



Descendants of Richard II and Jane Strong

# Gladney Gram

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## President's Message

By Terry Burkemper

### REUNION !!!

Hope everyone enjoyed the 2013 reunion! Had a small crowd, but met some new people and greeted old friends. On Friday evening, we gathered to greet one another, visit, and check on everyone's weather. Seems to be a hot topic everywhere!

With an eye to the sky, we headed out on Saturday morning and drove to the Gladney Cemetery. The grounds looked great (thanks Ken Kirkpatrick). It always amazes me how small I feel when standing there, reflecting on the many challenges those people faced to give me the opportunities that I have and enjoy. We do have a couple of tombstones that are in need of repair (see Cathy's article in this Gladney Gram).

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From there we went to the Old Rock Church, where our luck with the rain held. However, when we got to the Old Brick Church the clouds opened on us! Luckily, we could go inside. After a nice shower, we headed back to Winnsboro and the Fairfield County Museum. The Museum has recently made some improvements and additions. As with so many things, they have limited hours, but were glad to be open for us for a couple of hours. There are many things to see and their research room is always a hit!

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## 2014 REUNION

Next year's reunion will be held on a different date. Please plan to attend the reunion one week earlier on July 18, 19, and 20, 2014, in Georgia. Our current Vice President, Tonnie Adams, has volunteered to host our family.

The Gladney Family Association allows that any reunion held outside of Winnsboro, SC may be held on any date preferred by the hosting family. Tonnie holds the appointed position of Voter Registrar in his county and will be working the last weekend in July. We hope this will allow more to attend the reunion who cannot attend on the later date.

Accommodation details and locations will be communicated later. Please mark your calendar now ONE WEEK EARLIER in 2014.

## FAMILY UPDATES

Brittney Nicole LeBlanc and Edward Michael Boyle IV, both of Baton Rouge, were married in a 7 p.m. ceremony May 3, 2013, at St. James Episcopal Church. The Very Rev. J. Mark Holland and the Rev. Deacon James Wax officiated.



The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randal Robert LeBlanc, of Baton Rouge. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernell Guy Lavigne, of Gonzales, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Paul LeBlanc Sr.

The bridegroom is the son of Leslie Gladney, of Baton Rouge. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace Gladney, of Baton Rouge, Mrs. William Beckett Gladney, the late Mr. Gladney and the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Hays Town.

Escorted by her father and grandfather, the bride wore a Martina Liana strapless mermaid gown. She was attended by her matron of honor, Brooke LeBlanc-Knight. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Marie Hatcher, Lauren Salvant Pritchett, Adriane Bergeron Faulkner, Elizabeth Hays Boyle, Whitney Leigh Grier, Katherine Payton Jeter, Stephanie Bienvenu Kleinpeter, Meghan Marcello Ray and Nicole Raynal Taylor. Flower girl was Maddyn Lacey Richter.

The bridegroom was attended by his best man, Charles Wallace Gladney, Sr. Groomsmen were John Riley Spurlock, James Michael Hendrick, Matthew Shahean Valiolahi, John Middleton Welborn III, Christopher Barrett Hall, Robert Alexander Beauclerc Maginnis, Blane Andrew Wilson, Michael Lynn Bergeron II and Jason Ali Kalantari. Ushers were Matthew Key

LeBlanc, Travis Austin Buckingham and Charles Wallace Gladney III. Ring bearers were Hays Taylor Knight and Beckett Andrew Wilson.

Readers were Allyson Rayne Parker, Catherine Hall Wilson, Morgan Simoneaux Berard and Meghan Julia McGaw. Program attendant was Isabelle Rose Dorchie.

A reception took place at De La Ronde Hall. Following a wedding trip to Turtle Cay, The Bahamas, the couple will reside in Baton Rouge.

Submitted by C. Wallace Gladney as Published in *The Advocate* (Baton Rouge, LA) on July 21, 2013

**DELORES MEADOWS LOMAX** - Delores Meadows Lomax died Thurs-day, June 13, 2013, at her home in Elderville, TX. She was 87 years old. Mrs. Lomax was born March 12, 1926, in Longview, Texas. She graduated from Longview High School in 1943, then attended Kilgore College and Texas Christian University.

She worked during the summers of her college years at Kelly Plow Co. in Longview as a bookkeeper, where she met Robert "Bob" G. Lomax Jr. The two married in 1948 and bought a farm in Elderville in 1950, where they lived throughout their lives. She was a hard-working housewife, devoted mother of four daughters and a community volunteer.



Her life revolved primarily around her family, and she held a lifelong love of music, the performing arts and education. As a teenager,

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she became friends with Van Cliburn, studied piano under his mother in Kilgore and maintained contact with Mr. Cliburn for decades. She traveled to his concerts with her children, always receiving his personal attention. She encouraged her daughters to study music or dance and took great pride in their accomplishments.

Education was always a top priority. In the late 1960s, she returned to college to earn her teaching certification, then taught Spanish and American History at New London High School.

She volunteered for years with the Girl Scouts, various PTAs in Longview ISD, First Baptist Church, Longview Ballet Theatre and almost every arts organization or school where her daughters were involved.

Travel, genealogy and history were her hobbies, and she enjoyed traveling coast-to-coast to visit her children and grandchildren, stopping at historic sites along the way.

She will be remembered for her loving dedication to her family, strong work ethic, generosity to others and her unselfish and pragmatic approach to life.

She is survived by her daughters, Del Thomsen of Greenville, S.C., Ginger Specian of Longview, Sondra Lomax of Austin and Lucretia Alvarez of Elgin; brothers, Dudley Meadows of Longview and Wayne Meadows and Glenn Meadows of Houston; sister, Lucretia Gunn of Baton Rouge, La.; five grandchildren; and six great-grand-children.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Rick Earnest, Comfort Keepers and Life-Care Hospice for their help and support.

At her request, no memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her honor to First Baptist Church, 209 E. South St., Longview, TX 75601; or any charity or educational institution.

Submitted by Louise Raby. As published in Longview News-Journal on June 23, 2013

**JAMES SAMUEL GIBSON**, 91, of Rye, died Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at Warren.

Born July 25, 1921, at Rye, he was a son of the late Pat Cleburne Gibson, Sr. and Frances Atkins Gibson.

Mr. Gibson was an eighth-grade graduate from the Baggett One Room School House located near Rye. He was raised and worked



on the family farm until he was able to purchase his own farm: The Peyton Place in Drew County.

In 1942, he joined the U.S. Army and served during World War II with the Army's 746th Tanker Battalion. He landed on Utah Beach

of Normandy during the D-Day invasion. He was awarded four Bronze Stars for his service: Normandy, Central

Europe, Ardennes, Rhineland; and a Purple Heart.

After the war, he married Eunice Marie Brown on April 19, 1946, and lived over 50 years with her on his old home place. He purchased two separate farms in Drew County where he had row crops, cattle, and a tree farm.

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He continued to raise beef cattle until 2010. He served on numerous Agriculture Committees and was a founding member of the Cleveland County Farm Bureau. He enjoyed working with the Farm Service Agency, the Cleveland County Fair, and was selected as Farm Family of the Year in 1966.

He was a member of Enon Missionary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 54 years, Marie; and one brother, Pat Gibson, Jr.

Survivors are his only child, Alice Jane Gibson Lindsey and her husband Michael of Wilmar; two grandchildren, Rocky Lindsey and wife Alicia of Warren, Shanna Knowles and husband Jim of Rison; four great-grandchildren, Ashtyn Knowles, Chandler Knowles, Isaac Lindsey and Jonah Lindsey; one sister, Dorothy Reed of California; and one brother, Richard Gibson of Louisiana.

Funeral services were Friday January 4, 2013, at Frazer's Chapel in Warren with Rev. Albert Haupt officiating. Linda Barrett was organist and soloist was Mitchell Powell. Burial was in Union Cemetery at Rye by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Rocky Lindsey, Jim Knowles, Jerry "Buddy" Gibson, Billy Gibson, Pat Gibson, III, Pat Gibson, IV, Greg Thomason, Mitchell Powell and Brian Powell.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Senior Adult Sunday School Class. Memorials preferred Union Cemetery, c/o Karen Gage, 1202 Hwy 278 W., Monticello, AR 71655.

To sign an online guest register go to [www.frazerfuneralhome.com](http://www.frazerfuneralhome.com).

Submitted by Alice Lindsay and Bettye Bond as printed in the *Cleveland County Herald* on January 9, 2013.

**JACQUELYN JOHNSTON CANNON** – August 7, 1925 – March 22, 2013 - Jacquelyn Johnston Cannon, 87, of Dunwoody, GA died Friday, March 22, 2013. Mrs. Cannon is a descendant of Edward and Mary Pauline "Polly" (Hall) Jackson and had connections to many Fairfield County, SC families; the major ones are Buchanan, McDowell, Phillips, Russell, Gladney, and Young. She has edited the Georgia Genealogical Society newsletter and quarterly in the past and has accumulated on microfilm a large library of deeds wills, and other records.

Jackie was an avid genealogy researcher. She is survived by her husband, Charles R. Cannon, and two daughters, Laurie and Chris. She was a long time resident of Pleasant Acres (formerly a portion of Adams Dairy Farm) on Adams Road in Dunwoody, GA. A private service will be held.

H.M. Patterson & Son, Arlington Chapel.  
Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on March 23, 2013

**RELOCATIONS**

**ALFRED AND BETTY DANIEL**—Alfred Daniel is now in a nursing home in LaGrange, GA with advanced dementia. I contacted Betty when her Gladney Gram was returned and she asked for it to be mailed. She said that she and Alfred would celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2013. Their home address is 7306 Forrest Rd., Hogansville, GA 30230. Their home number is 706-637-4446. Betty spends all day at the nursing home but goes home at night. If you call during the daytime, please leave a message and she will call you back in the evening. She would love to hear from anyone in the Gladney family.

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## 2013 REUNION

We had a wonderful time at this year's Gladney reunion. On Friday night, we went directly to the meeting room at the motel. Tim Johnson was ready to greet everyone at the computer and update family information. We appreciate him and his family so much. Thank you, Tim.

We had 33 people on Friday night. Judy Whitesell and her family provided a light buffet of sandwiches with all the trimmings along with fruit and cookies. Thanks also go out to Judy and her family. You always do such a great job with the food and setup.

On Saturday morning, we headed out in caravan to the Gladney Cemetery. There were 22 people on this trek which also visited the Old Rock Church and the Old Brick Church. Then we headed to the Fairfield County Museum. Pelham Lyles was gracious and informative on describing the new displays.

If you are planning to visit the Museum on a Saturday, please call ahead. Due to budget cuts, the hours of the Museum have been reduced along with the personnel. Saturdays require prior reservations so that they can schedule someone to work on that day.

The Saturday night banquet was attended by 33 people including James Pringle Macfie and Douglass Macfie. Ken Kirkpatrick happened upon them in the McDonalds across the street. We really wish they could have stayed longer.

We missed seeing John Harvey Gladney, his wife, Darlene, and children John and Jackson at the banquet. They had to leave early due to a sick child. We hope you all are doing well now.

Attendees at the Saturday business meeting/ banquet were:

Tim, Timmy, and Brent Johnson  
 Davis Kirkpatrick & Linda Butters  
 Ken Kirkpatrick & Martha Eastman  
 George & Janice Sakash  
 Larry Ivens  
 Reed Ivens & Virginia Ivens  
 Jimmy & Cathy Newman  
 Gene & Terry Burkemper  
 Dan Pannel  
 Dan & Judy Gladney  
 C. Wallace Gladney  
 Lucille Gladney  
 Tonnie Adams  
 J. Wallace & Dean Gladney  
 Jim & Judy Whitesell  
 Jenna Whitesell  
 Jaime Whitesell & Jim Snelling  
 Shyla Whitesell  
 Baxter Whitesell

Again, thank you to the Whitesell family for the wonderful food. It was enjoyed by all.

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## 2013 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Terry Burkemper  
 Vice President: Tonnie Adams  
 Treasurer: C. Wallace Gladney  
 Secretary: Dan Gladney  
 Historian: J. Wallace Gladney

Database Mgr: Tim Johnson  
 Editor, Gladney Gram: Cathy Newman

3-year Director: Judy Whitesell  
 2-year Director: Neil Chandler  
 1-year Director: Janice Sakash

### CEMETERY REPAIRS

Two of our Gladney markers in the Gladney Cemetery are broken and in disrepair. I was given the project to get a quote to have the stones professionally repaired.

The marker for Eliza J. Gladney (11/22/1832-7/28/1880) looks to be marble (white and grey in color) and is upright. It had a previous repair but, due to the amount of rain this year, the bond has released on the adhesive and the stone is now in two pieces.



Eliza J. Gladney broken stone (7/2013)  
L-R: Frances Fuller, Terry Burkemper,  
Ken Kirkpatrick, Dan Gladney



Eliza J. Gladney stone (7/2009)

The second grave has a box over it. The box is completely above ground and was made

so that several pieces fit together to make the sides of the box. The cover of the box is broken into two pieces that were uneven horizontally.

The top pieces have been propped up with up with a rock so that the two now are somewhat lined up. However, the pieces that make up the sides of the box are not aligned vertically and look to be very unstable.

Also, on this box is the pertinent information



for Hugh Gladney, Sr. (7/2/1780—11/28/1854) that is buried underneath. The writing is getting worn and is difficult to read. We are also getting a quote to add a plaque that relays this information, something similar to what was added to the Widow Jane's marker.

The main reason for the existence of the Gladney Association is to make sure that the Cemetery is kept in good condition so that our descendants can also have the joy of visiting it.

A quote will be submitted for consideration.



**THE ROCKER** (Continued from page 10)

I can still see daddy sitting in that chair on our front porch in the mill village. With his feet propped up on the banister. Sometimes doing a crossword. Sometimes snoring. He loved sitting in this old chair. I would stand on the back of the curved rocker pieces and he would rock and give me a ride that rivaled a carnival ride in my young mind. Mama would get onto me because she thought the rockers would break. But, they didn't. I outgrew the ride. Mama passed away in the 70's and daddy in the 90's. The chair has a new life. It will be passed along to our son for him to enjoy. I think daddy would approve.

Before



After

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (Continued from page 9)  
for professional repairs.

Tonnie Adams has graciously accepted to host the GIA 2014 Reunion in Franklin, GA the 3rd weekend in July. Dates are July 18-20. Details in an upcoming edition of the Gladney Gram.

C. Wallace and Dan accepted two year terms for Treasurer and Secretary— 2013-2015. Judy Whitesell (SC) accepted 3 year Director, 2013-2016. Janice Sakash (SC) accepted 1 year Director, 2013-2014.

Meeting adjourned at 1745 hours.

**ED STEVENSON HONORED**

Mr. Edward L. Stevenson, Jr., who passed away on October 11, 2010 at the age of 94, is being honored in a very special way. A Resolution is currently before the South Carolina General Assembly that requests that "the Department of Transportation name the portion of South Carolina Highway 34 in Fairfield County from its intersection with Douglas Road to its intersection with Clarke Bridge Road "Edward L. Stevenson, Jr. Memorial Highway" and erect appropriate markers or signs along this highway that contain the words "Edward L. Stevenson, Jr. Memorial Highway"."

According to online records of the resolution, the last action by the South Carolina Legislature was on May 16, 2012 when the House adopted the measure and returned it to the Senate with concurrence. The Senate had adopted the bill on May 8, 2012.

As I understand it, there are still some details to be ironed out locally but, if anyone deserves this honor, it is Mr. Ed. Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson, his wife, Mittie Cannon Stevenson, and his family owned the land that included the original Gladney Cemetery in Winnsboro, SC. They graciously deeded the cemetery property to the Gladney Family Association to ensure its future existence and the family's access.

**PRESIDENT** (Continued from page 1)

The Board of Directors meeting was Saturday afternoon. We had several things to discuss and I want to bring everyone up to date. Judy Whitesell was elected to a three year term, Janice Sakash was elected to a one year term, and Neal Chandler remains our two year Director. We welcome them to the Board and look forward to their input. One of our biggest concerns is that there are two tombstones that need repair. Time and the elements are hard on lots of things. Plans are already underway to hopefully have these repairs made over the winter months. Just a reminder to everyone, the Association does own the Cemetery and are very grateful that the Stevenson family lets us have access to the cemetery.

Another concern is the family Bibles. Again, time and other factors take their toll. We are looking into having all the written pages scanned and digitalized. This would allow us to post a digital version on the web site and give access to the information at the Fairfield County Museum. There needs to be acid free paper between these pages. I know we worry about oil, dirt, etc. on our hands, but the sun light, temperature and even the original ink are causes for concern. We are in the process of contacting several reputable companies that offer this service. Then the Bibles could be wrapped and stored in their locked case. These are the bigger items we are facing. Part of our effort as caretakers is to continue the practice of helping to leave things in good condition for the next generation.

We had a lovely evening meal served by Judy and Jim Whitesell and family. We began with an introduction of all present. Afterward, we shared photos and

visiting. My plan is to get some of these photos on the web site. Thanks everyone for helping me with all the names!!

We had a short gathering on Sunday morning before our final farewell.

Now, it's on to Georgia in 2014! Vice-president, Tonnie Adams, has invited us to visit! I'll leave all the details for him to fill in. Start making your plans.

Just a short thank you to everyone who sends in their dues. If you receive the Gladney Gram in the mail, but would like to help save on postage, we can have the Gladney Gram emailed to you! We also appreciate the extra donations that have come in, as we look forward to these repairs. If you don't receive the Gladney Gram or want to pay dues, Wally is always ready to accept them. Send Wally a note and explain what you are doing. C. Wally Gladney, 6996 Richards Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

I would like to thank everyone for all of their help. Every one of you makes my job easy. As with all organizations, you should see the 'behind the scenes' work! If you have any questions, comments, news articles or new information for Tim to add to the data base, just get in touch with one of the officers. We'll do our best to help!

Right now, in northern Missouri, we are just waiting on some rain. So, if you fly over the Midwest, give me a wave!

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**FAMILY UPDATES** (Continued from page 4)

CECIL GLADNEY—Cecil has been moved from the assisted living home and is now back at the farm where he and Polly lived. The farm has been purchased by his niece, Melba Smith, and her family. A tree fell on the house several months ago and did extensive damage. They have completely remodeled the entire home. Cecil has his own room and telephone number which is 770-834-1847. The address is 2450 Old Newnan Rd., Carrollton, GA 30116. Cecil sometimes has difficulty getting to the phone in time. If he doesn't answer, Melba's home phone number is 678-644-2218 and her cell is 770-877-0365. Again,

**GLADNEYS IN AMERICA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES JULY 27, 2013**

The GIA Board Meeting was held July 27, 2013 at 1630 hours in the conference room of the Fairfield Motel in Winnsboro, SC. President Terry Burkemper presided.

MEETING ATTENDEES: Terry Burkemper (MO), C. Wallace Gladney (LA), Cathy Newman (GA), Tonnie Adams (GA), Dan Gladney (FL), J. Wallace Gladney (KY), Larry Ivens (GA), Tim Johnson (KY)

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Minutes from 2012 meeting to be corrected showing Tonnie Adams was present at 2012 meeting in Troy, MO.

IRS Form 990— was filed and accepted by IRS. Next filing to be completed prior to January 2014.

The following posts are to be filled: (1) Three Year Director, (1) One Year Director, Treasurer and Secretary each for (2) year terms.

**TREASURER REPORT**

C. Wallace reported that GIA remains in excellent financial condition. Year-end balance sheet to be finalized as GIA fiscal year ends July 31st.

**BUSINESS NOTES**

Gladney Bible cases: It is not feasible to add locks due to the present material. New cases are the only option if the Bibles are to be under lock and key. Cathy and Tonnie to provide case measurements to Dan for possible new cases.

GIA made a \$100 donation to the Fairfield Historical and Museum Society July 27, 2013. The Museum divided the donation between the Museum and the Genealogical Society.

Treasurer to provide \$300 payment for year 2013 cemetery grounds maintenance and to review 2012 payment.

Cathy reported that all GIA members are receiving the Gladney Gram. (approximately 300). Distribution is about 50% by email and 50% by US Postal Service. Cost for copying and postage is approximately \$400 per year.

Historian, Wally, reported print of "red" original Genealogy book is not anticipated. However, if printing becomes necessary, a disclaimer should be added that states, "dates, information, etc. may be in error".

J. Wally asked to provide GIA members and visitors with significant information on the relationship and/or importance of the Old Brick Church, Rock House, and Old Rock Church. This information is to be provided to attendees in handout format.

Repairs to crypt and headstone are needed. Cathy and Terry are looking into this matter

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## New Reunion Dates for 2014—July 18-20

### Cathy's Corner

You may remember that a couple of issues ago, I mentioned that I was attempting a new craft, seat weaving. I was looking forward to reweaving the back and seat of my father's old porch rocking chair. That chair was on our front porch when I was growing up and when I started refinishing the wood part, I found that it dates from the late 1800's.

One bright morning, I took the rocker to the basement and took photos of the chair to show the before and after difference. Then, I cut the old seat on the sides so that I could save it and see how the old-timers used to do the weaving. I did the same to the back since they had two different types of weaving.

I looked online and found that it is unusual to have two types of weaving on the same chair. I knew that my dad had someone local weave a new seat at some point when I was young. So, I made the decision that the back was the original weave and also found several chairs

online that had that particular type of weave.

I started by refinishing the wood part of the rocker. There were seven layers of paint, and it was lead paint. I didn't sand, I only used liquid stripper. The final layer of paint was what is called "lead red". The curved rocker pieces were "lead YELLOW". Imagine seeing those colors on a porch back in the 1800's.

Wood portion finished, I began weaving. It took several days to finish the weaving but, it is now complete. It is sitting in our living room because it has been so wet and humid outside that when I put it on the back porch, the new unfinished splint material mildewed. It is recommended to leave splint unfinished so that it can breathe and be less brittle. I cleaned it as recommended online and it will remain inside until it is cool enough to again sit outside and listen to the waterfall and watch the creek and the critters that go along with it.

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