

# Walter Stewart Clan

2012 Newsletter

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## LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

The 105th Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held during the weekend of August 11-12, 2012 in Fountain Inn, S.C. There will be events at three different locations in Fountain Inn throughout the weekend, ending with the traditional family meeting and noon picnic dinner Sunday. We hope you'll join us at all the activities.

We have new plans for Saturday this year. As we all know, it's HOT in South Carolina in August. Instead of a tour, we plan a cool afternoon in a private room at a local restaurant, Carolina Fine Foods on Main Street in Simpsonville. We will meet there for lunch on Saturday at 1:00. At 2:00 LaMarr Brooks will tell us about interesting new developments in DNA testing and research. After that we will have our annual Stewart Family Executive Committee meeting (about 3:00). Traditionally the ExCom has met in the spring here in Woodruff where I live, but this makes it hard for those who live a long distance away. We decided this year to change the annual ExCom meeting to reunion weekend, so more can attend. This is the time when we make plans for next year's reunion, so we hope any interested family members will stay for this meeting and help us. We need fresh ideas and input from as many as possible.

Saturday evening, 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. Please hand in any news of births, deaths, and marriages in the family at this time.

Sunday morning we will meet at New Harmony for the business meeting at 11:00 a.m., with our family dinner afterwards.

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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## 2012 REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 11 – Simpsonville and Fairview Presbyterian Church

- 1:00 pm Dutch lunch at Carolina Fine Foods, 625 SE Main St, Simpsonville, SC 29681  
Ask for the private room for the Stewart family. Directions: from Main St. (SC 14) in Fountain Inn, go about 4 miles toward Greenville. Carolina FF is on the right just before Simpsonville city limits.
- 2:00 pm DNA Program by LaMarr Brooks (same location)
- 3:00 pm Stewart Family Executive Committee meeting (open to all, same location)
- 6:30 pm Catered supper, Fairview Church Community Building.  
For reservations see order blank in this newsletter.

*Weekend schedule, cont.*

7:30 pm Fellowship hour, Fairview Church Community Building.  
Bring family update sheets and old pictures.

**Sunday, August 12 – New Harmony Presbyterian Church**

10:00 am Registration begins, New Harmony Church.  
11:00 am Clan Meeting  
12:30 pm Picnic dinner on the church grounds - bring food to share. Drinks/utensils provided.

**Saturday DNA Speaker**

Our Saturday afternoon speaker, LaMarr Brooks #351231, will give a presentation on DNA testing and how it has become a practical tool for family historians. Genetic genealogy or the use of DNA testing to help advance your family history research, has become increasingly popular in recent years. This presentation will show how DNA is collected, what happens during the stages of DNA extraction, processing, sequencing and analysis. How the raw laboratory data is then converted into ancestral data which is used to generate a final report indicating your exact ancestral marker type. The presentation will address how persons with a common surname (or variants thereof) have begun forming groups to share, analyze and publish the results of their collective DNA tests, how surname DNA Projects build their DNA databases, family histories and research efforts around a surname and, hence, utilize Y-DNA as their primary tool. The presentation will answer questions such as, "How do we test the DNA of long-dead ancestors?" The presentation will include the results of some famous people and how you can find out if you are related. As DNA testing becomes more comprehensive and affordable over time and research has hit a brick wall, DNA testing may provide a work-around to an otherwise frustrating research road block.

**2011 Reunion Minutes**

The 104<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan was held the weekend of August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Presbyterian Church in lower Laurens County near Clinton, SC. This was the first time in many years that the Stewart reunion was held at the family's original home church, which many Stewarts attended before moving to the Fountain Inn area. Martha Henderson #31761 opened the Annual Family Business Meeting with the hymn "Amazing Grace" played on the piano. Chief Charles B. Stewart #31712 welcomed and greeted family members and commented that it gladdened his heart to see the family members come together when they are so widely separated due to the many migrations of the Stewart family.

Chief Charles then requested members present from each house to stand for count. Registrar Alan Fields recorded those numbers as:

House of Samuel: 6	House of Walter, Jr.: 0
House of John: 3	House of Clark Berry: 5
House of Robert: 44	House of David Bobo: 0
House of James: 0	
Total in attendance: 58	

States represented were South Carolina 41, Georgia 3, North Carolina 5, Florida 2, Indiana 2, Texas 2, and Kentucky 3.

The closest traveled was 3222211 Valerie S. Jones, Clinton, the farthest traveled were the family of Martha Porter Armstrong #318113 from Texas, who were also first time attendees from the 318 Rev. John Calvin Stewart line. The youngest in attendance was Lily James #322221111, the oldest in attendance was Chief Charles Stewart #31712, and least number of digits was Joe Stewart #3843. Those attending in 1930s: 3, 1940s: 1, 1950s: 4, 1960s: 5, 1970s: 8.

The 2010 reunion minutes were read by Secretary LaMarr Brooks #351231, motioned to accept and passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Chief Charles due to the absence of Doug Stewart #31235: Balance as of Aug. 2011: \$2,800.00.

*Minutes, cont.*

Chief Historian, Mary Newton #31314 called on House Historians for reports. Mary also requested that a reunion committee be created from local members volunteering to help plan the reunion activities. Those who would be willing should let Judy Lesslie Smith #317143 know today. Mary announced that the oldest daughter of Alan and Kathy Fields, Roberta, has taken the task of entering all the Stewarts into a GECOM file and welcomes any GEMCOMS family files already created.

Election of the House Historians: Nominating Committee Chairman, John Hellams recommended House Historians serving for the next two years:

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

The nominations were accepted unanimously.

Joey Henderson #317652 presented a history lesson of the Bethany Presbyterian Church and the roots of Stewart family that attended the church.

Chief Charles recognized and gave thanks to James Rodgers #6581 for the newsletter mailings, Judy Lesslie Smith #317143 for the web page work and Facebook work, Joey and Becky Henderson #317652 for organizing our reunion events at Bethany, Martha Henderson #31761 for playing the piano, Mary Kramer #38213 for playing the bagpipes, Beth Stewart Hall #317122 for the Saturday supper, Tommy Brooks #351231 for supervising the Sunday meal.

Offering was taken while Martha Henderson played the piano. Chief Charles ended the meeting with the meal blessing and all adjourned to the Sunday picnic dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,  
LaMarr Brooks, Secretary

## **2012 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 2012-13 term. Elections will be held Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012 at the Walter Stewart Clan business meeting at New Harmony 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. Newton, 1 Bishop Gadsden Way #123, Charleston SC

John Hellams, Nominating Committee Chair

### **Tidbits**

**Internet News:** Chelsea Clark #3171421 is revising our Stewart family website at [www.walterstewart.org](http://www.walterstewart.org). Check it out and see the changes and additions, etc. She has come up with a good suggestion: “If you can think of a webpage that might interest Stewart researchers or is somehow related to the WS Clan (like a business run by one of us), email ([swamp\\_4\\_hole@yahoo.com](mailto:swamp_4_hole@yahoo.com)) and let me know. Thanks!” Another easy way to contact her (along with other networking family) is to go to Facebook and search for “Walter Stewart Clan.” It’s a great way to meet your cousins and find out what they’re up to. They’re a lively group!

**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 Tree, Alpharetta, GA 30005-7291, [wew71@comcast.net](mailto:wew71@comcast.net), or report on the family webpage at [www.walterstewart.org](http://www.walterstewart.org).

**Walter Stewart Clan  
Births, Deaths, and Marriages  
Reported 2011-2012**

- 151212221 TAYLOR KEELAN THOMPSON, daughter born April 30, 2012 in Greer, SC to Brian Edward and Joni Michelle Thompson of Simpsonville, SC. Grandparents: E. Wilton and Judy Brenda Thompson of Fountain Inn, SC. G-Grandparents: Richard W. and Edna Riddle Thompson of Fountain Inn.
- 1512211 ROYCE ALLEN HELLAMS ("Alan"), 59, (husband of Patti Bannister Hellams) died at Grady Hospital, Atlanta, GA, on May 27, 2012. Interment was at Mountain View Cemetery, Marietta, GA.
- 15122211 KATIE ELLEN HELLAMS, daughter of John Thomas, Jr. and Tena Locke Hellams, married Adam Scott of Hermitage, TN October 9, 2010 at First Baptist Church, Nashville, TN.
- 15131231 WILLIAM "WILL" ULUS HUDSON, 22, son of Lethia Owens Hudson of Fountain Inn and Carl William Hudson of Gray Court, died February 22, 2012. Funeral services were held February 25, 2012 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Fountain Inn.
- 151614114 EMILY LOUISE LONG, born to J. Curtis Long, Jr. and Amanda Long of Simpsonville, SC on July 9, 2011 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.
- 25218 MILDRED HUFF KELLETT, 72 (widow of Edwin D. Kellett) died May 23, 2012. Burial was in Graceland East Cemetery in Greenville, SC.
- 252331 REX ADAMS TAYLOR, 76 (husband of Lila Lawson Taylor) of Gray Court, SC passed away January 6, 2012 at his home on 338 Ben Taylor Road. Burial was at Green Pond United Methodist Church Cemetery, with Firefighter Honors.
- 25237 EVELYN WOODS COX, 84 (widow of Louis Clyde Cox) died February 6, 2008 at Wellstar Pelding Nursing Center in Dallas, GA. Services and interment were at Beulah Baptist Church in Fountain Inn.
- 26231 HAROLD HERMAN HAWKINS, 89 (husband of the late Ivory McJunkin Hawkins), died May 18, 2012. Services were May 22, 2012 at Ooloney Baptist Church Cemetery in Pickens County, SC.
- 26262 OBERIA AIKEN HAWKINS ("Bea"), 78 (wife of Col. James Hawkins, Jr.) of Greenville, SC died June 22, 2012. Burial was at Reedy River Baptist Church Cemetery in Greenville.
- 3142321 GENE FARROW ARMSTRONG, JR, (husband of Barbara Louise Daley Stone Armstrong) of Clover, SC died March 14, 2011 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. Interment was at Unity Cemetery in Fort Mill, SC.
- 31423211 GARRETT FARROW ARMSTRONG, son of Gene Farrow, Jr. and Scarlette Irene Hare Armstrong, married Rochelle Louise Christian June 13, 2010 in Fernley, NV.
- 314232111 MARLANA GENE ARMSTRONG, daughter born July 5, 2011 to Garrett Farrow and Rochelle Louise Christian Armstrong in Fernley, NV. Grandparents: Gene Farrow, Jr. and Scarlette Irene Hare Armstrong. Great-Grandparents: Gene Farrow and Brenda Joyce Bailey Armstrong.
- 5145211 COLEY GREYSON RHODES, daughter of Ada Coley Hunt Rhodes of Stantonsburg, NC and Forbson A. Rhodes, married Dr. Bret Taylor Summey, Jr. of Boone, NC April 26, 2003 in Jacksonville, NC.
- 31452111 POPPY GREYSON SUMMEY, daughter born November 17, 2010 in Boone, NC to Dr. Brett T., Jr. and Coley Greyson Rhodes Summey of Boone. Grandparents: Ada Coley Hunt Rhodes of Stantonsburg, NC and Forbson A. Rhodes. G-Grandparents: S. Prior and Ada Grey Coley Hunt of Fountain Inn, SC
- 3145212 ALLYSON HUNT RHODES, daughter of Ada Coley Hunt Rhodes of Stantonsburg, NC and Forbson A. Rhodes, married Brad Edward Tyler Thomas of Norman, OK on June 16, 2007 in Fort Worth, TX.

*Updates, cont.*

- 31452123 ELLE RHODES THOMAS, daughter born September 26, 2011 in Norman, Ok to Brad Edward Tyler and Allyson Hunt Rhodes Thomas. Grandparents: Ada Coley Hunt Rhodes of Stantonsburg, NC and Forbson A. Rhodes. G-Grandparents: S. Prior and Ada Grey Coley Hunt of Fountain Inn, SC.
- 31452121 BARON TYLER THOMAS, son born March 15, 2008 2009 in Farmington, NM, and 31452122 AVERY HUNT THOMAS, daughter born November 27, 2009 in Fort Worth, TX, to Brad E. and Allyson Hunt Thomas of Norman, OK. Grandparents: Ada Coley Hunt Rhodes of Stantonsburg, NC and Forbson A. Rhodes. G-Grandparents: S. Prior and Ada Grey Coley Hunt of Fountain Inn, SC.
- 31811111 MADELYN GRACE KRAFT, born September 22, 2008 in Washington, DC, and ABIGAIL SOFIA KRAFT, born November 3, 2010 to Nathaniel Evan and Melissa Gail Porter Kraft. Grandparents: Robert Glenn and Erica Eitel Schneider Porter. G-Grandparents: Lester Alvin, Sr. and Mary Virginia Glenn Porter of Buffalo, TX.
- 3181131 MICHAEL JASON MORMON (Jason), 41 (son of Martha Porter Armstrong and Michael Mormon), of Palestine, TX died April 27, 2012. A memorial service was held at Stewart Memorial United Methodist Church in Buffalo, TX at Stewart Memorial United Methodist Church (named for Jason's GG-Grandfather, 318 Rev. John Calvin Stewart).
- 31811334 RHETT WADE WILLIAM BOYD, born February 25, 2008 to Russell Wade and Rebecca Lyn Armstrong Boyd of Buffalo, TX. Grandparents: John Frank and Martha Jean Porter Armstrong of Palestine, TX. Great-Grandparents: Lester Alvin, Sr. and Mary Virginia Glenn Porter of Buffalo.
- 31811411 EMILY GRACE PORTER, born June 30, 2008, and 31811412 HANNAH FAITH PORTER, born June 3, 2011, daughters of Paul David and Patricia Erin Gaudio Porter of Shreveport, LA. Grandparents: Joseph David and Stacey Anne Scrivener Porter of Navasota, TX. G-Grandparents: Lester Alvin, Sr. and Mary Virginia Glenn Porter of Buffalo, TX.
- 31811521 NOLAN KAGE PORTER, born February 28, 2009 and 31811522 ADELIN SHERWOOD PORTER, born March 7, 2011 in Conroe, Montgomery Co., TX to Jonathan Daniel and Mindy Sherwood Mikeska Porter. Grandparents: Lester A., Jr. and Christie Ann McCready. G-Grandparents: Lester Alvin, Sr. and Mary Virginia Glenn Porter of Buffalo, TX.
- 37342 ROBERT WALLACE GODFREY, 84 (husband of Joyce McIntosh Godfrey), of Greenville, SC died May 31, 2012. Burial was at Greenville Memorial Gardens.
- 38212 JOHN CRAIG ALEXANDER, 84 (husband of Roberta Stewart Kagin) of Minneapolis, MN died October 11, 2011. A memorial service was held at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church of St. Paul October 14.
- 38321 LUCY McPHAIL REID STEWART, 81 (widow of James Wilton Stewart, Jr.) of Clinton, SC died October 14, 2011. Burial was at Cannon Memorial Park in Fountain Inn, SC.
- 3843 JOE ALLEN STEWART, SR, MD, 87 (husband of the late Louise Rome Clark Stewart), of Fountain Inn died April 28, 2012. Graveside services with Military Honors were held May 5, 2012 at Harmony Church Cemetery,
- 3.13.721 LYNN STEWART FOX, 67 (wife of Karl Sherman Fox) of Hacienda Heights, CA died October 4, 2008 at Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA.
- 42265 HENRY ADAM KLINGLER, 87 (husband of Martha Nell Stewart Klingler) of Abilene, TX died March 6, 2012 and is interred at Pendergrass Cemetery in Sidney, TX.

*If you need to contact one of our board members please use the contact info below.*

## 2011-12 WALTER STEWART FAMILY EXECUTIVE BOARD

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### RESERVATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Return to: Mary S. Newton *No later than July 25, 2012 for reservations.*  
 1 Bishop Gadsden Way #123 Checks payable to Walter Stewart Family.  
 Charleston, SC 29412

Please continue sending me the Stewart family newsletter at \$2.00 per year for \_\_\_ years \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reserve \_\_\_ places for the catered supper, Sat., August 11 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 \$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** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

## WALTER STEWART FAMILY UPDATE REPORT 2012 - 2013

*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. 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:

Your Name:

Phone:

E-mail:

Address:

City:

State:

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