

Descendants of Richard II and Jane Strong

Gladney Gram

35th Year—Issue 2

2012 Reunion By Terry Burkemper

Get ready for the 2012 reunion!

Plans are pretty much made for the annual Gladney Reunion which will be held on Friday (July 27) through Sunday (July 29). We are looking forward to "showing" you what we have to offer in the Midwest. A block of rooms has been set up at the Troy Super 8 in Troy, Missouri. Their phone number is 636-528-6888. Be sure to tell them you are with the Gladney's in America to get your room for \$75.00 per night. They have a pool and breakfast is included. They are located just off of Highway 61 at 28 Turnbull Trail, Troy, Missouri, 63379.

We will have a welcome reception in the hotel breakfast room on Friday evening, July 27th. That will be from 5:00-8:00pm with light refreshments. A chance to say hello and see who is there.

Plans are to depart Saturday morning



around 8:30a.m. and head to the Troy City Cemetery. Clarence Sidney and Ima Grace Barrett Gladney (Charles Sidney's parents) and Delphia Gladney Raney (Clarence's sister) are buried here. From there we will proceed to the Karl Shannon Farm where the Gladney Cemetery is located. Hopefully, by 11:00 or so we will be at the Mount Zion ARP church. Everyone is invited to join us for a picnic under the shade trees. Charles Sidney, family, and friends are providing a picnic lunch for all at no additional cost to attendees. It will be a great time to meet more of the Gladney family—from near and far!

For those who want to see more of our area of the country, there will be a tour of a working farm and equipment and/or a trip a little farther north to Lock & Dam # 24 at Clarksville, Missouri. There you can see the mighty Mississippi close up and how the barges move through the upper part of the river. You can stand within feet of the boats as they go through the lock.

The Saturday evening banquet will be served at Stefanina's, located in Troy. They will provide a very comfortable setting and a buffet style meal. We will provide the address and directions at the reunion. They are handicap accessible. Just a side note—this building was previously occupied by the Catholic church in Troy. I went to church there once and you can still see parts of the church upstairs! The guest speaker will talk

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Family Updates

You may notice that there are many obituaries included in this issue. This is due to the fact that I sent the last Gladney Gram to everyone on my mailing list. Several were returned with no forwarding address. I investigated the reasons and, unfortunately, found that several had passed. I did further research and found the obituaries.

DEATHS

Betty Gladney Dobbs slipped from this earth into the loving arms of Jesus on Friday, December 19, 2008, at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian. She was born on February 2, 1934, the only child of Howard and Mavis Gladney of Weir, Mississippi. She attended Weir High School and Business College in Jackson. She was employed by BellSouth Telephone Company for a number of years. She also taught Kindergarten and served as Secretary at First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Her greatest love and effort was devoted to being a full partner in ministry to her pastor-husband as she served with him in the churches to which God directed them during a ministry of more than 50 years. However, her ministry extended well beyond the local church. She served for four years as Vice President of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi. She also participated in more than two dozen international short-term volunteer mission projects in countries on five continents.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Eugene Dobbs of Philadelphia, Mississippi; daughters, Janice (Dwain) Kinard of Spanish Fort, AL and Rita (Scotty) Goldman of Prattville, AL; granddaughters, Rachel Kinard and Laura Goldman.

A service of worship and praise in celebration of her life is scheduled for 11 AM on Monday, December 22, 2008 at First Baptist

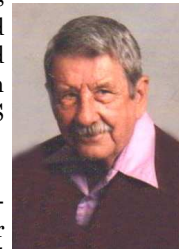
Church of Philadelphia, MS. Dr. Dan Howard will officiate. Burial will follow in Eastlawn Cemetery under the direction of McClain-Hays Funeral Home. Visitation will be 3 PM-6 PM today, December 21, 2008 at McClain-Hays Funeral Home in Philadelphia.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Gamblin, Gary Keen, Stan Yates, Willie Jackson, Billy Martin, John McCormick, Marcus Peagler, Charles Davis, Bobby Winstead and Robert Cox. In keeping with her intense love for missions, memorials may be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions at a local Baptist Church or to the Children's Village of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Burial: Eastlawn Cemetery, Philadelphia, Mississippi, Neshoba County, Mississippi, USA

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Emry "E.G." Gladney Kerr (11/27/1922-11/8/2008), 85, of Somerville, Texas died November 8, 2008 at Central Texas Veteran's Health Care System in Temple. He retired from Southern Pacific and is a veteran of the United States Navy, having served during World War II from 1944 to 1946 on the USS Antietam.



E. G. was in the Vidor Volunteer Fire Department for many years where he served as Fire Chief in 1964 and 1966. He was a builder, an outdoorsman and a hunter. He enjoyed history and traveling the United States in pursuit of historical details and beautiful scenery. He loved America. He reveled in the companionship of family and friends. Above all, he was a man of integrity.

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about the early settling of the area. We have set 6:30 pm for meal time. It maybe a little later, but we want to give everyone time for traveling in the afternoon.

We'll meet Sunday morning at 8:30 in the parking lot of the motel for a final goodbye. If you would like to attend one of the local churches, we can get times for you.

We are very excited to welcome everyone to Missouri. Let us know if we can help you with information about our state or the area!

See you in Missouri!!!

Editor's Note: The cost for the reunion this year is only \$30 per person. The registration form is included in this Gladney Gram. Tim Johnson has already added it to the family website gladneys.org. All forms and payments should be sent to C. Wallace Gladney in Baton Rouge (address is at the top of the form).

Endowed Scholarships Flourishing at Northwest Mississippi Community College

by Sarah Sapp

Members of the family of Ross and Lucile Robison were recently honored by the Northwest Mississippi Community College Foundation for the establishment of The Ross and Lucile Robison endowment. The endowment was established by the Robisons' children, Mike Robison, Joan Robison Rogers, and Nancy Robison Loftin.

On hand to receive a plaque of appreciation from Dr. Gary Lee Spears (far right), president of Northwest, and Dr. Robert L. Smith, Jr. (far left), president of the Northwest Foundation board of Directors, were Dr. John Loftin and wife, Nancy, Joan



Robison Rogers, Mike Robison, and Lauren Loftin Yates, all of Hernando, MS.

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Ross Collins Robison

Ross C. Robison was born on December 1, 1913 and passed away in March 2010. Ross was a resident of Hernando, Mississippi at the time of his passing.

In 1932 he started college at Mississippi State.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lucile.

Funeral services were held at Hernando United Methodist Church where he was a long time member. A brief visitation was held in the sanctuary prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m. Memorials may be given to Hernando United Methodist Church or Wesley Meadows Retirement Community.

Lucile McCann Robison

Lucile was born on June 6, 1915 and passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2005 at 89 years of age. Lucile was a descendant of Samuel Gladney. She married Ross Robison on September 9, 1936.

At the time of her death, she was a resident of Hernando, Mississippi.

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Emry Gladney Kerr is survived by his wife, Laura Kerr; children, Julia Glenn and her husband Michael, Linda Hodde and her husband Dean, Madeline Kerr and Delbert Kerr; ten grandchildren, Toni Strack, Rob Corrigan, Jessica Glenn, Ryan Glenn, Jason Richey, Nicky Overstreet, Amy Butler, Dillon Swarengin, Melissa Brinkley, and Kristopher Kerr; nine great grandchildren, Alexandra Strack, Victoria Strack, Veda Sinclair, Kirsten Overstreet, Dylan Overstreet, Bryce Butler, Joseph Brinkley, Ivy Brinkley and William Brinkley; step children, Alan Nanco, Nancy Fernandez, Cherie Grajeda and Raquel Wilson; and his siblings, Helen Heller, Douglas Kerr and David Kerr. He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Priscilla Kerr; sister, Lorene Kerr; and brothers, Haywood B. Kerr and Robert V. Kerr, Sr.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at Broussard's, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont. A gathering of family and friends will be 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Monday evening November 10, 2008 at the mortuary. Cremation arrangements are held under the direction of Broussard's, North Major Drive, Beaumont.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vidor Firefighter's Association, 165 E. Railroad, Vidor, Texas 77662.

Submitted by Julia Kerr Glenn 1/23/2012

Robert "Bob" Kerr, Sr. (7/9/1928-10/10/2007), 79, of Sour Lake, died Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at Senior Rehabilitation of Port Arthur. Bob was born July 9, 1928 to Everett and Priscilla (Gordon) Kerr in McCool, Mississippi. He lived most of his life in Har-



din County and retired from Hardin County Precinct 4 as constable after sixteen years of service.

Bob served as Hardin County Commissioner for two years and deputy sheriff for over four years under Sheriff Billy Paine and Sheriff Mike Holzapfel. During this time he also worked as a heavy equipment operator for Operators Local 450 Union. Bob's service to Hardin County was over 22 years.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Vanette Young and her husband Charles of Bridge City; sons, Robie Kerr of Conroe, and Ken Kerr of Atascocita; brothers, Gladney Kerr of Lyons, David Kerr of Valley View, and Doug Kerr of Vidor; sister, Helen Heller of Sutherland, Virginia; grandchildren, Trey Smith, Michael Smith, Van Kerr, and Sarah Kerr; great grandson Bryce Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 13, 2007 at Broussard's, 530 W. Monroe, Kountze. A gathering of family and friends will be Friday, October 12, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bob's memory to Parkinson's Foundation, 1501 N. West Ninth Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136.

Submitted by Julia Kerr Glenn 1/23/2012

David Lane Kerr, 74, of Valley View, Texas passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton with his family by his side, after a long battle with cancer. He was born August 27, 1936 in Weir, MS to Everette Gladney Kerr and Alice Priscilla Gordon Kerr. He married Joyce Williams on July 23, 1958 in Beaumont. She preceded him in death on May 31, 2010.



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David began riding horses at a very young age and had a huge passion for horses. He spent his life raising, training and breeding quarter horses. Although his journey included racing, reining, halter, pleasure and cutting, he particularly loved cutting horses. He was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the National Cutting Horse Association. He had a successful career as a horse trainer. He bred and trained several world and national champions.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 17, 2011 from 5 to 7 pm at DeBerry Funeral Directors. Funeral service will be Monday, April 18, 2011 at 11 am at Midway Baptist Church in Aubrey with Rev. Sam Redfearn officiating. Burial will follow at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey.

He is survived by daughters, Debbie Jones and husband, Randy of Pilot Point, Darla Wood and husband, Mike of Aubrey, Laura Evans and husband, Greg of Pilot Point; sons, Jerry Kerr and wife, Cathy of Walnut Springs, Danny Kerr of Denton; 5 grandchildren, Chelsea Wood, Delaney Jones, Jordan Jones, Kailee Wood and Garrett Evans; sister, Helen Heller of Sutherland VA; brother, Douglas Kerr of Vidor. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joyce Kerr; brothers, Gladney Kerr, Robert Kerr, Haywood Kerr and sister, Lorene Kerr.

Submitted by Julia Kerr Glenn on 1/23/2012

- - NOTE: Included in this Gladney Gram is an article provided by Julie Kerr Glenn containing further information on the Kerr family. - -

Helen M. Gladney Deniger, age 85, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, died Monday morning, September 18, 2006 at Evergreen Retirement Community. She was born on April 27, 1921 in Beaver Dam, WI to Henry Gladney and Ella McCarthy Gladney. Helen married Clarence Deniger on June 10, 1941 in Beaver

Dam and he preceded her in death on February 17, 1989.

Burial: Saint Peters Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Dodge County, Wisconsin, USA

As printed in the *Oshkosh Northwestern*, September 21, 2006.

Isabel C. Luck, 87, of Troy died of natural causes on Sept. 13, 2007, at Lincoln County Medical Center. She was born July 20, 1920, to John C. "J.C." and Reba N. (Gladney) Gentry in Paynesville.

Mrs. Luck had worked for the Lincoln County Highway Department before retiring in 1991. She had previously worked at the Lincoln County Courthouse since the 1950's in the offices of the assessor, recorder of deeds, collector of revenue, and county clerk. Genealogy was one of her hobbies.

She is survived by three sons, Joel W. Luck, Gary H. Luck and Lyndon R. Luck, all of Troy; two sisters, Eileen Smith of Louisiana and Lynda L. Galloway of Moscow Mills, MO; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Kemper Luck whom she married in Lincoln County in 1940; her parents; three sisters: Dasarine Sitton, Ruth E. Bryant and Betty Finley; and one granddaughter.

Services were Sept. 17 at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home in Troy with burial in Mill Creek Cemetery in Silex, MO.

Memorials may be to Mill Creek Cemetery c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home, 1304 Boone St., Troy, MO 63379.

Louise Trussell Norris Gladney ended more than 96 years of valuable and joyful living on Saturday, January 17. Her busy and useful life was closely involved with many aspects of

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the community. Many from this area knew her through her valuable work during her years as head of the home economics department at Rayville High School where she instilled service and joy in living as an integral part of her curriculum. Her personal endorsement of a useful and optimistic life greatly influenced the young people in her charge, and was reflected by her service in the adult world of church and community.

Florence Louise Trussell was born to Ivy and Frank Trussell at their farm/home north of Simsboro, La. She was reared in the family/church community of Antioch, where self-reliance, personal integrity and concern for one's neighbors were nurturing characteristics – all of which became part of Louise herself.

Her college degree was from Louisiana Polytechnic University, and she married Homer Norris of Ruston soon after. With World War II, Homer was inducted into the Army, not returning until the War ended. A few years later, the family moved to Rayville and built their home on Julia Street.

In 1949, Louise began her teaching career at Rayville High School, earning much praise for her devoted work. She was revered by her students, and earned accolades from the State Home Economics Association, including State President in 1967 and also the Louisiana Vocational Association Award in the same year.

Throughout her busy life, Louise was also involved with promoting improvements in the church, school and community, giving tirelessly of her time and energy.

Her home was open to many who shared these interests. Louise was indeed cherished by her community for the service and value of her life. Another voice adds, "And she was always a lot of fun!"

Though the area is saddened by her passing

as it was enriched by her service, the strongest feeling is that of gratitude for having been rewarded by her life

Printed in Richland Beacon-News on January 28, 2009

Mary Elizabeth Meadows Utt Bishop ~ Age 96, passed away on February 22, 2011 surrounded by her family. An accomplished poet, artist, historian and writer, Mary was born February 21, 1915 to Rev. and Mrs. Claude Meadows. She was preceded in death by parents; also brother, Claude Meadows, Jr.; sister, Val Lake; husband George Utt and husband, David Bishop.



Mrs. Bishop is survived by daughter, Julie Utt Ford and husband Richard; granddaughters, Wendi Kesler and husband David; Meredith Webb and husband Brian; great-grand children, Brandon, Courtney and Ben Kesler, Tyler, Campbell and Preston Webb, and twin sisters, Chris Allen and Ernie Bolton.

Viewing allowed Friday, February 25 from 3:00-8:00pm at Restland Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 26 at 1:00PM at Fellowship Bible Church Dallas, 9330 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75231. Reception lunch to follow at the Kesler home. Donations may be made to Fellowship Bible Dallas.

KERR BROTHERS

By Julia Kerr Glenn

Emry Gladney Kerr (1922 - 2008), retired railroad station agent

Robert Van Kerr (1928 - 2007), retired law enforcement

David Lane Kerr (1936 - 2011), retired horse trainer, breeder, and competitor

In addition to being a railroad agent, my father, Emry Gladney Kerr, was one of the first fire chiefs in Vidor, Texas. I called the people at the fire department to get the years in which he was the chief, and they offered to participate in the funeral. It was really nice. They had the fireman's hat and coat on display near the casket, and a man "standing guard" at the foot of the casket from the time my dad arrived until the services were over. They also had a fire truck parked outside the funeral home.

BTW, my dad was called Gladney, or sometimes E.G., rarely Emry. When I was living in L.A., CA, one of my co-workers (Southern Pacific RR) was on a business trip to Houston. While there he was going to call on my dad to say hello. When at the headquarters in Houston, he asked how to find my dad, also working for SPRR. My friend said "His name is Kerr, but I don't know his first name." Someone chimed in "It's *Mister*." You can't get the significance from this small note, but it was a mark of the man he was. Railroad workers, even management, call each other by their last name, but he was always referred to as "Mister Kerr" by everyone, even his bosses.

My uncle Bob, Robert Van Kerr, was a constable in Hardin Co., TX, for a few years, I'm not sure how many years. Then he ran for office as County Commissioner and served one or two terms. Then he hired on as Special Investigator for Hardin Co. Sheriff's office

where he worked for four years. When election time came around, he ran for Constable again, and won, serving until his retirement. His obit says he served Hardin Co., TX for 22 years. At one time before his death, he told me he had been in law enforcement for 34 years. He was a great lawyer, and an equally good politician. The Hardin Co. Sheriff's Dept was in attendance at Bob's funeral.

Uncle David, David Lane Kerr, was an exceptional horseman. From his obit: "He spent his life raising, breeding and training quarter horses. Although his journey included racing, reining, halter, pleasure and cutting, he particularly loved cutting horses. He was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, and trained several world and national champions." I don't know if you've ever seen anyone work a cutting horse, but it is beautiful and breathtaking sight.

David was transported to the cemetery in a old time horse drawn coach, pulled with two matched horses and a driver in black suit with tails and top hat, with the attendees walking along behind, just like in olden days. In the photo, the hearse seems to be riding on the tracks. In reality, the hearse is riding on a road on the other side of the tracks.



There is a really good chance that we will be at the 2012 Reunion. My husband's family is from Missouri. The reunion gives us a chance to combine both visits. The first Gladney reunion I attended was in the St. Louis area, probably 15 years ago. Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.



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Cathy's Corner

I've been reading this morning. Not a novel or a biography but, instead, the newspaper. And, not just any newspaper. These newspapers were last read by my mother, Vera Gladney Stone, who passed away in 1975 at the age of only 53. The first paper I came across was the *Newnan Times* printed on December 21, 1961. This was the first one for a reason. She couldn't bear to throw it away because my brother's name was in it. Ronald Hoyt Stone passed away on December 13, 1961 in a car accident on Hwy. 29 north which, at that time, was the main road from Newnan to Atlanta (no interstate at that time). He had attended a car race in Atlanta and was on his way home. His friend, Larry, was also killed. My cousin was the only survivor but, he doesn't talk about it.

I also came across papers that had headlines regarding men walking on the moon (imagine that) accompanied by a very grainy black and white photo showing the United States flag in permanent windblown pose, the death of Ike (former President Dwight David Eisenhower), a slightly known Jimmy Carter as he passed through Newnan on his first campaign for Governor of Georgia, the transfer of 800 black and white teachers into schools of the oppo-

site race and their reactions, references to "long haired hippies" and local marriage, birth, and death announcements. Also of note were some of the ads like a newfangled refrigerator freezer with an "automated ice maker" that would eliminate those "pesky ice trays sticking to the bottom of the freezer", a whole living room suite for \$269.00, butter for 10 cents per pound, and sirloin steak for \$1.18 per pound. I read the entire article about the tear gas canisters that were brought through Newnan by train (they would eventually end up being dumped in the ocean). One of the old *Atlanta Journal Constitution* newspapers had a logo under the front page banner that said "Covering Dixie Like The Dew".

I was enjoying reading so much but, I took a break to write this so that I wouldn't forget any of the details. I am now about to be 53 years old like my mother was when she passed away. Also like her, I started saving big event newspapers for my children when I married. It probably isn't appreciated right now but, I have a feeling that when our son hits 53 years old he, like me, will have a little tear in his eyes and thank me and the grandma he never got to meet for saving those very precious moments of life for him to relive at his leisure.