

GLADNEYS IN AMERICA FAMILY ASSOCIATION

GLADNEYGRAMS....

15TH EDITION

2-27-85 REV. AUSTIN AND MRS. DEXTER GLADNEY, Monroe, Ga., and their son LARRY GLADNEY have returned reunion planning letter to me showing reservations made at Tremont Motor Inn to attend upcoming Gladneys In America family reunion...so have FRED AND LILLIAN HENDERSON of Chamblee, Ga...likewise, DAN AND JUDY GLADNEY and their children JEFF GLADNEY and PAM GLADNEY of Lawrenceville, Ga.; Dan sent \$20.00 GIAFA contribution and ordered 3 Gladney emblem patches. GEORGE L. GLADNEY sent \$30.00 contribution and a note saying that he and his wife FRANCES GLADNEY are planning to come from Rayville, La. to the reunion...George, be sure to return the planning form letter to me after you make your reservation at the Tremont Inn. Received a family group sheet from DIANE HOYT RUSSELL of Hearne, Tx. for the GIA Book of Remembrance...the family of Diane, who is a newly elected city councilwoman, has owned and operated Hoyt's Pharmacy in Hearne for many years.

2-28-85 MRS. FRANK L. (Pearl C.) BERRY, Dunwoody, Ga. sent \$20.00 GIAFA contribution and a note saying we hope to attend reunion but will make reservation later. MRS. LASLEY J. (Julia Gladney) DOWNES, Rayville, La. sent \$20.00 contribution. VIRGINIA REDDEN, Rt. 2, Box 146, McCool, Ms. 39108 sent 4 snapshots of Beth Salem Church Cemetery (Bethlehem Presbyterian Churchyard, Choctaw Co., Ms.-?), one showing tombstone inscribed Richard Gladney--Consort of Nancy Gladney--Born Aug. 22, 1825--Died July 23, 18--. Certainly, this is the Richard Gladney shown on P.82-GIA who has a number of descendants on our GIAFA mailing list. Thanks, Virginia. MRS. G. LYMAN (Louise) GLADNEY, Rayville, La. sent \$20.00 contribution.

3-4-85 MRS. JOHN (Mary) STRAIT, St. Paul, Minn. sent \$10.00 GIAFA contribution...Mary, the price for a copy of the Gladneys In America genealogy/family history book is \$25.00 which you send to MRS. MILDRED GLADNEY ARNOLD, PO Box 13, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144 requesting a copy. DAVID LEE GLADNEY, Ft. Worth, Tx. sent \$10.00 GIAFA contribution and ordered 6 Gladney emblem patches; also wanted back editions of Gladneygrams newsletters which are difficult to provide now... certainly could use a good modern copying machine here at the "home office." MRS. SID (Ruth Gladney) WYNN, Carrollton, Ga. sent name of NEW ADDITION TO GIAFA LIST (No. 265), her nephew, WEEMS D. JONES, 3109 Hope Street, Hapeville, Ga. 30354 (s/o Mattie Sue Gladney Jones, Samuel line, and Joseph Jones; P.51-GIA.

3-7-85 GIAFA contributions received today from GLENN RUSSELL, Kilgore, Tx. (\$20.00) and JAMES DAVID GLADNEY, Birmingham, Al. (\$20.00) who also ordered 4 emblem patches. In filling these orders, have been sending one or two patches in clear vinyl cases or envelopes with backpins so they may be easily pinned on wearing apparel and worn at the reunion. Tomorrow, will mail \$190.00 to WILLIAM C. GLADNEY, JR., treasurer, Atlanta, Ga. for deposit in the GIAFA account; total 1985 contributions received to date is \$826.00.

3-8-85 Since this writer was elected president of GIAFA in July 1983, we have added almost 90 Gladney descendants to our mailing list. Do you know that our family association is incorporated in the State of South Carolina for the purpose of (1) maintaining

the old Gladney Cemetery near Winnsboro in Fairfield County, SC, and (2) promoting our family association? Other officers and directors currently serving are secretary JUDY GLADNEY, Lawrenceville, Ga.; treasurer WILLIAM C. GLADNEY, JR., Atlanta, Ga.; and four directors REV. J. AUSTIN GLADNEY, Monroe, Ga., CECIL GLADNEY, Carrollton, Ga., E.B. GLADNEY, D'Lo, Ms., and MARGARET RUSSELL, Henderson, Tx. We are well organized, growing, and the state of our family unity is excellent! Your letters/notes to me for Gladneygrams are appreciated so much because they help to bind us all together even more.

3-14-85 My stepson DONALD RAY SAWYER, Brookings, Or. is visiting us until Mar. 19. A number of letters from Gladney descendants have arrived during the past few days. GIAFA contributions have come from MRS. JOHN B. (Frances Annette Gladney) OWENS, Canton, Tx. (\$10.00) who also ordered an emblem patch; MRS. NOEL C. (Katie Margaret Gladney) McGUIRE, Austin, Tx. (\$20.00) who enclosed a family group sheet for the GIA Book of Remembrance; THOMAS MURRAY GLADNEY, Corpus Christi, Tx. (\$10.00); LUTHER WOODARD GLADNEY, Pauls Valley, Ok. (\$10.00) who also added a contribution for his daughter PEGGY GLADNEY COBB, Yukon, Ok. (\$10.00) and ordered 5 emblem patches; MRS. W. MARION (Irene Gladney) HARMAN, LaGrange, Ga. (\$20.00); MRS. W. W. (Margueritte JEAN) WEBSTER, Texarkana, Ark. (\$10.00) who also ordered an emblem patch; and JAMES MAURICE WILLIAMS, SR. (wife Berta Delilah Gladney Williams), Tifton, Ga. sent \$50.00 as a contribution for their son and daughter-in-law, MR. and MRS. JAMES MAURICE WILLIAMS, JR, and children (grandchildren) AMANDA JEAN WILLIAMS, ELIZABETH WILLIAMS and JAMES MAURICE WILLIAMS III. Maurice, Sr. mentioned that his son "Sonny" (Maurice, Jr.) is his partner in the hardware business (Citizens Hardware) in Tifton, Ga. MRS. SCOTT (Alice Beckett Davis) STALLINGS, Memphis, Tn., a great granddaughter of Richard Henry Beckett Gladney, P.74-GIA, submitted 4 family group sheets for the Book of Remembrance. JOHN GORDON WILLARD, Austin, Tx., son of Velma Perry Gladney Willard, P.9-GIA, submitted 4 FGS's. JAMES GLADNEY HENDERSON, Dalton, Ga., great-great grandson of Jane Gaston Gladney Chesnut, P.59-GIA, sent 23 FGS's for the Book of Remembrance! James, you did a marvelous job in that the last Gladney ancestor of your line shown in the GIA genealogy book was David Chesnut, b. 10-27-1821, m. Martha Stitt...we all commend you! And thanks for returning the reunion planning letter back to me showing that you and your wife Kathryn have made your room reservations at the Tremont Motor Inn for the upcoming GIA reunion...everyone who plans to attend MUST DO THIS FOR ME or I will be completely lost in my planning effort. Others planning or thinking about coming (for whom I have not yet received room reservation letters) are LUTHER WOODARD GLADNEY, wife BEATRICE GLADNEY and daughter PEGGY GLADNEY COBB of Oklahoma; MRS. W.W. (Margueritte) WEBSTER, Texarkana, Ark. and son WILLIAM W. WEBSTER, JR., Monroe, La.; JOHN WILLIAM GLADNEY and wife HELEN GLADNEY of Stamps, Ark.; and perhaps HOGAN and VIRGINIA WARE of Selma, Al. A letter from VIRGINIA WARE today tells us that she suffered a heart attack last month and is now recuperating at home after surgery in Brookwood Hospital, Birmingham, Al.; says she seems to be doing well. Virginia, may your strength return quickly through the strength of prayer of your many friends...and Gladneys all!.....I find that some descendants like to hear about our D.A.R. members. MRS. NOEL C. (Katie Margaret Gladney) McGUIRE mentioned above is a member (Samuel line) of the Colony Chapter, DAR. MRS. W.W. (Margueritte JEAN) WEBSTER mentioned above said that she has

been a DAR member (Samuel line) for years and will be a DAR Regent next year. She is also a singer, member of Methodist church choir; has master's degree in voice, music and education.

3-17-85 During past three days received GIAFA dues/contributions from MRS. BOB (Delores) LOMAX, Longview, Tx. (\$20.00)...she and Bob will be coming to upcoming reunion as shown on form planning letter they returned to me; MRS. HOWARD O. (Vallie) LAKE, Huntsville, Tx. (\$20.00); MRS. GEORGE C. (Marguerite) EATON, Columbus, Ms. (\$15.00)... they hope to come to reunion in July; and ROBERT R. GLADNEY, Freeport, Tx. (\$25.00). Today, received a form letter back from BECKETT GLADNEY MITCHELL and wife IRENE A MITCHELL, Woodlawn, Tn. showing that they will be coming to the reunion. Mailing \$220.00 to Atlanta tomorrow for the GIAFA account...1985 dues/contributions to date total \$1046.00.

3-21-85 Have received GIAFA dues/contributions from ALFRED W. HUFF, Mars Hill, NC (\$10.00), P.63-GIA; MRS. FRED H. (Marcia Gladney) CHRISTIAN, JR., Houston, Tx. (\$20.00), P.67-GIA; DARDEN FORD GLADNEY, (\$10.00), P.9-GIA, who also ordered 2 Coat of Arms color reprints and 2 emblem patches, and reported change of address from Metari, La. to 612 E. College St., Homer, La. 71040; and MRS. JESS S. (Margarete Gladney Chesnut) BOWEN, JR., Waverly, Tn. (\$20.00)...Margarete, d/o David Gladney Chesnut of the Gladney-Chesnut line, P.80-81-GIA, is working on update family group sheets for GIA Book of Remembrance; planning to attend upcoming reunion; her daughter DR. JUDITH MARGARETE BOWEN lives in Topeka, Ks. and is in her third year residency in psychiatry at Menningers Clinic there; 2 emblem patches ordered by Margarete.

3-22-85 (SPECIAL)...Today I was quite moved when I received \$100.00 contributed anonymously to start building a SPECIAL RESERVE FUND FOR PERPETUAL CARE OF OLD GLADNEY CEMETERY at Winnsboro, Fairfield Co., SC. I am deeply grateful to this donor for the exceptionally thoughtful suggestion and the initial contribution. Anticipating that our GIAFA Board of Directors will approve the establishment of such a fund at our upcoming reunion business meeting, I have decided to donate \$100.00 to the special fund also...in memory of my father WILLIAM ARCHIE GLADNEY and my grandfather JAMES HUGH GLADNEY, JR. Others able and wanting to contribute to this special reserve fund - anonymously or as I am doing - may send your checks marked "Gladney Cem. Donation" to me, making your donation in any amount which you are able to send payable to WILLIAM C. GLADNEY, JR., GIAFA TREASURER.

3-23-85 And let me give you all a report on the progress of "OPERATION GIA"...which may lead to the publication of supplementary genealogy tables for interested Gladney descendants who submit Family Group Sheets. 63 such sheets on more recent generations of Samuel line descendants have been received for the GIA Book of Remembrance; 66 sheets have been received for Richard line descendants. I know that many more are coming. A supplementary genealogy will be a massive undertaking of work...but God has shown me a way and my work is already underway. Using a format quite similar to that which Mrs. Arnold used in her work, I have already reduced the 63 Samuel line FGS's to 23 typewritten pages of lineage tables for a supplementary genealogy book. I am about to start with the Richard line FGS's now on hand. When that is finished, I will type pages as FGS's are received from interested family members. All pages for the work will

not be numbered until the work is finally completed...which will probably take a number of months. Again, no deadline is foreseeable yet for interested descendants to send FGS's to me...but don't hesitate to do your work if you want newer generations of your line to be shown in a supplementary genealogy! Newer generations shown in the supplement will be referenced to an ancestor of the family line shown in Mrs. Arnold's genealogy/family history...with Mrs. Arnold's permission, of course. Those who attend the upcoming reunion will see my work and how it is progressing.

3-30-85 Heard from the following this week...JACQUELIN GLADNEY SCHENONE, St. Petersburg, Fl. sent \$8.00 for two more Gladney emblem patches, stating "they are beautiful!" These Coat of Arms patches have been a popular item for Gladney descendants. I hope to see many of them worn at the upcoming reunion. My initial order for 100 now reduced to 24 on hand to fill orders, I reordered 100 more on Mar. 27 and should have them in about 6-7 weeks; want to have a supply available at the reunion because they do make nice personal gifts for your children and relatives...MAUDINE M. CARNEY, St. Albans, W.Va., returned reunion planning letter to me showing that she and her husband O. D. CARNEY will be attending our upcoming reunion. Almost all of the planning letters which have been return to me show that those who are coming to the reunion want to have dinner served to them at family banquets on both Friday and Saturday evenings...WILLIAM LOVVORN GLADNEY, Bremen, Ga. sent GIAFA contribution(\$21.00) and also ordered an emblem patch. Thanks, W.L. for the information on GEORGE GLADNEY, the Richard line descendant in Jackson, Wyoming, who contacted you. Hope that he responds to my letter and a couple of editions of Gladneygrams which I sent him and that we will soon add him to the GIAFA mailing list...MRS. W. W. (Margueritte JEAN) WEBSTER, Texarkana, Ark. sent 23 Family Group Sheets (Samuel line descendants). Thanks, Margueritte. Your FGS's are now in the GIA Book of Remembrance, and I have already reduced them to 5 pages of lineage tables for a supplementary genealogy book...MRS. V.G. (Maurine McCormick) BUSSA, my first cousin, wrote from Artesia, NM stating that she and her husband will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 4. Congratulations and good wishes for Maurine and "Hap"!

3-31-85 Mailing \$81.00 to GIAFA treasurer in Atlanta tomorrow... total 1985 dues/contributions received to date is \$1127.00. Also mailing him an additional \$200.00 contributed to start a SPECIAL RESERVE FUND FOR PERPETUAL CARE OF OLD GLADNEY CEMETERY as mentioned in above 3-22-85 Gladneygram article. If you have'nt mailed your 1985 GIAFA dues, would appreciate receiving same before upcoming reunion is held in S.C. for inclusion in the treasurer's financial report at family business meeting. I realize that some may not be able to contribute to our family association, and to them I say "God Bless You." But even a dollar or two would help with the postage for our newsletters and let me know that you are there as a member of our family of Gladney descendants.

3-31-85 I must tell you again just how much I believe that the Holy Spirit of God is guiding, directing our very large family...and me! I have never felt His presence more; all that I have asked for to carry on my work as president of our family association has been given...and more! Two days ago, a good friend who knew about my GIAFA work called me...Reicher Catholic High School in Waco had purchased a new electronic copying machine and had an excellent A. B. Dick mimeograph machine for sale at a reasonable price. The price

turned out to be even less than my friend mentioned...God surely brought the price down to my level! This edition of Gladneygrams is being turned out on it here at the "home office" and you see that there is more than just four pages. All 265 descendants on our mailing list will receive their copies direct from Waco, Tx. My next step - in perhaps a short time - will be to obtain a bulk mailing permit (suggested by my son, Bill, Jr. in Atlanta) to reduce postage expense. What a pleasure it will be to write more freely without having to brief every Gladneygram article so much to stay within the limits of a 22¢ stamp! My deepest appreciation goes out to our volunteer mailers for all that they did for GIAFA in photocopying and mailing newsletters to many of you, the volunteers being REV. J. AUSTIN GLADNEY, Monroe, Ga.; GEORGE L. GLADNEY, JR., Rayville, La.; VIRGINIA WARE, Selma, Al.; HOYT GLADNEY, Calhoun, Ga.; WILLIAM C. GLADNEY, JR., Atlanta, Ga.; DANNY GLADNEY, Lawrenceville, Ga.; REV. & MRS. ALVA M. GREGG, Franklin, La.; C. WALLACE GLADNEY, Baton Rouge, La.; VIRGIL C. GLADNEY, Tempe, Ariz.; JAMES GLADNEY HENDERSON, Dalton, Ga.; and MRS. GEORGE C. EATON, Columbus, Ms...all to be highly commended for being "can do" individuals and for rendering "top notch" service to GIAFA. Thus, you see why I believe that God has been with us all the way with our association and the family newsletter efforts!

4-1-85 (SPECIAL ATTENTION...ESPECIALLY FORMER GIAFA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. If any member of the family has information that our family association, after its incorporation in the State of South Carolina in 1977 as a non-profit corporation in that State, was also later recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt organization under statutes of the I.R.S. Code, please let me know. I have a need for a copy of the I.R.S. document showing the exemption number so that I may use it to apply for a particular type of bulk mailing permit (6¢ versus 12½¢ per newsletter). Perhaps DAVIS KIRKPATRICK, past GIAFA treasurer, or a treasurer before him, has the information or copy of the document that I need? I think that our present treasurer was going to attempt to locate such an exemption document or perhaps obtain one from the I.R.S. Were you successful, Bill?

4-3-85 Gladneys In America reunion and fun time at the Tremont Inn in Columbia, S.C. is fast approaching. Make your reservations and be with us at this special gathering of the clan...return to me the copy of the planning letter sent with Gladneygrams edition 13. Look forward to seeing and being with many of you there!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL...Delight in the Lord and your family and He will provide you with peace, happiness, and all the desires of your heart.

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