

## STEWART FAMILY HISTORY

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Uncle Franklin Stewart (Son of James B Stewart) was born 1824 in Wayne County, Georgia. When I was 10 years old, I saw the little House by the Satilla River, where Uncle Franklin worked. I know there were many songs of praise and prayers from that little House. Uncle Franklin was licensed a Preacher at the Fourth Quarterly Conference at Burnt Fort Camp Ground in February, 1845. He was ordained a Deacon at the Annual Conference in Waynesville Georgia, and in 1851, in Thomasville Georgia, he was ordained an Elder. He was a Delegate to the General Conference, in Columbus, Georgia, May 1855. One of his text was the fifth Chapter of the First Thessalonians, Verses 15-28.

In 1851, In Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, where he was preaching, he met Miss Frances Sanchez, a young Catholic, Minorcan Lady, and they were married. She was converted, through his preaching. In 1852, he was Presiding Elder. They were living in Quincy, Florida. There were 2 children, born to them. Mary Stewart was born, December, 1852 and John Franklin Stewart was born, June 25, 1854. Uncle Franklin died in Jacksonville, Florida, August 1855 and is buried in the "Old Cemetery". On his Tombstone is "Reverend Franklin Stewart born May, 1824, died August 1855. Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for they shall see God" He had Tuberculosis of the Throat, from having Scarlet Fever, and preaching before his throat was well.

His Faithful, Black Horse, "Osceola", who had traveled all over Florida and South Georgia with him, died the same year. One day in Uncle Franklin's travels, he met some Indians, who wanted him to get down off his Horse and Shoot with them, at a mark, with some Bows and Arrows. They were surprised, when he could shoot almost as good as they could. For fear of making them angry with him, he missed the mark on purpose (He could have hit the mark every time) If Uncle Franklin had lived, he would have been a Bishop. There is a Place, or Church in South Florida, that is named for him.

When John Franklin Stewart was a young man, he went to Thomasville and stayed one or two years. He went to Lake City, later. He was about six or seven, when his Mother, Frances Sanchez Stewart, went to live with Aunt Katie, Uncle Franklin's sister.

John Franklin Stewart, married Ida Cone, 1889. They were living in Jasper, Florida.. There were 2 children, born to them. Frances Sanchez Stewart, born 1891, and John Franklin Stewart Jr, born 1894. Frances went to School in Jasper, Florida and then to the Convent. She is a smart and handsome girl. They live, now at Lake City, where they have had a lot of sickness. Frances's Father is in the Mercantile business. Last year, Frances was sick all year. Just to keep her outdoors, her Father bought an Incubator. They raised her in it, when she was outside.

Frances married Mr. Bayard Roberts of Macon, Georgia. They had 2 children. Frank Stewart Roberts and Esther Roberts. John Franklin Stewart Jr. went to School in Jasper and Lake City, Florida. He is now in Washington DC with his Uncle, who is in Business there. He married Miss Eulalie Edwards, March 1915.

Aunt Harriet Raulerson Born 1831 (Daughter of Jacob and Catherine Courtney Keightley Stewart Raulerson), married Abraham Knight in 1848. There children were, Wade Flourney, James Wesley, Benj. Franklin, Mary Courtney, Macy Ann, and Martha Knight. Uncle Abraham Knight was in the Civil War and died in a Soldiers Prison in New York in 1863. Aunt Harriet is still living. She can see to read without glasses and can walk around the neighborhood. She lives with her daughter, Martha Crews, 2 miles from Hortense. She is 81 years old.

Mary Knight married W B Crews.They had one child...Olive Crews.

Isom(Isham) Crews married Miss Mary Lewis in 1906

Martha Knight married Samuel Crews about 1878. There children were...Solomon, Katie, Isham, Mary, Martha, William, Nancy, Rufus, Charlie, and Gussie Crews.

Wade Flourney Knight married, his cousin, Cyrene Raulerson of Wayne County Georgia. There children were...Rufus, Ella, Oscar, Maggie, David,Clark, Elizabeth, Daniel. Wade Flourney Knight is living in Volusia County,Daytona, Florida. I saw him last August at Camp Meeting at Hortense, Georgia.

James Wesley Knight, married Miss Florence Hale. There children were Eddie, Ada Belle, Florence and Hanie Knight.

Mary Courtney Knight married Mr. John Strickland, son of Effie Strickland, March 1869. There children were James, Macy, Franklin, Sallie, Joseph, Nelson, Mary, Johnny, Liberia, Otto,

Jewel Norris, Worley, and James Strickland.

James Strickland married Miss Mary Manning 1907. There children were...Sally, Martha, Mary Courtney, Martin and Burbage Strickland.

Macy Ann Knight married Mr Samuel Causey in 1888. There children were Mary, James, Macy, Connie, Ida and Archie Causey.

Mary Ann Causey married Mr. Crummie. They had 2 children, Martha and Collie Crummie.

Sallie Strickland married Mr. Riley Howard in 1896. There children were...George, Dewey, Effie C, Simeon Henry, and Bertie Howard.

James Strickland married Miss Mary J Pearson in 1895. There children were...Walter, Corrine, Alma and Albert Strickland.

Franklin Strickland married Miss Annie Rollins. Troy, Leroy, Cliffore and Baby Strickland.

Nelson Strickland married Miss Rhoda Griner in 1898. She was the sister to Allen Griner. There children were...Pearl, Moultrie, Ward, Ruby, Mary Elizabeth and Lambert and Stewart Strickland.

Mary Isabell Strickland married married John Howard..They had one child...Berniece Howard..

Johnnie Strickland died 1887

Macy Ann Knight married Daniel Raulerson about 1873 or 1874. There children were....Connie, Lillie, Lonnie, Nettie, Frances, Martha, Sallie, and Rachel Raulerson.

All of Aunt Harriet Raulerson Knight's children went to School in the Country or Hortense, Georgia. Aunt Harriet and her daughter, Martha, went to visit Aunt Katie in 1871 and 1872. Aunt Katie was sick a long time. Her mind was not good.

About a mile and a quarter from Hortense, Georgia and not far from the Satilla River, is where my Step Grandfather (Jacob Raulerson) built the Methodist Church, where my Grandmother and family used to go to Church. I have no doubt, that Uncle Franklin preached there. After the War, they built a new Church and called it Clark's Chapel. The A.B.& A Railroad ran through, where the old Church was.

Aunt Isabell Raulerson was born 1833. She married Hillary Cason about 1851. I don't know how long it was after they married before they moved to Charlton County, Georgia. There children were...Elizabeth, Houston, Lillian Isabell, Wade Hampton, Hillary, Bartow, Florence, Wherry, Emma, and Warren Cason. Lillian Cason married J.C. Knight.

Aunt Mary Raulerson born about 1835 married Alexander Middleton. She kept house for Uncle Wade, her brother. There was a Large Tree growing close to the House, and when Aunt Mary got married, Uncle Wade went up stairs and got in the Tree and broke limbs off to decorate the House and the Table. There were 4 children born to them....Randolph, Amerlia, Norman, and Walton Middleton.

Randal Middleton married Miss Fannie Ambrose of Florida. There children were...Randolph, Amerlia, Gary, James, Bertie, and Ernest Middleton.

Gary Middleton is in Brunswick in the Auto Business with Mr. Cato.

Norman Middleton married Dora Lang of Brunswick. There children were...Ernest, Eveline, Madaline, Dora, Machen, and a baby boy.

Walton Middleton married Miss Susie Lane. Their children were...Luther, Lawson, Claud, Mary, Beulah, Janie, Ellen, and Etta. Walton lives 2 miles from Fendig on the A.B.&A Railroad.

Uncle Wade Hampton Raulerson was born May 3, 1838. He was not quite 10 when his Mother, Catherine Courtney Stewart Raulerson died. His Father, Jacob Raulerson, built and settled a new place close to what is now Baxter Lake. Uncle Wade and his nephew, Thomas Martin Peason, kept Bachelor's Hall. Their Housekeeper's name was Miss Elizabeth Lewis. She had a girl about my age, named Charity. I remember in February, 1857, when my Mother and we children went to see my sister Katie, who lived over by the Big Satilla River, we went by the Lake and stopped by the house. I believe we ate Dinner there. I remember going there and playing with Charity. I went up stairs for the first time in my life. It scared me so bad to look down. I thought I could never come down. I stayed 2 months with my sister Katie and her husband Franklin, and they carried me home. I remember stopping on the road, picking huckleberries..When we got home the Old Stage Coach was the order of the day.

Uncle Wade went to Florida in the Winter of 1859 to Orange

County, Florida. He married Miss Catherine Hart. There children were...K.B., William, Herschel, Ida, Claud, Frank, Lillie, Mary and Lucius Raulerson.

In 1880 Uncle Wade came back for a visit to Georgia. One day my Mother and Aunt Martha Aspinwall went to spend the day with Uncle James Harper, who had recently moved back to Blackshear, from Ware County. They asked me if I knew Uncle Wade, as I was a small child when I last saw him. His hair was gray. I tried to get him to stay, but he said he had to go. Mother said she would never see him again. I never heard of him coming back to Georgia, until 1906. My Mother died in 1892. In 1891 Uncle Wade's wife, Aunt Catherine, died. She and Uncle Wade were members of the Methodist Church. In 1906 Uncle Wade came to Georgia to visit his sister, Aunt Harriet, and told her he thought he would marry again, as his children were all grown. He went back to Florida and married his first wife's sister. She was a widow and her children were all grown.

If only I could find more information about my Grandfathers brother, Henry, and his sister Elizabeth's Family, and my Grandmother's Family, the Colquits and Keightley's, I would be satisfied. Today is the last day of February, 1912.