

# Walter Stewart Clan

2020 Newsletter

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## LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

In a regrettable break with tradition, the 112th annual anniversary Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will not be held on the second Sunday of this August. We took consultation with a number of family members on the Walter Stewart Facebook page, and so delayed as long as reasonably possible on making this decision, in hope that a miracle such as a widely available vaccine for the coronavirus might occur, but none has been forthcoming so far. Your Executive Committee feels this is the prudent course in order to avoid the potential to spread and prolong this dreadful virus. Our older generations are too important to risk. As Chief Historian Mary Newton wisely pointed out, this will not be the first time the Reunion has been cancelled for the greater good. As she said, "I remember long years ago we cancelled more than once during WW2, due to gas rationing, though it would have been a comfort to get together during those grievous years. But after the war Chief Tinsley Stewart took the reins and we went on to have far bigger and better reunions. Remember our motto, Onward and Upward!"

We will tentatively plan for our next Reunion in 2021, keeping to our current church rotation if possible, so that next year we will meet at Fairview Presbyterian Church. We have a variety of possible Saturday activities queued up for future Reunions, including a tour of another historic home with Stewart connections in Fountain Inn, and tours of upstate attractions, potentially including the historic Price House near Woodruff, the historic Evans-Russell House in Greenville, and a winery or brewery with family connections.

In the meantime, our Walter Stewart Clan Facebook page has been very active this spring and summer, and we have included selected tidbits in this newsletter to remind you of good family times past and yet to come. We are more and more using this forum to ask questions and gain a sense of how family members feel about various questions, so please make a point of joining it if you are a Facebook user!

Please continue to start and join in family discussions on our Facebook page; it is not the same as meeting in person, but it certainly helps maintain our connections through fellowship, reminiscing, and planning for the future. It is also a great place to share the family pictures, mementos, and stories we would often save for our annual Reunion!

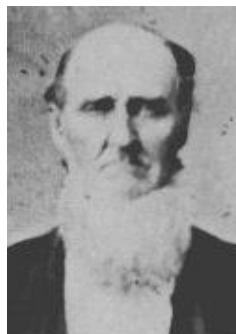
Included in our newsletter this year along with our usual topics is a summary of progress made on a couple of initiatives we agreed to progress at the 2019 business meeting; and a book report of sorts on *The Scotch Irish: A Social History* with thoughts and speculation on Walter Stewart, Sr. that arose from a close reading of this very interesting history.

Not this year, but in 2021, we look forward to seeing you during the Stewart Reunion weekend to renew old ties and celebrate new ones. As it has for one hundred and twelve years, the call will still go out, bring a full picnic basket and join us. We hope to see you then!

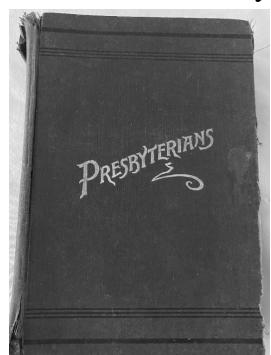
Sincerely,

Judy Smith, Chief  
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

## CHIEF HISTORIAN'S NOTE



The name Clark in the Stewart family has always interested me. Our ancestor Walter Stewart Sr. had seven sons, one of whom was named Clark (6 Rev. Clark Berry Stewart), and 36 grandsons, at least five of whom were named Clark. They were grandsons by both of his wives, so the Clark name must have come from Walter's family back in County Antrim, Ireland. I say "at least" five were named Clark because I think there was a sixth, 31 William Stewart (Squire Bill, left), first Chief of the family and my great grandfather. There is something odd about Squire Bill's name. He was the oldest of nine brothers, and the only one lacking a middle name. I never thought much about this until after my father 3171 Tinsley Stewart's death when I found an old book, titled *Presbyterians*, in his house with the name "W.C. Stewart Jr." and the date 1894 written on the flyleaf. Obviously, the book's owner had been 317 William Clark Stewart ("Big Will"), my grandfather who died a few months before I was born. Aha, so this solved the mystery of Squire Bill's missing middle name—he must have been William Clark, Sr., since his son was William Clark, Jr.! But why had Squire Bill dropped it and not let it be used in the family records?



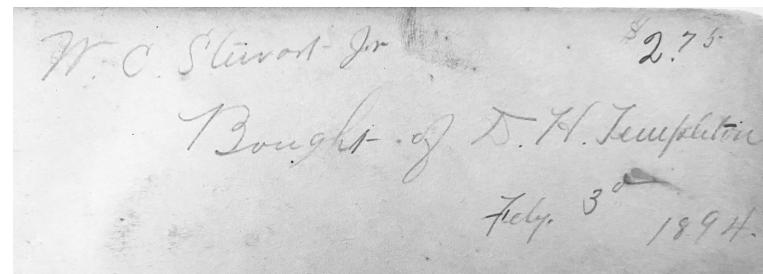
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## *Chief Historian's Note, continued . . .*

Here we get into ancient rivalries perhaps remembered only by older family members like me, from back in the days when there were Fairview Stewarts and New Harmony Stewarts, who could be brought together under the same roof only by someone with the tact and persistence of 62 Wistar Stewart. At the first reunion in 1907 at New Harmony, he maneuvered the election of his older cousin Squire Bill as first Chief, thus ensuring the unity of the family. But Squire Bill never permitted his middle name to enter the family records. That was the name of his uncle, the deceased but prosperous and still-famous Fairview pastor, 6 Rev. Clark Stewart, who had been 12 years—half a generation—younger than his nephew Squire Bill. Many years later my father was amazed to learn that 373 Walt Stewart, Fairview elder and longtime Secretary of the Stewart family, was actually his father Big Will's first cousin. Walt was a "Fairview Stewart," so Tinsley had no idea they were so closely related.

Perhaps ironically in this day of technology, we still manage to lose touch with those with whom we share close kinship and the legends and traditions that give that kinship its texture and context. For that reason, even though we may not meet in person this year, I encourage us all to take the time to share stories with each other. Try learning and sharing the meaning or history of your name! Also, I encourage you to think back on any stories you have heard from older relatives and tell us about them now, like the old story of the Stewart plaid cloth scraps. As Chief Judy mentioned, the Facebook group is a marvelous place to do this, but you can also email or snail-mail family historians or other officers if you prefer. All of them have contact info listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

—Mary S. Newton, Chief Historian



## COVID-19 FAMILY NEWS AND PHOTOS



### **Isolating in the graveyard: Mark**

Brazill and others spent some quarantine quality time outdoors at the New Harmony Presbyterian Church cemetery and sent in great pictures of the markers for 3 Robert Stewart, the first Walter Stewart family member born in the United States, and the very first person buried at New Harmony Church.

STEWART	
PARENTS	
ROBERT	1790-1845
RACHEL	1804-1867
WILLIAM	1825-1909
ROBERT	1826-1862
REBECCA	1827-1855
ISABELLA	1829-1853
NANCY	1831-1906
MARHTA	1833-1901
CLARK	1834-1897
JAMES	1836-1909
JOHN	1838-1863
DAVID	1840-1863
JOSEPH	1841-1862
BENJAMIN	1841-1862
SAMUEL	1844-1917



**Furry family members: Roberta Kugin and Julia Kugin Mensing** are spending quarantine quality time in getting to know and train Roberta's new "genius" miniature Aussi-doodle puppy, Scarlett!



Other cousins reported on a variety of quarantine activities, ranging from "life as usual" in essential jobs (with some precautions in most cases), to mostly working from home, to definitely staying home and not being able to pursue volunteer activities or much of anything outside home-based activities. It sounds like we are going to come out of this with clean garages, closets, baseboards, and well-organized kitchens!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Our starting balance from before the 2019 Reunion expenses was \$2,512.99. The current balance after 2019 reunion expenses and before printing the 2020 newsletter is \$2,921.16. We would like to acknowledge and thank the family donor who made a \$500.00 gift to the family treasury in 2019 in recognition of probable upcoming expenses for the history book update project. The family member prefers to remain anonymous, but their generosity is greatly appreciated!

—Valerie and Les Jones, Treasurers

## SPECULATION ON THE WALTER STEWART, SR. BACKSTORY

Did you ever wonder why Walter Stewart, Sr. decided to bring his family to the United States from Northern Ireland in 1788? Or exactly why our Stewart family is known as Scotch-Irish rather than simply Irish? Or why Walter moved with part of his family to Georgia after farming in South Carolina for a few years? Those questions and others came to my mind last year as we listened to a great talk on early upstate history by Durant Ashmore during our Saturday evening fellowship in 2019. I was happy when cousin 317121 Dick Stewart recommended to me a book by James Leyburn, *The Scotch Irish: A Social History*, and even more pleased when Amazon got it to my house before I even got home from traveling to the Reunion.

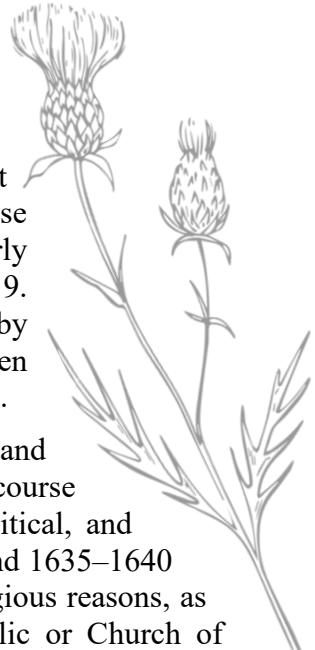
This fascinating volume covers the history of 16th to 19th century Lowland Scotland and the migration of many Scots to Northern Ireland, then to America over the course of many decades. It goes into the reasons for the migrations—religious, political, and economic; how the Scots who began settling in Ireland from about 1610 to around 1635–1640 stayed distinct from the Irish who were already there. This was largely for religious reasons, as the immigrants were staunch Presbyterians and the Irish were largely Catholic or Church of England; but also for geographic reasons as the newly-arrived Scots mostly populated Northern Ireland where land grants were being made at the time. This book also explains why a second migration of the Scotch-Irish from Northern Ireland to America began about 1717 and continued in waves right up until the Revolutionary War in America—again with multifaceted religious, political, and economic reasons. This second migration, more than the original migration from Scotland, was driven by economic reasons.

It is very probable that Walter Stewart's forebears moved from Lowland Scotland to Ireland several generations before our Walter was born. It is interesting that Walter Stewart made his move at the very tail end of a huge migration of Scotch-Irish families to America. His relatively late move makes me think that he and his family were prosperous enough in County Antrim to make moving to America seem less desirable than it was to many others. Reading between the lines, I think it is possible that once the outcome of the Revolutionary War was settled, and Walter continued to hear great reports from neighbors who had already moved, he then decided to make the move before all the very fertile land he heard about was taken.

From the beginning of the great migration to America from Northern Ireland, most immigrants landed in Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, often moving directly on via a great wagon trail going west and south inland from the east coast in order to reach fresh unsettled land (excepting, of course, Native Americans). As people kept arriving, they would move further and further south before settling, going down into Virginia, North Carolina, and eventually reaching the upstate South Carolina frontier a decade or two before the Revolutionary War. We have a story passed down in the family that Walter Stewart's ship was supposed to land in Philadelphia but was blown off course in a storm and landed in Charleston, South Carolina instead. That is a credible story since many Scotch-Irish did go to Pennsylvania on purpose, but it is also credible that he came to South Carolina on purpose, since that was the frontier at the time of his migration. We will probably never know which is really true. What we do know is that Walter settled down on 185 acres of farmland near the Bethany community only a few years after his arrival and continued building his family of what would eventually be seven sons with two wives, Mary Ross and Isabella Bobo.

Finally, why did Walter Stewart, Sr. move with his second wife and three of his sons to Georgia in 1824 after originally settling in upstate SC in 1795? His other sons mostly stayed in SC, so why didn't he? The reasons can't be known for sure, but we can speculate. We know for sure that the land he originally settled was worn out due to cultivation methods that quickly exhausted the soil. It is quite possible that Walter was simply continuing a family history of moving on to new frontiers, learned from his forebear's move to Ireland, then his (and many others) move to America. It is also possible that he viewed the more-southern frontier lands as a better value; he was a frugal Presbyterian, after all! Georgia was definitely the new frontier by the time he chose to move. Certainly, many other Scotch-Irish chose to move to second and third locations once in America, seeking the perfect place to settle for good, and perhaps our Walter did just the same thing. It is a dreadful shame that he passed away in 1825 at the age of about 63, only a year after moving to his new farm, so was unable to enjoy many of the benefits of his new location. I believe he would be thrilled to know that his descendants stretch across America from sea to shining sea!

If you like this article and would like to see others that include similar history and ideas, do provide some feedback and lines of inquiry that interest you. The family story about Walter's ship going off-course partially inspired this article, and as Chief Historian Mary mentions above, any stories or snippets you recall from older relatives could easily inspire more of the same!



— Chief Judy Smith



## AN UPDATE ON THE UPDATE: WALTER STEWART FAMILY HISTORY 2.0

During the 2019 business meeting, a motion was made and voted in favor of forming a Study Committee to update *The Walter Stewart Family History*, published in 1982. Immediate volunteers for this committee included Carl Kramer, Kathy Fields, Judy Smith, LaMarr Brooks and Seth Leonard. While not as much progress has been made on this project as we might wish for, a few steps have been taken. The Peden family published a second volume to their original history in 2013, and we have a copy of that book; and we have been in touch with its editor (Mark Peden) and he has agreed to share his thoughts and lessons learned. We have also learned a few things about the publisher that the Pedens used, Scattered Leaves Press. Technology has moved on since that book was published, but their lessons are still relevant, and we hope to avoid serious missteps with Mark's help. There are many phases to a project like this, and it will take the willing involvement and hard work by many to accomplish it. For example:

- **Comprehensiveness:** Updating the contents of the family records with information for as many previously unincluded descendants as we can, both those who have been born since 1982 and those who could not previously be located. This will be a massive multi-year project. If you want to **start right now**, ask me, Linda Clark or your House Historian for the breakdown of who we have for of your branch of the family, and send in updates for anyone or anything you see is missing! You can do that on the included paper form or on our website. If you have many updates to provide, get in touch with me and I will send you a pre-formatted spreadsheet to use.
- **Tracing:** Working out how to reach out to branches of the family who have fallen out of touch.
- **Privacy:** Selecting how much personal or identifying data to show for living persons.
- **Software:** Determining the right digital platform to use is crucial. We currently use Family Tree Maker, and while it is great for tracking people and their relationships, it is not great for producing a book that would resemble our *History* in any way.
- **Media:** Obtaining high-resolution scans of original photographs and other original documents for possible inclusion.
- **Content:** Identifying people willing to write narrative, recount interesting memories and stories, build the text structure, handle formatting, proofreading, and a multitude of other tasks.
- **Scope:** Defining the scope of the undertaking. Do we want a completely new book with only post-1982 info like the Pedens' book or do we want to include everything in the original book with corrections, updates, and additions? How many pictures do we want to include and how do we make decisions on which ones to include? Are there other family histories that have been published that we should look at as we decide how to format our own?
- **Format:** Deciding how to publish—electronically, print, or both. If print, how do we decide how many?
- **Cost:** Locating potential publishers and pricing various publication options and services.
- **Financing:** Ascertaining how will we pay for the options that the family prefers. If we want printed books, how do we pay for the printing to be done in advance of book sales? Should we take advance orders to raise funding?

As you can readily imagine, these and many other questions require exploration, input, and work by a variety of family members. If you want to help, and especially if you have genealogical and/or publication experience, please reach out to me! In the meantime, look for questions related to this project to start showing up in the Walter Stewart Clan Facebook group, as we work out what kind of product the family would like to see at the end of this multi-year project. The most immediate help that we could use is for our family members to **provide missing updates for family members since 1982**. See the first bullet above for a bunch of different ways to do that.

— Chief Judy Smith

### \*VACANCY\*

After many years of meritorious service, David Jones has retired as House of James (4) historian. A volunteer is needed to help update the records for the house. The only qualification is to be a Walter Stewart descendant or spouse with an interest in James' descendants, who are found mostly in Texas and Oklahoma, with others scattered from the east to the west coast.

*Those interested should contact Chief Judy or Chief Historian Mary S. Newton, at 843-724-9221 or mary@walterstewart.org.*

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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. We would normally elect officers in 2020, but as we will not have a business meeting this year for a proper quorum, current officers are requested to hold their roles for an additional year. Nominees for Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief Historian will be presented in advance of the next scheduled business meeting, hopefully in 2021.

—Robert Hall, Nominating Committee

## *Old Times on a New Medium: Family Memories on Facebook*

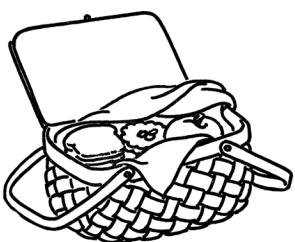
A Facebook discussion on memories of early Reunions and favorite foods brought up happy times...

Beth Hall said, "I was small, but I don't remember how old. Small enough to have to be reminded on the ride there 'Remember, you are from the house of ROBERT.' Small enough to race around and agile enough to avoid tripping on the roots of the trees at New Harmony Church as we children raced around. I remember plowing into a man standing talking, and he just put his hand on my suddenly still and afraid head. Gifted me with a smile and said 'be careful now girl.' Small enough to remember Grandmother Stewart taking us down a path behind the church and her softly laughing at us hopping around like bunnies. Small enough to remember smiles everywhere I looked. And seeing family hugging and sharing remembrances. Small enough to say 'this roast beef tastes funny' and Papa Stewart saying 'It's venison.' Me, replying, 'What's venison?' Papa answering 'deer.' Me, spitting it out in my napkin and blinking back tears. And my Daddy's warm hand rubbing circles on my back as his breath softly ruffled my hair."

Chelsea Clark added, "I think my earliest reunion memory is the tour of Walnut Grove plantation. I remember standing in the bedroom while they explained a rope bed. (Possibly the discomfort of that idea made it stick!) I think that's also where I learned about 'pop goes the weasel' and later ruined the punchline of a tour guide at another house by knowing that information."

And Judy Smith remembered way back too, with "It feels now like the Stewart Reunion is one of those fixed milestones in my life, and I have surely attended nearly all of them since I was born in 1962...I know I missed a couple in my late teens or early twenties for what must have seemed like good reasons at the time. The first ones after I was big enough to toddle around on my own are a happy blur of smiling faces looking at my shy person, conversations going on over my head, delicious food, and hot sunny days. The first really definite memory I have is of going up a path behind New Harmony Church with some of my older cousins to see the old baptism fount built into a little creek and the little building next to it, which I guess now must have been a change house of sorts. I remember how deliciously cool the water was amongst the shady trees. Other random early memories include begging my mother to let me put on shorts beneath my little dress so that I could REALLY play with my bigger cousins (and the way some of my elders laughed at the picture I must have made), getting ant bites playing marbles amongst the oak tree roots, and wandering in the cemeteries (always with someone older along to protect me from the

Gretchen Kugin Alaniz chimed in with, "The one and only time I made it must have been about 82 or 83? [Ed. It must have been 1982, since that is when the Big Book was distributed.] I would have been about 8 or 9. I remember a big church that seemed packed with people, a big picnic, the BIG family book, wearing a 'new' hand-me-down dress from a cousin and climbing trees...And it was hot!! There was a ton of food and lots of people talking and just enjoying being together. I would have been there with [mother] Roberta Kugin and I think my grandma Mary Rob [Stewart Kugin] and my little sister Julia."



**Reunion food:** Family members on Facebook also enjoyed discussing our wonderful Sunday picnics, with memories of so many varieties of potato salad, sawmill bread, and most especially the desserts and ice-cold lemonade. Kay Hamilton summed it up, saying, "It isn't just one food, but love our cookbook which was published for the centennial. So many great recipes!" [By the way, a few of those cookbooks are still available and feature many of the favorites that we see every year. Check out the order form in this newsletter.]

**Family Treasures:** Another recent family discussion on Facebook veered into discussion of gifts and hand-me downs from Stewart relatives, with a touching section on handmade dolls with gorgeous calico dresses given by 3173 Fronde Stewart to seemingly every niece, great-niece or young female cousin she ever knew. Here are a few of them, obviously still treasured and in like-new condition:



Beth Hall received this one in cream as gift from her Great Aunt Fronde as a child.



Mark Brazill inherited these two in red and yellow from his mother Alice Brazill.



Judy Smith received this one in cream as gift from her Great Aunt Fronde as a child.

UPDATE ON FAMILY HISTORY  
PRESENTATION AND PAPER



During the 2019 business meeting, **38213 Dr. Carl E. Kramer** proposed an update to the slide pack and paper that were developed and presented for the **100th Anniversary Reunion in 2007**. His suggestion was to bring them up to date with recent events; to post the updates on our website and Facebook group; and to offer copies to any libraries that are interested in genealogical matters. His proposal was accepted, and he and **317143 Judy Smith** agreed to collaborate on the updates. They are pleased to report that the updates have been completed as addendums to both documents and, by the time this newsletter is in your hands, should both be available on the Facebook page and at [www.walterstewart.org](http://www.walterstewart.org). Do check them out, as **a highly readable version of our Stewart family history** that is interesting and helps hold the threads of our far-flung family together! A mailing list of libraries (including those who have a copy of the *The Walter Stewart Family History*) that may be interested has been compiled and a letter is in the process of being sent. We look forward to reporting in the coming year about interest and take-up on this offer.

NEWS FROM THE GOLDEN STATE



**55712 Tommy and Sylvia Stewart** of Colorado are extremely proud (and rightly so!) to report that their son **557123 Darren Stewart** is a Captain in the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and that this year he will be receiving the **Governor's Gold Medal for Valor** (the state's highest award) for risking his life to save human lives during a forest fire in Redding, CA two years ago.

**WALTER STEWART CLAN BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES**  
REPORTED 2019–2020

**132141 MARGARET NASH CAIN**, 96, widow of John Moffett Cain, passed away on November 24, 2019, at Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Community, Laurens, SC. Funeral services were held at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Laurens, SC with burial following in the church cemetery.

**1328111 BRUCE HOLLAND COOPER**, 79, widow of Harriet Brown Cooper passed away September 27, 2019. Graveside Services were at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery, Fountain Inn, SC.

**1328121 BRENDY CATES CHAPMAN**, 71, wife of Robert Chapman, died on September 8, 2019. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Fountain Inn, SC. Burial at Cannon Memorial Park, Fountain Inn, SC.

**151314 MARY OWENS STODDARD**, 75, wife of Crayton Glen Stoddard, passed away April 4, 2020. Burial at Cannon Memorial Park, Fountain Inn, SC. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

**15161421 DENNIS MARVIN LONG JR.**, son of Dennis Marvin Sr. and Barbara Long, married Angelica Sophia Fries on May 14, 2011 in Fremont, MI.

**151614211 ARIANNA JADE LONG** was born August 20, 2015 in Corpus Christi, TX;

**151614212 FELICITY PEARL LONG** was born April 16, 2017 in Corpus Christi, TX; and

**151614213 OLIVIA ESME LONG** was born January 7, 2019 in Fremont, MI to Dennis Marvin and Angelica Long, Jr. Grandparents: Dennis Marvin and Barbara Long, Sr. GGrandparents: Betty Hedrick Long and the deceased Johnny Ray Long.

**2523.10. ERNESTINE LOLLISS WOODS**, 80, widow of Jerry B. Woods, Sr., passed away November 22, 2019. Funeral Services were held at Green Pond United Methodist Church, Gray Court, SC. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

**263211 ANSEL MARTIN PACE**, 87, husband of Jackie Robertson Pace, passed away at his home on August 19, 2019. Funeral services were held at the Howze Mortuary Chapel with burial in Mountain View Memorial Park, Travelers Rest, SC.

**31633112 LAKEN GWEN NORTON** was born March 2, 2020 in Colorado to Richard and Ashley Smirl Norton. Grandparents: Walter Craig and Sherry Smirl. GGrandparents: Cleo Smirl and the late John David Smirl.

**3163341 HOYT STRICKLAND SMIRL**, son of Stewart and Kimberly Smirl, married Emilee Bean on September 2, 2019 in Van Alstyne, TX.

**31764 ROBERT EUGENE HENDERSON**, 80, husband of Gail Henderson, passed away August 3, 2019. A private funeral was held for the family. A celebration of life was held at Waterloo United Methodist Church, Waterloo, SC.

**3831311 CAROLINE TRUBEY** was born November 2, 2018 in Atlanta, GA to Jeffrey and Elizabeth Boyter Trubey. Grandparents: Charles and Mary Jane Boyter. GGrandparents: Haskell and Mabel Boyter.

**3.13.223 WILLIAM FRED STODDARD**, 96, widower of Doris Senn Stoddard, died June 11, 2019 at Presbyterian Communities of SC, Clinton, SC. Graveside services were held at Owings Presbyterian Church in Owings, SC.

**3.13.234 MARY KATHERINE (KATIE) HILL**, 95, widow of the late Frank Hill, died January 1, 2020. Funeral services were held in the Remembrance Mausoleum Chapel in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Greenville, SC.

## 2019 WALTER STEWART REUNION MINUTES

The 112th Clan Service & Business Meeting of the Walter Stewart Reunion was held Sunday August 11, 2019 at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC. The Clan gathered in the Bethany sanctuary as 38213 Mary Kagin Kramer played the bagpipes outside the church doors. The Meeting was called to order by 317143 Chief Judith L. Smith with the Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" accompanied on the piano by 38212 Roberta Kagin and a prayer. After the Opening Prayer and Greeting, Chief Judy Smith commented that it is a blessing to continue the Stewart reunion for this large extended family and we are standing on the shoulders of giants: 31 William Stewart (Squire Bill), 3 years; 62 John Wistar Stewart, 2 years; 3.13 Samuel Turner Stewart, 3 years; 65 Dr. Henry B. Stewart, 29 years; 3.13.1 Wesley Brooks Stewart, 18 years; and 31712 Charles Ballenger Stewart serving the longest term, 34 years.

Chief Judy began the regular program:

Chief Historian, Mary Newton #31714 requested House Historian reports:

House of Samuel: Margaret Sumerel, Laurens, SC, given by Mary: 1 death that included one of our past secretaries, Polly Parson Hellams.  
House of John: Anne Shaver, Greer, SC, given by Mary: 0 deaths, 0 births.  
House of Robert: Alan & Kathy Fields, Cary, NC: 4 deaths, 7 births, 1 marriage.  
House of James does not have a historian and needs one: 1 death.  
House of Walter, Jr.: Donna Skarloken, Tracy, CA with Kathy Brown to be co-historian on East Coast: 0 deaths  
House of Clark Berry: Meg McElroy, Poolesville, MD: 2 deaths  
House of David Bobo: Clark Stewart, Jr., Glenn Rose, TX: 0 deaths

Chief Judy requested members present to stand for matrix. Numbers recorded: The farthest traveled: 38212 Roberta Kagin (from Minneapolis, Minnesota), the shortest traveled: 3176512 Jessica Gutierrez (from Laurens, SC). The youngest in attendance was 3176513 Frank Tollison and the oldest in attendance was 32211 Doris Benjamin. In attendance for the first time: 317651 Cathy & Doug Tollison. First time recorded in Stewart History from the house of Robert: Triplets born this year: 32221151 Grayson Benjamin, 32221152 Ella Marie Benjamin, and 32221153 Emerson Michele Benjamin.

Chief Judy requested members present from each house to stand for count. Fifty attendees were recorded, all from the House of Robert. States represented were South Carolina: 42, North Carolina: 4, Indiana: 2, Georgia 0, Minnesota: 1, and Pennsylvania: 1.

Secretary's Report given by 351231 LaMarr Brooks. Report was approved as written.

Treasurer's report given by 3222211 Les & Valerie Jones. Beginning Balance of \$2,512.99, expenses: postage \$275.00, Staples \$17.04, and Allegra Printing \$446.48, for an ending balance of \$1,774.47.

Chief Judy announced that 317122 Beth and Robert Hall will be retiring from catering our Saturday Evening meal. Motions were made and voted in favor to formally thank and give a \$100.00 honorarium to Beth and Robert Hall.

Chief Judy reported that 495 newsletters were sent out this year and 40 were returned. She requested that we sign up on the Stewart website: add, change addresses, even those of our grandchildren. The Stewart Facebook page is also available to add photos of family members.

Robert Hall #317122, Nominating Committee Chair, submitted the nominations for the House Historians. All nominations listed in the above Historian reports were accepted.

Old Business: Report for the Stewart Memorials to be created at the three rotating churches. The committee includes members: Preston Garrett, Susie Stewart, and Valerie Jones. Letters will be sent to the Sessions of each church, individuals with contact at each church will be responsible for reporting next year.

New Business: Motion was made and voted in favor of donating \$100.00 to Fairview & Bethany Presbyterian Churches for this year's reunion.

Saturday Tour & Meal Report: 28 family members toured the historic Adam & Nannie Peden home on N. Main St. in Ft. Inn now under restoration by owners Laura & Gabe Jenkins. Forty-three family members attended the Saturday Evening Meal and talk by Durant Ashmore. Plans for next year will include another Stewart or other Historic Home, if possible.

Motion was made and voted in favor of forming a Study Committee to update the 1982 Walter Stewart Book. Committee formed included Carl Kramer, Kathy Fields, Judy Smith, LaMarr Brooks and Seth Leonard. Computer skills would be needed. Mentioned Mark Peden as a contact who recently updated the Peden book in recent years.

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*Minutes, continued . . .*

The collection plate was passed by Robert Hall.

Chief Judy closed the meeting thanking everyone that helped with food set up for the reunion: Robert & Beth Hall and Tommy & LaMarr Brooks, lead singing Hymn #286 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", gave the meal blessing and then dismissed the clan to the delicious awaiting meal.

Respectfully Submitted,  
LaMarr Brooks, Secretary

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