

Descendants of Richard II and Jane Strong



Gladney Gram

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall!!

We are having a wonder fall this year. This is the first time in several years that the trees have been this colorful. I guess we did get rain at the right time.

Harvest has been going very well and yields are better than we expected. Six weeks without any rain did have an effect, but we are pleased with how things are going. A few rain delays, but the end is in sight.

The next major event in my area is deer season, big business in northern Missouri. I don't go near the woods. Not a good time of the year to be checking out cemeteries! I've had several calls from people about visiting some of the local ceme-

teries and reminded them of hunting season. It's always good to check with the people in the area before you go visiting cemeteries. A lot of them are on private property and it is best to contact owners before you go. Sometimes you get a free history lesson, too!

I'm sure everyone was saddened to hear of the passing of Cecil Gladney. Cecil and Polly were huge supporters and friends to all the Gladney cousins.

Be sure and check out the articles about the 2014 Reunion! When the snow and cold hits up here, I think I'll be humming "Georgia on my Mind"!!

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, let us not forget how blessed we are. Have a safe Holiday season.....

Terry Burkemper

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2014 GLADNEY REUNION

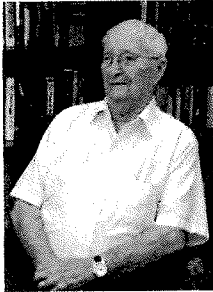
In the previous edition of the Gladney Gram, you were informed that the date of the reunion had been changed from the normal "last full weekend in July" date due to an election that required our host, Tonnie Adams, to work on the normal weekend. A local judge has changed the date of that election which allows us to keep with tradition. The reunion is back

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FAMILY UPDATES

CECIL ERNEST GLADNEY, age 91, of Carrollton, GA, passed away Monday, September 9, 2013 following an extended illness. He was born on March 26, 1922, in Carrollton, Georgia, to the late Mr. Samuel Calvin Gladney and Mrs. Mary Jones Gladney.

He proudly served in the United States Army during World War II and the Battle of the Bulge. He entered the military service on November 23, 1942 through Fort McPherson, Georgia. He was trained as a mechanic to maintain the tanks and other machinery. He served continuously during D-Day up until the very end with meeting the Russians in Czechoslovakia. It gave him great joy and honor to serve and defend our great country. He was a member of the Buck Creek Lodge #639, American Legion # 143, and Carroll Eastern Star.



He married the love of his life, Pauline Hall on April 4, 1942, and together conceived their only child, Cecil Samuel (Sammy) Guilford Gladney, who was still-born on October 24, 1943, while they were stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas. He owned and operated Cecil's Sales and Service Company in the hardware industry. He loved his career as a repair man because he was able to use this skill as a way to minister to many people. He also gave much of his time as a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society, in which he spent 15 years driving cancer

patients to and from doctors' appointments. He was a member of Clem United Methodist Church and was the founder of the Gladneys in America Reunions, which will take place in Carrollton, Georgia in 2014.

Besides his parents, preceding him in death is his wife Pauline Gladney; infant son, Sammy Gladney; and sisters, Ezel Harper, Alice Fuller, and Geneva Davenport.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Jackie Harper Moore (Billy), Melba Smith (Michael), Carolyn Harper, Calvin Harper (Earline), W.C. Fuller (Ruth), and Pelham Harper (Marie); and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 11 a.m. from Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel. Interment followed in Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan, GA.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 from 5-8 p.m.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at www.martin-hightower.com. Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel of Carrollton.

As printed in the Times-Georgia in Carrollton, GA.

FRANCES EUGENIA MITCHELL HOUSTON died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013 at the age of 97 with her family by her side.

A lifelong resident of Lincoln County, Missouri, she was born Oct. 16, 1915 near Okete, to Forest Eugene and Justena Mae Finley Mitchell.

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Frances married Louis B. Houston, who preceded her in death in 1980. After residing for many years on the Houston family farm, she moved to Troy, where she lived until her death. Frances was a valued and loved community member with deep roots in the area.

She was a member of the Mt. Zion Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church near Elsberry, MO, joining the church in 1928. In addition, she held a lifetime membership in the American Bible Society and was on the committee for the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.



She was a highly regarded and valued employee of Warrenton Garment Factory for 13 years, where she worked in addition to her families' homes and farms. Frances was active with the Older Adult Transportation Service (OATS) for years as well.

Frances was dedicated to her faith and her family. Her interests included gardening, sewing, history, traveling, and genealogy. Frances continued learning until late in life and embraced the incredible changes she witnessed in the world. This attitude and steadfast commitment to her health enabled her to maintain active relationships with friends and family.

Frances was the beloved mother of Louis Eugene Houston and wife, Becky of Elsberry, Pauline Steeves and husband, Paul of DeLand, Fla., Elizabeth Walton and husband, Hank of Kinderhook, Ill., Fran Grimes and husband, Jim of Eolia, and Ben

Houston and wife, Melba of Elsberry.

Frances also was a devoted mother to four daughters upon her marriage to Louis: Margaret Bruce Assaf of St. Louis, Edna Ann Waggoner of Elsberry, and Betty Jo Palmer and Mary Alice Houston, who preceded her in death. Her three sons-in-law also preceded her in death, John Assaf, Jack Palmer, and Bill Waggoner.

In addition to her nine children, she is survived by a sister, Mary Agnes Mitchell of Elsberry, and 16 grandchildren: Ashley (Grimes) Engler and husband, Clint, Drew Grimes and wife, Stephanie, Cameron Houston, Mitchell Houston, Gene Houston and wife, Tammie, Louis Edward Houston and wife, Donna, Tena Houston and partner, Shannon, Patsy Palmer and husband, Talbot D'Alemberte, Cathryn Steeves and husband, Steve Perkins, Kari Steeves and husband David Sklar, Hally Franz and husband, Tim, Ellen Richards and husband, Jarrod, Debbie Waggoner, Doug Waggoner and wife, Nancy, Garland Walton, and Leigh Walton and husband, George Cronin. Frances was preceded in death by one grandson, Bruce Palmer. Frances is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and many cousins and dear friends.

A visitation was held Friday from 5-8 p.m., at Kemper-Marsh-Millard Funeral Home/Troy Chapel. The funeral was Saturday at 10 a.m., at the Mt. Zion Associate Reform Presbyterian Church on Highway V near Elsberry.

Gifts in her memory may be made to the Mt. Zion Associate Reformed Presbyterian

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Church, 861 Hwy. V, Troy, MO 63379, or to the Bonclarken Conference Center Inc., a 501(c)(3) ministry, 500 Pine Drive, Flat Rock, N.C. 28731-9541.

Arrangements were under the care of Kemper-Marsh-Millard Family Funeral Chapel, Troy. Online condolences may be made at kempermarshmillardfamilychapels.com.

Submitted by Terry Burkemper as printed in The People's Tribune in Bowling Green, MO.

EDMOND JACKSON SUGGS put away his suspenders on Sept. 14, 2013. Born in Birmingham May 30, 1937, he is survived by five children, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one brother, and dear friend, Joanie Hiner. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ulysses Suggs and Ophelia Gladney Suggs and his loving beautiful wife of 48 years, Patsy Bogle Suggs.

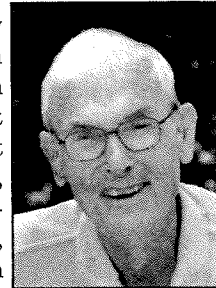
Much loved by his family and church, his big heart was filled with mischief and kindness, shared with everyone he met. He left as he lived, helping others, as an organ donor. EJ served in the U.S. Navy, Air Force and Civil Service for 35 years. He was enthusiastically devoted to his church family, Maryville Church of Christ. A 20-year Maryville resident, he stayed true to Roll Tide roots. He was described by some as "the most loved man in Maryville". We're gonna miss you, you old goat!

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Maryville Church of

Christ EEU to purchase Bibles in Russia, P.O. Box 5293, Maryville, TN 37802. Graveside service will be Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, at 1 p.m. at Williamson Chapel Cemetery. Cremation by Grandview, Maryville, 865-806-8170.

Submitted by EJ's brother Sid Suggs, Samuel descendant on 9/25/2013 as printed in the Blount County (TN) The Daily Times.

THOMAS HAROLD GARNER, 82, of Fairview, NC, formerly a long time resident of Seneca, SC died on October 14, 2012. Services for Mr. Garner was held Thursday at 11:30 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at Wells Highway, Seneca, SC. The family received friends from 4:00-6:00 PM on Wednesday, Oct 17 at Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian in Arden, NC and also from 10:00-11:00 AM on Thursday, October 18 at the church in Seneca, SC. Burial followed at Oconee Memorial Park.



Mr. Garner was born July 4, 1930 in Farmer, NC. He is the son of the late Milton Worth and Mary Ellen Branson Garner. While serving in the Army in Washington, DC, he met Ceytru (Trudy) Bentley. They were married July 26, 1954. The couple moved to Raleigh, NC where Thomas graduated from North Carolina State University with a doctorate in Agricultural Engineering. In 1962, the family moved to Seneca, SC, where he began a 30 year career as a research and teaching professor at Clemson University in the Department

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of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. He was privileged to work and associate with many wonderful co-workers and students who became life-long friends.

He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints serving in many leadership roles. He especially loved Scouting. Upon retirement, Thomas and Trudy served a full-time mission in Longview, Texas. Upon returning to Seneca, Mr. Garner became a church patriarch until he was granted emeritus status in 2011.

Mr. Garner is survived by his wife Ceytru Bentley Garner, seven children and spouses, Charles and Laura Garner, Bluffdale, UT; Nancy and Paul Gregory, Boise, ID; Ada and Keith Wilson, Orem, UT; Harold and Shauna Garner, Filer, UT; David and Christy Garner, Bluffdale, UT; Ann and Craig Draughon, Chapel Hill, NC; and John and Kim Garner, Fairview, NC, also 37 grandchildren (one deceased), and thirty-one great grandchildren. He is survived by his brother, Wallace Garner and his wife, Ersal, of Farmer, NC as well as dear cousins, nieces, and nephews. Preceding him in death are siblings Ruth, Marion, Esther, Richard, and Edwin.

Thomas loved family history; he was very respectful of his roots and loved sharing stories of his childhood and ancestors. Thomas was a farmer at heart and an engineer by craft. He spent his life gardening, tending vegetables and people. He used his creative mind to design solutions and then went to work to build them.

Submitted by Mrs. Tom (Ceytru (Trudy)) Garner, daughter of Oleta Gladney in Samuel's line.

JEFFREY BARTON GLADNEY, of Jasper, Alabama, born on June 28, 1965, passed away on Monday, Sept. 23, 2013, at the age of 48.

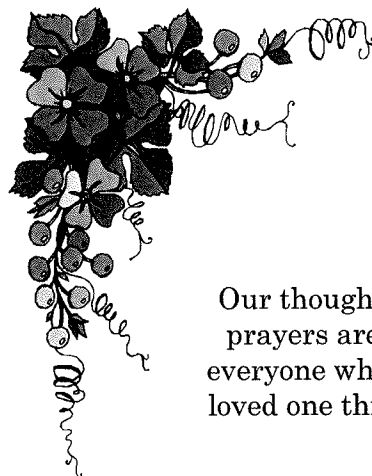
The family will receive friends today, Sept. 25, 2013, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will be today, Sept. 25, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Collins-Burke Chapel. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Gladney was preceded in death by his father, Bobby John Gladney; grandfather, Robert Barton; grandmother, Louise Barton; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gladney.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Barton Gladney; sister, Terri Gladney Wingo; and special niece and nephew, Jessica Wingo and Jonathan Wingo.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; AL
205-384-5571

Submitted by Sid Suggs 10/1/2013



Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who lost a loved one this year.

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on for the last full weekend in July, 2014 which falls on Friday, July 25 through Sunday morning, July 27, 2014.

Tonnie has already reserved rooms at the Holiday Inn Express located at 104 S. Cottage Hill Rd., Carrollton, GA 30117. The Gladney room rate is \$89.00 for either 1 King or 2 Queen beds and may be reserved either by phone or online. To book by phone, call the motel directly at 770-838-0508 or 1-866-952-7083. Tell them you want to reserve a room for the Gladney Reunion.

If booking online:

- 1) Log on to the motel website: www.hiexpress.com/carrolltonga
- 2) Under **BOOK THIS HOTEL** enter your arrival date and your departure date.
- 3) Under **HAVE A GROUP CODE?** Enter your 3 letter group code. Your group code is: GLA
- 4) Select **CHECK AVAILABILITY**
- 5) Select a room and click on **BOOK THIS ROOM.**
- 6) Complete the requested data and print out or record your confirmation number.

NOTE: Keep a record of your confirmation number. If you cancel your reservation, be sure to get a cancellation number.

Tonnie has also been busy preparing for the outing on Saturday as well as the catering. The details will be in an upcoming Gladney Gram.

Please plan ahead and make arrangements now to attend this reunion. Motel reservations can be made at the reduced rate of \$89 through July 18, 2014.

COME TO THE 2014 REUNION

By Tonnie Adams, VP / Host

Preparations are under way for the 2014 Gladneys in America Reunion. The reunion will be July 25 – 27, 2014. This year the reunion will be based in Franklin, GA. The hotel will be in Carrollton, GA. Activities are being planned for the entire weekend. Please come out and let us show you some West Georgia hospitality.

I apologize for the confusion as to the date for the reunion. My job is in elections, and the date of the Georgia Primary Runoff was changed two times. First before the Winnsboro Reunion (when I said the Reunion would be earlier), the second time after the Winnsboro Reunion. The date for the reunion WILL be July 25 – 27, which is the traditional final weekend date.

The tentative schedule for the weekend is coming together. On Friday we will have a meet and greet with food provided at the hotel. Saturday will be a full day as we will visit our local coal power plant, Plant Wansley, which was constructed in the 1970's. The tour is very informative, and there will be options for those who can not go through the entire tour.

We will also visit the Yellowdirt Baptist Church and Cemetery, which is on the Plant Wansley campus, and was attended by Gladney descendants. The cemetery contains the graves of several Gladney kin.

Then we will go to Centralhatchee Baptist Church for lunch (provided) and a brief cemetery tour. Many of the descendants of Lemuel and Frances Gladney are buried

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BIBLE PRESERVATION

The two Gladney Bibles that are in the Fairfield County Museum have been delivered to the conservator for evaluation. The hope is to have the Bibles digitized by scanning the pages that have specific significance to the Gladney family and placing the information on a CD. I have asked that a CD be given to the Museum and a second copy given to the family. When a visitor is doing research on our family, they can easily view the Bible information without making any contact with the actual pages of the Bibles.

The conservators are also checking for any damage that has occurred over the years as well as any acid damage done by the original ink used to print the pages. They will make recommendations PRIOR to any work being done on the Bibles. They did say that adding the acid free sheets that we thought would be a good idea is in fact NOT a good idea. The thickness that would be added to the spine would cause additional damage and would require a new spine be made.

One of the Bibles had been displayed in the open position for so long that it could not be closed without causing extensive damage. It was necessary to deliver the Bible in the open position to the conservator.

Our goal is to make our family information available to as many researchers as possible and also to keep the Bibles as close to original as possible while preserving them for future generations.



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there. We will finish our history tour with a visit to the Old Heard County Jail Museum. James Ezra Gladney lived there while he served as the Sheriff of Heard County. The highlight of the museum is the original cell block upstairs with the gallows intact (never used).

Then we will have a break before the banquet dinner, which will be held on the campus of the University of West Georgia. On Sunday we will have a short devotional and prayer before traveling back home.

I hope you will come out to West Georgia and be a part of the 2014 Reunion!

The motel has many amenities including a daily hot continental breakfast, high speed internet, microwave and fridge in all rooms, fitness center, outdoor pool, and all interior corridor rooms. There are several large chain restaurants within one mile of the motel including O'Charleys, Applebee's, Olive Garden, and IHOP.





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Cathy's Corner

My hairdresser for the past several years has been a wonderful, Korean lady. I trust her so much that when I sit in her chair and she says, "What do you want today?", I respond with either "Whatever you think will look good" or "It doesn't matter". We have become good friends and have lunch together about once a week.

One day she asked me if I had visited a store very near her salon that rents booths to people who want to sell antiques, collectibles, and fine furniture. I had not. So, after my appointment, we set out to shop.

The first thing I saw when I walked through the door was an old chair that needed a new cane seat. Right up my alley. And, it was only \$10. Right beside it was a child's red rocking chair for only \$7. It had a crack in one of the back supports but, it was nothing I couldn't handle.

My friend asked if I would like to be her partner and rent a booth. She had a lot of "stuff" in her basement to sell. I had finished caning a few chairs and wanted to sell them so, I said yes.

We are in our first full month. The two weeks that we were there last month, I sold enough to pay my rent and she came up only a few dollars short. Being newbies, we didn't get the best booth in the building but, I am on the waiting list for a better location. My friend is finding that she doesn't have enough time to find more items to sell so, she is going to withdraw and I will be alone.

So, now I have another new business venture. Wish me luck as the holiday season approaches. I am doing something I have always wanted to do and hopefully, I will soon be making a profit at CATHY'S COLLECTION or CATHY'S COLLECTIBLES. Can't decide.