

The Stewart Family

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Two men, both by the name of James Stewart, were members of the company commanded by Captain William Harrod, which formed the nucleus of the regiment, serving under Col. George Rogers Clark, in 1779, with the base of supplies at the Falls of the Ohio on the island opposite Louisville. These men were from that part of Orange County, Virginia, where Shepherdstown is now located. They went to Redstone Fort, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, with the troops that served in the French and Indian War. These Stewarts may have been at an earlier date in Little Cove, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. One of the oldest lists (1750) in East Pennsborough, Cumberland County gives: Widow Stewart, Middletown, 1781; James Stuart, John Stuart, William Stuart. In Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in the early period, there lived, John Campbell Stewart and Arthur Stewart of Peters Township.

The Cumberland County (1768) original tax list, in Carlyle Court House, Commissioner's Office, shows the following:

Moses Stuart	50 a
James Stewart	50 a, Air Township
Wm. Herrod	80 a (10 clear), 2 Horses, 2 Cows
John Herrod	50 a (10 clear)

Wills recorded in Jefferson County, Ky., at Louisville, (Book L, pp. 244, May 11, 1812) include a will of Steven (Stewart, as mention is made of his son, James Harvey Stewart). A plantation on Pleasant Run, adjoining the lands of Thomas Downs, James Stewart, William Goodwin, and ——— Weather (to James Harvey Stewart). The residue to his three children, James H. Stewart, Priscilla Stewart, Cincha Stewart. Witnessed by James Stewart, William Goodwin.

Thomas Downs, James Stewart and William Goodwin, were the first settlers in the Silver Creek district of Clark County and were original members of Silver Creek Church. Thomas Downs was a first Justice of General Sessions of Clark County, Indiana Territory, formerly part of Virginia, appointed by William Henry Harrison as soon as he received his own appointment as Governor of the Territory. Harrison

went at once to the Falls, and made these appointments from Louisville, Ky. He then proceeded to Vincennes.¹

¹The matter relating to the Stewart family here presented is the product of personal research carried on to help descendants of these families. It is submitted for publication, to present Bible and other records that may help to bring out the connection of many lines of the Stewart family in Indiana.