

## Clan Stewart

The following is a copy of an old type written account of the [Clan Stewart](#). It was inserted in the Bible of Isaac Stewart 1792-1863. The page is type written in red ink. The edges are tattered and brown, similar to the Bible, from which I would assume that the page was in the Bible for a considerable period of time. Anonymous author:

This name is spelled variously -- [Stewart, Stuart, Steuart, or Steward](#). It was derived from the office of [Lord High Steward of Scotland](#), and was originally S-T-E-W-A-R-T. The S-T-U-A-R-T spelling was first used by [Mary, Queen of Scots](#), who was, by marriage, also Queen of France. This spelling gave the name the same sound when pronounced in French. The S-T-E-U-A-R-T spelling was probably adopted as a personal preference, perhaps to distinguish one branch of the family from another.

The Scottish family started with [Walter Fitz-Alan](#), son of an Anglo-Norman Baron, who came to Scotland in the 12th century during the reign of David I, and was made Lord High Steward of the Royal Household, which title was made hereditary to the family. Alexander, the 4th Lord High Steward, left two sons: Sir James Stewart, his successor, (family now uses the name Stewart, having dropped Fitz-Alan) and Sir John Stewart of Bonkyl. Walter, the 6th Lord High Steward, married Princess Marjorie, daughter of [Robert the Bruce](#). Their son, after the death of his uncle, David II, ascended the throne as Robert II. From his ascension, until the death in 1808 of "Bonnie Prince Charlie's" younger brother, the Cardinal of York, the heads of [the Royal House of Stewart](#) were the Chiefs of Clan Stewart. Upon his death, the Cardinal of York, last direct heir male of the main stem line, relinquished his personal heirlooms, including the Scottish Coronation ring, to George III of England; thus nominating him "Tanist" of the Royal line and heir to the Stewart rights to the throne. On the Cardinal's death, the nearest lawful heir bearing the name Stewart was George Stewart of Garlies, 8th Earl of Galloway, and was descended directly from Sir John of Bonkyl, upon which was based his claim of Chieftainship of the Clan. From Sir James Stewart, 4th son of Sir John of Bonkyl, came the Stewart Lords of Lorn, and the Stewart Earls of Athol, Buchan (which I personally think our James Stewart, Sr. descends), Lennox, and Truquair.

There are some who hold that the King of England is the rightful chief of Clan Stewart, thru the nomination of George III ( 1760 - 1820 \* LSC ) by Cardinal York. George V ( 1910 - 1936 \* LSC ), father of the present king ( probably refers to George VI who became king in 1936, so this helps date this article by unknown author \* LSC ), is said to have termed the Royal Stewart (red Sett) "My own personal tartan". There are seven other [Stewart Tartans](#): Two green - Stewart Hunting and Stewart Ancient; One white - Royal Stewart Dress; One blue - Royal Stewart Blue; and three other red setts - Stewart of Appin, Stewart of Athol, and Royal Stewart Prince Charles Edward. The last varies from the Royal Stewart in no way except that the red bars are smaller in proportion to the green and blue admixture. This tartan was developed for the use of " Bonnie Prince Charlie" and his Jacobite followers. There was also a Jacobite (from

"Jacobus" - Latin for James) Tartan worn by the followers of the "Young Chevalier", particularly by those of Lowland Families who did not have their own tartan. (tartans were possessed mostly by Highland Clans). Prince Charlie, the Young Chevalier, was probably one of the most romantic and tragic figures of the Royal Stewart line, with the possible exception of the immortal Mary, Queen of Scots. He was also known as "[The Young Pretender](#)", by direct descent (grandson) from the deposed James II of England. In 1745, at the age of 25, he raised the white banner of the Stewarts at Glenfinnan, and inflicted many serious defeats upon the Hanoverian forces of George II, and led his [Jacobites](#) on their wild drive, victorious all the way to Derby, 130 miles from London, and back into Scotland - - victors in every battle but the last, when his weary, depleted, and surprised forces were disastrously defeated at Culloden by the Hanoverians under the Duke of Cumberland; thus ending forever the Clan System in Scotland and the dreams of the Royal Stewarts for a return to the thrones of England and Scotland.

The badges, battle hymns, crests, mottoes, war cries, and Coats of Arms of the Stewarts are as many as the various branches of the family, but all of the Arms of the many branches contain, in some form, the "Chequey", (checkers) said to have been derived from the duties of the Lord High Steward as Chancellor of the Exchequer. (At that time, an alternately light and dark squared board was used in computing figures). The various Coats of Arms, with adornments of crests, mottoes, and supporters are correctly displayed only by the holders of those titles; however, ANY Stewart, Stuart, Steuart is intitled to display [the original Stewart Coat of Arms](#). Colors - Shield "Or" (gold) - - Fess Chequey "Argent" (silver) and "Azure" (blue).

My comments are included above followed by \* LSC. I wish to thank everyone who has donated information of the descendants of James Stewart, Jr. You are many & I do appreciate every article collected. Thank you all! Any additions & corrections are solicited. I apologize for any mistakes that I might have made, or if I left anyone out, they were not intentional. There is always the possibility of human error in copying anything. I have tried to be as accurate as possible. The Stewart story is never ending. Our Stewart ancestors have played a dramatic part forming this great country of ours. I do hope you enjoy reading about our ancestors, as much as I have enjoyed finding them. I feel like I know each and every one of them with their different personalities. I hope I have been able to convey some of this in my book. I have met so many new found cousins in doing my research. Priceless! My book is entitled: "The Descendants of James Stewart, Jr. 1743-1812 Origins of the Stewart Family Volume I". If you are interested, please write to my addresses above. Thanks!