



Descendants of Richard II and Jane Strong

Gladney Gram

35th Year—Issue 1

2011 REUNION RECAP

I don't know if it's because I'm getting older or because I'm beginning to know you all better but, each reunion I attend seems better than the last.

This year, we met again in Winnsboro, SC, home of the original Gladney land grant and the family cemetery.

Friday night, July 29, we all met when we arrived in the conference room of the Fairfield Motel. Judy Whitesell and her family prepared sandwich platters and all the fixin's. We updated Tim's database with new names and new family lines.

On Saturday morning, we traveled by caravan to the cemetery. Ken Kirkpatrick (with help from Martha) has done a fantastic job keeping the cemetery in good condition. An old pine tree fell over the chain link fence but, amazingly, did no damage to any of the headstones. It did make a minor dent in the top rail of the fence but it is not in need of repair at this time.

The new tenant on the Stevenson land has cleared a new road for us to access the ceme-

tery. The new road goes around the field instead of through it. He also cleared a short parking area to the right side of the cemetery. This clearing makes visible the old Winnsboro Blue Stone edging that has fallen out of its location over the years. Ken said that this is something that he can repair. It was agreed at the business meeting that Ken would repair the edging, digging into the ground deep enough so as to keep the Blue Stone from falling again. There is no need to begin this back breaking job until the weather gets cooler (Winnsboro has had many days with temperatures in the triple digits since we were there).

After leaving the cemetery, we visited the Old Rock Church, the Old Brick Church and the Fairfield Museum. For those who did not attend this year, the genealogy research room has closed due to funding and staffing issues. All items that were in the research room have been moved to the Fairfield Museum.

After leaving the museum, we all visited local restaurants for lunch. By the way, the building that was formerly the Lamp Post Restaurant is now an Italian restaurant named the Italian Garden. Jimmy and I ate there a couple of times and enjoyed the food. Later in the evening, the Board of Directors met. We elected a new Vice President, Mrs. Terry Burkemper. She will vacate her Director position and take the office vacated by Kevin Veitch. Kevin resigned due to time restraints put upon him by work and school.

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Family Updates

DEATHS

Luther Wayne Gladney of Columbia died Wednesday, June 8, 2011. He was 83.

Mr. Gladney was born Sept. 27, 1927, to Luther and Willa Gladney.



Mr. Gladney's daughter, Suzanne Gladney, said he owned and operated a variety of Columbia restaurants, including Max's Campus Snack, Farmer's Cafe, White House, Salt and Pepper Lounge and Ernie's Cafe and Steakhouse.

"He owned a lot of the places where students went, so lots of students ate in the restaurants and worked for us as well," Suzanne Gladney said.

Although he interacted with students on a regular basis, his daughter said that his close family was the most important thing to him.

"I think many people in Columbia knew my dad because of the restaurants; Ernie's is right downtown," she said, "but his family was the most important."

Mr. Gladney is survived by his wife, Betty Gladney; two daughters, Suzanne Gladney and Rebecca Fahrendorf; three grandchildren, Charlie, Elizabeth and Sarah; and five great-grandchildren, Mary, Patrick, Joseph, John and Ruth.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 2011, at Parker Funeral Service, 22 N. Tenth Street. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Meals on Wheels, 800 Hospital Drive, Columbia, MO 65201, or to Ronald McDonald

House, 2501 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64108.

Condolences can be left online at www.parkerfuneralservice.com

Mrs. Mary McMaster Cross died Wednesday afternoon, July 2, 2008, at Pine Meadows Healthcare in Bolivar, Tennessee.

She was born on July 10, 1913 and was a native of Medon and had lived in Bolivar since 1935. She was the daughter of the late James Norman McMaster, Sr. and Julia Ann Roark McMaster. A graduate of Malesus high school, she married Samuel Isaac Cross on Christmas day, 1935. Mr. Cross died June 15, 1956 after 21 years of marriage.

Mrs. Cross retired after 29 years of service as an X-ray technician and dietician and was a member of the Parran's Chapel Baptist Church. She was responsible for helping organize Bolivar's first high school band, even sewing many of the uniforms. She also was the founder of Bolivar Elementary School's "Pancake Day." She was active on a daily basis at the Bolivar Senior Citizen's Center and was always helping some one else.



She leaves two sons, Robert A. Cross and wife, Linda, of Bolivar and James N. Cross and wife, Diane, of Greensboro, NC; one brother, James Norman McMaster, Jr. of Medon; four grandchildren, James Samuel, William Dale and Michael Carnell Cross and Sharon Leigh Venuti; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Guy McMaster of Jackson and Sam McMaster of Toone.

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Tonnie Adams was elected to serve Terry's remaining two years as Director.

I believe that I can speak for everyone when I say that dinner was fabulous. Judy Whitesell and her family have done it again. They all work together like a well-oiled machine. Nothing was left to chance. The food was great and we all thank them for their hard work.

Dan Gladney, Secretary, read the minutes from the last reunion and C. Wallace Gladney gave the Treasurer's report.

A cake was presented to the group to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Gladney reunions. The first reunion was held in July of 1976. There were two members present who attended the first reunion, Pam Gladney and Davis Kirkpatrick.

A presentation of the history of Winnsboro and surrounding area was presented by Mr. Val Greene with Ms. Pelham Lyles assisting. Mrs. Lyles also read an interesting email received from two ladies who were doing research on the Gladney name. The email in its entirety begins on page 6.

Sunday morning, we all met in the parking lot and enjoyed fellowship. I read a passage from the red Gladney book and Larry Ivens said a prayer asking the Lord to keep us all safe until next year.

There are two possible locations for the 2012 reunion. I was asked not to divulge these locations until the potential hosts can consult with their families and try to get some details ironed out regarding the accommodations and catering. As soon as a decision is made, it will be announced in the Gladney Gram.

**2012 REUNION NEWS**

The location for the 2012 Gladney Family Reunion will be.....Troy, Missouri. The Charles Sidney Gladney family has graciously volunteered to host our crowd. Gene and Terry Burkemper (Terry is Charles Sidney's daughter), have offered to show us how a real farm operates as well as what the mighty Mississippi River looks from their point of view. There is an RV park nearby (Sunrise RV Park, LLC—(636) 484-2571) as well as a state park (Cuivre River State Park—(636) 528-7247). Details on motel accommodations are on **PAGE 5**.

Our hosts have plans on Saturday to visit the Troy City Cemetery which is the final resting place for Charles Sidney's direct ancestors. More plans for Saturday as well as the banquet on Saturday evening will follow in future issues.

Terry has asked me to publish her contact information for those with any questions. Her email address is et-burk@marktwain.net. If you prefer to call, her phone number is (660) 323-5310.

I want to thank the entire family for hosting us next year.



“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.”

Abraham Lincoln

FAMILY UPDATES (Continued from page 2)

Visitation: Friday, July 4, 2008, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 Saturday, July 5, 2008, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Service: Saturday, July 5, 2008, 11:00 am

Interment: Parran's Chapel Baptist Church
 Cemetery

Ed Stevenson Graveside services for Edward L. Stevenson, Jr., 94, will be held at 12:00 Noon, Monday, Oct. 11, 2010, in Lebanon Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Rev. Pete Rambo will officiate. The family will receive friends at 10:00 A.M. in the Lebanon Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall preceding the service. Memorials may be made to Lebanon Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund. Mr. Stevenson died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010. Born in Winnsboro, Feb. 12, 1916, he was a son of the late Edward L. Stevenson and Anne Stone Stevenson. He was a grandson of the late David L. Stevenson and Anna Turner Stevenson, and also Jacob Cockrell Stone and Mary Ellen Pope Stone. Mr. Stevenson was a timber producer, a retired self-employed timber dealer with territorial rights, farmer, dairyman, and former automobile dealer. During his timber partnership with J.J. Hood, Mr. Stevenson and his crews worked in Moncks Corner from 1938-41, clearing the timber from a large portion of the Santee-Cooper River basin. He then worked in Charleston clearing the timber for the ammunition dump at the naval base. In 1945, he went to work in Modoc clearing the timber from the basin for Clarks Hill Lake. During World War II, he was one of the largest rail shippers of pulpwood in the Southeast. Mr. Stevenson was the owner of Cattlewood Farm. He was a member of the American-International Charolais Association, and was the first Charolais breeder in Fairfield County, and one of the first in the Southeast.



He was the Grassland Farmer of the year of Fairfield County in 1956. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Wild Turkey Federation in 1989 for tremendous support and vital contributions as the largest single donor from private lands. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World, a former member of the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, and a charter member of the Fairfield Jaycees. Mr. Stevenson was one of the original founders of the Fairfield Country Club and the Fairfield Development Co. He was recognized for outstanding accomplishments in the Fairfield Soil Conservation District. He received the Goodyear Soil Conservation Award in 1963 and 1986. He retired as chairman of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Surviving are one son, L. Edward (Buddy) Stevenson; son-in-law, Terry Hegler; one grandson, Terol Hegler and his wife, Lisa; one step great-granddaughter, Autumn Bennett; one great-grandson, Braska Hegler, all of Winnsboro; sisters, Marguerite S. Kelly of Winnsboro, Marie S. Burley of Monticello, Erleen S. Bankhead of Blackstock, and Ann S. Dixon of Hartsville. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mittie Cannon Stevenson; daughter, Diana Stevenson Hegler; granddaughter, Anna L. Hegler; siblings, Coleman Stevenson, Marion Stevenson, and Minnie L. Montgomery. Online condolences may be sent to the Stevenson family at www.popefuneralhomes.com. Pope Funeral Home is serving the Stevenson family.



Editor's Note: Mr. Stevenson passed almost a year ago. I am printing this because some people did not get the news that he had passed. I only met Mr. Stevenson once, at the 2009 reunion in Winnsboro. He had difficulty seeing but did see our silhouettes as we spoke

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to him one by one. His land that surrounded the Gladney cemetery has now passed to his son, Buddy. I have spoken to Buddy several times and he is just as personable as his father. Ed did so much for our family, including making sure that we had possession of the Old Gladney Cemetery which was located on his land. He has our eternal gratitude. We will miss him very much.

GRADUATIONS

Charles Wallace Gladney III graduated from University Laboratory School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His parents are Pamela and Windy Gladney. Charles was a four-year soccer letterman and captain, four-year golf letterman, as well as a member of the Key Club and economics club at University High School. He will be attending the University of Alabama majoring in business and construction.

UPDATES

I have published another book FAITH IS A LUMBERING LADY: Anticipating the Birth of Your Child which contains poems and prayers written before the birth of our youngest daughter. It costs \$6 and makes a nice shower gift for expectant mothers. It can be ordered

from Glad2b4u@gmail.com as can GOD IS NOT NICE: Growing Up in Christ in the Bible Belt -- Poems and Prayers 1975-2010 and SWIMMING IN GRACE: A Pastor's Response to Suicide.

Hope you and your family are well. We are expecting three more grandchildren -- twins in August-- boy and girl -- and another grandson in November. Our tribe increases!

Joy and Hope, Patricia Gladney Holland
June 22, 2011

SHOW ME....

On behalf of Charles Sidney Gladney and family, you are cordially invited to attend the **2012 Gladneys In America reunion** on July 27, 28 and 29, 2012 in Lincoln County, Missouri, (the Show Me State). Plans are in progress but, a block of rooms has already been reserved at the Super 8 Motel located at 28 Turnbull Trail, Troy, Missouri, 63379. The rate is \$75 per night. You must call the motel directly at 636-528-6888 and tell them that you are with the Gladney family reunion.

Registration will take place on Friday evening from 5:00-8:00pm in the motel's breakfast room. Saturday's itinerary and the speaker for Saturday night are not confirmed as of this writing. More details will follow, along with the registration form, in a later Gladney Gram.

The motel offers a pool and the usual amenities. You can find more information on the motel by visiting the Troy, Missouri Super 8 web site at

<http://www.showhotel.com/super8/6337901/>

The Super 8 is easy to find as it is just off Highway 61. Troy is located about 20-25 minutes north of Interstate 70 at Wentzville. I-70 is a straight shot to the St. Charles/St. Louis areas. Travel time from Troy to St. Louis is approximately one hour. Please note that there is a rush hour each morning and afternoon.

If you plan to spend more time in the area for sightseeing, you can find more info at the Missouri Department of Tourism website. It is suggested that you wait until after the first of the year for the 2012 version.

You can follow in Daniel Boone's footsteps and head in this direction. Hope to see everyone there!!

Terry Burkemper
Vice President

RESEARCHERS' EMAIL

The following email dated July 29, 2011 was sent to Ms. Pelham Lyles, Winnsboro Museum Director, from two researchers that visited Winnsboro and the Winnsboro Museum following their connection to Amos Gladney:

Hi Pelham!

It's so great to hear from you!

Visiting you and the museum was a big highlight of my trip to SC. You were so accommodating and friendly.

I'm so excited to hear about the reunion. Thank you so much for your offer to relay info and ask questions.

My "connection" to Amos, crazy as it sounds, is that I believe I WAS Amos. I was raised as a Christian and taught not to believe in reincarnation, and never did. Until a little over ten years ago, when I took my first trip to Gettysburg. After a series of trips there filled with deja vu and flashbacks I came to the conclusion I had been a 17 year old Confederate soldier who was killed there. Over time more and more information came back to me. I knew my name was Amos and I knew the location on the battlefield where I was shot. I knew I had been buried by an older man in my unit who was also a family friend who had watched over me. He buried me in a wooded area. All this stuff, I just "knew"...that's the best I can explain it. I, and some of my friends, began researching, trying to find out if there had been a 17 year old Rebel boy named Amos killed in Gettysburg. We found the book "Gettysburg's Confederate Dead" by Gregory Coco. Reading it cover to

cover we found Amos J. Gladney, 17 years old, Co.E, 15th SC. The book says he died July 3rd, that has to be a typo. He died July 2nd...and I knew that already. It says he was buried on "George Rose's farm, 'in the woods', his headboard was present but no grave - Ambrose M. Emory" (person providing the info). It went on to say that the possible location of his remains were "Possibly in one of 15 boxes marked L, to Hollywood (cemetery), Richmond, 9/10/72, as an unknown". My intuition tells me Amos' remains were never recovered. What is left of him, if anything, is still there in the Gettysburg Rose Woods.

Going by my gut I traced Amos' steps as he ran from the Rose farm field, through a wooded ravine then spilling out into the Wheatfield area of the battlefield, then swooping around the far end of the Rose Woods into a meadow where Wheatfield Road and Crawford Road intersect. This is where he was shot. The first miniball caught him in his right upper arm/shoulder. Pulling his musket from his right arm to his left, he continued to run several more yards when he was shot again, this time in the gut. He stumbled, hunched over and fell face down into Plum Run Creek (which would later be called Bloody Run Creek by the locals because it ran so red with blood). The creek wasn't very deep, but he couldn't pull himself upright and actually drowned before he bled to death. Later, after researching his unit's movement through the area we found that my intuition was pretty accurate as to the path he had probably taken. If he was killed where I felt he had been killed, he would have been buried in the Rose Woods...and later we found that is where the book said his headboard had

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MUSEUM EMAIL (Continued from page 6)
been found.

I know this all sounds crazy, and it doesn't help that I'm a lousy writer. There is so much more I could tell but this hopefully gives the gist of things. You can relay any of this you see fit.

When I started reenacting I decided to take Jane Gladney, Amos' mother, as my persona. Even though Jane was very real, I had to fabricate a life story for her to suit my situation as a reenactor. I also made Amos' older brother's name Samuel, when in reality his older brother was Bunyan and Samuel was his younger brother who actually died as a small child. The story of Amos Gladney on the Dixie Rose website (from his funeral procession held on Remembrance Day 2010) is a fictitious story about a very real boy. I would LOVE to know the real story of Jane, Joseph and Amos Gladney (and the rest of his siblings). How did Jane and Joseph die? From what I've found, Amos and his brother Bunyan were orphaned by the time Amos was eight and a friend of the family took them in.

Carol and I found the Gladney Cemetery. What an emotional experience! We found Joseph and young Samuel's graves, but couldn't find Jane's grave. I believe we discussed this with you when we visited the museum. I would so love to know where Jane Gladney (Amos' mom) is buried. There was a gap between Joseph and Samuel's graves. Could Jane possibly be buried there and her stone is just missing? If any of the family can tell me any of this information I would greatly appreciate it. To me Jane is not just a person I portray...she is my mother.

Carol and I also found Samuel Gladney's grave. We were traveling and came upon a sign for Mt. Jackson. She felt compelled to take the exit. She said she thought she had read that there was a large Confederate field hospital there during the war. We came upon the site of it pretty quickly and pulled over. As she was looking acrossed the street to where the hospital had been, I was drawn to a statue and a plaque on my side of the road. As I walked up to it I began reading that on this ground Confederate soldiers who had died at the field hospital were buried and the name Samuel Gladney jumped out at me. He had been wounded at Cedar Creek. We had found Samuel's grave. I'm not sure of his relationship to Amos in real life (possibly a cousin?), but I had made him Amos' older brother in my reenacting life. It was an emotional discovery. I would love to know if and how the Samuel Gladney that was wounded (and eventually died from his wounds) at the battle of Cedar Creek was related to Amos Gladney.

Well Pelham, by now you have to be getting tired of reading this. Sorry to droan on. This, the whole Amos Gladney thing, is kind of an obsession with me. His decendents I'm sure will think I'm nuts. I can't say that I'd blame them. It's very real to me though and I guess I'll never know for sure until I die....again. Because, to quote an old friend, "You don't get to see the whole movie until you die."

I will greatly appreciate any information at all that they might have about Amos and his family. Could you ask them if by

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