOPER PARKS BRADFORD**, born May 30, 2010 to Daniel W. and Lisa Rae Parks Bradford. Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Jesse P. Bradford of Belton, SC. G-Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Bradford of Fort Mill, SC.
- 3821**            **MARY ROB STEWART KAGIN**, 99 (widow of the Rev. Edwin F. Kagin) of Louisville, KY and Minneapolis, MN died March 24, 2011. A memorial service was held April 2 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Louisville and interment was at the Franklin Cemetery in Frankfort, KY.

**Note from the Chief Historian**

Many thanks to all of you who have sent in updates and contributions to maintain our family records and send out the newsletter. I apologize for not responding as promptly as I should -- the past year has been a difficult one for me, what with settling into a new home and having to deal with surgery. (Things are much better now, and I look forward to a new level of health and activities.)

It especially pleases me to hear from long-lost members of the Stewart family who continue to contact us through our walterstewart.org website. I am hoping during the coming year to continue investigating the ever-growing number of Stewart families who now identify themselves through DNA results. So far we have been very nearly unique in the DNA profile of our own Stewart ancestors, but I think surely the time is coming when we'll be able to establish kinship with other old Stewart families with roots in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Mary S. Newton

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Send \_\_\_\_ copy(s) of Centennial Stewart Family Cookbook at \$20 per copy (postage included)

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**Or report on the family webpage at [www.walterstewart.org](http://www.walterstewart.org)**

# WALTER STEWART FAMILY UPDATE REPORT

## 2011 - 2012

*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. Newton, 1 Bishop Gadsden Way #123, Charleston, SC 29412, phone: 843-724-9221, e-mail [mary@walterstewart.org](mailto:mary@walterstewart.org). New family data can also be added at [www.walterstewart.org](http://www.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 grandparents' names and residence:

Maternal grandparents' 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:

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