

Walter Stewart Clan

2016 Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

The 109th Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held during the weekend of August 13–14, 2016 at Bethany Presbyterian Church near Clinton, S.C. All the events of the weekend, ending with the traditional noon family meeting and picnic dinner on Sunday, will be held at or near the church. We hope you'll join us at all the activities.

On Saturday, we will start the weekend with lunch at the House of Pizza in Clinton, followed by the clan Executive Committee Meeting which is open to all. We encourage everyone to attend and help us plan next year's reunion and other family activities. Later in the afternoon we will gather at the nearby Clinton Museum for a brief tour and a talk on early Clinton history. Our catered family supper will follow at Bethany Church Saturday night. As always, please bring pictures and clippings to scan or family updates for our historians to record, along with news from your own family to share with us.

On Sunday we will meet at Bethany for the 10:55 a.m. worship service conducted by their pastor, Rev. Herb Codington, with our annual reunion business meeting and indoor picnic dinner following the service. If we followed the schedule of past years, we would be meeting this year at Fairview Church in Fountain Inn, but the Fairview sanctuary is scheduled for renovation (new carpet, paint, refinishing pews) in August. We hope to meet in their beautiful newly restored sanctuary next year.

This year, I want the family to make an important decision. I have been your Chief for 32 years, since 1984, and I recently had my 93rd birthday. Much as I hate to admit it, old age is catching up with me and I am having health problems in addition to hearing loss. Therefore, I'm asking the family to accept my resignation effective on August 14th, so a new Chief can be elected at the upcoming reunion at Bethany. Pursuant to this, I have appointed a nominating committee who will announce their candidate at the Sunday family business meeting, after which any additional nominations will be taken from the floor. The committee will be coordinated by 317142 Linda L. Clark, who may be reached at 843-693-9520 or linclark@homesc.com. According to our Constitution (see Walter Stewart Family History), any descendant, male or female, of Walter Stewart of Antrim is eligible for the office of Chief. Descendants and their spouses and children over the age of 12 are entitled to vote. According to our regular schedule, we will also vote for executive committee officers this year. If I am unable to lead the meeting this year, then my son, Assistant Chief Dick Stewart, will act on my behalf.

Finally, I would like to give the family, and especially the Executive Committee, my wholehearted gratitude for their love and support throughout my years as Chief, and for their many hours of labor ranging from set up and clean up logistics to computer expertise far beyond my knowledge. I'm sure no Chief before me was as fortunate in this respect as I have been. Please join me in thanking all those who have made our family organization such a success for all these years.

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
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THANK YOU TO THE CHIEF

This year, as he steps down after more than 30 years of dedicated leadership, the Executive Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank Chief Charles Stewart for his unflagging commitment to the Stewart family.

Over the past several decades, Chief Charles and his sister Mary have steadfastly maintained our now century-old traditions and helped us adjust to changing times. Their passion for our family and its history is an inspiration to us all.

Chief Charles is a father, grandfather, small businessman, community leader, World War II veteran, Clemson alumnus, and a role model for us all. He is no less than a Stewart family institution and we thank him for his service.

2016 REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 13, 2016

1:00pm *Dutch Lunch* (ask for the Stewart dining room) **House of Pizza**
2:00pm *Executive Committee Meeting* (open to all!) 120 Musgrove St., Clinton, SC
Directions: From I-26 take Exit 52 for SC 56 toward Clinton and go 2.5 miles

3:30pm *Tour and talk at Clinton Museum* **Clinton Museum**
400 N. Broad St., Clinton, SC
Directions: From House of Pizza, go across Clinton Main St. to Broad St. and go .5 miles

6:30pm *Catered supper and fellowship* **Bethany Presbyterian Church**
Please bring family photos or mementos to share 106 Fawn Rd., Clinton, SC
Directions: From I-26, take Exit 52 toward Cross Anchor and go 3.8 miles;
turn left on Bethany Church Rd. and go 1 mile

Sunday, August 14, 2016

10:00am *Registration*
10:55am *Bethany Worship Service, Rev. Herb Codington* **Bethany Presbyterian Church**
12:15pm *Clan Meeting* 106 Fawn Rd., Clinton, SC
1:00pm *Picnic Dinner*—Bring food to share!

NEARBY ACCOMMODATIONS

You can find more information about this year's reunion, including a detailed Google Map, at www.walterstewart.org/thisyear.html. Hampton Inn & Suites has kindly given us a special rate of \$92.65 per night for Friday and/or Saturday nights of the reunion. You MUST make the reservation before July 29th to get the special. Contact them at 864-938-1040 and ask for the Stewart reunion rate. Hampton Inn & Suites, 201 East Corporate Center Drive, Clinton, SC 29325.

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THE WALTER STEWART CLAN ON FACEBOOK

Our Walter Stewart Clan Facebook group now has more than 150 members. To encourage you to join and share your family news, here are some things we shared together this year:

"This reunion at New Harmony Church was a blessing. The ride through the country always delivers me back to my childhood. And spending time with cousins, aunts, uncles and brothers and sisters, grandparents is always time well spent. We never know the time we have left with them. So the reuniting is sweet. Even the weather co-operated nicely with the breeze carrying the yellow jackets swirling in and then out. The tall, gracefully full trees kept us sheltered and their roots peeking above the ground held us to slow measured steps best suited for reminiscing and laughter. The food was abundant and nourished our bodies as well as our spirit for it was made and brought to share with love. Thank you New Harmony and thank you to all our Family for one more reunion. 'May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm on your face. May the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.'"

—Posted by Beth Hall



A new marker to remember to the location of the original Bethany Church, an important landmark in Walter Stewart Family History.

—Posted by Joey Henderson



Photos of a New Harmony reunion, circa early 1960s, from the collection of 31762 Alice Henderson.

-Posted by Mark Brazill

WALTER STEWART CLAN BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

REPORTED 2016–2017

To have your family updates included in the newsletter and added to the family's electronic archive, please submit your information at www.walterstewart.org/updates.html or use the attached paper form.

1321621 **GREG ANTHONY PORTER**, 47, died May 12, 2016. A memorial service was held at Fletcher Funeral Service, Fountain Inn, SC.

132612 **MARGARET JOAN McGINNIS COOK**, 80, widow of Edwin Cook, died May 9, 2016. Funeral services were held at Cannon Funeral Home Chapel with entombment following in Cannon Memorial Park, Fountain Inn, SC.

132621 **KARL C. BOBO, JR.**, 90, husband of Betty Hiott Bobo, died January 5, 2015. Services were held in the chapel at Simpsonville First Baptist Church. Burial followed at Cannon Memorial Park, Fountain Inn, SC, with military honors.

1512111 **JAMES ALLEN THOMPSON**, 76, husband of Catherine Moore Thompson, died August 28, 2015. Graveside services were held at Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery, Fountain Inn, SC.

151213 **MARGARET JONES THOMPSON**, 90, widow of Raymond Thompson died May 3, 2015. Graveside services were held at Greenhaven Memorial Gardens, Woodruff, SC.

151312 **MIRIAM G. "MIKKI" OWENS**, 73, wife of John T. Owens, died March 24, 2016. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Burial followed at Cannon Memorial Park, Fountain Inn, SC.

15245 **PEARLIE ALLEN WELLS**, 89, widow of Henry Burton Wells, died April 2, 2016. Funerals services were held at Lima Baptist Church in Travelers Rest, SC.

17512 **MARY GLADESE ROBERTSON PARSONS**, 92, widow of James H. Parsons, died August 5, 2015. Funeral services were held at Warrior Creek Baptist Church in Laurens County, SC.

2421.10. **FRANCES STEWART BARNETT**, 95, widow of E.C. Barnett, died July 17, 2015. Funeral Services were held in the Chapel of Simpsonville First Baptist Church. Burial followed at the Simpsonville City Cemetery, Simpsonville, SC.

242242 **CHARLES STEWART COOK, JR.**, 70, husband of Sandra Callendar Cook, died December 30, 2015. A memorial service was held January 6, 2015, at Cannon Funeral Home Chapel, Fountain Inn, SC.

2441251 **JEFFREY SHANE FOWLER**, 41, died Friday, July 31, 2015. Funeral Services were held at Simpsonville United Methodist Church, Simpsonville, SC.

252112 **MARSHAL TALMADGE VAUGHAN**, 92, husband of Betty Rice Vaughan, died August 17, 2015. Graveside services were held at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Laurens, SC.

252131 **TOM MORRIS MCKINNEY**, 95, husband of Mary Jane Curry McKinney, died January 10, 2016. Funeral services were held at Simpsonville United Methodist Church. Burial followed at Graceland East Cemetery, Simpsonville, SC, with military honors.

252182 **CHARLES DEE KELLETT**, 53, died December 22, 2015. Funeral services were held at St. Andrew's Catholic Apostolic Church at Grace Church in Casanova, VA.

25246 **LINDA WILLIS WALLACE**, 77, wife of Curtis E. Wallace, died July 6, 2015. A memorial service was held at Broad Street United Methodist Church, Clinton, SC.

25262 **JOYCE WILLIS PENDARVIS**, 82, wife of Jack B. Pendarvis, died December 29, 2015. Funeral services were held at Simpsonville United Methodist Church, Simpsonville, SC.

2676 **ROBERT VICTOR SHAW**, 92, husband of the late Lee Stewart Shaw, died March 1, 2016. Funeral services were held March 5, 2016 in the chapel of The Mackey Mortuary, Greenville, SC.

2.10.214 **EMMAGENE McGOWEN HERRIN**, 93, widow of Al G. Herrin, died May 19, 2015. A memorial service was held and followed by graveside services at the Anton Cemetery, Anton, TX where she was interred.

31232 **ALICE BLANCHE STEWART CLINE**, 91, widow of Rev. John Maxwell Cline, died February 18, 2016. A memorial service was held at New Harmony Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC.

31633312 **DARLA ROSE REYNOLDS** was born November 19, 2015 to Andrew Ray and Dana Marie Shell Reynolds. Grandparents: Benny Ray and Cara Smirl Reynolds. G-Grandparents: the late John and Cleo Smirl.

31633322 **ADALIE GRACE EMERY** was born May, 18, 2014 and

31633323 **ANNA BELLE EMERY** was born October 19, 2015 to Ryan and Audra Emery. Grandparents: Benny and Cara Reynolds. G-Grandparents: The late John David Smirl and Cleo Smirl.

31634311 **ALEXANDER WILLIAM GITLIN** was born May 15, 2013 to Jonathan and Rebecca Fuller Gitlin. Grandparents: Charles and Cynthia Fuller. GGrandparents: the late Hughel and Mary Alice Odom.

31634312 **FRANKLIN LEO GITLIN** was born February 27, 2015 to Jonathan and Rebecca Fuller Gitlin. Grandparents: Charles and Cynthia Fuller. G-Grandparents: the late Hughel and Mary Alice Odom.

3163512 **ELLIOTT COOPER**, son of Richard and Karen Cooper, married Hillary Erin Anderson on April 18, 2015.

3211512 **STEPHANIE MICHELLE BROWNING**, daughter of John and Frances Browning Jr, married Benjamin Todd Albritton on June 6, 2015.

3211521 **SETH B. LEONARD**, son of Benjamin Rhett Leonard Jr. and Sally Ann Karr, married Brittany Elizabeth Nicole Madden at City Hall in San Francisco, CA on May 14, 2015.

32115311 **CALLIE MAE KERSTETTER** was born October 20, 2012 in Newport News, VA and

32115312 **MASON HARRIS KERSTETTER** was born September 30, 2014 in Newport News, VA to Daniel and Holly Kerstetter. Grandparents: Mark Leonard and Gretchen. G-Grandparents: the late Ben and Kathryn Leonard.

3211532 **HEIDI LEIGH LEONARD**, daughter of Mark and Gretchen Leonard, married Christian Magura on September 22, 2007 in Charlestown, SC.

32115321 **KATHRYN SLOAN MAGURA** was born November 26, 2011 in Charlotte, NC and

32115322 **ELENOR LANG MAGURA** was born December 30, 2013 in Charlotte, NC and

32115323 **PALMER LEIGH MAGURA** was born April 28, 2016 in Charlotte, NC to Christian and Heidi Magura. Grandparents: Mark and Gretchen Leonard. G-Grandparents: the late Ben and Kathryn Leonard.

3222712 **ASHLEY ELIZABETH RIEBEL**, daughter of Albert and Marlene Riebel, married Matthew W. Ulman on June 2, 2012.

32227121 **OLIVIA ELIZABETH ULMAN** was born October 16, 2014 to Matthew and Ashley Riebel Ulman. Grandparents: Albert and Marlene Riebel. G-Grandparents: the late Albert Riebel and Helen Riebel.

371121 **JOSEPH CLARK STEWART**, son of Joseph and Myra Stewart, married Sarah May Burrill on February 26, 2011 in Charlotte, NC.

3711211 **HELEN ELIZABETH STEWART** was born February 25, 2014 to Joseph and Sarah Stewart in Charlotte, NC. Grandparents: Joseph and Myra Stewart. G-Grandparents: the late William and Mary Stewart.

383131 **ELIZABETH HASLEY BOYTER**, daughter of Charles and Mary Jane Boyter, married Jeffery Scott Trubey on May 30, 2010, in Atlanta, GA.

383132 **MEREDITH STEWART BOYTER**, daughter of Charles and Mary Jane Boyter, married Geoffrey Gray Newlove on May 24, 2015 in Norcross, GA.

383213 **ELIZABETH STEWART HARDWICK**, 57, wife of William Hardwick, died December 28, 2015. A memorial service was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC.

3832142 **STEWART P. HUGHES**, son of Philip and Alice Hughes, married Ruthanne Joy Wenger on August 15, 2015.

3.13.216 **MARGARET L. STODDARD**, 88, widow of Charles W. Stoddard, died September 9, 2015 at home. Services were held at El Bethel Baptist Church, Greer, SC.

3.13.223 **DORIS LEE SENN STODDARD**, 92, wife of William Fred Stoddard, died July 15, 2015. She is buried in the family plot at Owings Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Owings SC.

3.13.236 **WILTON ANDERSON "WILT" STODDARD**, 86, widower of Hortense Babb "Tink" Stoddard, died September 10, 2015. Funeral services were held September 13, 2015 at Rabun Creek Baptist Church, Gray Court, SC, with burial following in the church cemetery.

5131 **WILLIAM MATHESON CLARK**, 87, husband of Nancy Gray Clark, died April 10, 2015. Services were held April 13, 2015 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church. The graveside service was at Jackson Springs Cemetery, Jackson Springs, NC.

2015 REUNION MINUTES

The 108th Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan was held the weekend of August 8th & 9th 2015 at New Harmony Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC. The Business Meeting was held at 11:00 am in the church sanctuary. It was called to order by 31712 Chief Charles B. Stewart with a prayer and Hymn #328, Baptist Hymnal, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," while 318113 Martha Armstrong played the piano. Chief Charles commented that God has given us a wonderful way to gather in attendance with the use of three churches. He added that we are here today because of the work began in 1907 when little history was written down and depended on word of mouth.

Chief Charles requested members present from each house to stand for count. Numbers recorded:

House of Samuel: 5
House of John: 0
House of Robert: 66
House of James: 0
House of Walter: 0
House of Clark Berry: 0
House of David Bobo: 0

States represented were South Carolina: 48, North Carolina: 8, Indiana: 2, Texas: 2, California: 1, Tennessee 2, Virginia 2, Georgia 7, Florida 1.

The farthest traveled was 735 miles from Texas the closest was Noland Stewart. The youngest in attendance was 31751221 Amelia Burk and the oldest in attendance was Chief Charles Stewart at age 92. The least number of digits in attendance was 3845 Lucy Stewart. In attendance for the first time: 1131211 David & Samantha Dorn from West Columbia, SC and Thomas & Mackenzie Stewart from Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Chief Historian, 31714 Mary Newton gave the House Historian reports:

House of Samuel kept by Margaret Sumerel, Laurens, SC: 2 deaths
House of John kept by Anne Shaver, Greer, SC: 2 deaths
House of Robert kept by Alan & Kathy Fields, Cary, NC: 9 deaths, 7 births, 5 marriages
House of James kept by David G. Jones, Austin, TX: 2 deaths
House of Walter, Jr. kept by Donna Skarloken, Tracy, CA: 0 deaths
House of Clark Berry kept by Larry Stewart, Glen Arm, MD: 0 death
House of David Bobo kept by Clark Stewart, Jr., Glenn Rose, TX: 0 deaths

Polly Hellams, Nominating Committee Chair, submitted the nominations for the House Historians 2016–2018 term. All nominations as listed above were accepted.

Treasurer's report was given by Les & Valerie Jones. Beginning Balance of \$3,326.44, deposits of \$1,217.73, and debts of \$657.89 with an ending balance of \$3,886.28. The collection plate was passed and \$462.00 was collected. Motions were made and voted in favor to donate \$100.00 to New Harmony Church, \$50.00 to Fairview for use of the Community Building, and \$100.00 to the New Harmony Cemetery Fund.

Chief Historian, 31714 Mary Newton, introduced the speaker, 3845 Lucy Paden Stewart, who gave a detailed history of New Harmony Presbyterian Church.

Chief Charles ended the meeting with the meal blessing and Hymn #366, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Respectfully Submitted,
LaMarr Brooks, Secretary



Check out a new album of newspaper clippings from the Spartanburg Herald-Journal on our Facebook page!

< Here, 3171 Mrs. Mabel Stewart hosts a social at her home, and here, her son 31713 John, hosts a party for his ninth birthday >



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Please continue sending me the Stewart family newsletter at \$2.00 per year for ____ years \$ _____
Reserve ____ places for the catered supper, Sat., August 9 at 6:30 p.m. at \$8.00 per adult \$ _____
Reserve ____ places for children under 12 at \$4.00 per child (no charge for baby in arms) \$ _____
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Total Enclosed \$ _____

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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WALTER STEWART FAMILY UPDATE REPORT 2016–2017

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 and give it to the newsletter publisher, Linda L. Clark, or mail to 265 Clark Lane, Dorchester, SC 29437.

New family data can also be added at www.walterstewart.org/updates.html.

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:

Zip-code:

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