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INTRODUCING THE STEWART CHRONICLER

To all who are interested in the preservation and compilation of the early family records of the illustrious house of Stewart in America we extend greeting.

No matter how the name is spelled all Stewarts entitled to the name are descended from some line of the Scottish nobility. To us in America this merely means that our Stewart ancestors had superior opportunities to develop the natural qualities which all brave and brawny men possessed. In this little magazine the editor will endeavor to crowd all the essential records available of New England and New York Stewart families from the immigrant ancestor down to about 1850. Early New York records are very vague and very few, so we shall ask our readers who may possess early family records to communicate them to us, that we may put them in print and disseminate them among others who are eager to see them.

We ask you to send a dollar to the publisher so you may receive the following numbers. They will become scarce and valuable, as not a large number are being printed. It would also be a favor if you would immediately notify your kinsfolk or correspondents of the existence of this magazine that they may have an early opportunity to subscribe. We shall have a "puzzle department" for subscribers trying to get further data on their line.

The publisher is very glad to say that we shall have the invaluable collaboration of Mr. Horace W. Dickerman of New York City, who has made an extensive study of the Connecticut Stewarts.

STEWARTS OF LONDONDERRY, N. H.

FROM THE BOOK BY B. FRANK SEVERANCE

WALTER¹ STEWART had an estate in Perthshire, Scotland. Son: Robert.

ROBERT² STEWART (Walter¹), born 1655, married Janette Forsyth. He is said to have been one of the Covenanters who took part in the Battle of Bothwell Bridge in 1679 against the troops of Charles II, in which the Covenanters were defeated. Crossing the North Channel in an open boat Robert Stewart took refuge in Ireland, settling at Londonderry, where he had kinsmen, and where he was soon joined by his family. His estate in Scotland was forfeited. He died in Edinburgh in 1715. His widow is supposed to have died in Colrain, Mass., at an advanced age. Children:

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| 1 John, born 1682 in Edinburgh, Scotland | |
| 2 Robert | No trace |
| 3 Juliana | |
| 4 Samuel | No trace |



JOHN⁸ STEWART (Robert,² Walter¹) settled in Ireland, where he married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of John Clark. He came to America with his family and his mother and her family, landing at Boston Oct. 14, 1718. He was one of the 16 settlers of Londonderry, New Hampshire, one of the proprietors and a prominent man in the Scotch-Irish settlement. He married (2) Elizabeth Forsyth.* He was a carpenter by trade. He made his will Apr. 3, 1741, and died Apr. 6, 1741, in his 60th year, and is buried in Derry, N. H. His widow died in Colrain, Mass. Children of John Stewart, all but Mary being mentioned in his will:

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| 1 Charles, 1705, in Ireland; 1=† Nov. 15, 1727, Mary Ayers; 2=Jenett Lindsay |
| 2 Robert =1785 Lydia Blair(?), in Andover—no further trace |
| 3 James =Mentioned in father's will—no trace |
| 4 John, 1711 =Rebecca (Costa) Patten |
| 5 Mary, 1716 + Nov. 7, 1738 |
| 6 Samuel, 1718, Ireland or aboard ship; =Alice |
| 7 Joseph, Jan. 6, 1721; =Margaret |
| 8 Margaret =William Aiken |

*The following letters were written by Joseph⁷ Stewart. He lived to be over 100 years old, dying Feb. 22, 1821, in White Creek, Washington county, N. Y.

White Creek, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1818. To John Stewart:—I have received your letter and am sorry to hear of your sickness. By all accounts of our descent we are of the royal house of the Stewarts. My father was John, the eldest son of Robert, my grandfather, who was obliged to fly to Ireland when they were newly married. My granny was sent to Edinburgh and he was born there. As far as I can learn they belong to the House of White Rose and not altogether separated from the House of Black Hall. My grandfather's family's names was John and Robert and their sister's name was Juleyan. Samuel, the youngest. My grandfather had a good estate in Scotland when he fled from it. King William would do nothing about it; neither would Queen Anne, but when King George came to the crown their uncle Samuel Stewart, by the help of the Duke of Argyle, recovered it. This must be the estate you mention. I was informed that Uncle Samuel died without issue, left no heirs.

The way that I came to know of our descent was by old Father James Stewart of Colrain. You may remember young James, who married at last Margaret Anderson, your cousin. That descent was from White Rose, for he himself belonged to Black Hall. He had a catalogue of the house of Stewarts for many hundred years, but son Alex carried it away with him to Pennsylvania. I did not know of this until after my father's death. This I knew they belonged to the Rose party, by reason of the high esteem they had for Charles I who had many good properties. My father's eldest son Charles, who is your uncle, and my father and your grand uncle Robert would never own the last pretender or any of the race by reason of his spurious birth. No man dare assail the name of Stewart, that was he would not forfeit his life. It gives you the reach: James I had two sons, James and Robert; James III had two sons, James and Robert. This is the whole I can give you at present. I am afraid you can't read for since I got that fall at your house I could never hold a pen to write straight. I would beg you would acquaint me of your proceedings, therefore I rest. Your father, Joseph Stewart.

White Creek, March 15, 1819. Dear sir:—I received yours of the 16th February last, informing me that the heirs of Elizabeth Forsyth that she married a Stewart. My father's name was John Stewart, the eldest son of Robert Stewart. My mother's name was Elizabeth Forsyth. My grandmother's name was Forsyth, her Christian name forgot. My great-grandfather's name was, as I believe, Walter. My grandfather's name by my mother's side was either William or James, which I cannot tell.

The last letter seems to have been left unfinished and was never sent. It is now a highly prized relic in the possession of Joseph's descendants.

†= means married; + means died. A date following name is date of birth.

CHARLES' STEWART (John,³ Robert,² Walter¹) married in Londonderry Nov. 15, 1727, Mary Ayers, daughter of Samuel Ayers. On Feb. 27, 1748, he bought of Samuel Rankin of Londonderry two lots in Colrain, Mass., and sold his homestead in Londonderry on Aug. 26, 1748, to his brother John Stewart and removed to Colrain. June 19, 1749, he bought a house and home lot of Joseph Rankin of Pelham, upon which he settled the same year. He was chosen tithingman in 1754 and in 1759; one of the committee to manage the affairs of the town in 1759; he was also surveyor and hog constable. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war. He married second—intention recorded at Pelham, Mass., Apr. 24, 1759—Jennet Lindsay of Pelham, who survived him. His will, executed Apr. 1, 1776, was probated May 6, 1777. Children, all mentioned in his will, by his first wife:

- 1 Elizabeth, Jan. 11, 1729; =John³ Clark of Colrain
- 2 Mary, May 5, 1730; =Dec. 21, 1754, Abraham³ Peck (Simon,² John¹) of Colrain
- 3 Margaret, Oct. 4, 1731; 1=John Kately; 2=John Anderson; 3=James Stewart
- 4 William, Feb. 12, 1733, Londonderry, N. H.; =Elizabeth³ Clark (Matthew²)
- 5 John =Ann, daughter of Michael McClellan
- 6 Samuel No trace
- 7 Jennet =intention July, 1765, Joseph Bell of Halifax, Vt.
- 8 Rebecca, 1742 =John³ Stewart (John,⁴ John³)
- 9 Lydia =Feb. 23, 1775, Joseph McKown of Colrain

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STEWARTS OF CONCORD AND COLRAIN, MASS.

JAMES' STEWART, born perhaps in 1680, was a wigmaker in Concord, Mass. He is said to have been descended from John, a natural son of King Robert III of Scotland. His son Alexander carried with him to Pennsylvania the "catalogue" of the Stewart family. James removed to Colrain, Mass., in 1742, and his name appears in a muster roll of men positioned at Colrain in 1743. He died in Colrain on Sept. 20, 1773, "aged 93 years". His widow Jane died there Sept. 8, 1777, in the 78th year of her age. The only children identified are:

- 1 Alexander ; probably lived in Sudbury and awhile in Colrain
 - 2 James, Nov. 11, 1729, in Concord
 - 3 Phebe, Jan. 28, 1732, in Concord; =John Workman and lived in Bernardston
- Another daughter is thought to have married Thomas McGee of Concord

JAMES' STEWART (James¹) appears in Colrain in 1754. His first wife was Agnes. She died very suddenly Feb. 12, 1784, in her 48th year, leaving a large family. His second wife was Rhoda and his third was Margaret, daughter of Charles' Stewart of Colrain and widow of John Anderson. James was town clerk from 1764 to 1789; he held the rank of lieutenant and was a very prominent man. He died Aug. 14, 1809, in his 80th year, and in the settlement of his estate in 1810 are mentioned his children Martha, Elizabeth, Hugh, Simeon and Mary Ann. In the Colrain records we find these children of James and Agnes Stewart:

- 1 Martha, Jan. 14, 1756
- 2 Ephraim, Sep. 22, 1757; +Sep. 17, 1761
- 3 James, Feb. 9, 1759; +1777
- 4 Hugh, Aug. 19, 1761. (He was granted a cattle mark May 24, 1787)
- 5 Elizabeth, Aug. 29, 1763
- 6 Levi, Aug. 10, 1765; +Sep. 21, 1765

- 7 Simeon, Sep. 27, 1766
- 8 Walter, Dec. 18, 1768
- 9 Mary Ann, Feb. 22, 1771
- 10 Daniel, July 29, 1773
- 11 David, July 1, 1776; + Oct. 10, 1779, by a terrible scald

⚡ We are not sure as to the second wife of James,² given as Rhoda on the preceding page. The Colrain records give these children of James, jr., and Esther

- 1 Jesse, July 8, 1784
- 2 David, July 8, 1784
- 3 Clarissa, June 2, 1787

HUGH³ STEWART (*James,² James¹*) and Rhoda had the following children recorded in Colrain:

- 1 Nancy, Dec. 30, 1785
- 2 Electa, Dec. 11, 1787
- 3 Ephraim, Dec. 14, 1789
- 4 David, Jan. 30, 1792
- 5 Charlotte, Oct. 10, 1794

STEWARTS OF JOHNSTOWN, N. Y.

BY ALBERT MONTEITH STEWART, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

ALEXANDER¹ STEWART was born in Perthshire, Scotland, on the river Tummel between Loch Tummel and Loch Rannoch. He was twice married and by his first wife had three sons:

- 1 John + in Johnstown, N. Y.
- 2 Robert
- 3 Joseph ; a colonel in British army in the island of Jamaica: —there

ROBERT² STEWART (*Alexander¹*) married, probably in 1780, in the parish of Dull, Perthshire, Jane Wilson. Children:

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| 1 Alexander | Scotland |
| 2 Catherine | Scotland |
| 3 John | Scotland |
| 4 James, Aug. 20, 1786, | Scotland |
| 5 Charles | Johnstown, Fulton (then Montgomery) county, N. Y. |
| 6 Christy | Johnstown |
| 7 Jane | Johnstown |
| 8 Robert | Johnstown |
| 9 Joseph | Johnstown |
| 10 Daniel | Johnstown |
| 11 William | Johnstown |
| 12 David | Johnstown |

JAMES³ STEWART (*Robert,² Alexander¹*) married Dec. 28, 1815, Sarah Wright at Johnstown, New York. The family lived in Fayetteville, Onondaga county, N. Y. In 1840 they went west to Hebron, Illinois, where Mr. Stewart died March 2, 1863, and his widow died Jan. 9, 1870. Children:

- 1 Robert Wright, Oct. 29, 1816; =Feb. 22, 1842, Susan A. Ross, Geneva, Wis.
- 2 William H., Oct. 8, 1818; =Nov. 8, 1853, Marretta Ehle, Hebron, Ill.
- 3 John, Dec. 25, 1820; =June 30, 1849, Harriet W. Ehle
- 4 Eunice Jean, Mar. 24, 1823; +June 16, 1841, unmarried
- 5 James Milton, Nov. 24, 1829; =Sep. 1, 1853, Mary Hamilton

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