



Family Bytes Genealogy Services

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Problem Analysis

Problem: Find the parents of James Stewart.

What is Known About the Problem

James Stewart was born 27 Feb 1772 Casey, Green Briar, West Virginia. Listed on FGS but not sourced as to where this came from. Another possible birth place of Rockbridge Co., Virginia is listed in History of Nathaniel (Nathan) Stewart 1807-1869 by Sherryl Stewart Allan supplied by client.

Alternate spellings of surname: Stuart & Stewart

What Does It Suggest

Probably meant Casey County Kentucky or Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Keep in mind that West Virginia did not become a state until the Civil War.

Conflicting birth places. Neither place had birth records at time of James birth. The Rockbridge County possibility looks weaker because there is no direct evidence James even lived there. The marriage record places James as having lived in Greenbrier County. But, if something is found that links James Stewart between Greenbrier County and Rockbridge County that would give Rockbridge more merit. James was an adult before census records were taken. So, he won't be listed with his parents. We might find him living near his parents so a search of the early census records should be done looking for someone old enough to be James parent living in the same places that he was known to live.

Tax records often fill in the gaps of the early census records. So, tax records of all the places James lived should also be searched looking for someone who could be his parent. Some times if a person's land was in a different county from where they lived the land tax record will say where the land is or say where the person currently lives. So a land tax record could also link James between all places he lived, if he owned land.

Land records also should be searched because they often say where a person moved from or where they moved to. Probate records are one of the best evidences of relationships. Look for probate on persons with Stewart surname in places James lived.

Married Sally Fleshman 24 November 1796 at Greenbrier County, Virginia by John Alderson. Sourced by marriage certificate that stated it was recorded in Marriage record no. 1-A page. 136 & by photocopy of pages from marriage record book. Notes list different marriage date of 6 Nov 1795 being found on FWAVA11 part 41 Serial 32508. Source notes for the FGS makes the statement that there was also a James Stuart born the same day married to Eliza Stockton.

Because client had a source document showing the marriage date as 1796 it was assumed to be the correct date for James marriage to Sally Fleshman.

Since James & Sally married in Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, maybe James's family was there too. Where and when did the marriage of this James Stuart to Eliza Stockton take place? Is it another marriage for James or is this a different person?

James is listed as having died 1 May 1835 on FGS but not clear from the notes as to what the source of this date is.

Date can't be right because will recorded date is before the death date. Will would not have been recorded before James died. Death date has to be between 9 Jul 1834 – 4 Aug 1834.

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| <p>James & Sarah had the following children listed on FGS and listed in source notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polly born 1797/8. • Dorothy born 31 Aug 1800. • Elizabeth born abt. 1803. • Sarah born abt. 1805. • Nathaniel (Nathan) born 9 Apr near Danville, Casey, Kentucky. • Vesta born about 1808. • and Lewis born 1812. <p>Conflict between FGS & notes on Polly's birth place. FGS says Greenbrier, West Virginia but notes says Casey Co., Ky. Dorothy's birth place listed on FGS as Lincoln, Casey, Ky and notes as Casey Co., Kentucky. Not clear as to sources of all of their information.</p> <p>Their names except for Lewis are documented by James's will. Lewis not mentioned in will</p> | <p>Casey County, Kentucky was created 14 November 1806 from Lincoln County, Kentucky.</p> <p>Suggest all children born before this date born either in Lincoln County, Ky or Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Tax records of Greenbrier County, West Virginia and Casey County, Kentucky would determine when James left West Virginia and arrived in Kentucky. If James is listed in Casey County, in 1807 the tax records of Lincoln County Kentucky will need to be checked because it is Casey County's parent county.</p> <p>Why was Lewis not mentioned in the will? Did he die or was he given an inheritance earlier. To find out search the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check land records for conveyance of property. • Look for a death record for him. <p>Death records not available at this time look for cemetery record instead to find Lewis's death date.</p> |
| <p>James & Sarah may have had three more children: Francis born about 1805 in Casey, Ky, Mary born about 1809 in Case, Ky and Nephi born about 1814. Information looks like it came from IGI.</p> | <p>Why are they not mentioned in will. Did they die? Were they given their inheritance earlier? To find out search the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check land records for conveyance of property. • Look for a death record for him. <p>Death records not available at this time look for cemetery record instead to find Lewis's death date.</p> |
| <p>James's will dated 9 July 1834 recorded 4 Aug 1834 named Ephraim Owen executor; Children: eldest daughter, Polly Stewart, second daughter, Dorothy Fry, third daughter, Elizabeth Stewart, grand children, the children of well beloved daughter, Sara Adamson, deceased, son, Nathan Stewart, fourth daughter, Vesta Huey.</p> | <p>No wife listed suggests she may have been dead. No mention of Lewis or the other three possible children suggest they were not part of the family, they were dead, or they were already given their inheritance. To find out search the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check land records for conveyance of property. • Look for a death record for him. <p>Death records not available at this time look for cemetery record instead to find Lewis's death date.</p> |
| <p>Casey Co., Kentucky Tax Records to 1815 (1807-1815 -007,923) listed as source on FGS but no data listed from tax record.</p> | <p>Checked with client. This was from one of her cousins and another one of the cousins is working on getting the details</p> |
| <p>1810 US Census of Casey County, Ky listed as sources on FGS but no data listed from census.</p> <p>A cousin was suppose to do the census survey but I needed the data from census referenced in FGS sources to make research plan so searched Ancestry.com and got the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name: James Stuart; Home in 1810 (City, County, State): Casey, Kentucky; Free White Males - Under 10: 2 Free White Males - 26 thru 44 : 1 Free White Females - Under 10: 3 Free White Females - 10 thru 15: 2 | <p>Was a complete census study done? Checked with Client. Response back indicated a complete study may not have been done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The age of oldest male on the 1810 census suggest the head of household was born between 1766-1774. • No female listed on 1810 census old enough to be the mother of all of the children suggests that Sally was not in the household. She may have died. |

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| <p>1810 US Census of Casey County, Ky listed as sources on FGS but no data listed from census.</p> <p>Name: James Stewart; Home in 1820 (City, County, State): Liberty, Casey, Kentucky; Enumeration Date: August 7, 1820 Free White Males - 10 thru 15: 1 Free White Males - 16 thru 25: 1 Free White Males - 26 thru 44: 1 Free White Females - 10 thru 15: 2 Free White Females - 16 thru 25: 2 Slaves - Males - Under 14: 1 Slaves- Females-Under 14: 6 Slaves - Females - 26 thru 44: 1</p> | <p>There are slaves listed on the 1820 census but not on the 1810. Why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The age of the oldest male on the 1820 census suggest the head of household was born between 1776-1794. • No female listed on the 1820 census old enough to be the mother of children suggests that Sally was not in the household. She may have died. • 1820 census statistics shows no new persons had been added to the household and 1 female appears to have left the household. She could have married or died. <p>Lack of a female old enough to be Sally suggest she died a lot earlier than the FGS indicated. At some point it should look for a of her death.</p> |
| <p>1830 US Census of Greene Co., Indiana listed as source on FGS but no data listed from census.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name: James Stewart; Home in 1830 (City, County, State): Greene, Indiana; Free White Persons - Males - 50 thru 59: 1; Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29: 1 | <p>James migrated between 1820-1830 into Indiana. No tax records in Indiana prior to 1842. So, have to rely on Casey County, Kentucky tax list to pinpoint a better departure/arrival date. Age of the oldest male on the 1830 census suggest that the head of household was born between 1771-1780. Female born between 1801-1810 matches one of the females from previous census years.</p> |

Research Plan

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| Record title, repository, & call number | What to Look For |
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| General search: | |
| Check AIS indexes at Family History Library or Family History | Looking for alternate possibilities for James Stewart. |
| Census records: Do a complete census survey of Indiana, Kentucky, (West) Virginia. | Looking for alternate possibilities for James Stewart in the neighborhood. If no other persons found as possibilities suggest you have the right one. Look for records on other persons with the same surname old enough to be James's parents. |
| Kentucky Records to search: | |
| Search Tax records: Casey Co., Kentucky Tax Records to 1815 (1807-1815 -Family History Library US/Can film # 007,923). May also need to look at Lincoln County, Kentucky Tax records before 1807 because it was the parent county of Casey. Search the following at Family History Library: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax books 1787-1805 US/CAN Film 8114 • Tax books 1806-1825 US/CAN Film 8115 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search tax records for James Stewart to determine when he arrived in Casey County, Kentucky. • Also look for other persons with his surname that could be his parent. • May also need to search Lincoln County, Kentucky for him because it was the parent county of Casey. |
| Tax, Land, & Slave Records: <i>Casey County, Kentucky, 1806, settlement and early development: tax, land, slave records, acts of Kentucky General Assembly</i> US CAN book 976.966 R4t. | This should be checked because of the fact that the 1820 Census list James as owning slaves. |
| Land Records: Casey County, Kentucky Deed index, grantors, vols. K-Z, 1807-1962. Family History Library US/CAN Film 593568 Casey County, Kentucky Deed index, grantees, vols. K-Z, 1807-1962. Family History Library US/CAN Film 593570 The Family History Library has films of the actual deeds to search if index suggest we should do so. | Looking for James Stewart obtaining and selling property. Many times relationships are mentioned in property records. If James received land from a parent it might connect him to his parents. |
| Land & Probate records: People of early Casey County, Kentucky: deed index and will index of Casey County, 1806-1850; Revolutionary War and War of 1812 soldiers; 1810 Casey County census; Coleman, Durham and Hatter, 1806-1910 genealogy; and selected other family histories US/Can book 976.966 D2c | Looking for James Stewart obtaining and selling property. |
| Land records: Some original land grant surveys along Green River in Lincoln and Casey Counties, Kentucky, 1781-1836 US/Can fiche 6051189 | Looking for James Stewart obtaining and selling property. |
| Land records: Casey County Kentucky unrecorded deeds and other instruments, 1814-1939 Family History Library US/Can 1944402. [Not indexed, arranged primarily alphabetical order.] | Looking for James Stewart obtaining and selling property. |
| Probate records: Casey County, Kentucky Court Order Books, 1817-1920 Vols. 2-3 1817-1839 Family History Library US/CAN Film 591581 | Looking for someone with same surname having an heir named James Stewart. |
| Probate records: Kentucky, Probate Records, 1792-1977, FamilySearch, Historical Records Collection [online at www.familysearch.org] | Looking for someone with same surname having an heir named James Stewart. |

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| Phase III-[West] Virginia records to search: | |
| Tax Records: Greenbrier County (West) Virginia personal property tax lists : 1782/3, 1786/8, 1792, 1796, 1799, 1805 & 1815 US/Can book 975.488 R48s Greenbrier County (West) Virginia personal property tax lists, Personal property tax lists, 1782-1816 Family History Library US/CAN Film 2024557 [Looks like this is originals of record above. Use above as index.] | Looking for alternate possibilities for James Stewart in the neighborhood. If no other persons found as possibilities suggest you have the right one |
| Probate records: Greenbrier County index, wills, inventories, sale bills, etc abstracted by Historical Records Survey Greenbrier County index, wills, inventories, sale bills, etc Family History Library US/CAN Film 249992 | Looking for alternate possibilities for James Stewart in the neighborhood. If no other persons found as possibilities suggest you have the right one. Look for records on other persons with the same surname old enough to be James's parents. |
| Land Records: Greenbrier West Virginia Deed Records at the Family History Library: • Grantor Index Sm-Sz 1780-1969 US/CAN 595042 • Grantee Index Sm-Sz 1780-1969 US/CAN 594301 | Looking for James Stewart obtaining and selling property. Many times relationships are mentioned in property records. If James received land from a parent it would connect him to his parents. |
| Land & Probate records: Greenbrier County deed & will records, Contains early deed records, 1750-1752, 1754, 1769, 1783-1784; deed books, v. 1-5, 1777-1814; and will book, v. 1, 1777-1833. Includes appendix: Sim's index to land grants in Greenbrier County. Family History Library US/CAN Book 975.488 R28sh | Looking for James Stewart obtaining and selling property. Many times relationships are mentioned in property records. If James received land from a parent it might connect him to his parents. Also, look for someone with same surname having and heir named James Stewart. |
| West Virginia Will Books, 1756-1971, FamilySearch, Historical Records Collection [online at www.familysearch.org] | Look for someone with same surname having a heir named James Stewart. |

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