



Descendants of Richard II and Jane

Gladney Gram

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By C. Wallace Gladney

It is a real pleasure to represent the Gladney family as your new President. I am the 14th in the line of Presidents, all contributed to the expansion and fellowship of our Clan. I follow John Gladney, Victor Gladney, Charlayne Lamb, Dan Gladney, William Cody Gladney, George L Gladney, Cecil Gladney, J Wallace Gladney, Dick Henderson, Charles Sidney Gladney, Dr. James Gladney, Bettye Bond, and Larry Ivens.

I am planning on having our next reunion in Winnsboro, SC. We have so many ancestors to remember there, we should and will return to our beginning in America in July. The Whitesell family has again volunteered to host in Winnsboro. They did a wonderful job in 2007. Let us all give thanks to the Johnson family for hosting the 2008 Memphis reunion. They put it all together and made it relaxing, pleasant, and enjoyable.

I do intend to publish a new "Blue Book" before Christmas so that we can keep in touch at that special time of year. The book

will contain names, addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and email addresses

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2008 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Gladneys In America Family Association
Business Meeting and Banquet
Saturday, July 26, 2008—6:00 p.m.
Macedonia Methodist Church
Arlington, TN

C. Wallace Gladney opened the meeting with a blessing.

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BANQUET

President Larry Ivens thanked the Johnson family for their hard work. Everyone enjoyed the Saturday afternoon outing to the Pink Palace Museum as well as the banquet.

Gladney family members who were attending their first reunion (or for the first time in several years) were asked to stand and introduce themselves. They were Terry and Eugene Burkemper, Carla and Ron Clark, Sydney and Larry Gard, Nancy and Scott Hiner, Grace Hiner, Alice and Robert Davis, Sara Davis, Merry and Andrew Mariano, Amy Kraehmer, David Kraehmer, Ashley Ferguson, Henry Ferguson, Marilyn Crockett, Louise Gladney Potter, Jeannette and Kenneth Sherrill, Kimberly Sherrill, Bobby Jones, Carolyn and Courtney Henderson, Randy Stallings, Patricia and Randy Nichols, Nancy and Larry McCage, Dot and Leo Hampton, Scott Hampton, Emily and Leslie Stewart, Kelly and Paul Stewart, Sara and Christopher Stewart, Mona and Rusty Potter, Heather Potter, Melody Potter, Patty Parker (guest), and Rick Bruno (guest). We hope to see them all next year in Winnsboro

All remaining members were then asked to stand and introduce themselves.

There were sixty-seven attendees at the banquet/meeting.

Officers in attendance were:

Larry Ivens – President

C. Wallace Gladney – Vice President/
Treasurer

J. Wallace Gladney – Historian

Tim Johnson – Database Manager

Cathy Newman – Gladney Gram Editor

Past Presidents in attendance were:

J. Wallace Gladney (1989-1990)

Charles Sidney Gladney (1993-1994)

Bettye Bond (1997-2006)

In Dan Gladney's absence, Cathy Newman read the minutes from the 2007 business meeting. Motion was made by Bettye Bond to accept the minutes into the record, the motion was seconded by C. Wallace Gladney.

The Treasurer's report was given by C. Wallace Gladney. Our balance on hand was \$13,534. Motion was made by Bettye Bond to accept the report into the record, the motion was seconded by Marilyn Crockett.

C. Wallace Gladney requested a motion to continue to pay Kenneth Kirkpatrick \$300.00 p/year for the upkeep of the cemetery. Motion was made by J. Wallace Gladney, the motion was seconded by Bettye Bond.

C. Wallace Gladney announced that the 2009 reunion will be held on July 24-26, 2009 in Winnsboro, SC with Judy Whitesell and family hosting. The reunion is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Fairfield Motel. Depending on the cost of rooms at the motel, a change to a different motel may be required. Definite plans will be announced in a later edition of the Gladney Gram as well as on the new family website, gladneys.org. NOTE: be sure to include the "s" to be directed to the proper web site.

J. Wallace Gladney still has twenty-one red Gladney books for sale. He had six with him at a cost of \$20.00 each. The remain-

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ing fifteen will cost \$25.00 which includes shipping.

C. Wallace Gladney reports that the large, hardback Gladneys In America book (ISBN 0-7404-4014-4) is still available from the Higginson Book Company. Anyone wanting to purchase this book should call Higginson Book Co. directly at 978-745-7170. Ask about the 20% discount for Gladney family members. The regular price (before discount) is \$147.00 plus \$9.95 shipping. The website is www.higginsonbooks.com. Please send payment check for hardback books directly to:

Higginson Book Co.
148 Washington St.
Salem MA 01970

Larry Ivens read the new slate of officers and board members which was proposed by the Board of Directors:

C. Wallace Gladney – President
Marilyn Crockett – Vice President (Bettye Bond serving as VP temporarily until Marilyn is prepared to take over the office)
C. Wallace Gladney – Treasurer
Dan Gladney – Secretary
J. Wallace Gladney – Historian
Tim Johnson – Database Manager
Cathy Newman – Editor, Gladney Gram

Board Members:
Marilyn Crockett (until she takes office as Vice President)
Gladney Brooks
Anna Belle Kibler
Lucille Gladney
William McMasters

Motion was made by Mickey Johnson to accept the officers and board members into office, the motion was seconded by Charles

Sidney Gladney

C. Wallace Gladney assumed the Presidency.

Bettye Bond introduced our speaker for the evening, Randy Nichols, who is associated with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

C. Wallace Gladney announced that there would be a brief meeting at 8:00 a.m. poolside at the Days Inn Lakeland on Sunday, July 27. Scott Hiner, the son-in-law of J. Wallace Gladney, would present a program of violin music and song for the group.



SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning, July 27, 2008 was a warm summer morning. The July Flies serenaded twenty-four family members as we met poolside for a short service. Scott Hiner provided a wonderful program of violin music and song. He performed an a capella version of the Shaker song *Simple Gifts*. The entire group sang along with *Amazing Grace* and *Hallelujah*. Scott then sang *Come Thy Fount* and a folk version of *The Lord's Prayer*. The group joined hands as President C. Wallace Gladney led us in prayer. The group then joined in song with *God Be With You*. Thanks to Scott and his family for providing the musical program. We look forward to his participation again next year in Winnsboro.

FAMILY NEWS

Sara Pierson Gladney, a 2000 graduate of LSU Medical School in New Orleans with honors (AOA) completed her fellowship in December 2006 at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She has joined an Oncology-Hematology practice in Atlanta.

Dr. Gladney is the daughter of Frank Hayes Gladney and Kathy Kraak Martin of Lafayette, LA. As printed in the *Acadiana Scrapbook*, The Advertiser, 1100 Bertrand Dr., Lafayette, LA. Submitted by Frank H. Gladney.

Katie Galloway, daughter of Joe and Bonnie Galloway graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Missouri at Springfield in December 2007. She is currently attending the University of Missouri at St. Louis towards her Masters. Ms. Galloway also got married on June 14, 2008 to Nick painter. He also graduated from the UM Springfield and is currently employed at Boeing. Katie Galloway is the granddaughter of Carlyle and Linda Galloway. Submitted by Lynda Galloway.

Carlyle Galloway is having some eye problems and could not attend the reunion. He will have eye surgery this fall when they return to Tucson. We all wish Carlyle a speedy recovery and hope to see them next year. Submitted by Lynda Galloway

Rev. Henning Andrews, 95, died Tuesday, December 11, 2007, in Harker Heights, TX. He was born December 28, 1911, in Dyer County, TN, to the late Rev. S. P. Andrews and Ida Beard Andrews. He was a graduate of Union Uni-

versity in Jackson, TN and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He pastored churches in Mississippi at Lula, Peach Creek, Furrs and McCool and served over 20 years as interim pastor in Calhoun and Chickasaw Associations. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Houlka, MS.

A private burial was held Monday, December 17, 2007 at Rose Hill Cemetery with a memorial celebration service afterward at First Baptist Houlka.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Ella Mae Gladney Andrews of Harker Heights, TX, his daughter Eleana Cooley and husband Ken of Belton, TX, his granddaughter Becky Cooley of Belton, his niece Marie Pittman, his great niece Liz Hott and great grand nephew Dakota Hott, all of Shreveport, LA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers. Houlka Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Submitted by Becky Cooley

Ella Mae Andrews, 91, died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, in Harker Heights, Texas. She was born Jan. 1, 1917, in Houston. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Houlka. She earned her teaching degree at Mississippi State College for Women and taught school in Houlka and Clarksdale. She taught piano for more than 30 years. She was active in her church and community.

A celebration service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Houlka. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery. Houston Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Survivors include one daughter, Eleana Cooley (Ken) and granddaughter, Becky Cooley, of Belton, Texas; a nephew, George Lyman Gladney of Rayville, La.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, the Rev. Henning Andrews, and her parents, W.L. and Lena Gladney.

Memorials may be made to the Mississippi Children's Home Services, P.O. Box 1078, Jackson, MS 39212. Submitted by Becky Cooley.

Mr. Thomas Ralph McCann, 88, of Monroe, Louisiana, passed away Thursday, October 11, 2007 at St. Francis Medical Center. He was a graduate of Mississippi State University and received his Masters in Education from Peabody College. He was a United States Army veteran of WWII and a founding member and elder of Graceminster Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Western Star Masonic Lodge, American Legion Post 13, and the Harry M. Lemert High 12 Club. He was a volunteer at the Monroe VA Clinic and the Northeast Louisiana War Veteran's Home. He was also active in the Salvation Army and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Mr. McCann retired from Northeast Louisiana University (now University of Louisiana at Monroe) in 1986 after teaching for thirty plus years. He has been involved with numerous other activities at ULM since then. He enjoyed traveling, working in his yard, bike riding, and collecting stamps and autographs.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-one years, Rita G. McCann; daughter, Mary Linda McCann Huggins and husband James W. "J.J." Huggins, Jr. of Monroe;

sister, Ella Ruth Blanchard and husband Bill of Hattiesburg, MS; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM Sunday, October 14, 2007, at Graceminster Presbyterian Church with Rev. John Langham officiating. Visitation followed in the Fellowship Hall. Private interment was held at Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery. Services directed by Mulhearn Funeral Home, Sterlington Road, Monroe.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Graceminster Presbyterian Church, 6980 Hwy 165 North, Monroe, LA 71203, or to the charity of choice.

Mrs. Ethel Ransdell, 97, of Troy, passed away Monday, May 26, 2008, at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Troy. The daughter of James Haden and Delphia Gladney Raney, she was born Oct. 16, 1910 on the family farm. With the exceptions of short periods in Winfield and Hannibal, she spent her entire life on the farm.

She spent thirteen years teaching in rural country schools. During the years, she received her teaching certificates by passing teachers' exams. She then went to summer school and night classes to receive her BS degree in education from Washington University in 1960.

She was united in marriage on January 22, 1933, to Clarence Tilden Ransdell, of Hannibal. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol Gay and her husband Dan Reed and her son, James Tilden and his wife Jill all of Troy; grandchildren, Jeffery D. and wife Jessica Reed of Triangle, VA, Brett Haden and wife Jamie Reed, Wade Colby Ransdell

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and special friend Amanda, Wyatt James Ransdell and honorary granddaughter, Amy Beth Neusus, all of Troy, great-grandchildren, Hunter Landen Reed, of Troy and Isabella Arlene and Victoria Elizabeth Reed, of Virginia; nephews, James Hussey of West Covina, CA, Dour Raney and wife Lena and Eric Raney and wife Tina of Virginia and special niece, Patty and husband Tom Cacchione, of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, loving husband Tilden, sister Darlene Hussey, and brother Charles Raney.

Submitted by Terry Burkemper

OLDEST LIVING GLADNEY

There were a few nominations for the "Oldest Living Gladney". The nominees are:

Mary Mitchell, of Elsberry, Missouri, has nominated her sister, **Frances Houston**, as the oldest living Gladney. Ms. Houston, also a resident of Elsberry, MO, was born on October 16, 1915, making her 92 years of age. She is recorded in the Big Blue Gladney Book as number 2634. She is still active and her hobby is flower gardening.

Also, **Mary Mitchell** will be 90 years of age in September of 2008. Both sisters are members of the Mt. Zion ARP Church in Troy, MO.

Tanya Bussa, daughter of Maurine Bussa, reports that Maurine will be 93 years old on November 11, 2008 and may be the oldest Gladney. Maurine is blind but is otherwise healthy. She is currently living in Artesia, New Mexico with her twin daugh-

ters. They enjoy reading the Gladney Gram together.

AND THE WINNER IS:

Alice Gladney Fuller, nominated by her brother, Cecil Gladney, is the oldest living Gladney. Mrs. Fuller was born on September 22, 1905 and will be 103 this year. She is currently living at the Stewart House Assisted Living Retirement Home, Room 13, 102 South Street in Carrollton, Georgia 30117-3815. Cecil says that she has a very good memory and loves to tell stories of the old days.

Cecil said that he has had some heart problems of late and is not feeling quite himself yet. He did not have a heart attack. There were some blood clots near his heart and his doctor has him taking aspirin daily to help remedy the problem. The doctor advised him not to drive for a period of time after his heart problem but, he is driving again now although he doesn't drive very far. **Cecil Gladney** is 86 years of age. His birth date is March 26, 1922.

Cecil's niece has purchased the farm and plans to move there one day. Currently, she is renting it out.



NEW FEATURE

Were you involved in something history making, like seeing the St. Louis Arch being hoisted into place? Send the story to me and I'll print it. These wonderful stories need to be documented for future generations to hear.



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Cathy's Corner

My mother used to tell me that there was always somebody watching me and she would find out what I had done. What am I saying? I said that to MY kids, Adam and Kevin. And, it's true.

We have a wonderful neighbor, Melissa. She would do anything for us and we would also do anything for her. But, on the other side, we have neighbors that I wouldn't wish on Satan himself.

They do have good points though. They do work, they do take care of their two children (relatively speaking), and they do take care of their yard (along with the part of our yard that they have encroached upon).

What I want to know is, why do they act like human beings when their family is around and then, as soon as the visitor's vehicle is out of the driveway, they revert to Cro-Magnon man. The garage door goes up (because they do not run the air conditioner, they live in the garage), the beer

comes out, and the volume goes up (and up and up). The drunker he gets, the louder the music.

He has had a friend of his install one of those extremely annoying horns that plays "Dixie" on his pickup. He plays it over and over and over.

Earlier, I said that they take care of their kids. I don't know if that's true. Granted, they are fed and clothed. But, some of the words I have heard him scream at those children would make your toes curl. What an example he is setting.

I have started documenting the nuisance value of their antics in anticipation of having to take action against them in the future. I don't know what else to do.

Some of those sayings that my mother (and I) used are very true. If you wouldn't be comfortable behaving a certain way in front of your mother, then maybe you shouldn't be doing it. Somebody is always watching. It may even be your own children.