

STEWART FAMILY COLLECTION: A Guide

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Stewart Family.
- Title:** Stewart Family Collection.
- Dates:** 1799-1912.
- Abstract:** The Stewart Family Collection concerns Walter Stewart (1754-1836), his children and grandchildren, most of whom lived in the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, N.Y. Papers are mainly correspondence, legal and financial papers, and miscellaneous manuscripts, including religious writings and Valentines. Principal subjects include the Stewart, Darrow, and Reid families, farm life and religion.
- Quantity:** 0.4 cubic feet (1 box)
- Identification Number:** Archives and Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Stewart Family Collection concerns Walter Stewart (1754-1836), his children and grandchildren, most of whom lived in the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, N.Y. Principal members of the Stewart family documented in the Stewart Family Collection are Walter Stewart (1754-1836) and his sons Robert (1784-1834), George (1786-1855), and James (1788-1854). George had five sons: Jared (1811-1872), Walter G. (1813-1889), George Dunlop (1821-1884), John (1826-1866), and Robert (1835-1910). The family owned property in the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, N.Y.

Walter Stewart came to the hamlet of Lake, Town of Greenwich, Washington County, New York in 1782. He settled on Lot 41. "Walter G., one of his sons, is an old resident of Lake." From *History of Washington Co.* by Crisfield Johnson. p. 353. Robert and Walter Stewart were members of the United Presbyterian Church. James Stewart moved to Timber, Peoria County, Illinois.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

Subjects include the Stewart family, farm life, genealogy of the Stewart, Darrow, and Reid families, religion (including the Presbyterian Church), Stewart family properties in the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, N.Y. Papers are mainly correspondence of Walter, Mary Ann, James and Robert Stewart; legal and financial papers; and miscellaneous manuscripts, including religious writings and Valentines from the 1850's. Included in the correspondence are some letters from James Stewart of Timber, Peoria County, Illinois, mostly addressed to George Stewart of the Town of Greenwich.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

The Stewart Family Collection is arranged into the following six series:

- Series 1: Genealogy of the Stewart, Darrow, and Reid families.
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1820-1910.
- Series 3: Miscellaneous manuscripts, 1850's and n.d.
- Series 4: Legal and financial papers, 1799-1913.
- Series 5: Miscellaneous publications, 1822, 1912.
- Series 6: Photograph.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Legal documents—New York (State)—Washington County.

Places: Greenwich (N.Y.)—History.
Peoria County (Ill.)—History.
Washington County (N.Y.)—Genealogy.
Washington County (N.Y.)—History—Sources.

Important People: Darrow family.
Reid family.
Stewart, George, 1786-1855.
Stewart, James, 1788-1854.
Stewart, Mary Ann.
Stewart, Robert, 1835-1910.
Stewart, Walter, 1754-1836.
Stewart family.

Form/Genre: Manuscripts.
Valentines.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Series 1: Genealogy of the Stewart, Darrow, and Reid families.

Series 2: Correspondence, 1820-1910:

Letters received by Walter Stewart and Mary Ann Stewart, 1820-1835 and n.d.

Letters from James Stewart of Timber, Peoria County, Illinois, mostly addressed to his uncle, George Stewart of Lake, Town of Greenwich, Washington County, New York, 1842-1857.

Letters received by Robert Stewart of Cossayuna, Washington County, New York, 1900-1910 (3 folders). Principal correspondents are B. F. Severance of East Shelburne, Mass. and John R. Wright of Edinburg, Scotland. These letters discuss the genealogy of the Stewart and Darrow families, especially the Stewarts who came from Edinburgh, Scotland. Also included is a memorial minute adopted by the Session of the Salem (N.Y.) U[nited] P[resbyterian] Church, following the death on April 4, 1910 of Elder Robert Stewart.

Series 3: Miscellaneous manuscripts, 1850's and n.d.:

Essay, "On Writing Compositions," by Mary Ann Stewart, n.d., but probably early 19th century. 1 p.

Religious writing, by G. D. Stewart to be included in Mary Beckwith's Album.

Other religious writings and poetry, authors unidentified.

Valentines and related greetings received by Robert Stewart of Hebron, Washington County, 1850's.

Attendance lists, n.d., writer not identified.

Series 4: Legal and financial papers, including deeds, mortgages, wills, and insurance policies. Most of the documents concern properties owned by the Stewart family in the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, N.Y.

1799-1807, mostly pertaining to transactions by Walter Stewart. Also includes an 1804 bond of Jared Darrow, of Town of Hebron, Washington County, New York.

1810-1814, concerning George Stewart, Robert Stewart, Walter Stewart, Richard Hoy, Mary Williams, and the estate of Daniel Mattison (Walter Stewart, executor).

1815-1819, concerning Thomas Barber, Robert Coon, the Glover family, Richard Hoy, William Pratt, and George Stewart.

1823-1826, concerning Jemima Darrow, George Stewart, Robert Stewart, James and Isaac Vandervarker.

1828-1829, concerning Horace Janes, George Stewart, and Robert Stewart.

1830-1860. Will and estate of Walter Stewart (George Stewart, executor, John

Alexander, Trustee). Papers include a deed involving the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Salem, Washington County, N.Y.

1837-1841.1. Samuel Ferguson, plaintiff, vs. George Stewart and Andrew McNab, defendants.

1841. Contract between William French and William Brand.

1846-1848. Deeds, involving James Black, John Crary, George D. Stewart, and John Stewart. Note: For part of this period, George Stewart was a resident of the Town of Saratoga, Saratoga County.

1850-1859. Deeds and related documents involving Horace Bigelow, Simeon B. Fletcher, Joseph H. Hardin, William S. Hardin, George D. Stewart, John Stewart, John and Elizabeth Watson.

1860-1867. Deeds and other documents, involving Eliza Harding, Jane Lyons, George D. Stewart, Jared Stewart, John Stewart, and Walter G. Stewart. Also includes a will of John Stewart and a fire insurance policy purchased by him.

1874-1875. Deeds, involving William Alexander, Charles Finigan, and Robert Stewart.

1888. Deed and related documents, involving Alexander and Pamela Weir, and Robert Stewart.

N.D. Fragments of miscellaneous documents.

Papers, 1866 and 1900-1913, concerning plots for Walter G. and Robert Stewart at Evergreen Cemetery, Town of Salem, Washington County, New York.

Series 5: Miscellaneous publications:

The Religious Advocate, Vol. I, No. 6 (October, 1822). Contains signature of John Robertson.

Washington County Post, Cambridge, N.Y., November 22, 1912. Stamped on first page, Mrs. Robert Stewart.

Series 6: Photograph of a group of men, including Hollis Stewart.