

Genealogy
of the
Stewarts
(Stuart)



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A Splendid Picture Taken at Salt Lake City, Utah, the latter part of
the Nineteenth Century.

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Mr. Orla K. Stewart,
Woodlawn Heights,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Orla:

I am going to try and fulfill my promise made to you when you were here this summer. My delay in doing so was partly my fault and partly my misfortune.

I spent a few hours one afternoon at the library aiming to learn something of the Stewarts in Scotland, England and even in France. There were so many different histories of the Stewarts that it was very confusing unless one had the time to read them all. Of course I only had time to sketch through two or three. From these I learn that Stewart was the leading clan on the British Isles back in feudal times.

In the year 856, King Arthur II (who was the first Stewart king) conquered the Picts. One historian, in writing about the Stewarts, claimed that they were the leading family of the Anglo Saxon race. Another wrote that the Stewart family had more influence over the Anglo Saxon race than any other family of people. This author stated that King Edward VII (Father of George, the present ruler of England) said in his last days that he was proud of the fact that he had Stewart blood in his veins. Nearly all of England's kings were related to the Stewarts.

A brother of Lewis XIV of France married Mary Stewart of Scotland. That accounts for the French way of spelling our name, Stuart. There was no "W" in the French alphabet at that time.

The first Stewart to come to American Colonies came in 1636, only 19 years after the first permanent settlement at Jamestown, Virginia.

Our ancestors arrived in Virginia about the year 1730. Then the Stewarts were scattered all over the island of Great Britain. I have every reason to believe that our forefathers came from Glasgow, Scotland.



WILLIAM RAINS STEWART
1819-1894

After the Revolutionary War the Commonwealth of Virginia offered inducements to her veterans of that war to settle in the Ohio Valley, by giving concessions on farm lands. (Bear in mind that what are now the states of Ohio and Kentucky were territory belonging to Virginia).

Our ancestors living in what was then Passiac County, Virginia in the year 1789, became a part of a company of five families who, with their stock and household goods, treveled to what is now Braddock, Pennsylvania, only a few miles up the Monongahela River from Pittsburgh. They raised a crop and constructed what was known as a keel-boat.

I have heard a great deal about that keel-boat but I could not describe it now. It must have been a large affair to contain that party of five families with their horses, cows, pigs, farming utensils, household goods, and of course, an allotment of children that were to make the

future farmers, merchants, doctors, lawyers, etc., of southern Ohio. The hull of this boat was about as large and built on the order of a coal barge, but of course, was not made of sawed lumber, but hewed with the axe. The cabin was a small affair in the center of the boat, built of logs and probably covered with clapboards split from the timber.

Early in the spring of the year 1790 the five families loaded their belongings in this crude craft, floated out into the Ohio River, and down the beautiful Ohio.

It was an eventful trip. I heard Grandpop Stewart talk about the trip down the Ohio on a keel-boat many times. He was then a boy four years old, having been born in the year 1786.

There was one death on the trip, I do not recall who it was. They buried the remains on the river bank.

They floated down during the day, and landed at night. They traveled only about fifteen miles a day, therefore they were about six weeks making the trip.

About twenty miles up the river above their landing place, the Indians started to attack them, coming out in canoes. The men folks of the five families were armed with rifles, so the women put on hats, got broom sticks and other sticks to resemble guns. They all went out on deck. The Indians were getting near—our folks called to them, "Oh! you black rascals, we just dare you out here." So the Indians put back to shore. They finally landed at the mouth of Limestone Creek, where Maysville, Kentucky, is now located.

The Indians were troublesome on the Ohio side. Naturally they did not fancy giving up this fine section of country. Game and nuts of all kinds were plentiful. Our five families disembarked at Limestone Creek and moved three miles south from the river where there were quite a number of settlers, where the town of Washington, Kentucky, is now located.

The following spring they moved over to the Ohio side and located in the country around Aberdeen.

The Stewarts located on the hill at the head of a creek known as Fishing Gut. It is about a mile from where you lived on the Brookover place.



DRUSILLA VANE STEWART
1833-1903

You may remember Uncle Jim and Aunt Susie, they were never married and lived to be very old. Aunt Susie died in 1884 at the age of 95.

Now the Stewart who was one of the five families that immigrated from Virginia was of middle age at that time. I don't remember his first name but I believe it to have been Joseph.

I wanted to go to the old graveyard where he and most of his family were buried to see if his tombstone was still there before I wrote this, but was not able to do so. To the best of my recollection he was the father of seven children. The two oldest were girls. Lavina, who married a West, was the mother of Joseph, the preacher, and George, who lived just beyond Bentonville for so long. One son was a lawyer and located in Philadelphia. There was one daughter, Ellen, who married Wilse Pickeral. I've heard my sister Sallie speak of a daughter of this one still living at the



AUNT NANCY STEWART ELLIS

home place near Georgetown. This Joseph, who was the preacher, preached Grandpa's funeral.

Now the other daughter married a Gray. I don't remember her name but her husband's name was John. I knew quite a number of their descendants. Edgar Gray was their grandson. He is about your own age and lives in Aberdeen.

The next in rotation according to age in this family was our grandfather, Joseph. As I said before, he was born in Virginia in the year 1786. He was in the war of 1812 and drew a pension on that account until he died. He was mustered out in 1813, married Elizabeth Rains in the year 1814. Their first child was Aunt Jane, born in 1816, married Jonethan Howland. I do not know the year of their marriage. There were three boys and five girls born to them. Joseph, Alex and John were the boys. I do not know much about them. Joe was a doctor.

Now the girls: One, who was always called Sis, married James Drake and lived near Winchester, Ohio. Abbie was next and she married Fan Solmon. They also lived near Winchester. The next, Sallie Ann, married a man named Clark and lived near Hlawatha, Kansas. Lavina married a



DIAS ALEXANDER ELLIS
Aberdeen, Ohio.
(Taken latter part 19th century).

man named Cahill and lived at Richwood, Ohio. Laura, the youngest, lived in Union County, Ohio, near Richwood. I do not know who she married.

Aunt Jane visited Aberdeen when she was 90 years old. She stayed at Aunt Nancy's and kin folks all went in to see her. Aunt Abigail died when she was 14 years old.

The next of Grandpa's daughters was Aunt Sallie Ann, born in 1818, and married Shephard Howland. To them were born six boys and one girl. John Lewis married a sister of Uncle Turner Edgington. Joseph was next. I don't know who he married. The last I knew of him he lived in Douiphan County, Kansas. Alex and Billie were old bachelors and lived to be old men, near Winchester. They died only a few years ago. Albert married a Kendell, a niece of Aunt Hester's. I do not know who Bob married. I did know Fannie married but cannot remember at this time.

Now comes your father, Uncle Billie. He was born on Eagle Creek about three miles from Ripley, according to my recollection, in the year 1819. He spent his young manhood on a farm owned by Grandpop near what is now called

Neal's Store. They moved to Russelville while he was yet in his teens. They lived there only a few years. Then they moved to the place where Uncle Joe lived for so long. They bought this place from Old Man Greenlie, father of Old Sam Greenlie, who was for a long time at Bradysville. He married in about 1849 (I am not sure of the year) to Drusilla Vane, daughter of Henry Vane, one of Adams County's foremost pioneer citizens. There were eight boys and three girls born to them.

The boys were: Joe Henry, John, Lewis Cass, Virgil Alexander, Orla Kenton, James Hanson, Albert Homer, and Edgar McLain. The girls were named Laura (whom we called Sis), Melissee and Maggie. I do not know their dates of birth, but I think Joe Henry was born in 1850. I know Albert Homer was born March 4, 1865, and Maggie was born in 1875.

Next comes Uncle John, born in 1823. He was not as polished as his older brother and I have heard of some of his capers as a young man, but what a christian he was! I am very proud of his Christian life and in my Sunday School class I often refer to him and some of the things he did and said. Uncle John married first Sarah Ellis, daughter of Samuel Ellis and sister of Uncle Lewis Ellis. I have heard Uncle Joe say that Joseph Lewis (Joe Lew) was a baby in arms when his mother died. He said he was a boy then and had the care of the baby. Uncle John next married Hester Kendell, daughter of Jessie Kendell of Locust Grove. There were six girls and three boys born to them: Sarah, Allie, Martha, Elnora, Annie and Maud. The boys were: Jesse, an infant whose name I do not know, and Orange J. Waite.

Next was my father, Alexander (Nick-named Sandy). He was born April 17, 1825. He married Matilda Grimes, daughter of Samuel Grimes of Southern Spring Township, in February, 1861. There were three boys and three girls born to them. They are: Elizabeth, born December 4, 1861; Park, born January 29, 1864; Aseal, born March 30, 1866; Sallie, born July 12, 1868; Louise, born February 5, 1875; and Samuel Joseph, born January 17, 1878, all of whom are now living.

Next in order is Aunt Nancy. Aunt Nancy married Lewis Ellis, son of Samuel Ellis. I don't know where he lived then, but he died in Tollsboro, Kentucky. (I am giving no dates here as I know none). There were two boys and three girls. The boys were, John Franklin, and Dias

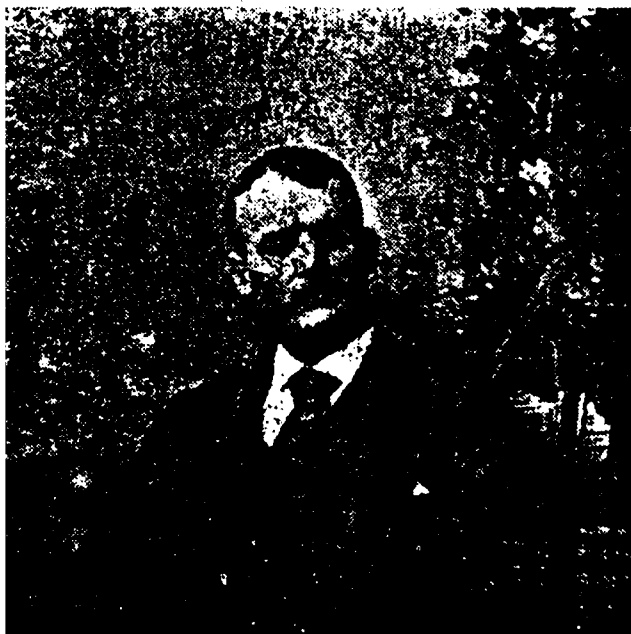


JOHN M. STEWART and
HESTER KENDELL STEWART, His Second Wife.

Alexander. The girls were Jemsie and Laura. Martha married John Carr Sutton. Jemsie died when a young lady and never married. Laura married Nelson Sutton and Alexander and Frank never married.

Now we come to Aunt Vina. I do not know in what year she was born, but I think it was in 1830. She did not marry until she was well up in the thirties. She married Turner C. Edgington, son of Jesse Edgington, of near Bentonville. Three children were born to this couple, two girls and one boy. Ida was the oldest, then Charlie, and Effie was the youngest.

Next we come to the youngest, Uncle Joe. He was born in the year 1832, was educated by old Father McCauley and married Jane Rains, daughter of Alexander Rains of near Aberdeen. They were the parents of seven children, four boys and three girls. They were: Irene, the oldest; Isaac Newton, John Alexander, Joseph, Cordelia, Patrick and Cora. (This may not be just the order in which they came). Two died in their infancy. Newton died in the year 1900, aged thirty-five, and Irene died three years ago, October 1, here in Cincinnati, aged 69. Patrick is in an insane asylum. The last I heard of him about two years ago he was alive. John and his wife came to see me this summer. Cora lives near Aberdeen.



ORLA KENTON STEWART
(Taken later part Nineteenth Century).

There were three more children of the pioneer who came down the Ohio river in a keel-boat who were younger than Grandpop, they were, Aunt Susie, and Uncle Jim. They never married. (You may have seen them, Orla, I never did). They made their home together and lived to a great old age. Uncle John was the youngest. I don't know who he married but I do know he had a good sized family. I only knew two of them, Hiram, who was the father of Dan, David, Jim, Saul, Mollie and Nelson, and Abbie Teeters, the mother of Dudley-Teeters and quite a number of girls whose names I do not recall. Two of Uncle John's boys settled in Eureka, Kansas. One of Uncle John's boys, named Joseph, lived somewhere in Illinois, I believe it was Peoria. I used to hear father say he was quite well off.

This completes the genealogy of the Stewarts down to your and my generation so far as I am able to give it. I have no doubt that a lot of corrections could be made. I will enclose a diagram which will make it easier to comprehend. I hope this finds you enjoying good health.

Yours truly,

PAS:J.S

PARK A. STEWART.



ALBERT HOMER STEWART

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Joseph Stewart—Born May 1, 1786; died March 15, 1878.
Elizabeth Rains Stewart—March 26, 1790; October 8, 1861.

Their Children

Eliza Jane Howland—Oct. 26, 1816; March 26, 1909.
Sallis Ann Howland—April 18, 1818; September 8, 1881.
William R. Stewart—Sept. 10, 1819; November 22, 1894.
Abigal Stewart—May 29, 1821; December 29, 1841.
John M. Stewart—August 30, 1823; May 4, 1897.
Alexander Stewart—April 17, 1825; June 15, 1883.
Nancy Ellis—September 29, 1828; March 23, 1903.
Lavina Edgington—August 6, 1830;
Joseph Austin Stewart—Septemer 4, 1832; Aug. 10, 1904.

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