

## GLADNEYS IN AMERICA FAMILY ASSOCIATION

GLADNEYGRAMS....

12TH EDITION

11-29-84 Christmas and a New Year are approaching fast! Should a person of my age - just a bit too young for Medicare - anticipate receiving some toys for a second childhood or perhaps gifts with thermal features? Being one who attempts to anticipate and plan ahead for certain things or events to come...I'm now thinking about the Gladneys In America family reunion at Winnsboro, S.C. on July 26-27-28, 1985. It will be an unexcelled gathering of our "clan" to honor our immigrant ancestors, see the exceptionally interesting and historic City of Winnsboro, and visit the old Gladney Cemetery where they and a number of other early Gladneys lie buried in peace...a place of tranquil beauty on the land to which they came as colonial settlers from Ireland, defended and surely loved. My call is to every Gladney descendant - far and wide - to plan ahead too and make the journey for the gathering in South Carolina! This may be our last family reunion at Winnsboro for 3-4-5 years, the thoughts of our GIAFA directors and many family members being to hold future reunions at locations convenient for the most descendants to travel such as the one held at Sardis, Ms. this year. Let's all come too next July to honor MRS. MILDRED GLADNEY ARNOLD, lovely and gracious lady, now 87, who did so much which keeps Gladneys In America together as a family. Thank God for blessing our family with her and all the others who may have assisted her in her endeavors! I will keep you all well informed as planning for this upcoming "special" GIA reunion progresses.

11-30-84 Wrote letters to the Chamber of Commerce, Winnsboro, SC and the Quality Inn, Columbia, SC to obtain certain information for reunion planning purposes. For our large assemblage in SC next July, it may be that we will use the facilities and services, meeting/banquet rooms of a large motel such as the Quality Inn (126 rooms) or larger motel in Columbia and all make an excursion to Winnsboro (about 30 minutes away) for a full day on Saturday, July 27...want to keep all the family together in one place as much as possible for hospitality/social activities. Are you "with me" now? Will appreciate receiving any suggestions you may want to make...and volunteers to serve at reception/registration table or as leaders/guides of excursion groups. Let me hear from you.

11-30-84 Ltr from DAVID L. GLADNEY, 3525 Jane Lane, Ft. Worth, Tx. 76117 ...his "household" being one of those to which I mailed letters several months ago in my project to locate Gladneys in Texas not on our GIAFA mailing list. His short letter stated..."would like very much to have information about our family. My dad James Louis Gladney always told me about his dad and four brothers who came to Texas from northern Alabama or Mississippi. Dad and his brother Leo Gladney lived at Mart, Texas when they were growing up and are related to the West family." Wrote letter to DAVID L. GLADNEY for more info on his grandfather and earlier generations to possibly find his line in the GIA genealogy tables. Hope to add him to our GIAFA mailing list soon. Incidentally, should you want a Gladney descendant added to the mailing list, please include a bit of lineage info for such descendant to note on my address/record cards...info which connects them to most recent ancestor shown in the lineage tables in the GIA book.

12-1-84 Phone call from MRS. ALVA M. (Crystal Hope) GREGG, Franklin, I (desc. of Letticia Gladney Weldon & James Weldon, Richard line, p.60-GIA).

We talked about her activities in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the possibility of the GIAFA directors approving the placement of special DAR markers in the Gladney Cemetery at the graves of Samuel Gladney (Rev. War soldier), Richard Gladney (Rev. War soldier), and Thomas Gladney (Rev. War patriot). She will obtain certain information from the DAR for our consideration.

12-1-84 Received \$100.00 from MRS. THOMAS W. SOWELL (Lillian K. Sowell), 3831 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 19-F, Dallas, Tx. 75219 for dues/donation. Thank you, Lillian, for your generous contribution to GIAFA.

12-3-84 Ltr from C. WALLACE GLADNEY, Baton Rouge, La... "Please make two changes on GIAFA address list... My father WILLIAM BECKETT GLADNEY has remarried to MILDRED SAUCIER WOOD and has moved down the street to 1142 Meadow Lea Dr., Baton Rouge, La. 70808... Correct name for my cousin is EDWARD LEE GLADNEY, JR., PO Box 78, Bastrop, La. 71220 (not Edwin L. Gladney as shown on mailing list)... My daughter BEVERLY ANN GLADNEY HALL and her husband WENDELL H. HALL III adopted a beautiful girl from the Edna Gladney Home in Ft. Worth, Tx.; named CATHERINE WALLACE HALL, born Dec. 30, 1983." ==As copies of Gladneygrams go into the GIAFA Book of Remembrance, I thank you, Wally, for sending this kind of special family information... congratulations and best wishes to all... you must be proud to have a namesake granddaughter!

12-5-84 ADDITION NO. 244 TO GIAFA LIST... Ltr from MRS. W.W. WEBSTER, 1701 Pecan, Texarkana, Arkansas 75502 (nee Margueritte Jean, d/o Elba Gladney Jean, Samuel line, and Ben L. Jean, p.15-GIA)... Has been reading Gladneygrams sent to her first cousins JOHN WILLIAM GLADNEY, Stamps, Ark. and SAMUEL L. GLADNEY, El Dorado, Ark... saw cousin's Gladneys In America genealogy/history book and loved it... working diligently on family group sheets for her parents, her aunt LYLETTE GLADNEY WILLIAMS who married DR. M.J. WILLIAMS, and later generations of these two lines... seems to have much info available to her on the six children of her grandparents DR. SAMUEL LANGHORNE GLADNEY and ELIZABETH BURKS GLADNEY and later generations of five of these children, the descendants of JUNEUS E. GLADNEY being the only ones shown in the genealogy tables. Margueritte (4th child) has two sons and grandchildren.

12-7-84 Received two Family Group Sheets from ALICE BECKETT DAVIS STALLINGS, Memphis, Tn.; ref. P.73-74-GIA.

12-7-84 Pearl Harbor Day... attended meeting of Waco Chapter, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association of which I am an ex-Navy member... seems to be few of us left in this area.

12-8-84 Note from HOYT GLADNEY, Calhoun, Ga. ordering five Gladney Coat of Arms emblem patches and mentioning that his brother T.J. GLADNEY of Bremen, Ga. passed away July 28, 1984. ==Hoyt, we'll continue sending Gladneygrams to T.J.'s widow, Tommie, placing a Mrs. in front of his name on the mailing list.

12-14-84 ADDITION NO. 245 TO GIAFA LIST... Ltr from MRS. O.D. (Maudine) CARNEY, St. Albans, W.Va... "Please add to mailing list my brother SIDNEY E. MITCHELL, 3254 Pepperhill Rd., Lexington, Ky. 40502 (s/o Zilda Eugenia Gladney Mitchell, Richard line, and Robert Samuel Mitchell; P.70-GIA)... \$25.00 enclosed for his dues, my dues for another year, and stamp donation... also enclosed are 4 family group sheets... it's a joy to read Gladneygrams as there is so much interesting news of our Gladney clan... we are planning to be at Winnsboro, SC for the 1985 reunion." == Thank you, Maudine, and welcome aboard, Sidney!

12-15-84 \$30.00 received from WILLIAM FRED & LILLIAN HENDERSON, 2649

Chamblee-Tucker Rd., Chamblee, Ga. 30341 for dues/postage donation.===  
Thank you, Fred and Lillian.

12-15-84 Ltr from DELORES LOMAX, Longview, Tx..."Enjoyed 11th edition Gladneygrams...would like to order five Gladney Coat of Arms emblem patches; check for \$20.00 enclosed...my work on the Family Group Sheets is slow; have completed 58 sheets and 18 more are in the hands of a typist; some relatives are slow to answer my letters, but I am so happy when I do hear from them."===Thank you, Delores. All that I can say about your family records work above is "WOW!" You too are an interested-steady worker! Take your time...perhaps thinking for a moment about what MRS. MILDRED ARNOLD went through to acquire all the information and data for her wonderful Gladneys In America book!

12-17-84 ADDITIONS 246-247 TO GIAFA LIST...Ltr from MRS. ROSS ROBISON, 454 Robinson Rd., Hernando, Ms. 38632 (nee Lucile McCann d/o James D. McCann, Samuel line, and Lovelace Stovall McCann, p.33-GIA)... "missed Gladneygrams in months we didn't get them for awhile, however, realize other things do command time and attention; appreciate effort you put into this endeavor; so good of you to affirm the kinship of all Gladneys; enclosing \$20.00 for membership of my sister MRS. BILL EASLEY, 3409 Westminster Dr., Pearland, Tx. 77581 and brother CHARLES McCANN, 107 RR Street, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501."===Thank you, Lucille, and the clan welcomes you, Mary Ellen (?) and Charles! TO MRS. MILDRED ARNOLD...It seems that you are going to have to move from Georgia back to Texas soon to be close to most of the family...I do highly recommend our State!

12-21/26-84 My wife Loma and I spent five joyful days in Beverly Hills, California with daughter Jayne, son-in-law Dennis Eisenberg, grandson Seth Richard, and my son Bill, Jr. who joined us for the Christmas holidays from Atlanta, Ga. Great vacation! And thank you all for the holiday season greeting cards which we received from a number of you.

12-26-84 Order for one Gladney Coat of Arms emblem patch from MISS FRANCES GLADNEY, Homer, La. Order for 3 Coat of Arms color reprints and 5 emblem patches from MRS. CRYSTAL W. GREGG, Franklin, La. My order for 100 of the Coat of Arms patches was finally delivered about 2 weeks late on 12-31-84; on 1-2-85 filled all orders on hand, mailing out 19 of the beautifully embroidered patches. Hope to see many wearing them at next reunion...\$4.00 each. A picture framing shop here in Waco made up two of these patches for me to present to my son and daughter...used 6" x 7" black and gold frame, mounting patch atop light gold mat of about same color as the coat of arms shield, leaving about a 1" gold mat around the patch which has a black border itself...exceptionally beautiful!

12-29-84 ADDITION NO. 248 TO GIAFA LIST...Remember that I wrote about DAVID LEE GLADNEY of Ft.Worth, Tx. in this edition on 11-30-84? He and his wife Linda came to visit me today. Using a bit of additional info which he gave me, I did about 5 hours of research work in the genealogy department of the Waco library to find (p.302-B, 1880 US Census, Chickasaw Co., Ms.) that his grandfather James B. Gladney was the first of four sons of Joseph Marion Gladney and (m.2) Mary E. Bishop Gladney...ref. Richard line, p.61,151-154-GIA. Many early Gladneys migrated from South Carolina to Pickens Co., Alabama and the nearby counties of northeastern Mississippi...Monroe, Chickasaw, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Lee, etc. While I may make another copy of the above census page to place in the GIA Book of Remembrance to further extend the line of Joseph Marion Gladney, I mailed the only copy that

I had made to David Lee Gladney, 3525 Jane Lane, Ft.Worth, Tx. 76117. Welcome to the clan, David...come to reunion so many can meet you!

12-31-84 I have written letters to other large motels in Columbia, SC, have evaluated their facilities and services, and have made a decision...the TREMONT MOTOR INN, 111 KNOX ABBOTT DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SC WILL BE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE GATHERING OF OUR GLADNEYS IN AMERICA CLAN FOR A FAMILY REUNION ON JULY 26-27-28, 1985. The "Friendly Inn in a Country Club Setting", the Tremont is conveniently located to the Interstates I-26, I-20, I-77, the airport and downtown Columbia, many nearby restaurants, and has 102 well appointed guest rooms and three meeting rooms. Mr. Alan P. Rose, general manager, stated that they would be happy to accommodate our social/business meetings on a complimentary basis and that he would set up a special flat rate of \$30.00 per room plus 7% tax (without regard for number of beds in room)...a very reasonable rate. The Tremont Motor Inn has the recommendation of AAA and Allstate Motor Club. Mr. Rose sent me a long list of many fine restaurants near the inn including two adjacent to it...I'm thinking at this time about letting everyone be on their own for meals rather than set up for a family banquet, but I'll say now that we will certainly make use of the complimentary meeting rooms for social activity! Do start planning your family vacation now with a pilgrimage to South Carolina and Winnsboro, the home of our immigrant ancestors. The next edition of Gladneygrams will contain complete information about the Gladneys In America reunion schedule and a special registration procedure for the Tremont Motor Inn.

1-8-85 ADDITION NO. 249 TO GIAFA LIST...Received Family Group Sheet from MRS. MICHAEL H. MAYER (Judith Ellen Downes), 13703 Appletree, Houston, Tx. 77079, d/o Julia Sigourney Gladney Downes, Samuel line, and Lasley Jackson Downes, ref. p.7-8-GIA.

1-19-85 Ltr. from MARY UTT BISHOP (nee Mary Elizabeth Meadows), Dallas, Tx...enclosed 23 Family Group Sheets (ref. p.83-84-85-86-GIA) for GIAFA Book of Remembrance (her family; families of her brother and three sisters; family of her aunt PEARLA GLADNEY GOODSON who is 88 and living in a nursing home in Memphis, Tn.; and the family of her cousin GLADYS McWILLIAMS HOOVER, retired teacher, who died on 5 Jan. 1985 at Italy, Tx. and was buried there)===Thank you, Mary, for your wonderful interest and effort; am sure you are loved and appreciated by your close relatives. Would you send me FG sheet for your parents, Rev. Claude Riley Meadows and Eugenia Gladney Meadows, to complete your family lineage records in the GIAFA Book of Remembrance?

1-21-85 My 63rd birthday today! As we move from 1984 to 1985, thank God for His blessings during the past year...the fine organizational structure and rapid growth of our Gladneys In America Family Association; the success of our Gladneygrams newsletter; and the interest and support of so many Gladney descendants, especially our eleven volunteer mailers... 3-4 more volunteers needed to help me mail newsletters to 69 of 249 descendants on mailing list...won't you help? Next to God, let our families and GIAFA come first!

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