

Walter Stewart Clan

2022 Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

I am delighted to say that the 114th annual anniversary Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held the weekend of August 13–14, 2022. We are returning to a two-day event and our normal location rotation with fun activities planned for both days at locations in Greenville, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn, South Carolina, including the historic Fairview Presbyterian Church. Among other things, we are planning a focus on our family veterans of 20th century wars.

Saturday highlights this year include a tour of the Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, with emphasis on a special exhibit of *Vietnam: The Real War Photographs from the Associated Press*, followed by a lunch at nearby Lewis Barbeque, then later a supper gathering in Simpsonville. After supper, our own professional historian 38213 Carl Kramer will provide a compelling overview of the Vietnam and Korean Wars and their lead-up to the Cold War, with discussion of Stewart family participants. Do bring any family pictures, mementos, and stories you would like to share. This year, we would particularly love to see and archive photos of family veterans like this one. Saturday evening is a great time to suggest ideas for future tours and other ideas to help sustain and grow our family ties. However, if you cannot attend the reunion, our Walter Stewart Clan Facebook page continues to be very active and is a great place to share memories and family photos!



3172 Fronde Stewart, a Navy WWII nurse
(courtesy of 317622 Mark Brazill)

Our Sunday business meeting and potluck lunch will be held at Fairview Presbyterian Church, where we are also kindly invited to attend the 11:00am service conducted by Pastor Jonathan Williams. I would like to thank 62335 Preston Garrett for requesting, and Fairview Church for allowing, our Stewart Reunion Sunday activities to be held there this year. The community building we have used in past years is no longer available, so the lovely Family Life Center adjacent to the church will be used.

Following last years' reunion, I am happy to report that we have a new Chief Historian, LaMarr Brooks, who has a passion for family history and a long history of working behind the scenes for the Stewart Clan. LaMarr replaces my late mother Mary Stewart Newton, who was a treasured resource of family history and the author of our family history book. Additionally, our talented cousins Carl and Mary Kramer have stepped into the secretary position. LaMarr, Mary and Carl are already hard at work and I have perfect confidence in their enthusiasm and ability to continue and further develop our family traditions.

Finally, I must echo a comment made by our Treasurers in their report below. Our bank balance was gratefully increased due to generous giving in 2021 including large donations by three cousins but could still use a boost. Your dollars are used carefully to allow us to have wonderful newsletters like this one, hold great reunions, update our family records, maintain a website, and now, to support a major family history book update project. 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 thirteen years, the call still goes out, bring a full picnic basket and join us. We hope to see you!

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, Chief
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

WORDS ON OUR FAMILY'S MID-20TH CENTURY MILITARY HISTORY

Between the end of World War II and the fall of the Berlin Wall, the United States and its allies engaged in a Cold War to contain further expansion of the Soviet Union and its allies. This Cold War included numerous confrontations that were settled diplomatically. But on two occasions the US became involved in hot war in Asia and many Stewart family members were on active military duty during these conflicts. The Korean War began June 25, 1950, when North Korean forces invaded South Korea. Encouraged by President Truman, the United Nations condemned the action, and Truman committed American troops to the conflict. Finally, on July 27, 1953, after much active fighting and a frustratingly long and tense truce negotiation, an armistice was signed that left Korea divided at the 38th parallel—a situation that remains today. While the US was fighting in Korea, Presidents Truman and Eisenhower aided France in its war against communists led by Ho Chi Minh in Indochina. The French were defeated in 1954, and Vietnam was also divided. Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy continued to support South Vietnam financially and with military advisors. In 1964 President Johnson committed US troops to support South Vietnam. American involvement continued until 1973, when the administration of President Nixon reached a peace agreement with North Vietnam.

Learn more about Stewart family member involvement at the Saturday, August 13 supper!

—Carl E. Kramer

2022 REUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 13—Greenville and Simpsonville

- 10:00 am Meet at the Upcountry History Museum, [540 Buncombe St, Greenville, SC 29601](#), for a docent-led tour. Admission \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+), \$9 for children 4–18, & free for children 3 and under. (These include \$1 for the docent-led tour.) Payable to the museum on August 13.
- Noon Walk or drive a short distance to Lewis BBQ, [214 Rutherford St, Greenville, SC 29609](#).
- 12:15 pm Lunch (Dutch) at Lewis BBQ. Ask for the Stewart reservation.
- 1:30-ish Break (consider visiting Mast General Store in lovely downtown Greenville, the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Park near Clinton, or Cowpens National Battlefield near Chesnee)
- 6:00 pm Supper (Dutch) at the Simpsonville Carolina Fine Foods. Ask for the Stewart private room reservation. [625 SE Main St, Simpsonville, SC 29681](#).

Sunday, August 14—Fairview Presbyterian Church, [126 Fairview Church Rd., Fountain Inn, SC, 29644](#)

- 10:00 am Registration begins adjacent to the Sanctuary (consider self-guided tour of the church cemetery)
- 11:00 am Church Service, to which we are all kindly invited
- 12:00 pm Clan Annual Business Meeting in the sanctuary following the Service
- 1:00 pm Potluck lunch in Family Life Center (Bring food to share; drinks, plates and utensils provided)

Directions, photos, and hotel accommodations on our website: www.walterstewart.org > This Year.

CALL TO ACTION—SAVE THE STEWART FARM!

The Robert and Rachel Stewart farm was first settled in 1844 in the Fountain Inn-Durbin Creek area of Laurens County when the Stewarts moved there with their growing family to find better land. They immediately built a log cabin on the 400+ acres. The farm is located one mile from New Harmony Presbyterian Church. It has been continuously operated by the direct descendants of Robert and Rachel, and Stewarts still farm there today. It is designated as a South Carolina Century Farm, and an application for Sesquicentennial designation is in process.

Now, one of our last remaining family-owned properties is at risk of being destroyed by the proposed preferred route of the Amtrak Atlanta to Greenville to Charlotte passenger train, which will travel through rural properties at 220 mph. Our family's historic family farm will be bisected by the proposed route, and the devastation will be irreparable. Two of the current Stewart property owners have a full-time beef cattle and agricultural operation, and the proposed route will cut through prime grazing pastureland. It will travel between two spring fed stock ponds and within 300 yards of the front porch of the 1870's James Preston and Martha Stewart family farmhouse. Wildlife habitats will be disrupted, and areas with artifacts of indigenous people could be disturbed. We need to protect and preserve our family property and areas of rural South Carolina that make Laurens County unique, and we need to support the local small business owners who are continuing to provide the food and resources on which we depend.

Our farmlands are already inundated with poorly planned and densely populated residential communities, failure to provide adequate infrastructure for this growth, and the rapid disappearance of our rural and historic areas. The proposed Amtrak route will add another devastating blow to the Stewart farm. I am advocating for an alternate and more desirable route for the Atlanta to Charlotte high speed train. **Please join me in contacting U.S. Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott and Congressman Jeff Duncan** in requesting the Amtrak train route run up and down Interstate 85 instead of through our Stewart farm in Fountain Inn. You can see much more about this, including contact methods, on the Walter Stewart Facebook group.

—Susan Allyce Stewart



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

During the 2019 reunion, a motion was made and voted in favor of forming a Study Committee to update *The Walter Stewart Family History*, published in 1982. Volunteers for this committee included Carl Kramer, Kathy Fields, Judy Smith, LaMarr Brooks, and Seth Leonard. Progress made in 2020 was minimal due to the pandemic and executive committee changes, but we have made some strides since the 2021 Reunion with targeted mailings and direct appeals for family updates that have resulted in some success. Availability of ancestry.com and other resources have also given us access to a few family members who should have been included in the 1982 edition but weren't. There are many phases to a project like this, and it will take the involvement and hard work by many over several years to accomplish it. For now, we need as much information on those who were born, married, or passed away since 1982 as possible. Any updates you can provide **right now** would be greatly appreciated. There are several ways to submit updates.

- Use the paper form in this newsletter and scan or mail in;
- Use the web forms at www.walterstewart.org; or
- If you have lots of updates, email judysmith3.14@gmail.com for an easy to complete spreadsheet.

If you have questions about whether information is missing or not, email Chief Historian LaMarr Brooks at thomasbrooks1@bellsouth.net with questions.

—Chief Judy Smith

ESSAYS: OUR TRADITIONAL REUNION HYMNS

For many decades, the annual reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan has opened with the hymn “Faith of Our Fathers” and closed with another, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.” The Stewart family has historically been firmly Protestant and Presbyterian. Thus, it is most interesting that the hymn with which we begin our reunions, “Faith of Our Fathers,” was composed in 1849 by The Reverend Father Frederick W. Faber, an Anglican vicar who converted to Roman Catholicism and became a priest. Faber wrote this piece to commemorate the Catholic martyrs who perished in England during the time of the Reformation and the establishment of the Church of England under the reigns of King Henry VIII and his daughter Queen Elizabeth I.

At some point in history, the hymn was adapted for use by Protestants. The third verse of the original hymn reads: “*Faith of our Fathers! Mary's prayers / Shall win our country back to thee: / And through the truth that comes from God / England shall then indeed be free.*” This verse was changed to read: “*Faith of our Fathers! we will strive / To win all nations unto thee, / And through the truth that comes from God, / Mankind shall then be truly free.*” Given our Stewart ancestors’ Protestant piety, it will come as no surprise that the version of “Faith of Our Fathers” that our Walter Stewart Clan sings is the latter, newer rendition.

The British-born Baptist theologian John Fawcett composed “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” in 1782. The first verse of the hymn highlights that members of the Body of Christ are bound together by love. This is a sentiment that is also true of family: we are tied to one another by our mutual love. When we consider the history of these hymns and their words, it is appropriate that the Walter Stewart Clan commences our reunions by singing hymns that pay tribute to the devoutly held Christian beliefs of our forebears: beginning with our common ancestor Walter Stewart, who left Ireland for the Americas in 1788. 234 years later, in 2022, our family continues to hold dear our religious faith as well as our desire to honor those who came before us and the sacrifices that they made so that we, their descendants, might have a better life, Lord willing.

—Seth B. Leonard



Blessed be the tie that binds / Our hearts in Christian love; / The fellowship of kindred minds / Is like that to that above.

To many in our family, the lyrics of this song are more than just words on the back of a bulletin every year—they are a tie that binds us to the generations of our past. Penned in 1772 by John Fawcett, the story behind the hymn’s creation is a mixture of legend and truth.

Before our Father's throne / We pour our ardent prayers; / Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one / Our comforts and our cares.

In 1765, following his ordination, John Fawcett and his wife Mary moved to Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, England, where he became the devoted clergyman of Wainsgate Baptist Church. His congregation was a very poor community of farmers and shepherds, many of whom couldn’t read or write.

We share each other's woes, / Our mutual burdens bear; / And often for each other flows / The sympathizing tear.

By the time he and his wife welcomed their fourth child into the family, his meager salary of donations was barely enough to sustain their family. Wool and potatoes weren’t enough to get them through the harsh winter months, so when Fawcett received an invitation from a more prestigious parish in London, he and his wife accepted it.

When we asunder part, / It gives us inward pain; / But we shall still be joined in heart, / And hope to meet again.

Fawcett preached his farewell sermon. He and his wife sold much of their furniture, packed up the rest of their belongings and said their last goodbyes to the parishioners. The story is told that, in the midst of the tears and sadness, Mary said to her husband, “I can’t stand it, John! I know not how to go.” He is said to have replied, “Lord help me, Mary, nor can I stand it! We will unload the wagon.” He turned to the crowd and announced, “We’ve changed our minds! We are going to stay!”

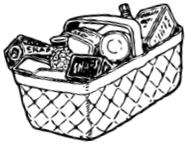
This glorious hope revives / Our courage by the way; / While each in expectation lives, / And longs to see the day.

Fawcett published this hymn under the title, “Brotherly Love.” Its inspiration could very well have stemmed from this pivotal event in his life, and the lives of those who had become his family. But regardless of their origin, the words of his song have been sung by countless lips over the centuries and have consoled the innumerable hearts of those who sing them.

Our Stewart family chose this timeless hymn over a hundred years ago, and they sang it as a comforting reminder that no matter how scattered we are, no matter how far away we move, or how many of our loved ones go on before us, there is still an invisible tie that will forever bind our hearts together in love. Every year when we gather and sing this hymn, we join voices with the generations of our past and the generations of our future, and we share their hopes of meeting again.

From sorrow, toil and pain, / And sin, we shall be free, / And perfect love and friendship reign / Through all eternity.

—Ruth Henderson



MEMORIES OF A CHILDHOOD REUNION

Years ago at a Stewart Reunion it was exceptionally crowded. As we approached the table laden with food. My Mama had my baby brother Bill by the arm and Daddy was corralling Dick. Grandmother Stewart gently took my arm and helped me reach all the yummys I wanted and also sneaked a vegetable or two and some meat on my plate. We all gathered at the table and after prayers began to eat. I was in tummy yummy heaven, until I tasted the “roast beef.” I spit it out and said, “it must have gone bad.” All the men and boys and some of the women burst into hysterical laughter. Papa Stewart said, “Girl, that’s DEER meat.” Tears gathered and slipped down...we had elegant deer in our back yard at night sometimes. Grandmother Stewart hugged me and exchanged her chicken for my deer meat. Blinking tears I smiled at her and she kissed my head and the Reunion resumed.

—Beth S. Hall

REPORT FROM OUR WESTERN COUSINS

Hello everyone, greetings from Northern California! My husband spent much of last year in and out of the hospital and thankfully he is better this year, knock on wood and pray. We’ve gone out and about a bit more, visiting VW car shows in Madera and Hollister Hills. Both events were fun and it was nice to travel a bit and get outdoors. Not sure how I got into VWs; we were always a Mopar family but also had British cars hanging around (except my Uncle Robert Stewart was into Fords). My dad James Lures Stewart saw his first VW in Germany just after WWII ended; a fellow GI was attempting to take a Kubelwagen apart and send it home in pieces to then reassemble! One avocation common to the western branch of Stewarts is model railroading, and I hope to get back into running some of our trains soon, including both N gauge and HO gauge trains. My dad was very much into modeling the Santa Fe railroad as his mother and several uncles had worked for the Santa Fe. Hope everyone has a great summer and fantastic time at the Stewart reunion!

—Donna Skarloken

WALTER STEWART CLAN BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

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- 132.11.421 TAMMY JOESPHINE PITTS HARPER**, wife of Michael Harold Harper, passed away on July 28, 2015 with burial at Coneross Baptist Church, Westminster, SC.
- 15266 LOUISE ELIZABETH GREGORY NEWMAN**, widow of William Newman, passed away on December 6, 2016 in Huntersville, NC.
- 25264 ROSEMARY WILLIS**, passed away on December 10, 2020 in Athens, GA.
- 262.11.14 DAVID PEDER HAWKINS, SR.**, son of James Stewart and Jenny Pedersen Hawkins, married Ruth Wagner on September 25, 2017.
- 262.11.141 DAVID PEDER HAWKINS, JR.**, son of David Hawkins, Sr. and Andrea Hawkins, married Eryn Evatt on November 1, 2017 in Clay Co., FL (ceremony was performed by 262.11.1 James Hawkins).
- 262.11.1411 FINNLEY SAYONO HAWKINS**, born March 31, 2018 to David Peder and Ruth Wagner Hawkins, in Alexandria, VA. Grandparents: David Peder and Andrea Hawkins. GGrandparents: James Stewart & Jenny Hawkins.
- 31422312 KATHERINE ABIGAIL GOOCH**, daughter of Michael and Sandra Gooch, married Tyler Steven Bureson on May 1, 2021 at Hopewell Baptist Church, Monroe, NC.
- 314252 JESSE WILLIAM PRYOR, III**, husband of Patricia Pryor, passed away on August 7, 2021 in Indian Land, SC.
- 316331 WALTER CRAIG SMIRL**, divorcee of Sherry Gwen Hilliard Smirl, passed away October 25, 2021 with burial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Dallas, TX.
- 31633411 LYNLEE PAIGE SMIRL**, born July 20, 2021 to Hoyt and Emilee Bean Smirl. Grandparents: Stewart Lane & Kimberly Smirl. GGrandparents: the late John David and Cleo Smirl.
- 317111 SALLY STEWART BERG** passed away September 13, 2021 in Wakefield, MA with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery in Fall River, MA.
- 31712122 RUTH TAYLOR STEWART**, born February 5, 2021 to David and Callie Lensing Stewart, in Jackson, MS. Grandparents: Dick and Caroline Stewart. GGrandparents: the late Charles and Mary Stewart.
- 3177121 MATTHEW STEWART HANNAH**, passed away April 6, 2021 in Duluth, GA. Ashes scattered on St. George Island, FL.
- 3177233 CAROLINA FARROW MCKEE**, born September 19, 2019 to Todd Steven & Esther Susanne Farrow McKee in Ooltewah, TN. Grandparents: Larry Joe and Linda Dale Thompson Farrow. GGrandparents: the late Frederick and Flora Stewart Farrow.
- 31811331 KYLEN ARMSTRONG**, daughter of John Frank and Martha Jean Porter Armstrong, married Jeremy Leon Jones on May 12, 2018 at Grand Saline, TX.
- 3222113 CHARLEEN BENJAMIN**, passed away on January 27, 2021 with burial in Beaverdam Baptist Church Cemetery, Mountville, SC.
- 384231 JULIE ELLIS**, wife of Jeremy Ellis, passed away August 29, 2021 in Knoxville, TN.
- 3.13.225 ROBERTA (BOBBIE) FOWLER STODDARD**, wife of Jerry Stewart Stoddard, passed away October 29, 2012 in Laurens, SC.
- 3.13.352 DAVID SAMUEL TEMPLETON, JR.**, husband of Margaret (Maggie) Harris Lee, passed away February 18, 2021 with burial at Pinelawn Memory Gardens, Clinton, SC.
- 4295 MARTHA IDA STEWART ABERNATHY**, widow of Joseph E. Abernathy, Jr., passed away May 18, 2022 with burial at Carroll Memory Gardens, Carrollton, GA.

2021 WALTER STEWART REUNION MINUTES

Introduction and Opening Remarks—The 113th Clan Business Meeting of the Walter Stewart Reunion was held Saturday, August 7, 2021, at the outdoor pavilion at First Baptist Church in Laurens, South Carolina. The relocation from the normal circuit was necessitated by the safety risk from COVID-19, which had caused cancellation of the reunion last year. During registration, which began at 10 a.m., Mary Kagin Kramer played the Great Highland Bagpipes. The Business Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chief Judith L. Smith, who opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by singing of the hymn, Faith of Our Fathers, played by Mary Kramer and led by Carl Kramer. Chief Judy remarked that 2020 was only the third time the reunion had to be cancelled. The first time in 1939 because of the polio epidemic and the second in 1941 because of polio and wartime fuel shortages. Chief Judy also recognized guests in attendance for the memorial for late Chief Historian Mary Stewart Newton and thanked the executive committee for their behind-the-scenes work planning the event. She also recognized Stewart Jones, a member of First Baptist Church, for arranging our use of their pavilion, and Jimmie Shaver for setting up the sound system.

Historians' Reports—Chelsea Clark, acting chief historian, reported on marriages and deaths for the House of Samuel; Anne Shaver reported for the House of John; and Alan Fields reported for the House of Robert. Alan also paid personal tribute to Mary Newton, who was his mother-in-law. Chelsea reported for the House of James. There were no reports for the Houses of David Bobo and Clark Berry. Four attendees were welcomed for the first time. James Stewart was recognized as the oldest in attendance at 89. The youngest was Joseph Henderson at 16. The roll call of states totaled 38 family members from South Carolina, 2 from North Carolina, and 2 from Indiana, plus 5 visitors from South Carolina and 1 from Texas. Carol Deats, Russ Smith's sister, was recognized as the attendee who travelled the longest distance, from Midland, Texas. Valerie Jones was recognized as having traveled the shortest distance—one block. In the roll call by House, 3 attended from the House of John and 39 from the House of Robert plus 6 visitors. No one attended from the Houses of Samuel, James, Walter Jr., David Bobo, and Clark Berry. The total attendance was 48. Chelsea also reported she has made Facebook page and website updates, and the archives are still there.

Secretary's Report—Secretary LaMarr Brooks presented the minutes for the 2019 Reunion. Copies were in the program. Chelsea Clark moved for approval, Valerie Jones seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report—Co-Treasurer Valerie Jones presented the Report. She said the treasury stood at \$2,846.16 before the cancelled 2020 reunion. The only expense was the 2020 newsletter. The balance after 2020 expenses and before printing of the 2021 newsletter was \$2,510, including donations totaling \$572.36 in memory of Chief Historian Mary Newton. Valerie said the treasury is seriously depleted because of expenses for last year's cancelled reunion that had to be absorbed and not replaced by a collection at the reunion. After expenses for this year, the current balance is about \$1,684.42, the lowest it has been in several years, and it will be further depleted by other expenses for this year. She requested generous donations. Valerie moved to donate \$100 to First Baptist Church for the use of their facilities, which was seconded by Chelsea Clark and passed by voice vote.

Nominating Committee Report—Robert Hall presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Positions open this year are Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief Historian. Nominated as Co-Secretaries were Mary and Carl Kramer. Valerie and Les Jones were nominated for reelection as Co-Treasurers. LaMarr Brooks was nominated as Chief Historian. There being no nominations from the floor, Linda Clark moved that nominations be closed, and the slate be approved as submitted. Beth Hall seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

Publisher's Report—Linda Clark reported that about 450 newsletters were sent out, with fewer than 40 returns.

Old Business—The only item of old business was a brief discussion of the Walter Stewart History update. Chief Judy reported that it has been slow getting off the ground but that there was a flurry of activity after the current newsletter went out. She added that the database has increased from about 6,000 descendant records when the history was published in 1982 to more than 18,000 today, so there is a big job in front of the family to get as many updates as possible for a new book edition. She announced that three anonymous cousins generously donated a total of \$2,000 to jump start the project. A meeting of volunteers to be involved in the update projects was announced for after the reunion lunch.

New Business—There was no new business.

Mary Stewart Newton Memorial—Chief Judy opened the memorial and then introduced Pastor Herb Codington, pastor-emeritus of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Clinton. He began with prayer and a passage of scripture, summarized the Stewart family's long connections with Presbyterian College and Thornwell Home and School for Children, and recognized Mary Newton for documenting the Stewart Clan's involvement in establishing Bethany, Duncan Creek, Grace Covenant, Hartness-Thornwell, Joanna First, Lisbon, Little River Dominick, Lydia and several other Presbyterian congregations in the Piedmont region. He called "Miss Mary" a "letter from God." Pastor Codington was followed by Becky Henderson, widow of Joey Henderson, who testified about the warm welcome and love Mary gave her 18 years ago at a reunion planning committee meeting. She also expressed gratitude for the personal and financial support Mary gave her after Joey's sudden death a few years ago. Dick Stewart, Mary's nephew, followed Becky with a biographical eulogy that summarized her life history, including her family, education, marriages to Gordon Lesslie, Bill Rawlinson, and Dick Newton, and her international travels. Stewart Jones then presented a framed resolution from the South Carolina House of Representatives, in which he serves, honoring Mary and her contributions to South Carolina. Then LaMarr Brooks, Valerie Jones, Beth Hall, and daughter Kathy Fields made brief remembrances.

Closing and Adjournment—Chief Judy closed the meeting and memorial with instructions for the box lunches from Chick-Fil-A. The meeting closed formally with singing of the traditional closing hymn, Blest be the Tie That Binds. Chief Judy then adjourned the meeting for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Kagin Kramer and Carl E. Kramer, Secretaries

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our starting balance from before the 2021 Reunion expenses was \$1686.42. The current balance (after 2021 expenses but before printing the 2022 newsletter) is \$5243.52, which includes annual donations totaling \$4207.50 and expenses totaling \$650.40. We are encouraged by the heartfelt contributions made during the year that are funding expenses for our ongoing *Walter Stewart Family History* update project and your overwhelming generosity in helping fundraise despite Covid. We put out the call for help and our family members overwhelmingly responded! Please consider giving generously again this year, by mail or in person, as our family history update project gains speed. Hope to see you all there!

—Valerie and Les Jones, Treasurers

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. The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for officers for the 2022–2024 term. Elections will be held Sunday, August 14, 2022, at the Walter Stewart Clan Business Meeting at Fairview Presbyterian Church. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

House of Samuel:	Margaret Sumeral	House of Walter, Jr.:	Kathy Brown Burton (East C.)
House of John:	Anne Shaver		Donna Skarloken (West C.)
House of Robert:	Alan & Kathy Fields	House of Clark:	Meg McElroy
House of James:	<i>Nominations will be accepted</i>	House of David:	Clark H. Stewart

—Robert Hall, Nominating Committee

2021–2022 WALTER STEWART FAMILY EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Send ____ copy(s) of the *Walter Stewart Family History* on CD at \$35.00 each (postage included) \$ _____

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I am making a donation to future family history projects, including a major book update \$ _____

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

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Bring this information with you to the Stewart Reunion, give it to your house historian, or mail to the Newsletter Publisher:
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New family data can also be added at 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:

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