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## 2020 A NEW YEAR, NEW DECADE & NEW VIEW

Hello Gladneys in America! The Gladneys are all very grateful to Cathy Newman for her many great years of dedication producing the Gladney Gram, and I'd like to thank her for making this transition a smooth one for me to introduce a new look for our newsletter. As we change with the times of fast-paced technology, we are lucky to have a family website, a Facebook page, and emails to stay connected. I'll do my very best to continue sharing helpful historical and genealogical information, and tidbits of related interests for some of us newer members. Cathy's Corner will continue for her stories, so you'll hopefully get a double dose of fun from both of us.

Gladney descendant news and photos are welcome for sharing births, deaths, weddings, graduations, awards, promotions, poems, etc. Photographs are always welcome to put faces with names, as our families keep growing!

As a Gladney cousin born and raised in Longview, TX, I hope to offer a NEW VIEW to our family newsletter. My mother, Delores Meadows Lomax, was a genealogy and history fanatic and always told stories of our ancestors. What a delight it was driving coast to coast as a teenager with my parents navigating, and touring more than I ever counted cemeteries in the Old South, every state's historic sites, and meeting lots of folks who were always friendly and opened their homes and meals to us.



I learned the value of family history back through Meadows, Dudley, Russell, ... to Gladney... and that was just mom's side! She also delighted in doing family research in Salt Lake City while I was in college there at the University of Utah.

I'm really looking forward to some great times ahead getting to know lots more of my Gladney cousins, and especially this year DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS!

Lucretia Lomax Alvarez, your new Gladney Gram Editor



## GLADNEY REUNION IN FORT WORTH, TX

### TEXAS FUN!!!

Thursday- July 24

Check in & visit in hotel lobby

Friday- July 25

Bureau of Engraving/Printing

Welcome Party- Taco Bar

Saturday- July 26

Fort Worth Stockyards

Gladney Center for Adoption

Gladney Reunion Dinner- BBQ



### MEMBERSHIP INFO

#### Gladney Family Association

Dues are payable in July each year \$15 per Gladney descendant and his/her household. Dues help maintain the Gladney Cemetery in Winnsboro, SC and communicate with cousins via the Gladney Gram newsletter (printing and mailing). Keeping your dues paid also keeps you on the email list to receive the Gladney Gram newsletter. Sign up now to get all the most current news!

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DAN PANNELL

I'm getting excited! The 2020 Gladney reunion will be held in Fort Worth, Texas July 24 -26 at the Courtyard Fort Worth West by Cityview.

**Please make hotel reservations by June 23, 2020 by calling Marriott Reservations at 888-236-2427.**

**Be sure to say that you are with the Gladneys in America (for the Gladney Reunion) staying at the Courtyard Fort Worth West by Cityview located at 6400 Overton Ridge Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76132. The rate is \$105 per day with breakfast included.**

**Friday morning July 24<sup>th</sup>** I have a tour planned for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It's free and only open weekdays, so if at all possible arrive early enough to join us for the tour. I know you'll enjoy seeing where your money is printed. No, I don't think they give out free samples, but you can buy shredded money from them.

**Friday afternoon** venture out on your own to visit other Fort Worth attractions before the **Welcome Party 4-7 pm** at the hotel:

- The Fort Worth Zoo at 1989 Colonial Parkway, directly across from Colonial Country Club. \$5 parking and \$16 admission
- National Cowgirl Hall of Fame 1720 Gendy Street. \$12 Admission
- Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth has shopping, restaurants and nightly entertainment. Visit [SUNDANCESQUARE.COM](http://SUNDANCESQUARE.COM) for full details.
- In the Cultural District, just north of I-30 on Montgomery or University Drive you'll find the Kimball Art Museum, the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, and the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

**Saturday morning July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** we'll make a trip to the Historic Fort Worth Stock Yards. The Stockyards Museum is free, but they welcome donations. The museum is dedicated to the livestock and meat packing industry that began when the railroad arrived in 1876. There are lots of shops and restaurants in the Stockyards areas for you buy souvenirs and try some local cuisine. At **11:30 a.m.** we'll experience a longhorn cattle drive in the Stockyards. Yep, real longhorns, real cowboys. It's only about 15 or 20 minutes long.

**Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.** we'll visit the Gladney Center for Adoption. The center is normally closed on Saturday, but they have agreed to have us as their guests since we are the Gladney Family, so I have a special tour set up just for us. (See the list of items needed that we can take to present to them.)

**Saturday night at 6:00 p.m.** dinner at the hotel. One thing I know for sure, we're having Texas salad (photo left). Please register for the reunion as soon as possible, or by July 6 so we can plan for the right amount of food. It's going to be great, so you'll want a plate!

**Sunday morning** we gather casually at the hotel after breakfast for final farewells until 2021.

A special invitation to you or a family member that you think might like to be part of the Gladneys in America board. This year offers several positions with an emphasis on the Treasurer. We need you! If you are willing to serve, please email Dan Pannell at [ndpannell@aol.com](mailto:ndpannell@aol.com)



## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Our 2020 Gladneys in America membership has grown to approximately 300 members. Did you ever wonder which states are represented?

GA- 45  
 TX- 29  
 SC- 27  
 LA- 23  
 TN & MO- 18  
 CA- 17  
 AL & FL- 15  
 MS- 13  
 NC- 10  
 AZ- 5  
 AR, KY, NH, NY- 4  
 OR- 3  
 NM, OH, OK, PA- 2  
 CO, CT, ID, MD, MI, MN, SD,  
 VT, WV all came in with 1.  
 Ecuador 1  
 Ireland 1  
 Unknown 24

## The Gladney Center for Adoptions in Fort Worth needs items:

### New Items for babies in Gladney's Transitional Care:

Newborn Diapers (Pampers) & wipes  
 Bassinets (any type)  
 Premie clothing  
 Newborn car seats (no older than one year)

### New Items for foster youth living in the Gladney Home:

#### New clothing for girls age 10-16:

T-shirts, sweaters and hoodies  
 Dresses and skirts  
 Sweat pants, yoga pants, and athletic shorts  
 Pajamas, bathrobes, underwear  
 Jackets and coats  
 Socks: leisure and athletic  
 Shoes: slippers/house shoes, flip flops, casual, athletic, sandals, flats  
 Swimsuits

#### Personal Care:

Toiletry bags  
 Toothbrushes and toothpaste  
 Shampoo and conditioner  
 Face wash and hand soap  
 Deodorant  
 Large white towels and white hand towels  
 Body wash and Body lotion  
 Feminine hygiene products

#### Recreation:

Beach towels & Pool noodles  
 Sunblock and after-sun lotion (for sunburn)  
 Insect repellent

#### Gift Cards:

\$25 Walmart, Target, or Old Navy

If you find in your heart to share more of the Gladney Love, I encourage you to join me this year when we visit the Gladney Center. I would like for us to come bearing gifts. To make it easier for you, I can do the shopping for you prior to the reunion and you can reimburse me when you arrive in Fort Worth. If you can't make it to the reunion, but still want to donate, just let me know and we'll work it out together. All I need to know is what you would like for me to buy and what dollar limit you want. Email [ndpannell@aol.com](mailto:ndpannell@aol.com) or text to 682-333-7221

Dan Pannell, GIA President

## BIG BLUE BOOK ORDERING INFO

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 \$9.95 postage. The lead time on the hardback books is approximately four weeks.

If you are interested in a soft bound book, they are now 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 hardbound 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 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. 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.

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NOTE: You can also check Amazon for the Big Blue Book. The hardbound book is posted on Amazon for \$99.00 plus \$3.99 shipping. There is no photo but, the description 1248 pages and the update of “Gladneys in America” genealogy. The price varies with each listing. Most books listed look almost new and barely used.

## OBITUARIES



**REUBEN RICE MACFIE, III**, 82, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, passed away on January 31, 2020. Born in Winnsboro, SC, he was an identical twin son of Reuben Rice, Jr. and Alva Stevenson Macfie. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy Yongue Macfie; daughter Ashley (Ray) Wall of Brisbane, Australia; and son, Rice Macfie IV of Columbia, SC. He was affectionately known as “Reub” by his grandchildren, Cullen Macfie, Carolina and Zara Wall, and close friends.

Rice served his country for four years in the Coast Guard. Following his honorable discharge, he attended Clemson University and graduated from the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine. Rice practiced in Kinston, NC, West Columbia, SC, and Spartanburg, SC, where he established a private practice. He retired from private practice and then worked for Clemson University where he retired as the Animal Health Director after seventeen years.

During his retirement, Rice continued serving his community volunteering with Habitat for Humanity with over 3,000 plus hours of volunteer service time. Never one to sit still, Rice also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, gardening, constructing furniture, building a farmhouse and spending time at his beloved McGregor Farm. Rice was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, SC.

A faithful man of God, Rice lived his convictions. Because of his many years of veterinary practice, Rice was an expert in his field, and he treated both people and animals with kindness and humanity. His friendly and good-natured character and quick wit quickly put people at ease and gave them hope and peace. Rice was a man who made things happen and expected nothing in return. He would see a need and his natural inclination was to see that need filled.

Rice is predeceased by his parents; his twin brother, John Franklin Macfie; his sister Anne Macfie Moore; and his brother James Pringle Macfie.

A graveside memorial service was held February 10th at two o'clock in the afternoon, conducted by Reverend James McManus at The Old Brick Church Cemetery, located at 11235 State Highway 213, Winnsboro, SC 29180. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Habitat For Humanity, 2270 South Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC, 29302; The Old Brick Church Cemetery, C/O Treasurer, Jamie Dagerhart, 1978 Steeplechase, Rock Hill SC, 29732; or Hospice Care of South Carolina, 110 Dillon Drive, Spartanburg SC, 29307. The family would like to express their gratitude to Hospice for their kindness, compassion, and professionalism during this time in our beloved husband and father's life. Pope Funeral Home in Winnsboro, SC served the Macfie family.

*NOTE: Submitted by Buddy Stevenson, of Winnsboro, SC. Buddy's father, Ed Stevenson, deeded the Gladney Cemetery and the one acre of surrounding land to the Gladney Family Association. His family has always been of utmost importance to us. In 2017, we connected his Stevenson family to the Gladneys. Alva Gertrude Gladney, the daughter of Hugh Yongue Gladney (Samuel Line), married John Beauregard Stevenson, Buddy's 3x great grandfather.*

## FAMILY NEWS

**Del Thomsen, of Greenville, SC**  
grandchildren:

**Kyle Steven Saenz** graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in May 2019 with a BS in Chemical Engineering and a Minor in Materials Engineering, and he began a new job with FM Global in Woodland Hills, CA. Kyle's hobbies are mountain hiking and photography.



**Sierra Rae Saenz** graduated from Temecula Valley High School in June 2019 with a 4.7 gpa, top 3%, Summa Cum Laude, and entered Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a civil engineering major. She is now also a member of the college Equestrian Team and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in her division at her first college horse show in February 2020.



Bonnie Meadows with daughters Cindy, Gwen & Debbie. Photo by Delores Lomax circa 1957, submitted by Cindy Shelton.



**JOHN DUDLEY MEADOWS**, USAF Retired Major, 94, died peacefully in his Longview, Texas home on June 12, 2018. Dudley Meadows was born April 5, 1924 in Longview, Texas. When he was 16, he paid one dollar to take his first airplane ride at a local airstrip. He graduated from Longview High School and joined the US Army Air Corps in December of 1942.

During World War II, he flew C-46 and C-47 cargo planes between India and China across the Burma Hump. After WWII, he stayed in the Reserves and continued flying out of Barksdale Air Force Base near Bossier City, Louisiana. He was returned to active duty (1951) during the Korean War and flew B-29 bombers for SAC at Barksdale AFB. After the Korean War, he again stayed in the Reserves with short intervals of active duty during the Vietnam War flying C-124 Globemaster cargo planes. Major John D. Meadows retired from the Air Force April 5, 1984.

While in flight school, he met Bonnie Orman at a dance in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After corresponding by letter for one year, they married in December 1945 after the war ended. They moved to Longview, Texas and together raised three daughters. With the exception of time he was in active duty with the U.S. Air Force, he worked at different jobs in the Longview area. He ran a dairy on the family farm, worked as an oil field scout, a machinist, meat inspector and various jobs on the steel roll mill crew for Marathon LeTourneau Co. He retired from Marathon LeTourneau in 1984. After retiring, he enjoyed taking care of his cows and raising a large garden on the family farm. Bonnie passed away in 2005 after 60 years of marriage. He then married Mattie Godwin in 2007.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Mattie; his brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Martha Meadows of Houston; his three daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Wayne Shelton of Katy, Gwen and Tom Jones of Chandler and Debbie and Roger Kuykendall of Longview; four grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. He is also survived by two stepdaughters and their husbands, Ruth and Jason Reece of Gilmer and Mandy and Trey Green of Gilmer as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bonnie, his sisters, Shirley Jean Meadows, Mary Virginia Fowzer, Delores Lomax, Lucretia Gunn, and his brother, Wayne Meadows.

The family received friends for a time of visitation on Monday, June 18, at 1:00 pm in the chapel of First Baptist Church, 209 East South Street, Longview. A memorial service followed at 2:00 pm with Reverend Kip Salser officiating. Interment with military honors followed immediately at Memory Park Cemetery Longview. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to First Baptist Church of Longview or a favorite charity. The family would like to thank Heart's Way Hospice for their compassionate care of Dudley during his recent illness.

*NOTE: This was my 'Uncle Dud', who built his home on his parents' Meadows family homestead between Kilgore and Longview, TX, and managed the land for all the heirs. Dudley and daughter Cindy Shelton attended a Gladney reunion many years ago. All three sisters Cindy, Gwen and Debbie (pictured left) plan to be at the 2020 Fort Worth reunion.*

## CATHY'S CORNER

I don't know if anyone remembers the first Gladney Gram I published was in May 2005. The reunion that year was in Winnsboro, SC, after 2004 in Baton Rouge, LA, and my tenure with the Gladney Gram happened in two words, Bettye Bond.

The 2007 reunion in Memphis, TX was cancelled because a tornado hit the area around the hotel where most of the cousins had reservations. As usual, Jimmy and I left a few days early to poke around and see what we could find to do. When we arrived, the hotel was dark. There were very few cars in the parking lot and it looked like a skeleton crew.

We checked in and the desk clerk said, "Oh, you're the ones". I must have looked bewildered because she explained that all our reservations had been canceled due to the tornado. Big Wally and Bettye had been calling. We had left home before they cancelled, and they didn't have my cell number. We were allowed to see if we could stay in the room with no air conditioning...in July...in the south. Nope. We left after finding a great barbecue restaurant and headed out of town to find a hotel with coolness! On our way out of town, I received a call from Bettye Bond. She said that two new cousins from California had checked into a hotel across the street from where we were, and she felt bad that they were not going to meet any Gladneys. So, we turned around and met our new cousins. They were and are wonderful. I'm still in touch with them.

When we got home, Bettye asked for a synopsis of our adventure with the Cancelled Reunion. She sent it to the editor of the Gladney Gram. It was well received and when Terri Spurling gave up her position a couple of months later, I was nominated to take over by Bettye and Big Wally. Needless to say, when those two wanted something, it happened.

This all leads to me giving up my labor of love and letting someone else put new life and excitement into our wonderful family newsletter. Not many families still have a family newsletter, much less a reunion with as much history as ours. Lucretia Lomax Alvarez is very interested in all goings on of our family and has agreed to be our new Editor. She has graciously agreed to allow me to continue the Cathy's Corner column. I wish Lucretia the best of luck.

For those following the progress on the almost complete remodel of our 1998 Minnie Winne motor home, I can say we now see the light at the end of the tunnel. We rebuilt the shower which was rotten between the wallpaper and the outer skin. We also completed the rebuild of the over cab bunk area. The former owners had replaced the running lights on the nose but did not seal them. All that water behind the wall had run underneath the bunk area floor and completely hidden from view. We thought we were finished then both roof vents started leaking. Jimmy spent many long hours on the roof sealing and resealing. He would fix one leak, and another would pop up. He took out the air conditioner to seal around it, and purchased new vent covers for the roof. It seems the former owner had not installed the last covers properly and drilled eight holes in the roof. All the rain we've had here in Georgia was a good test for the sealant and new parts. As of today, we are high and dry, but still need a complete set of tires. We planned to travel after Jimmy's early retirement, but now he decided not to retire just yet. His company is creating a new job for him with less stress, and what he's always wanted to do, teach young engineers.

With thanks and love to Lucretia, and a big thank you to all of you that I have been in touch with over the years, I say goodbye as your Editor and hello as a freelance contributor. Please feel free to contact me at [newmanca52@gmail.com](mailto:newmanca52@gmail.com), by phone 770-328-3552, or on Facebook. I'd love to hear from you, and I hope to see you in Fort Worth, TX in July. See details on website [gladneys.org](http://gladneys.org) or the Gladney Gram.

Love to you all, Cathy



Cathy & Jimmy Newman



The Happy Camper

GLADNEY family news and photos are always welcome and appreciated for this new view into our family history!

