

# Rooted in Resilience: Stewart Skloss's Ancestral Spirit Continues to Help Shape Texas Real Estate Today

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BARHAM, COMFORT, TX, USA, March 26, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- When Stewart Skloss joined forces with Newmark as the Managing Director of Global Brokerage, he had no idea he was building upon a 300-year familial legacy of transformative Texas development in real estate, community, and commerce. Stewart's lineage tracks directly back to the pivotal milestones in the settlement of San Antonio and Central Texas, including those achieved Juan Curbelo and John William Smith.



Stewart Skloss, Managing Director - Global Brokerage, Newmark

"It was remarkable to discover they baptized his daughter at the same small church founded by my 9th Great-Grandfather, Juan Curbelo. Then, it was called Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria y Guadalupe, and now it is known as the San Fernando Cathedral. He couldn't be more proud to know it's my turn to play a part in the continuing growth of this extraordinary Texas history." He added, "I grew up hearing my parents say, 'Their family has been in Texas since before Texas was Texas,' but I never really paid it much attention, and after uncovering a bit of our ancestry, I began digging deeper.

Juan Curbelo, born circa 1680, traveled with the fifteen other families from the Canary Islands in 1731 under the mandate of the King of Spain. After a year at sea, they landed near Vera Cruz, Mexico, and traveled north to Central Texas. Curbelo established himself as a visionary community builder who served as a councilman and was instrumental in establishing the settlement of San Fernando de Bexar - known today as San Antonio.

Alongside Curbelo in laying the foundations for modern day Texas, John William Smith, born on

November 4th, 1792, and Stewart's 4th Great-Grandfather, was influential in Texas's struggle for independence and later served as an important civic figure. As the final messenger to send for reinforcements in the Battle of the Alamo, he later became the first Mayor of San Antonio after Texas was annexed into the United States.

### John Smith's Legacy of Resilience and Civic Duty

Smith laid the groundwork for Plaza de Las Islas, or Main Plaza as we now know it, transforming it into a vital hub of commerce and leadership for Central Texas. Smith passed away on January 12th, 1845, but his contributions have had a lasting influence on San Antonio's growth and development.

John Smith's legacy of resilience and civic duty continues to influence the Skloss family today. Stewart's father, Lawrence Vincent Skloss, a Korean War Veteran and newspaper executive for the Hearst-owned San Antonio Light, continues to live and work near Main Plaza in San Antonio. Buildings such as 200 Main and Floodgate are currently listed with Stewart, within sight of the Alamo, the Bexar County Courthouse, the San Fernando Cathedral, and the Riverwalk.

Skloss says, "I remember gravitating towards a career in real estate from the first time I was asked 'What do you want to do when you grow up?' I can only attribute that to my now known family history."

Skloss studied at The University of Texas at Austin while participating in specialized programs at the Champions School of Real Estate when he was 18. This combination provided him with a mix of theoretical knowledge and practical skills. "My education provided me with the insight to recognize economic real estate potential and understand market dynamics on a global scale. I was enamored by these concepts, and I could not wait to put them to practical use," Stewart explains.

### Honouring Frank Bennack: A Modern Day San Antonio Legend

Stewart Skloss honors Frank Bennack, a San Antonio legend, early mentor, and his Godfather: Frank Bennack, the former CEO of Hearst, served as Stewart's early mentor. Bennack's guidance was invaluable, demonstrating how to blend media, philanthropy, and global outreach. This not only shaped Stewart's career, but also contributed to the economic development of Central Texas. Through implementing the principles demonstrated by Bennack and his education from the University of Texas in Austin, and Universidad Autonoma in Guadalajara, Mexico, a large portion of Stewart's career was marked by assembling strategic teams and reaching milestones in startups and early-stage businesses.

### Stewart Skloss and Newmark: Shaping the Global Real Estate Landscape

Stewart Skloss joins global real estate powerhouse. Newmark stands as a titan of commercial

real estate services, a platform where Skloss has been able to deploy his experience and knowledge. Backed by leading teams, he embraces Newmark's vision forward - sharing a commitment to delivering comprehensive solutions to a global clientele. "Since 1929, Newmark has set the benchmark for industry innovation. I have been provided with an unbelievable opportunity to work with the sharpest minds in real estate and been supplied with an expansive resource network to not only uphold my family's legacy, but actively participate in propelling it forward," says Skloss.

### In Summation: The Skloss Legacy

Stewarts adds, "The ups and the downs of this journey have driven me to be a better and better father, friend and business partner. I am reminded of the profound impacts individuals can have on shaping community and landscapes for future generations."

One thing remains certain: The spirit of innovation and determination has guided the Skloss family and their ancestors for generations. Rooted in resilience and fueled by a relentless pursuit of excellence, Stewart's profound sense of community and innovation continues to leave an indelible mark on Texas real estate and beyond, honoring his ancestors' legacy with every project he undertakes.

Stewart concludes the interview with, "I encourage everyone to explore their ancestry. Understanding our family's sacrifices and struggles can reignite or reinforce their sense of purpose and direction in a world filled with so many distractions and influences." For more inquiries visit their website: [Skloss.com](https://www.skloss.com)

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