



Descendants of Richard II and Jane Strong

# Gladney Gram

36th Year—Issue 1

## Message From The President

Happy Spring!

I hope everyone is finally getting some spring weather. Our snow is all gone although we did have a little dusting on Easter Sunday night. The snow and rain have been great. I am, however, tired of snow. Gene had to “dig out” the driveway and county road three different times. Moisture is good to go into planting season this year. They say the drought is over but we will wait a while to be sure.

On behalf of our family, I want to thank everyone for all of the expressions of sympathy and caring in the passing of our father. We are slowly trying to cope and move forward. One of my dad’s proudest accomplishments was hosting last year’s reunion in Troy. He was so pleased with the turn out and having the chance to

share our part of the world with you all. Thank you.

Plans are underway for the 2013 Reunion in Winnsboro, SC. My ideas for the program have sort of gotten sidetracked. If anyone has an idea or would like to present a program, please get in touch with me.

Terry Burkemper  
President, GIA

## Dues Due In July

Everyone please remember that your \$10 membership fee is due in July. That makes it easy to remember because the reunion is held in July each year. The membership fee helps assure that everyone receives the Gladney Gram family newsletter.

As of late, I have been sending the Gladney Gram to all entries on my mailing list. Many do not have email addresses and receive their newsletters via postal delivery. Printing and postage fees add up quickly.

Please don’t forget to use the form on page 3 to pay your dues even if you can’t attend the reunion this year. Also, remember to call the motel directly to make your reservations. Motel information is on the form.

We hope to see you in July.

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## FAMILY UPDATES

**CHARLES SIDNEY GLADNEY**—Funeral services for Charles Sidney Gladney of Foley, MO will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. Rev. Conrad Cheatham, pastor of the Elsberry ARPresbyterian Church, will officiate with inurnment in Valhalla Mausoleum in St. Louis, MO.

Mr. Gladney, 85, passed away Friday morning, February 22, 2013 at his home near Foley. Born August 16, 1927 in Briscoe, MO, he was the oldest child of Clarence Sidney and



Ima Grace Barrett Gladney. A lifelong resident of Lincoln County, he was a 1945 graduate of Elsberry High School. He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army from November 20, 1945 until he was honorably discharged on December 28, 1946. He was united in marriage on May 21, 1948 in Foley, MO to Bettye Sue Galloway. This union was blessed with four daughters: Sydney, Terry, Carla and Sandra. He was employed for many years in railroad construction as a mechanic for Merit Railroad. He was a member of the Hoisting Engineers, Local #513 in St. Louis, MO.

Mr. Gladney was a 50-year member of the New Hope Lodge #199 AF&AM in Elsberry; a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of St. Louis and the NEMO Scottish Rite Club; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star,

currently Chapter #117 in Louisiana, MO; a Charter member of the Lincoln County Old Threshers; and a member of the Vintage Machinery Club in Bowling Green, MO. Charlie enjoyed "tinkering" with old International tractors. He also enjoyed working with the Scottish Rite Kid Talk Program in Elsberry.

He was proud to have hosted the "Gladneys in America" family reunion in 2012.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, two sisters and his beloved wife of 35 years, Bettye Sue Gladney, who died October 31, 1983.

Survivors include his four daughters: Sydney Turner, Terry Burkemper, Carla Clark and Sandra Gladney; many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He also leaves one brother, Forrest Gladney and his wife, Hazel, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Visitation was held from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monday, February 25, 2013 at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. Memorials may be made to the Elsberry Kid Talk Clinic or the New Hope Lodge Temple Association in care of Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South Fifth Street, Elsberry, MO 63343. *As posted online at [carterricksfuneralhome.com](http://carterricksfuneralhome.com)*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Lynda Gladney has asked us to update her father's address. His name is Charles Ben Gladney. The old address was 6606 Old Shell Rd., Mobile, AL 36608. His NEW address is 4720 Morrison Dr. #308, Mobile, AL 36609. His phone number did not change. Lynda asked that I also print the number in case anyone wants to contact him in his new apartment. The phone number is 251-343-4258.

Complete and return along with amount due to:  
C. Wallace Gladney, 6996 Richards Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
Phone: 225-928-0730 email: wallacegladney@bellsouth.com

**RESERVATIONS FOR WINNSBORO, SC REUNION—JULY 26-28, 2013**

You are responsible for making your own room reservations. Call Super 8 motel directly at (803) 635-3458. Motel address is US 321 Bypass, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

Tell them you are with the Gladney Reunion. Gladney rate is \$59 double / \$52 single.

Descendant of: Richard \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL(S) NAMES (list all attending reunion - \$30.00 per adult / \$15 per child 12 and under):  
(Registration fee is used to pay for meeting room rental and banquet catering. Additional out-of-pocket costs may arise due to sightseeing tours/site entry.)

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TOTAL REUNION AMOUNT (number of adults x \$30.00): \_\_\_\_\_

PLUS (number of children x \$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2013-2014 ENCLOSED (\$10.00): YES \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Annual Membership Fee is due in July of each year - one fee per household.)

NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GLADNEY DESCENDANT PAYING MEMBERSHIP FEE:

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DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charlie's Corner

My dear cousin and friend, Charles Sidney Gladney, passed away on February 22, 2013. Had I not made that first visit to a Gladney Family Reunion in Carrollton, GA (hosted by Cecil and Polly Gladney) about 14 years ago, I would never have met him. What a loss that would have been.

Charlie was always friendly, talkative, and funny in his own special way. When I arrived at any reunion, I immediately asked, "Is Charles Sidney here yet?" Most times, the answer was, "Yes." If not, he arrived shortly thereafter.

Charlie told me once that he had a story for me regarding him and the St. Louis Arch. But, he said that he wanted to save it for a later date. "I'll tell you one day", he said. He kept me wondering and imagining stories for

years. Every time I asked him about it, he just said, "Later." When his daughter, Terry Burkemper, became President of the Gladney Association, I even put her up to asking about it. He didn't like that very much and let her know about it.

I thought maybe he had proposed marriage to his wife there or that there was some event that changed or helped to form his life that centered around the arch. But, I'll never hear that story from Charlie. He took that story with him when he left us.

There may be someone out there that knows that story and can pass it along to me. But, if not, I'll just ask him later. I'll see him again one day when he no longer has to get dialysis. God bless you Charles Sidney for coming into my life. I love you and will miss you tremendously.