

WILLIAM STEWART

The Stewart family originated in Scotland and of Norman origin, a very influential race of people, for 200 years they held the office of High Steward of Scotland, from this office they and their descendants got their name. Tradition is, they are descendants from the Royal Family. During the Scotch Revolution in 1688 many sought refuge in Ireland, for the sake of life, liberty and Protestantism. William Stewart, the Revolutionary ancestor, born in Ireland 1740, came to America from Newry, Ireland, in October 1752 with his parents, Archibald and Margaret Stewart and a brother John. From a Receipt and Certificate of Passage, "Received of Archibald Stewart the sum of twelve pounds sterling in full for his passage and three other passengers on board the ship 'Happy Return', this 3rd of July 1752. "Robert Walker"----- "This is to certify the Bearer, Archibald Stewart, came over from Newry, in Ireland, to this port, on board the ship 'Happy Return'. James Boggs, Master, and has paid his full passage on board said ship. Dated this 10th day of October, 1752, as also his family, Margaret, wife, and sons, William and John. "James Boggs". Ninety-nine days on the voyage. The authority for these – History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, Pa. Page 1084, Vol. II.

The family came to Cumberland County, Pa., in September 1753. They were told of some land on the Little Juniata Creek, on which a bark house had been made. Archibald Stewart bought this improvement. They were among the earliest settlers. Of John, nothing more is known, nor when the death of Archibald or Margaret, his wife occurred. They were driven off by the Indians in 1756 as were all the settlers in that section. In 1765, William returned, with his wife, Elizabeth, to the plantation adjoining the west end of Bark tract, William claimed the land and he and his heirs had possession for many years. He became an extensive land-owner. Title to lands of William and Archibald became vested in John Stewart, William's son, and patented to him March 15th, 1811. The authority for that is History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, Pa. Page 866, Vol. I. Also, a quit claim deed for 537 acres from Abraham Dean and wife, Sarah, to John Stewart.

William Stewart assisted in establishing American independence while serving as 2nd Lt. in Cumberland County, Pa. Militia. Also 2nd Lt. in Capt. Wm. Donelson's third Company, Cumberland Co. Militia, July 31st, 1777 and again in same Company May 14, 1778, Vol. VI, Pages 154 & 165 of the Fifth Series, of the H?. Archives also History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, Pa. Vol. II, Pages 866, 867, 871 and 1083.

William Stewart b. 1740 in Ireland d. July 29, 1784, Elizabeth, his wife, b. 1740 d. Aug. 12, 1822, with their young son are buried in Lock Graveyard, located on Wm. Penn Highway about 2 mi. east of Thompsontown, Pa., photograph of gravestone – possession of Mrs. Madge Wilson Miller, a descendant. On the homestead, a small stone house built by William Stewart, said to have been used during the Indian raids, over the door is found "W.S.1774". The building was still standing in 1930, said to be the oldest building in Juniata Co. Pa.

There has long been the tradition that William Stewart while home on a furlough, accidentally shot and killed his young son and namesake. A certified photographic copy of the family Bible shows this entry – “William Stewart b. Dec. 31, 1772, by a cruel fate was shot by his Distressed Father on the 2nd

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day of August, 1779, by snapping a pistol thought to be empty; Oh may this be a warning to all my generation when I am dead and gone.” William lived until the close of the Revolutionary War, his wife Elizabeth then lived with her children until her death, in her 82nd year. Five of their children came to Ohio in 1880. In the history the “Descendants of John Thompson” compiled by Addams McAllister in 1917, New York, N.Y. the three Stewart daughters’ married Thompson men. Children of William Stewart:

Margaret Stewart	b. 12/23/1764	d. 4/15/1767
Sarah Stewart	b. 1/24/1766	m. Abraham Dean
Mary Stewart	b. 5/1/1767	m. Noble Crawford
Margaret (2 nd) Stewart (twin is Gracie)	b. 9/26/1768	m. George Brown
Gracie Stewart (twin)	b. 9/26/1768	m. Henry Lukens
John Stewart	b. 6/8/1770	m. Elizabeth Walker
Elizabeth Stewart	b. 9/6/1771	m. Isaac Cook
William Stewart	b. 12/31/1772	d. 8/2/1779 (shot accidentally)
Wilson Stewart	b. 8/13/1774	m. Mary Mitchell
Jane Stewart	b. 4/17/1778	m. Andrew Thompson
Rachel Stewart	b. 5/8/1780	m. John Thompson
Rebecca Stewart	b. 12/15/1780	m. Andrew Thompson (nephew of

Andrew Thompson who m. Jane Stewart)

Through Sarah Stewart Dean, Mrs. Madge Wilson Miller, a member of Juliana White Chapter, has her lineal line – Nat. No. 199980

Through Margaret Stewart Brown, Mrs. Alma Brown Rose, a member of Juliana White Chapter, has her lineal line – Nat. No. 203137.

Through Margaret Stewart Brown, Mrs. Jennie Brown Walker, a member of Juliana White Chapter, has her lineal line – Nat. No. 247313.