



Descendants of Richard II and Jane

Gladney Gram

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

By C. Wallace Gladney

The 2007 Gladney Reunion in Winnsboro was a beaut. With only thirty-seven attendees, we had plenty of time for face-to-face conversation. Judy Whitesell arranged all the cooking, her husband, Jim, did the outdoor barbeque, and mama Lucille was the overseer. Don and Gail Gladney Smith and Hal and Darlene Gladney did the set up, served, and re-filled. They ALL cleaned up.

Saturday was cool and overcast with occasional showers and temperatures in the 80's. We were able to comfortably visit the Gladney Cemetery, the old rock church and cemetery, the old brick church and cemetery, and the red brick house without getting too hot. The entire group traveled in seven cars/vans led by Dan Gladney. Some of us had a nice visit with Ed Stevenson, our cemetery monitor to whom we owe so much. Ed is healthy at near 90 but is legally blind by macular

degeneration. He lives alone but seems happy.

Larry Ivens, our President, was unable to attend. His mother, Virginia Ivens, fell in a cemetery in Alabama injuring her leg severely. Her operation required longer than expected recovery so Larry wisely stayed to help.

Our board meeting group offered Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and LaGrange (GA) as possible locations for the 2008 reunion. It has been decided to favor Memphis, TN.

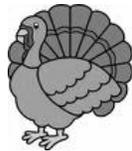
Saturday night's banquet was more of the excellent Whitesell family hospitality with a short ceremony honoring family military members.

PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE

By Larry Ivens

I am sorry that I had to miss the reunion in Winnsboro. I heard from Bill McMasters that it was a great reunion. I am sure that

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The 2008 reunion will be held in Memphis, TN. Mickey and Lana Johnson, Tim Johnson, and other family members have graciously volunteered to host. More details in the next Gladney Gram.

REUNION MINUTES

GLADNEY REUNION

July 27-29, 2007

Winnsboro, SC

Board Meeting 5:00 p.m. July 28 2007

Present for the Board of Directors meeting:

C. Wallace Gladney – Vice President / Treasurer (acting President during President Larry Ivens' absence)

James Wallace Gladney – past president

Tim Johnson – Database manager

Charlayne Lamb – past president

Charles Sydney Gladney – past president

Dan Gladney – past president

Lucille Gladney – new board member

Cathy Newman – Gladney Gram editor

Judy Gladney – guest

President, Larry Ivens, was not present for the reunion. His mother, Virginia Ivens, is still not feeling well. We all wish her well.

C. Wallace introduced Lucille Gladney as the newest board member.

Several issues were discussed including the original deed to the Gladney Cemetery. J. Wallace Gladney has a copy of the deed. The question was asked regarding where the original deed is located. It was suggested that the original deed is always kept in the county court house records and only copies are distributed outside the records room. C. Wallace Gladney would like for a local family member to research the deed to make sure that it is recorded and filed in the court house and suggested that Judy

Whitesell be asked to complete this for the family.

Two locations for the 2008 reunion were discussed; LaGrange, GA was suggested by President Larry Ivens, and Memphis, TN was suggested by Tim Johnson. Tim Johnson was asked by C. Wallace to prepare a presentation on the positive points of having the reunion in Memphis. C. Wallace was to call Larry Ivens at a later time to ask for the same presentation on LaGrange, GA. A deadline of October 1, 2007 was set to make a decision on the next reunion location. Cathy Newman was asked to wait until a decision is reached before printing the next Gladney Gram.

Volunteers are needed to help organize the next reunion as well as to arrange for various activities.

Charlayne Lamb (past president) suggested a Gladney scrapbook containing photos of past reunions, clippings, memorabilia, etc. The scrapbook would be present at each reunion for all to enjoy.

Neil Chandler graciously shared a camphor bottle that was brought to Fairfield County from Ireland. A complete article about the bottle is in this Gladney Gram.

The cost of the meeting room facilities has risen from \$400 to \$500 for two days rental. It was suggested that the family research another meeting room in the area. Some local family members suggested using the Lebanon Presbyterian

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Church facilities which were used several years ago for the banquet. C. Wallace Gladney will ask Judy Whitesell to research the cost and details of the rental.

BANQUET

6:30 p.m. July 28, 2007

Vice President, C. Wallace Gladney, opened the banquet. No formal meeting was held due to the absence of President, Larry Ivens. The financial statement was not read and there was no reading of past minutes. Past minutes are available in the Gladney Gram and the financial statement will be presented in this Gladney Gram.

A very heartfelt thank you was given to Judy Whitesell and her family. All members of her family including her husband, children, mother, Lucille Gladney, sister and brother in law, and nephews. All worked together and provided the family with delicious meals on Friday night and Saturday night. Surplus food was donated to a local charity.

The Whitesell family presented a "White Table" or "Missing Men" ceremony. A table was set for one at the front of the room. On the table were dress hats for each branch of the service, a single white place setting, one wine glass (inverted), spilled salt on a bread plate, a slice of lemon on a dinner plate, small bud vase with a single stem red rose, red ribbon tied around the vase, a lit candle, and an empty chair. A quiet fell over the family as Judy's daughter, Jenna Whitesell, read the following ceremony:

"Lest We Forget...

As you entered the Mess this evening, you may have noticed a small table in the place of honor. It is set for one. Please let me explain. The military caste is filled with symbolism. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called P.O.W or M.I.A. We call them "BROTHERS". They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them because of their incarceration. This table set for one is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his aggressors.

REMEMBER!!, the tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. **REMEMBER!!**

REMEMBER, the single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting his return.

REMEMBER, the red ribbon tied so prominently to the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn on the lapel and breast of those who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing.

REMEMBER, a slice of lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is salt upon the bread plate, symbolic of the families tears as they wait.

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GLADNEY CAMPHOR BOTTLE

This was Neil Chandler's first time to attend a Gladney reunion. We all enjoyed spending time with Neil as well as all the first time attendees. Neil brought with him a Gladney camphor bottle. It has been securely mounted in a wooden box with a clear front to prevent breakage. There is a description mounted to the back of the box that reads as follows:

The Gladney Camphor Bottle

"This flask was brought from Northern Ireland by the Gladney Family before the Revolutionary War to Fairfield County, South Carolina. Samuel Gladney, son of Richard Gladney who was a soldier in the Revolution, brought it to Missouri about 1830. It passed from him to his daughter Margaret Gladney Chandler, thence to her son Richard Gladney Chandler. Conforming to the wish of his widow, it now becomes the property of her grandson, Eric Neil Chandler, with the stipulation that it be passed thru direct blood heirs. If a future generation does not choose to confirm to the stipulation, it must be given (to) the Missouri Historical Society.

(signed) Eric Gladney Chandler
Dated December 22, 1968"

I did a little investigation before publishing this and found that there were many uses for camphor. In some countries, it is used in cooking. However, the main use is medicinal. It is absorbed through the skin and produces a feeling of cooling similar to that of menthol and acts as a

slight local anesthetic and antimicrobial substance. It is also used as a cough suppressant, an embalming product, and as a bug repellent.

It was said to prevent cholera in the mid 1800's. A quote from **North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-75** by Walter Hubbard and Richard F. Winter says, "*We are taking Homeopathic medicine as a prevention to Cholera — one Globule of Meratrum at night and one of Cuprum in the morning. I would also advise you to carry a small bottle of tincture of Camphor and a few lumps of sugar in your pocket, or kept it at the Mill as well as at home, and when you have any pain or disorder in your bowels, take 3 or 4 drops on sugar, if you get them from a Homeopathic Chemist, he will give you proper directions as to quantity.*"

We want to thank Neil for bringing the bottle for all of us to admire. If anyone has any memorabilia, photos, writings, etc. that they would like to bring to the next reunion, we would love to see it and perhaps photograph or scan it for preservation.

THANKS JUDY

Judy Whitesell, thank you so much for all that you and your family did for the reunion. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. For those who couldn't attend, you missed a great time. Your smile was contagious. All attempts to help cook or clean up were denied. You insisted on doing it ALL. And you all did it so well. You have an amazing family and we thank you all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARLIE!

Charlie Gladney was the guest of honor at an Open House on Sunday, August 12, 2007, to celebrate his 80th birthday. It was a typical Missouri day with the temperature reaching 105 degrees. Many family and friends braved the heat to visit and honor Charlie. The day was planned by his daughters, Sydney, Terry, Carla, and Sandy and their families. Charlie had a great time visiting with everyone and really enjoyed all of the phone calls and cards. (Submitted by Charlie's daughter, Terry.)

NEW GLADNEY CONTACT

My name is Diane. I just discovered your wonderful Gladney website! I descent from Rebecca Gladney (Thomas, Richard, William, Richard). Rebecca married John Gray Gregg, Jr. and had a daughter named Margaret. Margaret married Benjamin East and eventually went to Randolph County, AL. They were my 2nd great-grandparents.

I knew nothing about the Gladney family until I found your site. It was exciting to learn of the heritage of the Gladney family. I thank you for the hard work and dedication that went into this site. It was informative and I will eagerly share it with cousins also researching this family.

Thank you again,

Diane Amason Laster
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REMEMBER!!

The glass is inverted--they cannot toast with us this night. *REMEMBER!!*

REMEMBER--all of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you."

Judy Whitesell then gave a presentation honoring our Gladney Heroes, both living and those who have already passed away, who have served in the military. These names were presented to Judy upon her request. Some had photos and some were simply names, but all were powerful remembrances. The names of those honored were:

Scott D. Cain
David Gladney Taylor
Olin Frank Brown, Jr.
J. S. Gibson
Quinn Barnes
Adam Daniel Veitch
Lemuel M. Gladney
James Neil Yongue
Amos Joseph Gladney
David Edgar Aiken
Tim Johnson
Jill Johnson
John Harvey Gladney, III
John Harvey Gladney, IV

After the Gladney Heroes were honored, Judy presented photos on her trip to the Gladney Home in Texas.

While at the Gladney Home, Judy was
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FAMILY INFORMATION

DEATHS

Harold R. Johnson, age 87, of Memphis, Tennessee, died March 3, 2007 at Methodist University Hospital. He was a Draftsman for Memphis Light Gas & Water and retired in 1990 after 40 years of service. Mr. Johnson was a member of Everett Memorial Methodist Church and was an Army veteran. Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. Sunday March 4, 2007 at Maley-Yarbrough Chapel. Service was at 2 p.m. Monday, March 5 at the funeral home with burial in Salem Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ruby E. Johnson of Memphis; two daughters, Pam Edwards of Bartlett, TN and Bonnie (Gary) Shipley of Fairview, TN; seven sons, Mickey (Lana) Johnson of Mason, TN, Clyde (Linda) Johnson of Arlington, TN, Willard (Linda) Johnson of Memphis, TN, Timothy Johnson of Stanford, KY, Glen Johnson of Cordova, TN, Kenneth (Alice) Johnson of Cordova, TN, Victor (Laverne) Johnson of Memphis, TN; brother, Vernon Johnson of Los Angeles, CA; 25 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home 901-476-9778. Published in The Commercial Appeal on March 4, 2007. (Submitted by his son, Tim Johnson.)



WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Virgil C. Gladney and Julie L. Adams who were united in marriage on Friday, July 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Shenandoah Mill, 1359 S. Gilbert Rd., Gilbert, AZ. A reception followed. (Submitted by Virgil Gladney)

WEDDING MYTHS

In Western society, the wedding ring is a deeply significant item, its never-ending circle of gold symbolizing a love without end. It is placed on the third finger of the left hand because ancient Greek physicians were convinced a vein ran from that finger straight to the heart.

The sneeze from a cat on the wedding day is said to foretell a happy marriage.

If the wedding ceremony is interrupted by a crying child, it is said to be a happy sign.

A bridesmaid that trips on her way up the aisle is fated to remain a spinster.

Three times a bridesmaid, says superstition, and a girl will never be wed. She can break this charm if she goes on to be a bridesmaid for seven times.

Contrary to popular belief, thrown rice at the wedding couple does not pose a danger to birds. Showering the couple with rice shows the community's desire to see the newlyweds showered with blessings from above.

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as Vice-President, Wally did a great job. I spent the entire month of July in Tennessee taking care of my parents. I arrived on June 29 and returned to Detroit on August 2. Mother (Virginia Ivens) had an appointment with the orthopedic surgeon on July 3 and he set the date for her surgery on July 19. Unfortunately, Mother had used 74 days of the 100 days allowed by Medicare. We knew she needed a minimum of 21 days after the surgery to recover in a transitional care facility so that she would have access of occupational and physical therapy. So, on July 4th, I checked her out of transitional care and took her home for the 15 days before surgery. I provided care for her during that time.

The surgery on July 19th was a great success. It was a more extensive surgery than most knee replacements because of the damage that had been done to the femur. The surgery lasted 2 1/2 hours. The surgeon was very pleased with the outcome. Mother's recovery progressed very slowly. She could not eat for the first three days after the surgery and her blood count dropped to a dangerously low level. She was given one unit of blood and an IV of iron to raise the blood count. I stayed with her in the hospital around the clock until she was transferred to transitional care.

We moved her to Asbury Place, a transitional care unit near their home on the Thursday evening before the reunion. At that time she still had trouble eating, but her blood count has risen. She begged me not to go to the reunion, so that is why I did not make it.

Slowly but surely, she has been making

progress since the first of August. She has not walked twice the length of a football field. Her appetite has returned and she is gaining strength. We expect her to be released from transitional care on the afternoon of August 16th. I am flying down to Tennessee early Friday morning, August 17th, to spend the weekend with mom and Dad. I want to help them prepare the house so that it will be easier for Dad to care for Mom.

Mother and Dad's health have reached a point where I have to consider moving back to Tennessee to care for them. I have already told my boss that this will be my last year in Detroit. I have begun to search for a new job in Tennessee.

UPDATE: October 2, 2007, Mother and Dad are doing much better. I am nearly ready to put my house in Michigan on the market in preparation for a move south to be near my parents.

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given a tour of the home by Edna Gladney's niece, Deb Mackland. She gave Judy two linen handkerchiefs from both Edna Gladney and Samuel Gladney. These linen pieces were at the reunion for all to see. They will both be framed securely and loaned to the Fairfield Archives to be kept with the Gladney Bibles at all times. Edna Gladney (January 22, 1886-October 2, 1961) buried at Rosehill Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas.





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Cathy's Corner

When the box arrived, I was so excited. I had expected it for weeks and it was finally here.

The very first issue of the Gladney Gram through the last issue were inside this box. It didn't look heavy but looks were deceiving. It was heavy. Really heavy.

Once inside the house, I tore open that old cardboard box and started reading. I skipped issues and even skipped years. It

didn't matter, I was going to read them all eventually.

I haven't read them all yet. Life happens and things seem to get pushed to the back burner.

When all settles down a little, I'll start reading again. Maybe I'll even print some excerpts from some of those old Gladney Grams in a future publication.