

5-21-84 Ltr from HOYT GLADNEY, Calhoun, Ga..."No doubt you richly deserve the 'presidents' title for all your hard work and long hours given to the Gladney association. It is appreciated by all of us. Send me 10 more names for my Gladneygram mailing list. Your success in reaching family members is resulting in an impressively long mailing list and we can see that you need much more help in getting out the Gladneygrams. Looking forward to seeing you in June at Sardis." ==Thank you Hoyt for your help as volunteer #5. Am sending you an additional mailing list showing MR & MRS WILLIAM COOK (Md.), MR & MRS ALTON DAVENPORT (Ga.), PROF. THOMAS RALPH McCANN (La.), MRS W. H. MOULTON (Ga.), PROF. & MRS BRUCE OAKLEY (Mich.), PROF. C.C. OAKLEY (Pa.), MRS ROBERT POWERS (SC), WALTER M. REED (Ga.), MRS LUCIANNA ROSS (Mo.), and MRS. VERNON G. WILDERQUIST (Fla.).

5-23-84 Ltr from MRS. HOGAN R. (Virginia) WARE, Selma, Al...Their son, Bill, professor at Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga., suffered a heart attack in April. After three weeks of anxiety for members of the family, Bill received a good medical report; his condition can be treated medically without surgery. Virginia also mentioned that she and Hogan made a 3-day trip earlier to Roanoke, Al. and La Grange, Ga. seeking certain info for their family records.

5-27-84 Phone call from CHARLES H. GLADNEY, Batesville, Ms...a "well done" to Charles for getting everything ready at Sardis, Ms. for the GIA reunion!

5-28-84 MEMORIAL DAY...A salute to all Gladney descendants who died in American wars!

5-28-84 This being GRADUATION WEEK throughout most of the Nation, congratulations to the young members of our family who are graduating! The acquisition of a good education being a tradition of our family, let your efforts lead to a degree to really open doors to opportunity. Oh, that youth would listen to age!

5-29-84 God works in most unusual ways. Just yesterday my thoughts turned to the youth of our large Gladney family. Today, a letter came from one of them which pleased me very much. It came from 14 year old THOMAS GLADNEY McCANN II of Columbus, Ms. who stated that he was named for his grandfather Thomas Gladney McCann (1894-1967); that he would be interested in receiving the Gladneygrams and "joining" Gladneys In America; and that he would be at the upcoming reunion.==Thank you so much for writing, Thomas. Your interest in our family is commendable, and I especially want to meet you at Sardis. Be assured that you or your parents will soon be on our GIA mailing list...perhaps you will be a "presidential candidate" for GIAFA someday!

5-29-84 Ltr from JOSEPH T. GLADNEY, 2881 Grand Ave. SW, Atlanta, Ga. 30315 (s/o Herman H. Gladney & Kate Shirey Gladney, Samuel line, p.48-49-GIA)... "Am so glad to receive the newsletters...enjoyed attending first GIA reunion at Winnsboro, SC with my father and my son, Joseph E. "Eddie" Gladney. Since then, my father Herman Gladney has had a stroke and is now in a rest home; my son Eddie was killed in an auto accident; and I had a heart attack requiring me to retire from Ford Motor Co. in Atlanta. Am not able to drive far, so my heart goes out to all of the Gladney family and I will be with you all in

Mississippi and arrived at Sardis at 7:00 pm. A one-night stay in a motel was necessary as I had reserved a park cabin for the 3-day reunion period. Checking in at the Gulf Trail Motor Lodge, I found my first cousin LUTHER W. GLADNEY and wife BEATRICE of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma registered. I felt good when the desk clerk told me that many others were yet to arrive and that the Holiday Inn across the street was completely sold out to Gladney Family members who had reservations...At the Park Lodge on Friday, June 15, Gladneys In America started arriving at 11:00 am. By 5:00 pm at least 100 were present with much gaiety, fellowship and fun taking place. MRS. MILDRED GLADNEY ARNOLD arrived. She and my Uncle Luther were centers of attraction to everyone and rightly deserved because they are of the "right stuff"...Ninety were served in the lodge banquet room at 6:30 pm. After the dinner many just visited together and talked while others watched "Blossoms In The Dust" with Greer Garson portraying the life and work of Edna Gladney who founded the Edna Gladney Home in Fort Worth, Texas...On Saturday, June 16, I met and talked with many family members at breakfast in the Holiday Inn's Plantation Restaurant. A part of the reunion seemed to be going on there too. Back at the Park Lodge others continued to arrive. Some said that we had over 130 in attendance. I have 122 names on a register but believe that perhaps some did not come to the registration table. I was extremely busy with everything and am sorry that I didn't get around to talking with everyone there. Those present came from 13 states: Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Colorado...The register shows WILLIAM C. GLADNEY, SR. (Tx.); LUTHER LYLES GLADNEY (Tx.); LUTHER W. & BEATRICE GLADNEY (Ok.); VIRGINIA & HOGAN WARE (Ala.); E.B. & FRANKIE GLADNEY (Ms.); CHARLES & DIXIE GLADNEY, (Ms.); TOM & ANN GLADNEY & children ELIZABETH, RACHEL, WILLIAM & SARAH (Tx.); MR & MRS A.J. GLADNEY (Ms.); MRS. SUE GLADNEY HANEY (Ga.); MR & MRS HOYT GLADNEY (Ga.); MRS SID WYNN (Ga.); MRS. BOND FULLER (Ga.); CECIL & PAULINE GLADNEY (Ga.); WILLIAM C. GLADNEY, JR. (Ga.); ALLENE M. SPRINGER (Ms.); CATHY SPRINGER KEMP & EMILY CATHRYN & EDWARD CLINTON KEMP (Ms.); DOROTHY M. BRIDGES (Ms.); JUDY M. BUTLER (Ms.); WILMA GLADNEY BERRYHILL (Ms.); REV. J. AUSTIN & DEXTER GLADNEY (Ga.); ROBERT & MARY GLADNEY (Tx.); JAMES LEE GLADNEY (Colo.); MARGARET & NOEL McGUIRE (Tx.); MONTEL & ADON DUNCAN (Tx.); J. DAN & JUDY GLADNEY & daughter PAMELA GAYLE GLADNEY (Ga.); CARLYLE & LYNDA GALLOWAY (Mo.); RICHARD & CHARLAYNE GLADNEY LAMB and children DIXIE & MAZIE (Ms.); CAROL HENDERSON (Tx.); CAROLYN HENDERSON (Tx.); HENRY L. & CLOMA MANGUM (Ms.); BILL & ANNETTE KIRK (Tx.); REV. & MRS. HENNING ANDREWS (Ms.); KEN B. & ELEANA COOLEY (Tx.); MRS R.T. KEYS (Ms.); MISS DOROTHY GLADNEY (Fla.); MR & MRS THOMAS MITCHELL McCANN and sons THOMAS GLADNEY McCANN II & JOHN ROBERT McCANN (Ms.); MRS. PHILLIP ALEXANDER (Ms.); LT.COL. & MRS. HALL A. MOODY, JR. (Ms.); MR & MRS JAMES GLADNEY HENDERSON (Ga.); MR & MRS WILLIAM FRED HENDERSON (Ga.); ROBBIE DELL RUSSELL (Tx.); MARGARET RUSSELL (Tx.); NADYNE GLADNEY HANCOCK (Tx.); BOB & DELORES LOMAX (Tx.); SAM & BLANCHE GLADNEY (Ark.); GEORGE C. & MARGUERITE EATON (Ms.); MR & MRS J.WALLACE GLADNEY and children GENEVA, DENISE & NANCY (Ky.); MARGARETE GLADNEY CHESNUT BOWEN (Tn.); BEATRICE G. GILLEY (Al.); ERNEST & JEANNE ATKINS (La.); CHARLES LATIMER ATKINS (La.); LINDA GRILLS (Va.); M. TUCKER GRILLS (Tx.); ROBERT HAROLD GLADNEY (Ms.); JESS S. BOWEN, JR. (Tn.); JEAN GLOVER (Al.); THOMAS R. McCANN, RITA & MARY LINDA McCANN (La.); LOUISE GLADNEY (La.); GEORGE & FRANCES GLADNEY (La.);