

Descendants of Richard II and Jane Strong

# Gladney Gram

38th Year—Issue 3

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For my first President's Message I will express thanks for those who helped me organize this year's reunion in Franklin and Carrollton, GA.

Thanks to the staff of the Holiday Inn Express and manager, Steve Redolfi. I first met Mr. Redolfi when I worked at Regions Bank. I heard no complaints, and it was very nice to have free use of the meeting room for Friday and Saturday.

A big thank you to the workers at Plant Wansley, especially Christie Garrett and Tammy Lovvorn. They were great hosts and it was neat to see the plant since the new additions they made to conform to environmental regulations.

Thank you to the staff of Chick-Fil-A for

delivering the sandwiches and drinks for lunch on Saturday. Gladney cousin, Regina Stamps, gave me the contact information and details on how to set up the lunch. Cousins Sharon Frost and Melba Templeton set up the church while we were finishing our plant tour.

Speaking of Sharon, a thank you to her for opening the museum for a visit. I think everyone had a great time Saturday.

The staff at the University of West Georgia were very nice, and I for one will consider them the next time I am hosting a dinner event.

Last, but certainly not least, I wish to thank Cathy Newman for helping me with the food on Friday and our outgoing President, Terry Burkemper, for giving me ideas on activities and providing bottled water on Saturday.

For those who did not make the trip to Georgia, we're sorry we missed you, and hope to see you next year in Winnsboro. New Vice-President, Judy Whitesell, is putting together activities we can do on Friday before we visit the cemeteries and the Fairfield Museum on Saturday.

I've done enough rambling for now. Football season is right around the corner, but

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## FAMILY UPDATES

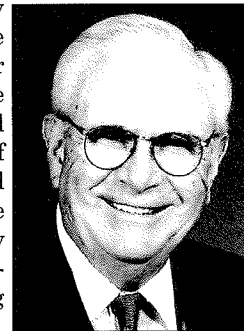
**JOSEPHINE EUGENIA GLADNEY GATES**, a Richard Gladney descendant, age 91, passed away at Emeritus of Sandy Springs Nursing Home in Atlanta, GA on October 13, 2012. She was born on April 7, 1921 in Pueblo, Colorado to Josephine Elliot Gladney and Henry Grady Gladney. She was the granddaughter of James Beckett Gladney and Sarah Jane Farr Gladney and the great-granddaughter of Richard Strong Gladney and Jane Amanda McMillian Gladney. Josephine Gladney married Dr. Robert LeRoy Gates, Sr. on April 8, 1943. Interment was conducted by the Cremation Society of the South on October 17, 2012 at the Marietta National Cemetery\* located at 500 Washington Ave, Marietta, GA, where she is in eternal rest beside her husband. Submitted by her son, Robert LeRoy Gates, Jr. on 6/23/2014.

\*The Marietta National Cemetery, originally known as the "Marietta and Atlanta National Cemetery" was established in 1866 to provide a suitable resting place for the near 10,000 Union dead from Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. Henry Cole, a local merchant who remained loyal to the Union throughout the war, offered land for a burial ground for both Union and Confederate dead. His hope was that by honoring those who had fallen together, others might learn to live in peace. Unfortunately, both sides clung to their bitterness and neither North nor South would accept Cole's offer toward reconciliation. When this effort failed, 24 acres were offered to General George H. Thomas for use of a national cemetery. In 1867 a second offer of land by Cole was accepted and a subsequent purchase of additional acreage in 1870 brought the cemetery to its present size of a little over 23 acres. Marietta National Cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on Sept. 18, 1998.

**DR. EUGENE DOBBS**, 82, loving husband, father, grandfather and pastor loved by many, slipped peacefully into eternity on Friday, April 4, 2014 at his home in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Gene was born on May 11, 1932, the youngest child of Wiley and Evie Dobbs of Mathiston. He attended Mathiston High School, Wood Junior College, Mississippi College, Mississippi State University, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he received the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry.

He married Betty Gladney in 1954 while serving in the U.S. Air Force. She was the daughter of Howard and Mavis Gladney of Weir, Mississippi and was the love of his life for 54 years. They served in ministry together pastoring churches in Louisville, Yazoo City, Pearl and Philadelphia. In 1991, his ministry took them to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board where he served as Associate Executive Director until his retirement in 1999.



A treasured part of his ministry was his involvement in volunteer missions. This passion took him on more than two dozen volunteer projects on five continents. Gene was an active amateur radio operator for more than 45 years. This love began with a desire to help missionaries on the field communicate with their families in the U.S. He was also passionate about hunting. He hunted in many areas of the U.S., but was most at home in the woods of his farm in Choctaw County.

He was preceded in death by his wife and ministry partner, Betty, his parents, Wiley and Evie Dobbs,

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and two sisters, Iris Hawkins and Jerrie Garland. Betty Gladney Dobbs was the daughter of Howard and Mavis Gladney of Weir, Mississippi

He is survived by his children, Janice Kinard (Dwain) of Spanish Fort, AL, Rita Goldman (Scotty) of Prattville, AL, grandchildren Rachel Kinard and Laura Goldman (Corbin Stewart), brother, Dennis Dobbs of Ackerman and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of worship in honor of his life and ministry was held on Monday, April 7, 2014, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Dan Howard, Dr. Matt Buckles, and Rev. Marcus Peagler officiated. Interment was in Eastlawn Cemetery in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

In keeping with his love for missions and ministry, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions through any local Baptist church or to the Children's Village of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Notification submitted by his daughter, Rita Dobbs Goldman on 6/24/14 (As published in Clarion Ledger on Apr. 7, 2014.)

**PATRICIA ANN RHODES KAMRAR**, a Richard Gladney descendant, age 83, of Roseville, California passed away on April 12, 2012. She was predeceased by her husband, Eugene L. Kamrar. Patricia was born on August 26, 1928 in Sacramento, California to Edna Mary Gladney Rhodes and Preston Rhodes. She married Eugene LeRoy Kam-



rar on March 20, 1948 in Reno, Nevada. Interment was in Roseville Cemetery, Roseville, California.

NOTE: Mrs. Kamrar's passing was discovered after an online search when her *Gladney Gram* was returned as undeliverable.

**LOMA HUGHES SAWYER GLADNEY**, age 88, of Woodway, McLellan County, Texas passed away on June 17, 2009. She was born on November 5, 1920 in Purdon, Texas. Loma Hughes Sawyer married William Cody Gladney (1/21/1922-6/16/2002) on September 25, 1965 in Oxnard, Ventura County, California. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son, Donald Ray Sawyer; stepson, John Damian Gladney, stepdaughter, Janey Kathleen Gladney Breckenridge Hardin Eisenberg, and step grandson; John Damian Gladney, Jr. Surviving are stepson; William C. Gladney Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren; Seth Michael Sawyer and Tatianna Venita Sawyer; step grandsons, Seth Richard Hardin, Michael Ray Sawyer and wife Kandi; and great-grandchildren, Seth Michael Sawyer and Tatianna Venita Sawyer.

NOTE: Mrs. Gladney's passing was discovered after an online search when her *Gladney Gram* was returned as undeliverable. The full obituary was not available. If you have the obituary, please forward to me for an upcoming issue of the *Gladney Gram*.

**MRS. BETTY JEAN GLADNEY MARTIN**, age 84, of Carrollton, GA passed away Sunday, August 10, 2014.

Mrs. Martin was born in Whitesburg, GA on June 18, 1930, the daughter of the late Marvin Taylor Gladney and Carrie Treadwell Gladney. She was a homemaker and of the Congregational Methodist Faith.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Scott Maples of Carrollton, Janet and Michael Barnes of Bowdon; grand-

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children, Donnita (Todd) Kincaid, Chad Collins, Valerie (Aaron) Collins, Meagan Maples, Jessica (Aaron) Rush, Richard (Angela) Barnes; great grandchildren, Lea Kincaid, Jacob Kincaid, Cullan Collins, Joshua Collins, Jayden Green, Erica Rush, Jonathon Barnes; sister, Maureen Musick of Carrollton. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her first husband, Grady Prescott; husbands, Henry Osborne and Robert Martin; grandsons, Robert Barnes, Jarrod Maples; three brothers and three sisters.



The family received friends at Almon Funeral Home on Tuesday from noon until 2 p.m.

Funeral services were Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Almon Funeral Home with Rev. Anthony Puckett officiating.

Pallbearers will be Richard Barnes, Chad Collins, Todd Kincaid, Jacob Kincaid, Aaron Rush and Alan Strickland.

Interment will be in the Shiloh Church Cemetery, Carroll County, GA.

Messages of condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.almonfuneralhome.com](http://www.almonfuneralhome.com) Almon Funeral Home of Carrollton has charge of arrangements.

*Editor's Note: Betty was my mother's sister. There were eight siblings of which now only one remains, Maureen Gladney Musick of Georgia. We will all miss Aunt Betty.*

**EULA MAE SHULL BROWN**, of Charleston, died May 22, 2010 in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Born November 8, 1922, in Catawba County, she was the oldest of eight children of the late Beverly Wray Shull and Mamie Jeanette Shull.

Eula Mae lived in Hickory all her life until she moved to Charleston, SC in 2002 to be with her daughter and family. In Hickory, Eula Mae was an active member of Temple Baptist Church for 40 years and was a volunteer at Frye Regional Medical Center for many years.

She retired from Fresh Air Galaxy in Viewmont where she was known and loved by many Hickory residents.

In Charleston, Eula Mae spent many wonderful days at Respite Care Ministries at St. Matthews Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. She was loved by the staff and volunteers for her cheerfulness and kindness. Even though her memory faded, Eula Mae was always able to show much love and affection to her family and friends. She will be remembered for her kind and gentle spirit.

In addition to her parents, Eula Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Olin Frank Brown, Jr., two sisters, Gladys Flowers and Katherine Minck and two brothers, Houston Shull and Clifford Shull. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Sakash and husband George of Charleston; a brother, Carroll Shull of Hickory; two sisters, Evelyn Bennett of Cochransville, PA and Pauline Parsons of Hickory; two grandsons, Mark Arcuri and wife Jennifer of Wilmington, NC and Neal Sakash of Charleston; and two great-grandchildren.

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Mrs. Brown's burial was in Catawba Memorial Park, Hickory, Catawba County, NC.

Submitted by daughter, Janice Sakash.

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## 2014 REUNION ATTENDEES

The 2014 Gladney Reunion Banquet was held at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA. This year's reunion was hosted by Tonnie Adams, our President for 2014-2016.

The 39 attendees at the banquet were:

Tonnie Adams  
 Terry and Gene Burkemper  
 Cathy and Jimmy Newman  
 Kevin Veitch  
 Sydney Turner and Larry Gard  
 C. Wallace Gladney  
 Charles Gladney, III  
 J. Wallace and Dean Gladney  
 Kathy Jenkins  
 Rossell Adams Beckett  
 Janice and George Sakash  
 Judy Whitesell  
 Lucille Gladney  
 Tim Johnson  
 Timmy Johnson  
 Ray Hunt  
 Sue Gladney and Bill Loftin  
 Sue Haney  
 Elaine Lane  
 Ken Kirkpatrick  
 Dan Pannell  
 Sharon and Charlie Frost  
 Ann Adams  
 Dan and Judy Gladney  
 Larry Gladney  
 Melba Smith  
 Melba Hyatt Templeton  
 Pearl and Henry Judah  
 Tom McCann  
 Jacob McCann

## IRISH GLADNEY GRAVES

By Cathy Newman

We are thankful for those who shared their travel information with us. I am still putting together the info to share with everyone. The two main contributors of information were Julia Kerr Glenn and Patricia Woolsey. Dan Pannell also shared photos and info of his family's trip this year.

One thing of concern has come to light. The four Gladney graves in the Broughshane First Presbyterian Church in County Antrim are disappearing due to their extended age and the toll that the extreme weather has taken on them.

Julia Glenn was so concerned with the condition of the graves, the last physical piece of our Irish heritage that she wrote a letter to the Gladney Family Association and asked that it be read at the business meeting prior to the 2014 Gladney Reunion annual banquet. The letter follows:

### A Grave Issue

By Julia Kerr Glenn

"In March of this year, my daughter Toni Corrigan Strack and I traveled to Ireland and toured the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. I was stunned at the changes in both these countries since my last trip there. Nothing looked the way I remembered it. (This was my third trip there; 1997, 2012, and 2014.)

We flew into Shannon, Ireland, rented a car and drove ourselves around for a week, then arrived in Dublin a couple of days before St. Patrick's Day. Then on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we went to Belfast and on to Ballymena to the First Presbyterian Church where the Gladneys are buried. I remembered Ballymena as a

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charming little village with smiling children in school uniforms, friendly red-cheeked citizens, and window boxes filled with colorful flowers. In 1997, I located the spot that had been called Kinbally, which was now indistinguishable. Ballymena appeared to have doubled in size, yet felt compressed.

I drove the length of the main street four times before Toni spotted the church. The first time I went to this church (1997), I didn't know for sure that the Gladneys were buried there, but it was the only Presbyterian Church within miles (and prominently visible), so I felt like it was worth a search.

We parked the car on the busy street and entered the church grounds. I went directly to the graves, which are very easy to find. They are some of the oldest in the church grounds, and have a small iron fence around them. I was excited to be there again and to have my daughter there with me. The grounds are very well-maintained and very clean. However, I was surprised when I saw the graves. The ground was sunken, and the engraving on the stones seems to be slipping away. My first thought was that the graves are in danger of being lost. Almost as quickly, I realized there was a solution. This is a project for the family association. We could have a new marker made and placed on the ground below the original markers. There would need to be a committee to determine the exact

wording, and to work with the First Presbyterian Church in Ballymena for approval. Also before this most recent trip, the church had added a directory to the graves near the entrance, but the names on "our" graves were indecipherable, and are misspelled (I have photos). Perhaps we could have this corrected.

*Editor's Note: 1997 and 2013 photos are shown on page 9.*

There is much to be worked out, but I wanted to get this info to you before the next reunion so that it could be considered at the business meeting. I am not able to attend this year's reunion due to family illness, but will be happy to help in any way that I can. I know a few members of the church there and may be able to provide contact information."

Julia Kerr

There was some discussion in the Officer's Meeting regarding how to proceed on getting approval from the Church and local authorities to add a plaque or an engraved stone to duplicate and preserve what is left of the information on the stones. No action was taken. However, if we are going to act, the sooner the better. We would like to know what your thoughts are regarding this issue. If you want your opinion heard, come to the 2015 reunion. During this next year, my project is to speak with the authorities and find out how to proceed if the Association decides to take action.



2015 Gladneys In America Officers and Directors: l-r Tim Johnson (KY) Database Mgr., Ray Hunt (AL), C. Wallace Gladney (LA) Past President, Judy Whitesell (SC) Vice President, Tonnie Adams (GA) President, Cathy Newman (GA) Past President and Gladney Gram Editor, Terry Burkemper (MO) Past President and Treasurer, Janice Sakash (SC) Director, Dan Gladney (GA) Past President and Secretary, Dan Pannell (TX) Director, and J. Wallace Gladney (KY) Historian.

**GLADNEYS IN AMERICA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 26, 2014**

**Submitted by Dan Gladney, Secretary**

The GIA Board Meeting was held July 26, 2014 at 1630 hours in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn Express in Carrollton, Georgia. President Terry Burkemper presided.

NOTE: Past Presidents are encouraged to attend GIA Board Meetings. However only the current Directors and Officers can render voting.

Attendees for this meeting were:  
Terry Burkemper (MO) President,  
Tonnie Adams (GA) Vice President  
J. Wallace Gladney (KY) Historian  
Cathy Newman (GA) Editor Gladney Gram  
Tim Johnson (KY) Database Manager  
Dan Gladney (GA) Secretary  
Janice Sakash (SC) Director,  
Judy Whitesell (SC) Director  
Dan Pannell (TX) and  
Ken Kirkpatrick (SC)

SECRETARY'S REPORT, submitted by Dan Gladney (GA):  
IRS Form 990 was filed and accepted by the IRS. Next filing to be prior to January 2015. treasurer's accounting for fiscal year 2014-2015 shall be passed to the Secretary as soon as possible after year ending July 30, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:  
Repairs were made to one crypt and one broken headstone in the original Gladney Cemetery by a local professional in Winnsboro, SC. Thank you, Cathy.

Ken Kirkpatrick provided the family with his lawn and maintenance serviced and removed

much poison ivy and honeysuckle. Ken raised and leveled three headstone. Ken reported man areas are in need of trimming and he will ensure all necessary will be done in the fall of 2014.

Ken also reported that a security access cable has been laced across the pasture road leading to the cemetery. The code to unlock the cable lock is "1818".

The two Gladney Bibles were completed and are back in the possession of the Winnsboro Historical Society and the Winnsboro Museum.

The announcement for the 2015 Reunion will be posted at a later date as a local selection may change. It was noted that year 2018 will be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gladney's arrival in the United States from Ireland.

Donations of \$100 each will be made to the Centralhatchee Church and to the Church Cemetery Fund. A \$150 donation will be made to the Heard County Historical Society with some of these funds being used to purchase the big, blue book, *Gladneys In America*.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:  
Many thanks to C. Wallace Gladney (LA) for his wonderful dedication and family association support while serving many years as GIA Treasurer. C. Wallace tendered his resignation as Treasurer but, will continue to serve and support GIA where and when possible.

This Board elected Tonnie Adama (GA) as the 2014-2016 GIA President. Tonnie is faithful to GIA and his many efforts are much appreciated.

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Judy Whitesell (SC) was elected Vice President, 2014-2016.

Terry Burkemper (MO) agreed to complete the term of C. Wallace Gladney in the position of GIA Treasurer. This office will be up for re-election in 2015.

Janice Sakash (SC) was elected three-year Director, 2014-2017.

Dan Pannell (TX) was elected one-year Director, 2014-2015.

This Board elected to postpone the filling of the position of two-year Director at the 2015 reunion which will be held in the Winnsboro, SC area.

This Board meeting was adjourned at 1800 hours.

**GLADNEY POET**

The Gladney family has an author in its midst. Kenneth Kirkpatrick II has written several poems and a blog that you may want to check out online. The website is gopoem.com. Kenneth has also penned a book of poems entitled *Words Of A Lifetime...So Far*. The book is published by AuthorHouse and is available online. Kenneth M. Kirkpatrick II is the son of Ken Kirkpatrick of Irmo, SC.

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you couldn't tell it with our Georgia summer. However, this summer is about the most comfortable I can remember for several years. I'm afraid that we'll pay for it one of these days.

Tonnie Adams, President

**GREAT TWO YEARS**

By Terry Burkemper

Hello to Everyone!!

What a great Reunion we had!! Tonnie did a wonderful job! There was a nice group for Friday evening, many old friends and some new faces. It's great to be able to share that time together. Everyone was up early and ready for the plant tour. The people at Georgia Power were just wonderful and the tour was very informative. The view from 18 stories up was magnificent. Onward to the Centralhatchee First Baptist Church, cemetery, and lunch. Tonnie pointed out the many Gladneys in the cemetery. Next we headed to Franklin, GA to visit the jail. Several of the local sheriffs were Gladneys and the history of the jail was very interesting. Really enjoyed the Curator (Sharon Frost, a Gladney cousin) and stories about the jail.

Late Saturday afternoon the Board had their meeting and we all headed to the banquet. Wonderful food and a great program on the Gladneys that settled in the area. Tonnie's presentation was very informative and like all of us, has a wonderful family history. Sometimes, it's just hard to remember which Charles or Sarah you are talking about!

We are all saddened by the resignation of C. Wally Gladney as Treasurer. Wally has guided us for several years in this position and has taken very good care of our finances. We can't thank him enough for his hard work and devotion to the Organization.

Sunday morning we met for a few moments to give thanks for the gathering and safe

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Above: 1997 photo of the Gladney graves in Ballymena taken by Julia Glenn.  
Below: 2013 photo of the same graves taken by Tricia Woolsey.





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travel for all.

I would like to thank everyone for their help over the past two years. It has been fun and it is an honor to have been able to serve the Organization.

Just remember--Winnsboro in 2015!! Come view the work we had done to the Bibles and see where the original Gladneys are buried. We'd love to meet you!!!

Terry Burkemper

**ALWAYS FINISH**

By Anonymous

If a task is once begun,  
Never leave it till it's done.  
Be the labor great or small,  
Do it well or not at all.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY!**

**REUNIONS NOW ON YOUTUBE**

The Gladney Family Reunions are now available for viewing on YouTube. You do not have to be a member of YouTube to view the videos. However, if you wish to subscribe to the GladneyVideos Channel, you will need to sign up to be a member.

To view the videos, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). In the search box at the top of the page, type in "GladneyVideos" (no spaces, two caps). Some individual videos may be listed. But, make sure to select the Gladney Coat of Arms. Currently, only the 2014 reunion is available. Check back often as others will be added soon. Also, be aware that these may be large files and if you are like us, we have a cap on our data plan.

Thank you to my husband, Jimmy Newman, (or as Tim Johnson calls him, our Mega Multi Media Mogul) for recording our meetings as well as editing and uploading the videos.