



Gladney

Descendants of Richard II & Jane Wilson Gladney

Gladney Gram

Editor: Cathy Newman

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Judy Whitesell

Hello everyone! I feel I must begin by saying that I hope you all are well, safe, and dry. Over the last few weeks, there has been a lot of cause for concern in our country. There have been hurricanes, floods, and fires. As we watch the news and see these challenges, we remember family members who live in the areas affected and our thoughts and prayers are with them. It's difficult to look for the good in these disasters, but we must continue to be thankful. My heart is full when I see everyday heroes coming to the aid of others. Just a few weeks ago, the news was reporting the unrest and division between many of our citizens. With the current conditions, I believe the opposite is shining through. No, I don't wish hardships on anyone, but I am proud of the way our citi-

zens have come together to help one another regardless of political views, religion, ethnicity, or financial independence. We are the United States!

On another note, thank you to everyone who attended the reunion in Winnsboro in July. We welcomed several new family members and enjoyed renewing friendships with those who've attended before. We had a group of family members who went to the cemetery on Friday morning and cleaned the monuments, and a few who braved the beautiful Saluda River for a kayak tour in the afternoon.

The absolute highlight of the weekend was having Len Strozier of Omega Mapping. The family had commissioned Len to "map" our cemetery using ground penetrating radar. He generously explained how his equipment worked and demonstrated it during our visit to the cemetery. At our Saturday evening dinner, he shared the results of his efforts with us. Len found 27 unmarked graves and flagged them. He was able to tell whether each of those was adults or children based on the length of each. He's suggested that we mark the graves permanently with a stainless-steel marker. Noting the location of each, we may be able to identify some of them by using the information we already have and the proximity of other graves around each.

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FAMILY UPDATES

DEATHS

PATRICIA PAYTON GLADNEY

ASKEW, age, 80, of Senoia, Georgia, slipped gently into eternal life on May 30, 2017 at her home in Senoia, GA. Coincidentally, her earthly life had also begun on May 30, 1937. She was the only child of the late William Floyd and Edna Grace Garner Payton of Newnan. She is survived by her husband of over 30 years, Millard Todd Askew. She is survived, also, by her daughter Donna Lynn Gladney and Millard's daughters Kimberly Ann Weisenberger and Dorothy Diane Toney. There is a large extended family of grandchildren and great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.



Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the family received friends on Friday evening, June 2, 2017, between 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home and will be led by Brother Adam Grant. Interment will be Oak Hill Cemetery, Newnan, Georgia, beside her parents. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

Editor's Note: I received the following letter in the mail on Monday, August 21, 2017 from Kathy Rhodes of Lincoln, CA. Following the letter are the obituaries of her parents.

Dear Mrs. Newman,

My name is Kathy Rhodes and I'm the youngest daughter of JP and Ivy Rhodes. The latest copy of the Gladney Gram sent to my parents was forwarded to me.

This is to let you know that both of them have passed away. JP died on July 8, 2015 and Ivy died on September 21, 2016. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of their obituaries.

I apologize for not notifying you earlier about JP but, I was care giving for Ivy.

Sincerely,
Kathy Rhodes

JAMES "JIM" PRESTON

(JP) RHODES Born May 4, 1927 to Preston Gable Rhodes and Edna Mary Gladney Rhodes (Richard Gladney line) in Winters, California, passed away July 8, 2015 in North Highlands, California at the age of 88. On June 25, 2015, Jim celebrated 66 years of wedded bliss to his wife, Ivy. He was preceded in death by daughter, Beverly, parents Preston and Edna, sister, Patricia and brother, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Ivy, son, Warren, daughter, Kathy, brothers Rod, Larry, and Tom, 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren along with numerous nephews, nieces and friends. Jim and Ivy were founding members of the St. Stephens Presbyterian Church in North Highlands, California where they were members for about 60 years.



Jim worked as a diesel mechanic, an Iceman with Pacific Fruit Express and for 38 years

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as a Lineman/Switchman at the telephone company (Ma Bell, Pac Bell, and AT&T). He served in WWI with the U.S. Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and in the U.S. Army.

A Memorial Service followed by a celebration of life gathering was held at the Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church, 5839 Dewey Drive, Citrus Heights, CA, on August 18, 2015, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Burial/Cremation: Mount Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, Sacramento County, California.

IVY LOUISE ALLEN RHODES Born July 19, 1929 to Bryant Jessie Allen and Ada Martitia Whitworth Allen, in Greensboro, North Carolina and passed away peacefully September 21, 2016, in her home in North Highlands, California at the age of 87. Growing up, Ivy lived in North Carolina, Virginia, and Los Angeles, California where she met her husband, Jim, of 66 years.



Ivy worked as a Dance Instructor for Arthur Murray Dance Studios of Los Angeles and as a Telephone Company Mail Clerk before becoming a Homemaker.

Ivy is preceded in death by her husband Jim, daughter Beverly, parents Bryant and Ada, brother Charles, sister Irene, uncles, aunts and a nephew. She is survived by her son Warren, daughter Kathy, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, relatives, extended family, and friends. Ivy and Jim were founding members of the St. Stephens Presbyterian Church where they were members for about 60 years. Ivy was also one of the original volunteers of the North Highlands Harvest Time

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GROUND PENETRATING RADAR PROPOSAL

The Board of Directors unanimously requested that Mr. Len Strozier of Omega Mapping perform GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) on our original Gladney Cemetery. Our President, Judy Whitesell, requested a quote and proposal from Mr. Strozier. The contents of the document received from his are shown below:

PURPOSE

Client requests a Price Proposal for Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and other mapping services for the Gladney Family Cemetery of Winnsboro, South Carolina. The purpose of this contract is to honor the heritage of the community and ensure any unmarked burials and any sub-surface obstacles in the acreage are duly noted for future reference. No archeological excavation of any GPR discovery is requested at this time.

SCOPE

This historic, active, family cemetery measures approximately .30 acre. For permanent identification purposes, scaled, rendering maps will be drawn noting the above ground landmarks, trees, pathways, fencing etc.

Unknown burials will be discovered by Ground Penetrating Radar, marked with surveyor flags and noted on digital maps. A cemetery roster of known burials is also requested.

TASKS

In advance the cemetery committee will clear debris, remove low hanging limbs and cut the grass as close as feasible from the designated areas to be scanned with Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). Scaled render-

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2017 REUNION RECAP

By Cathy Newman

After several hours on the road yesterday, Sunday, July 30, 2017, we arrived back home from the reunion at around 4PM. There was construction in progress on I-20 East but, we were able to bypass much of it by paying attention to a phone app that my son uses. It's called WAZE. Travelers place markers on a map to indicate different types of warnings to other travelers. The markers range from "Hazard: Object in road" to "Accident Ahead" to "Hazard: Dead Stop". Much to my husband's delight, it kept me well entertained all the way to Blythewood and back. I don't travel well. I hold on to the door handle when I see brake lights in front of us, no matter how far away we are. This comes from losing a son in a car accident. I just can't seem to shake it. But, with this app, I wasn't watching quite so closely.

This year's reunion was a bit smaller than last year as is the trend. We need to get people interested again. Young people, in particular, would have had a ball this year. Judy and Jim Whitesell and their family had several outings planned including a kayak trip down the Saluda River. I did not attend but, I understand that there were no mishaps and no accidental tip overs into the 55 degree water that comes from the bottom of the lake behind the Lake Murray Dam. A trip to the Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens as well as a ride in the air conditioned train car beginning at the South Carolina Train Museum in Winnsboro were also planned. Unfortunately, the train was not in service and the zoo trip was cancelled due to low demand.

A few of us arrived on Thursday afternoon/evening so that we could go to the old Gladney Cemetery to clean the headstones. They have been cleaned previously but, it was many years ago. Until we arrived on Friday, I didn't realize just how much they needed cleaning. We had discussed cleaning them in a couple of previous Board Meetings so when we heard about The Good Cemeterian, who goes to various cemeteries cleaning Veterans' tombstones, we decided to try it ourselves. The cleaner he uses is called D/2 Biological Solution and is safe for all types of stone as well as wood, metal, and even canvas. It contains no bleach, no detergent, no scent, and no color. He has a Facebook page and is also shown cleaning stones on YouTube videos. Present to clean were Judy and Jim Whitesell (who managed to supply 250 gallons of water for rinsing), Terry and Gene Burkemper, Cindy and Fred Stellar, Dan and Judy Gladney, Tonnie Adams, Wally Gladney, Lucy McClurg, John Byce, my husband, Jimmy, and myself.

It was hot and sticky but, we all worked together and the job was complete in three hours. We left for lunch, locking the gate behind us. We ate lunch and went back to the cemetery to see Mr. Len Strozier as he performed the GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) on our Gladney Cemetery. He is a very personable individual and took time to gather us and explain exactly what he was looking for and showed us on the screen what an old, unmarked burial looks like on the radar. He found twenty-six unmarked burials in our .3 acre site. Using only my sketchy memory, he found five children and twenty-two adults. There were only three burials in caskets, one child in a metal casket at the feet of her mother and an adult and a child in wooden boxes. The other twenty-one found were buried in shrouds

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(wrapped in blankets or cloth). The burials that he found were unknown and unmarked. He placed a flag on each one at about the belt buckle area. The Board has set aside \$200 to purchase 4" square stainless steel markers with long stakes to permanently mark these graves. As Mr. Strozier told us, "They have not been on the map for 200 years. We have now put these people back on the map." Researchers may even be able to find the identity of them.

We enjoyed a light dinner on Friday night. We gathered in the breakfast area of the Holiday Inn Express in Blythewood, SC and were able to talk to our hearts' content. Present at the Friday evening event were: Terry and Gene Burkemper, Tonnie Adams, Dan and Judy Gladney, Tim Johnson, Timmy Johnson, Wally and Deen Gladney, Hope Gregg Spillane, Judy and Jim Whitesell, Jenna Whitesell Carter, Janice and George Sakash, Lucy McClurg, John Byce, Del Lomax Thomsen and Roy Sabean, Dan Pannell, Jimmy and Cathy Newman.

Early on Saturday, a group took the trip to the cemetery, the Old Rock Church, Old Rock House, and the Old Brick. This group included: Terry and Gene Burkemper, Wally Gladney, Tonnie Adams, Judy and Jim Whitesell, Dan and Judy Gladney, Dan Pannell, Tim Johnson, Timmy Johnson, and Jimmy and Cathy Newman.

We then proceeded to the Fairfield County Museum to see the Gladney Family Bibles. They have been restored and are permanently stored in acid free clamshell

boxes. Any info or photos can be viewed on the provided CD's by visitors. Pelham Lyles conducted a tour through the museum.

After leaving the museum, we normally go to a country restaurant down the street but, they were closed for vacation. Dan and Judy found the City of Winnsboro BBQ House. They seated our large group immediately in our own room. They had a variety of barbecue plates as well as sandwiches. One item that threw us was a side item called "hash and rice". I thought of corned beef hash. This hash is nothing like we thought. We asked the owner and he said he would bring us a sample. While he was gone, we looked it up on Google. Here is the definition I found: "an efficient way to use up an entire pig, including the organ meat (sometimes called offal, this includes the liver, heart, skin, and head), extra fat, and the smoky connective tissue that is left over after the body has been thoroughly pulled out. The meat is tossed with a variety of spices and cooked in a sauce of tomato, vinegar, mustard, ketchup, water, or some combination thereof. Potatoes are sometimes added as filler, and the end result is either left chunky or blended in a food processor. Hash is usually served over rice or grits." Nope, everybody said, Nope. But, he brought the sample, actually half a plate of the hash and rice. I was elected to go first. I guess I just look like I eat any and every thing. I took a bite and it was really good. It is like a thicker version of Brunswick Stew with some mustard based barbecue sauce added. Everybody else tasted it and several of us ordered it with our food.

Everyone was on their own after lunch until the Banquet which started at 6:30pm.

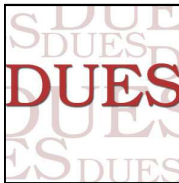
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DUES PAYABLE IN JULY

Gladney Family Association dues are \$15.00 per year per Gladney descendent and are payable in July. Dues cover all descendents living in the same household. Any child living on their own should also pay dues.

Dues are used not only to pay costs associated with getting this newsletter to the members. They are mainly used for the normal maintenance of our original Gladney Cemetery in Winnsboro, SC as well as any special projects such as headstone repair that may be deemed necessary. Other projects, like the preservation of our two Gladney Bibles in the Winnsboro Museum, have also been paid by dues. All payments should be sent to our Treasurer at:

Mrs. Terry Burkemper
24259 Lawson Hill Lane
Brashear, MO 63533



that contain a large portion of the Big Blue Book names. The trees are each about four feet wide and eight feet high. Everyone was in awe at the amount of work that he put into these creations and we enjoyed finding our family on them. Thank you so much, Wally. We appreciate it.



Present at the Saturday banquet were: Judy and Jim Whitesell, Wally and Deen Gladney, Hope and Bill Spillane, Cathy and Jimmy Newman, Terry and Gene Burkemper, Dan Pannell, Lucy McClurg, John Byce, Dan and Judy Gladney, Janice and George Sakash, Tim Johnson, Timmy Johnson, Ken W. Dennis, Del Lomas Thomsen, Roy Sabeen, Tonnie Adams, Cindy and Fred Stellar, Ray and Darlene Holeman (friends of Del Lomax Thomsen), and two special guests, Mr. Leonard Strozier (GPR Specialist), and Mr. Buddy Stevenson. Buddy Stevenson's family owns the original Gladney land and deeded the cemetery land to our Family Association. We are forever grateful to them for this act of love and preservation.

On Sunday, a few of us gathered by the pool to talk a little and give blessings for our family and for a safe trip home for everyone.

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We walked into the room and there was Judy Whitesell in all her glory instructing us to go ahead and fix our plates and have a seat. She and her husband, Jim, had prepared a Low Country Boil which contains shrimp, potatoes, and small corn on the cob as well as a pork roast, boiled potatoes, Arkansas Green Beans, salad with all the fixins, and three desserts. We all introduced ourselves and told a little about ourselves. Wally Gladney has made three family trees, one for each original Gladney brother (Richard, Samuel, and Thomas),

**GLADNEYS IN AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES OF
JULY 29, 2017**

The GIA Board Meeting was held July 29, 2017 in the breakfast room of Holiday Inn Express Blythewood, SC at 1600 hours.

ATTENDEES:

Wally Gladney, KY
Cathy Newman, GA
Tim Johnson, KY
Judy Whitesell, SC
Janice Sakash, SC
Terry Burkemper, MO
Dan Pannell, TX
Tonnie Adams, GA
Dan Gladney, FL

President, Judy Whitesell, opened the meeting with comments about fees to Omega Mapping. Mapping of the Gladney Cemetery in Winnsboro consisted of .3 acres with fee being \$2,075. Judy thanked the Board for allowing this service to be performed.

Minutes of the 2016 Board meeting accepted as written with correction that the 2018 Reunion will be a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Gladneys' arrival in Charleston marking the beginning of Gladneys In America.

Treasurer Report—Terry Burkemper reported all is well and final report shall be presented to the Board as soon as possible as additional revenues and expenses are expected along with a liability expense to Omega Mapping.

Secretary Report—IRS accepted filing Form 990n for GIA fiscal year 2015.

Old Business – Many Thanks expressed to the Whitesell family for their donation of hard work and time put into making the Gladney Cemetery look the best it has in years. Judy and Jim have agreed to continue the maintenance of the Cemetery for a while longer.

After much discussion on a payment method for dues and reservations, such as using PayPal, this item was tabled for future discussion. Jim Whitesell spoke to this Board on why and how his business uses PayPal.

New Business-VP Janice Sakash spoke on plans for the 2018 Reunion in Charleston. As Charleston is a much visited location, persons should expect much more expense for hotel rooms, meals, and GIA meeting room. Many locations were mentioned. Janice will try to finalize hotel location for this Board as soon as possible.

Also, in an effort to hold expenses down, it was mentioned that Friday arrival be presented as reception only. A list of attractions and events in and around the city would be provided to attendees.

Discussion made to send out emails asking GIA members about their interest in attending the Charleston reunion.

GIA 2018 reunion dates are to be announced. Janice will report to the Board via email on hotels and dates.

In other business, the Board agreed to a \$100 donation to the Fairfield County Museum.

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THANK YOU!!!

The Descendants of Richard II and Jane Gladney would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations to our efforts. Whether it was monetary, cleaning supplies, and/or man power, thank you. We couldn't have gotten so much accomplished if it hadn't been for all of you! We were all amazed at how well the cleaning went on the headstones. We thank everyone for their efforts to help preserve our cemetery. It is amazing what we will be able to pass on to future generations.

If you haven't paid dues or would like to make a donation, please send to:

Terry Burkemper, Treasurer
24259 Lawson Hill Lane
Brashear, MO 63533



ORDER BIG BLUE BOOK "GLADNEYS IN AMERICA"

To order a copy of the big blue Gladney book entitled "*Gladneys In America*", contact the publishing company directly. The cost is \$147.00 per hard bound book plus postage. The lead time on the hard back books is approximately four weeks.

If you are interested in a soft bound book, they are available. However, the binding machine has a height limit and the soft bound book would be in two separately bound sections. The cost is only \$12.00 less than the hard bound book at \$135.00 plus \$9.95 postage. The lead time on the two sections of the soft bound book is approximately two weeks.

There is a 40% discount (confirmed by Laura DaSilva) if you order five or more copies of the book. The entire order must be either hard bound or soft bound. They cannot be mixed and must be sent to the same address. You may want to order along with your siblings or cousins. You also may want to consider purchasing a book for donation to your local public library, historical society or genealogy group. The donation may be tax deductible, contact your tax professional.

Again, contact the book company directly and ask for the "*Gladneys In America*" book and specify whether you are ordering the hard bound or soft bound version.

The location and contact information has changed:

Higginson Book Company
10 Colonial Rd., Suite 5
P. O. Box 778
Salem, MA 09170
Phone: 978-745-7170
Email: Laura.HigginsonBooks@gmail.com
Hours: 10-4 ET, Mon-Fri

NOTE: Contact and pricing information updated on 9/14/2017 by Cathy Newman



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HAPPENINGS

Hannah Hock is a senior at Centennial High School in Burleson, Texas. In 2016, she was chosen to be a 2018 Senior Model for Kerri Brookins Photography. Hannah enjoys art, fashion, reading, and music. Upon graduation attending college and becoming a Psychologist. Hannah is the daughter of Leland and Kayla P. Hock and the granddaughter of Dan and Merilea Pannell and Flora Pannell.



Haley Hock is a Sophomore at Centennial High School in Burleson, Texas. She is a middle blocker on the Junior Varsity Volleyball team at CHS. Haley enjoys volleyball, listening to music, and taking care of her animals. Upon graduation, Haley plans on attending college and becoming an OB/GYN or an OB Nurse. Hannah is the daughter of Leland and Kayla P. Hock and the granddaughter of Dan and Merilea Pannell and Flora Pannell.



AUTUMN

By theteachersguide.com

As summer draws its final breath
 To prepare its curtain call
 The monarchs begin their epic trek
 To usher in the fall

The northern wind breathes out its chill
 As songs begin to hush
 And paints the trees upon the hill
 With its artist's brush

From green to red, orange and brown
 The trees discard their masks
 And lay them gently upon the ground
 For us to begin our tasks

Autumn makes way for winter's reign
 We bid farewell old friend
 Till summer's warmth begins to wane
 And fall returns again

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Storing the GIA Records was briefly discussed as no central location is available.

Present and past records are being held by the Gladney-Gram Editor, President, Treasurer, & Secretary.

Motion made and Board passed to purchase ground markers for each "unmarked" grave located by Omega Mapping. The markers are to be stainless steel, ground flush mounted, held in place by 12" spike, wording to be added such as "child" or "adult".

**GPR PROPOSAL** *(Continued from page 3)*

ings of each section will be collected noting existing landmarks. Then as much above ground and below ground discovery as possible will be collected and placed on maps, scaled renderings along with GPR discovery of potential burials. A cemetery roster will be created from burial information located on burial markers.

PROCEDURE

Ground Penetrating Radar Scanning will be done in all areas of the cemetery using the standard Utility Scan, a 400mhz, Geophysical Survey System (GSSI) antenna. The GPR scan will include all spaces in the active cemetery. The GPR project will be managed, from start to completion, by the site Supervisor.

Simultaneously onsite GPS scaled renderings will be collected, noting surface landmarks, including burial markers, slabs, pathways. Digital pictures (.jpg) of each burial marker in this will be collected and

stored to disc. To ensure a comprehensive rendering, satellite and ground photography will be utilized.

Later digital draftsmen will take this information collected onsite, blend it with the information into digitized fields (layers) using Vector Graphic software. These drawings will be of an overview and subsectional views of each area scanned.

Finally information from burial markers will be confirmed from burial markers and added to the digital renderings and collated into a database for easy identification of location of all interred in the church cemetery.

As much as feasible technicians will collect first name, middle initial, last name and veteran status from burial markers. A Cemetery Roster will be created from this data and the data collected.

At the conclusion of this process scaled drawings of the site will be submitted to the Cemetery Chair noting all GPR discovery and data collected. Final drawings will be presented on 36"x24" printed format. All final maps and data will be forwarded to the client in PDF format on CD disc to the client.

TIMELINE

Omega Mapping Services begins most GPR/Mapping projects 3-6 weeks from receipt of a signed Service Agreement and 50% Retainer from the client, weather permitting.

Drawings will be submitted to the Cemetery Chair within 120 days from final date

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of Field work, unless a specific due date is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
Len Stozier
OMEGA MAPPING SERVICES
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PRESIDENT (Continued from page 1)

Len also will provide us with GPS information and a photo of each headstone that we can add to our family webpage. He applauded the efforts of our association for making this a priority for anyone worldwide who may be interested in doing genealogical work connected to our family. When his work is completed, we will receive digital records that can be shared.

We have received donations to help offset the expenses of hiring Mr. Stozier, but would be thankful to accept additional monies. If you are interested, please forward your check to our treasurer, Terry Burkemper.

Janice and George Sakash will be our hosts next summer for the 250th anniversary of Gladneys In America. They have already been making plans to provide us with the most memorable experience. It is our hope and wish that YOU begin making plans now to join us in CHARLESTON, SC next July.

**FAMILY** (Continued from page 3)

group years ago and continued to be a member until her death. Ivy was a previous member of the Sacramento Camellia Society and most recently a member of the Northminister Presbyterian Church.

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CROCK POT BRUNSWICK STEW

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 onion (diced)
- 1 large can (or 2 small cans) tomato sauce
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can English peas, drained
- 1 can white meat chicken
- 1 can Castlebury barbecue pork
- 1 can Castlebury barbecue beef
- 1 can Castlebury Brunswick Stew
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire Sauce
- 5 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup Texas Pete hot sauce

Brown ground beef and onion. Drain well. Place all ingredients in crock pot on low for 4-6 hours.



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Those of you that have been attending the Gladney Reunion in Winnsboro for any length of time are very familiar with the name "Stevenson". Ed Stevenson and his wife, Mittie Lee Cannon Stevenson deeded the acreage containing the original Gladney Cemetery to the Gladney Family Association. Both have passed now and are buried in the Lebanon Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Cathy's Corner

Ed and Mittie's son, Buddy Stevenson, has become a very good personal friend of mine. We were talking and I asked how he is related to the Gladney family. I've always heard that the Stevensons are related but, I never knew how. Buddy also knew that we were related somehow but, not the specifics. So, I made it a challenge to find the connection. And find it I did.

Although it is not a direct blood line, Buddy is related to the Gladneys. According to Ancestry, - First, he is related through the Samuel line. His official relation is that Samuel is the "2nd great-grandfather of the wife of Buddy's second great-uncle". I told you it isn't a direct line!! Here is the line: Lonnie Edward (Buddy) Stevenson, Edward Lee Stevenson Jr. (1916-2010) son of David Edward Lee Stevenson (1887-1993), son of David Lee Stevenson (1863-1936) brother of John Beauregard Stevenson and son of James Weir Stevenson (1817-1888) father of John Beauregard Stevenson (1859-1909) husband of Alva Gertrude Gladney (1874-1943) daughter of Hugh Yongue Gladney, Jr. (1841-1883) son of Hugh Yongue Gladney, Sr. (1800-1856) son of Patrick "Paddy" Gladney (1762-1835) son of Samuel Gladney (1737-1799).

Welcome to the Clan, Buddy.