

The Stewarts Long Time Tennessee Residents

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A family with descendants in many parts of the country will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 1st at the Lee Stewart place on Maddux Road.

Site of the get-together will be the family farm of Lee (Doc) and Violet Davis Stewart where they raised nine children.

The grandfather and grandmother of the children were Noah Stewart and Ozina Smith Stewart, who had 10 children of whom two, Aaron Wade Stewart and Thelma Stewart Crawley, survive.

Ben and Harriet Hensley Stewart, who were the father and mother of Noah Stewart and grandfather of Thelma Crawley and Aaron Stewart, raised their family in Jackson County.

Ben Stewart was the great grandfather to W.L. Stewart, Ralph Stewart, Robert Stewart, Tom Stewart, Evelyn Stewart Ward, Cossa Stewart Jackson, Jane Stewart Pugh, Betty Stewart Reece, and Wilma Stewart Loftis.

Livi Murphy Stewart, who was also known as "Ben" Stewart was an iron maker and a private in C Company, First Regiment of the Tennessee Mounted Infantry.

He was born June 26, 1845, in Overton County, married Harriet Henley on January 22, 1867 in Jackson County, died on January 10, 1927, and was buried in Dodson's Branch.

Noah Stewart, who was born October 18, 1878, married Ozina Smith on October 18, 1897.

Lee Stewart, Noah's son, married Violet Davis on October 1, 1922.

Also on the family tree are Dezzie Stewart, who was born January 17, 1883 who married Monroe Ray and who died on February 7, 1921 and was buried at Dodson's Branch Cemetery.

Alice Leora Stewart who was born April 8, 1884, either in Jackson County or in White County, TN, the records are unclear, was married on August 9, 1910, to Noah W. Lawson in Overton County, died on February 20, 1954 in Dayton, Ohio and was buried in Poplar Springs.

Phinia Stewart who was born on December 22, 1867, later married Marian Anderson, and Dora Stewart, who was born December 29, 1880, married Tom Holloway.

Landonie Steward, who was born, November 24, 1876, married Whitson Holloway.

Calvin Steward, who was born December 18, 1871, later married Cora Dennis and brought some notoriety to the family when he killed a man.

Oellevine Steward, who was born March 22, 1870, married a Carrington and William Edward Steward, who was born February 8, 1873, had a wife named Charity, whose maiden name is unknown, and died in Evansville, IN.

About this time, the family records indicate that the spelling of the family's last name had changed to Stewart with Waymon who was born May 2, 1889, having married Nold J. Gaw. The union reportedly led to 13 children before he died and was buried November 5, 1959 at Dodson's Branch.

The family tree continues with Ollie Steward, who was born November 11, 1874 and during his life, Josh Henley and Bill Gentry were born before Steward died sometime before 1920.

Also on the family tree are Clementine Steward, who was born on November 23, 1864, and died September 18, 1969, and Lattie Steward, who was born November 16, 1886 and died in August 1889.

Other details about the family are in the will of William Fuquay, which is on record in Gainesboro, Fuquay, a shoemaker, married a Cherokee Indian, and there is some family connection with the East Tennessee-North Carolina mountain area around Gatlinburg.

The Fuquay union produced 20 children with Mahalia who was born in 1828 marrying William Henley, who died before 1860 while she died before 1872.

Rebecca, another of the 20 children, married Micah Beal, and Catherine, another daughter, married George W. Harper, whose union produced a child, Adaline.

Matilda, another daughter married J. Rogers, and their three children, were William, James and Mary.

Among the 20 other children were A.J., William C., Sarah, Margaret, who married Tab Anderson, Adeline, who married Benjamin Rogers, and lived in Missouri; Nancy, who married Churchill Rogers, and Malinda who married Anderson Hawkins.

George W., Russell, and Emmaline were other children in the family with John and Albany who moved to Missouri.

Also in the family were Elizabeth Fuguay who married William Goolsby, and moved to Nebraska, Sinsi, who married Matthew Brewington and whose children were Mary Cater, Elizabeth, Jane and Thomas; Mary who married William M. Harper and moved to Iowa and Jessie Fuguay who married Tessie and moved to Kentucky.

The union of William and Mahalia Henley produced several children among them Mahaley Fuguay, who was born in 1828, and had two children; Jane, and Fannie, who was married and divorced in 1892.

Another daughter of Mahalia was Harriet, who was born on July 24, 1849, married January 22, 1867, to Livi "Ben" Murphy Stewart who died on January 31, 1930, and is buried at Dodson's Branch.

James, another son of Mahalia, was born around 1850 or 1851, and died at age 15 around 1865 or 1866.

The family history continues with Johnny Stewart, who was born in Virginia. Stewart married Cynthia, and was 75 years old by the 1880 census.

The Civil War also produced a split in family loyalties with Livi Murphy "Ben" Stewart, who was born in 1845, fighting for the North, while his brother, Edward also known as "Ned" Stewart, fought for the South.

Among the children of Samuel Stewart were Matthew, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Samuel, Phibia, Edward, Lennie and Henry.

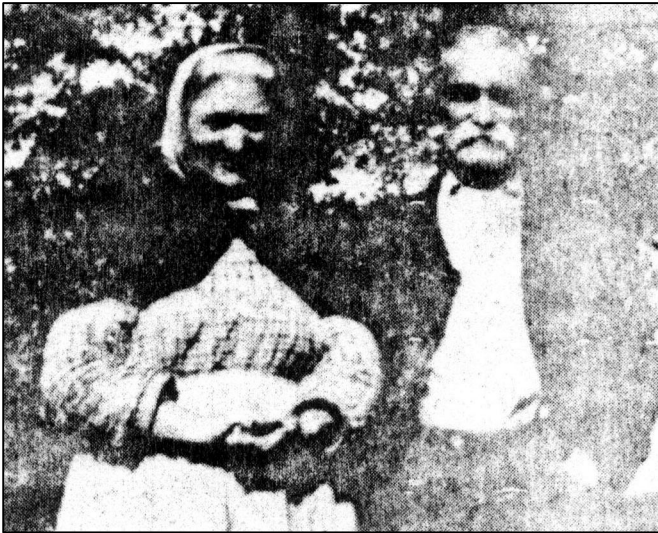
Noah Stewart married Sarah Sizemore of Sevier County, in 1867 in Sevier County.

Other members of the family tree are William Henley, who was born in 1894, and later married Nancy Fuqua, and Sam Henley.

Although the records are not clear, another possible descendant is Joel Henley , who was 36 in 1880, according to the census. He and his wife Harriet had several children, Nathan, Gerard, William, and Charity.



Noah Stewart & his wife Ozina (Smith) Stewart are among the early descendants of the Stewart family. The picture was taken around 1920 at their Overton Co. home. Picture taken from a newspaper article in the "Dispatch, Cookeville, TN, 19 August 1984.



In this picture taken in 1919, Livi "Ben" Murphy Stewart and Harriett (Henley) Stewart some of the early descendants of the Steward family, are standing near a woodpile at their home in Jackson Co., TN. Their descendants , who later changed their name to Stewart, moved to numerous parts of TN and to other states.



Lee (Doc) and Violet Davis Stewart, in this picture, are at their home where the Stewart family reunion will be held September 1.



Aaron Stewart, Arrie Masters, Thelma Crawley, and Sherline Stewart are shown in this picture. The Stewart family reunion will be held at the Lee Stewart place on Maddux Road in Putnam County on September 1.