



Descendants of Richard II and Jane

Gladney Gram

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*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

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President's Page by Larry Ivens

Hello Gladney Cousins,

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As this joyous season approaches, I hope all of you are well and that you are anticipating festive holidays ahead. I will be traveling to Tennessee to spend time with my parents, my brother and his family. Although I look forward to the wonderful holiday meals and gifts, the best part of the Christmas holidays is the time I get to spend with family.

Plans are progressing nicely with the 2007 reunion in Winnsboro, S.C. Our host Judy Whitesell is working hard to make the reunion a special event for all of us. So watch for information in the next few newsletters.

While there is still a lot of planning to be done for the 2007 reunion, we are already looking ahead to the 2008 reunion. Our goal is to choose a relatively central location where a lot of Gladneys currently live and where many of our ancestors are buried. I have been in contact with Sid Suggs from Athens, Alabama. He and I plan to spend some time in March looking at possible locations in Alabama.

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Celtic Happy Christmas

In Ireland, one of the most commonly used phrases around the holidays is "Happy Christmas". To say Happy Christmas to just one person, you would say Nolaig Shona Duit (NO-Lihg HO-nuh ghwich). The same greeting to two or more persons is Nollaig Shona Daoibh (NO-Lihg HO-nuh JEEV). This literally means "You have a Merry Christmas".

PRESIDENT'S PAGE (Continued from page 1)

Bettye Bond, GIA President 1997-2006, continues to administer the Gladney Family Association Yahoo Group and our Web page. What a service that is to our family association. She has been so good at responding to incoming messages and forwarding interesting information to be included in the newsletter.

As we approach the end of 2006, let us all give thanks for the ancestors we have and the values they represent: honor, strength, determination and faith.

My best wishes to all of you,

Larry R. Ivens, President, GIA



Thank You From SC

The following letter was received by Bettye Bond in response to the donation of the Big Blue *Gladneys In America* book. The donation was discussed at the 2006 reunion in Charleston, SC.

October 26, 2006

Mrs. Bettye Bond
226 Avon Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-4209

Dear Mrs. Bond,

Thank you for the generous donation of the two volume GLADNEYS IN AMERICA to our reference room library. Your gift is a welcome addition to our collection and will prove a valuable resource to our patrons.

Sincerely,
Steven D. Tuttle
Supervisor of Access Services
The South Carolina Archives & History Center

Family Trip To Ireland

It has been mentioned that we may be able to arrange for a group of Gladney family members to take a trip to Ireland.

At the 2006 reunion in Charleston, most people seemed to favor the trip happening in 2008. Bettye has been checking on the trip to Ireland, with nothing definite as of November 2006.

Bettye reports, "There are many avenues of entry to Ireland and I will continue to try to find the best for the Gladney Clan. As always, my preference has been initial entry to Scotland and then to Ireland which will take longer and cost more. As stated above I will continue to "check it out". From those in favor of a trip at the Charleston Reunion, my understanding was that most would prefer 2008 over 2007."

As ever, Bettye Bond

If you are interested in taking this trip in 2008 (no definite date yet), please write or email Bettye. Include in your correspondence any sights you may be interested in visiting during the trip. Bettye's email address is: retteacher@aol.com. Her mailing address at home is: 226 Avon Drive Carlisle, PA 17013-4209

Irish Superstitions For The Christmas Season

by Bridget Haggerty

In the old days, children were usually charged with the responsibility of gathering the Yule-tide decorations. Finding a holly bush loaded with berries was considered very lucky. Holly is a symbol commonly associated with Christmas and has been used in Yule-tide celebrations for almost two thousand years.

While Mistletoe isn't very prevalent in Ireland, it can be found, and it was held in very high regard by our ancestors. In the Celtic language, Mistletoe means "All Heal." It was believed to have all sorts of miraculous qualities including the power of healing diseases, banning evil spirits, bringing good luck and bestowing great blessings. In fact, even enemies who happened to meet beneath a Mistletoe in the forest would lay down their arms, exchange a friendly greeting, and keep a truce until the following day. From this old custom grew the practice of suspending Mistletoe over a doorway or in a room as a token of good will and peace to all.

The placing of a lighted candle in the window of a house on Christmas Eve is still

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Family News

DEATHS

Mrs. Tommie Gladney, wife of T. J. Gladney, passed away last year, Oct. 25, 2005. Mrs. Gladney is the mother of Elaine Lane and Barbara Cauthen.

Mrs. Hugh (Sara) Gladney Johnson, daughter of James Arthur Gladney and Lila Lovvorn Gladney, died Sept. 16, 2006. Mrs. Johnson is the aunt of Elaine Lane and Barbara Cauthen.

Benjamin Curtis Gladney passed away Wednesday, October 4, 2006, in Yreka, Calif., at the Madrone Hospice Home. Curtis lived in Avila Beach, Calif., for the past 23 years, after retiring from a career in electronic engineering in the Los Angeles area that spanned 30 years.

Curtis was born in Elsberry, Missouri, on February 9, 1917. After attending two years at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, he moved to Albuquerque, NM to take care of his mother, Neta Waggoner. While working there in the First National Bank, he met Vivian "Vickie" Relph, whom he later married following WWII. Their marriage produced four children, twelve grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

They celebrated their 60th anniversary on September 23, 2005 and danced the night away at the Madonna Inn surrounded by family. In April 2006 Vickie passed away in Avila Beach, CA. They are survived by their four children, Charles Curtis of Cottage Grove, OR, Chere Lynn Vanni of Mt. Shasta, Calif., Neta Savage Gladney of San Luis Obispo, CA and Dru Curtis of Claremont, CA., as well as Vickie's sister Charleen Magliolo of Houston, Tex., and Curtis' nephew, William Lowery, of Vernon, Tex.

Curtis served with distinction during WWII as an Army Air Corps pilot who flew the notorious "Hump" route from India to China. He completed 62 missions and retired as a full Captain. Following WWII, he attended the University of Southern California, where he earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering. After working for General Dynamics and founding his own engineering company in Pomona, Calif., he later worked for several engineering firms before retiring in 1982 to Avila Beach, CA. Donations on his behalf may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097 or to a charity of your choice.

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FAMILY NEWS (Continued from page 4)

Vivian “Vicki” Evelyn Relph Gladney, passed away on April 23, 2006, in her Avila Beach home in the arms of her loving husband of 60 years, Benjamin Curtis. Vicki and Curt retired to Avila Beach in San Luis

Obispo 23 years ago, after living and working in the Pomona-LaVerne area for 35 years. Vicki was born in San Diego, CA on February 22, 1921, grew up in Monrovia and graduated from Monrovia Arcadia Duarte High School. She spent much of her childhood in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During World War II, she served in the WAVES, based in Oakland, where she was secretary to the Alameda Naval Air Base Commander. At that time, she became reunited with Curt Gladney whom she had met in Albuquerque, while both were working in the First National Bank. Major Curt Gladney was a “Hump Flyer” based at Hamilton Air Force Base, and flew the South Pacific as an Army Air Force Pilot.

After the war, they were married in Monrovia on September 23, 1945. Vicki attended two years at Chaffey Junior College, graduated from the Western School for Secretaries in Albuquerque, prepared for her service as a WAVE at Hunter College in New York City, and later studied one year at the University of Southern California. She later retired as Office Manager of the Los Angeles County Fair Association after working there for 17 years.

She is survived as well by her sister, Charlene Magliolo of Houston, TX, and her four children, Charles Curtis of Cottage Grove, OR, Chere Lynn Vanni of Mt. Shasta, CA, Neta Savage Gladney of San Luis Obispo, and Dru Curtis of Honolulu, HI. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

A memorial mass was said in her name at the Old Mission San Luis Obispo at 12:10 p.m. on June 18, 2006. Contributions in her name may be sent to the American Lung Association.

Johnnie Thomasson Harris (90) born May 16, 1916 in Pansy, Arkansas died November 14, 2006 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She was preceded in death just 41 days earlier, by her husband Garvin Harris (98) born April 26, 1908 in Calmar, Arkansas. Garvin died October 4, 2006 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They had been married 55 years and had no children. Johnnie was a first cousin to Bettye Bond. They are descendants of the Samuel line - Jane Gladney Gibson daughter of Richard and Mary Martha Bruce Gladney buried in the Old Gladney Cemetery in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

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BIRTHS

Welcome to Laetitia Vivian Gladney, born to Dru and Nancy Gladney on December 6, 2006 at 3:27 a.m. She weighed 9 lbs, 2 ounces and was 22 inches long. Congratulations to Dru and Nancy.



Please send your family announcements to Cathy for printing in an upcoming Gladney Gram. My mailing address and email address are on the back of this publication.

Ed and Miriam Faulkner Update

Things have drastically changed here in our home. I had to have Ed placed in a care center mid June. This was and is the most heart breaking thing I have ever gone through.

We went on a cruise to Alaska in May and everything went downhill from then on. I just could not handle him anymore. He has vascular dementia, not Alzheimer's, but the memory problem is the same in both. He definitely knows me and the rest of the family, but the short term memory is just not there. He was diagnosed about a year ago, but really went on the skids after the cruise.

We have Kaiser and they have been absolutely wonderful to me, getting me through all of this maze and moral support. I don't have the foggiest idea of what would have happened if I had been on my own through this journey.

Submitted by Bettye Bond 10/12/2006

Buy Big Blue to Donate

The cost of the big blue Gladney book has been reduced to \$119.00 by the Higginson Book Company. All books should be ordered directly from the Higginson Book Company. This is a good time to purchase a book and donate it to your local genealogical society or library so that any queries about the Gladney Family will be directed to this book.

Higginson Book Company
148 Washington Street
Salem, MA 09170
Phone: 978-745-7170

John and Marilyn Gladney Update

Hello Everyone;

We have some news and I hope no one is shocked. We went to Athens Regional Hospital today for Marilyn's heart Catheterization Test. We at first thought everything was good as they did not put any "stints" in any arteries and they were completed with the test in about 2 hours. They brought her back to the room and told us that the doctor would be in shortly to discuss the test with us.

When the doctor arrived, he said that he had found four arteries blocked and that stints would not work. He drew the places the blockages were on a chalkboard and said that he recommended "by-pass surgery". The four arteries are 60, 75, 90, & 100 % blocked. He also recommended we not delay any longer than 2 weeks.

We then met with the heart surgeon and have scheduled surgery for Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006. We go for Pre-Op on Tuesday, Nov. 7th and get all the details of what we are to do and what we can expect afterward. The staff there are very high on this Surgeon, Dr. Scott, as all he does is heart by-pass operations and they tell us that he is excellent.

Please keep Marilyn in your prayers as we know that positive things come from prayer. Let the Lord guide this doctor's fingers so that everything will be done by God's plan. I feel a lot better now that I know what has been her problem and that it can be repaired.

Thanks for being such great friends and relatives. We love each and every one of you and are looking forward to being with you as soon as she is able to be up and about and her self again.

Love to you all,
John Gladney
10/30/2006



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IRISH SUPERSTITIONS (Continued from page 3)

practiced today. Primarily it was, and still is, a symbol of welcome to Mary and Joseph as they traveled looking for shelter. The candle should be lit by the youngest member of the household and only be extinguished by a girl bearing the name 'Mary'. To have no light meant that you shared the guilt of the Innkeeper at Bethlehem who said, "No Room"!

As for Christmas Day itself, according to an old verse,
"If Christmas Day on a Sunday fall
A troublesome Winter we shall have all."



The glossy-leaved holly with it's clusters of red berries, popular as a door decoration in North America can be traced to early settlers from the south of Ireland. They came to the United States during the Great Potato Famine. Holly grows wild in the south of Ireland and at Christmas time houses are lavishly decorated with holly.

CATHY'S CORNER

In loving memory of my brother, Ronald Hoyt Stone—born August 17, 1942 in Newnan Georgia, passed away on December 13, 1961 in a car accident in Newnan, Georgia. He was the son of Raymond Clifford Stone and Vera Gladney Stone.