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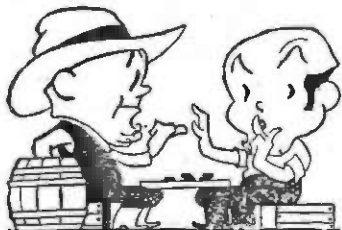
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STEWARTS OF HARTFORD, N. Y.

ORIGINALLY PART OF WESTFIELD, WASHINGTON COUNTY

"Samuel Stewart was also living in this, the northwest part of the town, during and probably before the (Revolutionary) war," according to Dr. Asa Fitch's manuscript history of Washington county, N. Y., book 200-400, entry 288: Hartford Proprietors & First Settlers. "He was from Colerain or Pelham, Mass., and



several families from the same vicinity moved into town soon after father moved here. Stewart used to relate this incident. When Burgoyne was transporting his provisions from Whitehall to Fort Edward, through Fort Ann, the wheel of one of the wagons broke down and the wagon was left in the road. Stewart went to it and rolled a barrel of choice pork or beef off from it and away into the bushes, and then came with his oxen

and got the barrel on to a crotched stick and drew it home. Crotched sticks were the first vehicles in town for drawing loads, the two ends of the fork dragging upon the ground, the team hitched to the butt end of the stick and pins being driven into each fork to keep the load from rolling off backwards."

"12—Samuel Stewart, an Irishman, in the northwest part of the town," says the same authority, entry 296, First Settlers of Hartford, in enumerating the settlers "who were located in town when I arrived, nearly all of them having come in just a year or two before me (1779); beginning at the southeast corner of the town and going north."



"Samuel Stewart, residence not given, served from Sep. 26 to Nov. 18, 1755, on the western frontier in a company commanded by Capt. Israel Williams of Hatfield," according to Massachusetts Archives. "A Samuel Stewart also served from Apr. 16 to June 20, 1761, at West Hoosack (Williamstown) in a company commanded by Lieut. Seth Pomeroy of Northampton."

Samuel Stewart served in the Revolutionary war as a private in Capt. Andrew Billings' company in the Third regiment of New York troops under Col. James Clinton. He enlisted July 13, 1775. Muster roll June 28 to Sep. 28, 1775.

Samuel Stewart served as a private in a company of pilots (scouts) under Col. John McCrea in the fall of 1779 (Aug. 26 to Nov. 23: Capt. Doty).

Samuel Stewart served as a sergeant in Col. Graham's regiment of levies for 3½ months in the fall of 1780. —New York in the Revolution as Colony and State.

Samuel Stewart served as a sergeant in Capt. Long's company in Col. Alexander Webster's regiment of Charlotte (Washington) county militia in November, 1780. Oliver Stewart's name also appears as a private in Col. Webster's regiment.

In the first census, 1790, there were three Stewarts with families in Westfield: Samuel, 2 males over 16 years of age, including the head of the family, 1 male under 16, and five females; next name, Benjamin, 1-0-3; and Oliver, 1-2-2. There was also a Samuel, 1-1-2, living in Salem, in the same county, in 1790.

As to the word "Irishman" we shall state that no Stewart was Celtic. The Scotch settlers in the north of Ireland rarely intermarried with the native Irish; in fact, the Irish were generally dispossessed of the territory where the Scotch settled. But the Scotch settlers were termed Irish when they began immigrating to America: they even called themselves Irish, but generally they objected to the term when they found it was associated with the idea of Catholicism.

CROMWELL'S PRISONERS FROM BATTLE OF WORCESTER

"Of the great historic name, the clan Stuart," says James Savage, "were in, Charles, Neil and Robert, prisoners of war from the sad field of Sep. 3, 1652, Worcester, Cromwell's crowning mercy, sent to Boston, where they arrived Oct. 13, 1652, to be sold, but not to perpetual servitude, as John Cotton gently suggested to Oliver. I can feel no doubt that the great majority, between three-fourths and nine-tenths, of the exiles died of scurvy or broken heart; and not one in ten of these young men left any progeny."

STUARTS OF NORWALK, CONN.

FROM SAVAGE'S GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY

ROBERT¹ STEWART bought property in Norwalk, Conn., in 1660, may have come from Milford, where he had not been long. He married on June 12, 1661, Bethia Rumball, daughter of Thomas Rumball of Stratford. He was living in 1687. Recorded births of children of Robert and Bethia: (Church records.)

- 1 James, Mar. 19, 1668. In Norwalk in 1687; ensign in 1713
- 2 Abigail, Aug. —, 1666
- 3 John, Mar. 18, 1668. In Norwalk in 1708
- 4 Deborah, May —, 1669
- 5 Elizabeth, Sep. —, 1671
- 6 Phebe, Feb. —, 1673 or 1674

STEWARTS OF WEYMOUTH, MASS.

JAMES¹ STEWART was in Weymouth, Mass., in 1669 and possibly earlier. He married Anna Bates, daughter of Elder Edward Bates. He is referred to as master of John Bicknell's sloop in 1674; he served in King Philip's war in 1676. His son James is named in the will of Alen Duglen, a Weymouth Scotchman who was killed in that war. Children of James and Anna:

- 3 Susanna, May 23, 1669; =* June 13, 1692, Luke Short of Marblehead
- 4 James, June 26, 1672. No trace. † Many of the early records of Weymouth have been lost or destroyed
- 5 John, Jan. 22, 1674. No trace
- x Hannah, Sept. 23, 1683; = Sep. 9, 1703, David Thomas of Middleboro

A Mary Stewart married on the same day Jonathan Thomas of Middleboro

BENJAMIN¹ STEWART (—, James¹) of Weymouth married (intended) Feb. 6, 1719-20, in Ipswich) Patience Andrews. They lived many years in Weymouth before removing to Upton. The births of their children are not recorded.

- 1 Patience = Jan. 4, 1736-7, John Watkins, Upton
- 2 Susanna, 1725 = Mar. 20, 1743-4, Stephen Rolph of Grafton: Mendon
- 3 Joseph =* Dec. 8, 1752, Jane Wilson, Upton Prin
- 4 Benjamin, 1730; = Apr. 10, 1754, Deborah Rider, Holliston

* = means married; + means marriage intention; † means died; — means refer to page
 † Susanna was baptized Sep. 5, 1725, and Lucy on July 11, 1731, Gloucester, 3d parish Annis

- 5 Lucy = May 10, 1757, John Wilson, Upton
 6 James, 1735 = Nov. 9, 1761, Mrs. Lois (Adams) Allen, Medway

STEWARTS OF LONDONDERRY, N. H.

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FROM THE BOOK BY B. FRANK SEVERANCE

ROBERT⁴ STEWART (*John,³ Robert,² Walter¹*), born in Ireland about 1707, was bequeathed £10 in the will of his father in 1741, of which the "son Charles Stuart aforesaid and Samuel Stuart of Andover" were named executors. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war; was at no. 4 (Charlestown, N. H.) in 1747; enlisted at Windham, N. H., Apr. 7, 1760, in Capt. Alexander Todd's company under Col. John Goffe. There was a Robert Stewart who married Feb. 22, 1733, Lydia Blair in Andover, Mass. The Andover church records give the baptism July 11, 1725, of Mary, daughter of Robert Stewart. This doubtless refers to another Robert.³

JAMES⁴ STEWART (*John,³ Robert,² Walter¹*), born in Ireland about 1709, was living in 1741. He is thought to have died about 1750, leaving a son John, born Sep. 12, 1745, at Londonderry, N. H. See Samuel.⁴

JOHN⁴ STEWART (*John,³ Robert,² Walter¹*), born in Ireland about 1711, married Rebecca Costa, born in Edinburgh, widow of Robert Patten who died on the passage to America. John Stewart* removed to Windham, N. H., where he was invoice taker in 1743, selectman in 1745, surveyor in 1748 and tithingman in 1749, 1758 and 1759; he was an innkeeper in 1755. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war and was one of the garrison which so gallantly defended no. 4 (Charlestown, N. H.). He again entered the service Mar. 26, 1760, under Capt. Alexander Todd, Col. John Goffe's regiment, for the invasion of Canada. The regiment went to Crown Point. He died Mar. 29, 1761, from the effects of overexertion in their 44-day advance through the wilderness. His widow married (3) David Hopkins and removed to Shelburne, Mass., where she died Feb. 6, 1802, aged 90.

- 1 John, Sep. 22, 1743; = Dec. 31, 1765, Rebecca³ Stewart (Charles⁴), Windham
- 2 Robert, Sep. 15, 1748; 1=Sarah Woodward of Halifax, Vt.; 2=Susan Smith
- 3 Rebecca, Dec. 20, 1750; +Feb. 26, 1757
- 4 Mary, May 2, 1753; +Mar. 8, 1757
- 5 Hannah, Nov. —, 1755; +Mar. 15, 1757
- 6 Adam, 1758; +Apr. 24, 1777, unmarried

SAMUEL⁴ STEWART (*John,³ Robert,² Walter¹*), born about 1718 in Ireland or aboard ship, married Alice.† They settled in Colrain prior to 1751; owned and occupied the east half of lot 6, which was located about 40 rods north of Fort Morris. They removed to Shelburne in 1769, selling their home lot in Colrain Aug. 24, 1770. They sold land in the second division Apr. 20, 1780, and removed to New Perth (Hebron), Washington county, N. Y., where on June 11, 1783, they deeded land in Black Creek to Stephen Smith of Rupert, Vt. Alice was living in 1800 with the Merriman family in Salem, N. Y., and is thought to have died in Ohio.

- 1 John, Sep. 12, 1745, Londonderry; = Mar. 12, 1772, Huldah Hubbel
- 2 William = Mary Harris
- 3 Isabel = Moore: removed to Pennsylvania
- 4 Samuel, Feb. 23, 1749, Londonderry; = Elizabeth Abbot of Pawlet, Vt.

*The vital records of Londonderry, N. H., contain this isolated entry; "John, son of John and Jean Stewart, was born June 29, 1737."

†Thought to have been Alice Atchison, perhaps widow of his brother James.

- 5 Mary, May 13, 1753, Colrain; = Robert Archibald, lived in Salem, N. Y.
 6 Alice, Mar. 26, 1754, Colrain; = William Smith, settled at Putnam, N. Y.
 7 Rebecca, July 26, 1756, Colrain; = ——— Merriman, lived in Salem, N. Y.
 8 James, Jan. 5, 1759, Colrain; killed 1791 in Harmar's defeat by the Indian
 9 Sarah = Robert Gilliss of Salem, N. Y., his second
 10 Robert 1766, Colrain; = Elizabeth Huggins, lived in Salem, N. Y.
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STEWARTS OF JOHNSTOWN, N. Y.

BY ALBERT MONTEITH STEWART

ROBERT WRIGHT¹ STEWART (*James³ Robert² Alexander¹*), born Oct. 1816, married at Geneva, Wis., Feb. 22, 1842, Susan A. Ross, born Oct. 10, 1816. He died Dec. 20, 1876, Hebron, Ill.; her death not of record. Children:

- 1 Eunice Jane, Feb. 26, 1843; = Feb. 22, 1863, Prentice Bowman
- 2 Ellen Amelia, Feb. 5, 1845; + Jan. 14, 1861
- 3 James Morris, Jan. 14, 1849; + June 23, 1849
- 4 Mary Elizabeth, May 25, 1850; = Jan. —, 1873, Thomas Charles
- 5 John James, Dec. 24, 1854; = Sep. 22, 1880, Frankie Nichols
- 6 Charles Frederick, Oct. 23, 1856; + May 13, 1865
- 7 Harry Edward, Aug. 27, 1860; = Feb. 23, 1882, Hattie Thomas

WILLIAM H.⁴ STEWART (*James³ Robert² Alexander¹*), born Oct. 8, 1818, married at Hebron, Ill., Nov. 8, 1853, Marretta Ehle, born July 3, 1829, Canajoharie, N. Y. He finished his law course in Union college in 1843 and went west and settled with his parents in Hebron, Ill., where he farmed until elected county clerk of Henry county, Ill., in 1857, when he removed to Woodstock. He joined the U. S. army in 1862 as captain of company F, 95th Illinois infantry, 17th army corps, Army of the Tennessee. He was wounded through both legs at Guntown, Miss. in 1864, invalided home, recovered and returned to the front. At the close of the war he returned to the practice of law and held several county offices. He died in Hebron, Ill., September, 1907, and his widow died in January, 1921. Children:

- 1 Adda Wylhemien, Aug. 18, 1855, Hebron; = June 21, 1888, Frank Spitzer
- 2 Albert Monteith, June 25, 1866, Woodstock; = June 14, 1888, Marion Trepp

JOHN⁴ STEWART (*James³ Robert² Alexander¹*), born Dec. 25, 1820, married June 30, 1849, Harriet W. Ehle, a sister of Marretta, above. The dates of the death are not given. Children:

- 1 James Ehle, Sep. 2, 1850; = Nov. 18, 1874, Nettie Van der Karr
- 2 Sarah Catherine, Oct. 27, 1852; + Dec. 26, 1861
- 3 Robert Wright, Sep. 10, 1854; + Jan. 8, 1862
- 4 Anna Margaret, Jan. 21, 1857; + Oct. 24, 1865
- 5 Lizzie Adelia, Aug. 14, 1859; + Jan. 20, 1862
- 6 Richard Henry, Dec. 25, 1862; = Feb. 4, 1885, Mary A. Wilson
- 7 Alfred Henry, Apr. 15, 1865; +
- 8 Walter Scott, Oct. 18, 1867; 1 = 19¹ 1890, Margaret Merry; 2 = Eva Inman
- 9 Edward Marshall, Oct. 9, 1870; living at Richmond, Ill.
- 10 Carl Schrembling, Mar. 20, 1873; +

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QUERIES AND STRAY NOTES

1. CORNELIA STEWART (mother's name thought to be Margaret) married Dennis Christ Christy, who came from the north of Ireland. Their children were: John, born Sep. 29, 1755, married Anne Tripp; Mary, born in 1757, married (1) a Kidney, (2) Josiah Bull; Martha (Whaley); Elizabeth (Broomfield); and William, born July 5, 1772, married Ruth Bull and settled in Prince Edward county, Ontario, Canada. There were probably other children. The census of 1790 gives Cornelie Stewart as head of the family and resident of Beekman, Dutchess county, N. Y., in which county Dennis Christy lived the greater part of his life. Her parentage desired. E. May Christy, Silver Creek, N. Y.