Henry Stuart – research collected by **Elizabeth Stuart**

Born: July 19, 1766 in Abernethy and Kincardine Parish, Inverness, Scotland

Father: **James Stuart** Mother: **Jean Grant**

Siblings: **John, Elspet, George, Mary, Gilbert**

Wife: **Eleonora McLeod**

Children:

1. **John** Stuart (born May 5, 1792)
2. **(Jean) Anne** Stuart (born Jan. 6, 1794) married name: Anne Orr
3. **Catherine** Stuart (born Feb. 28 ,1796) married name: Catherine Veysey

Henry traveled from Scotland to Ulster County, New York with his parents and siblings in 1774 where his father purchased 100 acres on the Delaware River ('Tory Hole"). His father, **James Stuart**, settled as a farmer and practiced as a surgeon until American patriots took his goods (i.e. farm animals, books, medicines, surgical instruments, guns, swords, and pistols) and property (house, barn, and a year's crop of hay and grain). He joined the Kings Royal Regiment of New York as Surgeon's Mate and had also served in the 42nd Regiment in both the French and Indian Wars. He received a concession of 900 acres of land near Cornwall, Ontario (Osnabruck Township) from King George III in 1797. In his later years he worked as a doctor in Cornwall until his death in 1804. There are several references that Dr. James Stuart was descended from James Stuart, Earl of Moray, natural son of King James V and half-brother of Mary Queen of Scots.

Henry also served in the Royal Regiment of New York and was listed as a single man mustered with a disbanded troop and Loyalist receiving 1 ration a day at Osnabruck, Sept. 25, 1784 and again on August 25 – 31, 1786, listed as a single man and son of James in 1786. Henry's military service is shown as a Lieutenant in the Second Stormont Militia in 1823 having served during the War of 1812 at Ogdensburg, Feb. 22, 1813, at Hoople's Creek in Dickinson's Landing, Nov. 10, 1813, at Chrysler's Farm, Nov. 11, 1813, and to Salmon River, February 19 and 20, 1814. As a Loyalist, he also received 100 acres on August 24, 1792 as Lot 33, Concession 3 of Osnabruck Township (Stormont County). He shared the land with Gilbert, his younger brother. Eleonora Stuart (daughter of William McCloud), Henry's wife received 200 acres, Lot 1, Concession 5 of Osnabruck Township on August 24, 1792. Henry later sold his lands to his elder brother, John on Feb. 13, 1813, registered Sept. 13, 1813 for 300 pounds.

Records indicate that Henry Stuart died sometime between October 9, 1833 and March 6, 1834 but exactly where and when is not known for sure. He was living in Osnabruck from May 1823 until October 1833, so it is likely that he died there. From Land Records, Henry Stuart purchased property along the Thames River on Concession 6 in Harwich Township (Lots 17 and 19 in 1822, Lot 18 in 1830, and Lot 16 in 1831). It is possible that Henry never left Osnabruck but simply purchased property in Harwich as an investment for his children. As noted above, his wife, Eleonora McLeod, was also a Loyalist and was granted lands in Osnabruck. It may be that Henry sold his lands to his brother(s) and

lived on his wife's property. His only son, John, lived in Harwich Township and had several children. His eldest son, James, was my Great, Great, Grandfather.