



Descendants of Richard II and Jane

Gladney Gram

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Larry R. Ivens

Hello Gladney Cousins,

The Gladney family's annual reunion will occur in just a few short weeks. I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am. It's the opportunity that we all have to visit with our cousins, share stories of the past and talk about family history that has been discovered by the genealogical enthusiasts in our family. Every time I have a chance to go to the reunion, I meet a relative I have not met before and learn something new about our family history.

This year the reunion in Memphis promises to be another great reunion. Mickey and Lana Johnson, Tim Johnson and other family members have done a wonderful job of planning the reunion. Each of you received reunion information in the last Gladney Gram, so you know we have a lot to look forward to.

This year I will be attending the reunion without my mother and dad. Although their health is stable, neither travels much anymore. I feel a bit sad because mother always enjoyed the reunion so much; it was one of the highlights of the summer for her each year. I plan to take lots of pictures to share with her.

My best wishes to all of you,
Larry R. Ivens, President, GIA

LOOK OUT MEMPHIS, HERE WE COME!

The Gladney clan will be invading the lovely city of Memphis, Tennessee on July 25-27, 2008. The Johnson family is busy preparing the city for our arrival. A few weeks ago, memories arose of the last reunion that was scheduled to take place in Memphis when we heard of another storm that had hit the area and caused damage. Hopefully, no injuries

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Happy 4th of July and a huge thank you to the men and women, both living and dead, who fought for our freedom. We'll never forget you.

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were caused and any damage was only minor.

It is very important to send in your reunion registration form so that we will know how many attendees plan to attend. This number will be used to order food, arrange for activities, etc. A form is included in this publication. Please send the completed form along with your \$10 annual dues and \$40 per person registration fee for the reunion to C. W. Gladney

NEW GLADNEY WEB SITE

Tim Johnson has been working diligently on getting the new Gladney family web site up and running. It is now ready all of us to use. The web site name is www.gladneys.org. I have found it to be much easier to use. Some items found on the web site include: current reunion information as well as info on previous reunions, past Gladney Gram publications which will be scanned and added as time permits, photos of the original Gladney cemetery as well as directions and information on it's permanent occupants, listing of other cemeteries where Gladneys are interred, Gladney descendant listing, and Gladney portraits.

If you have any suggestions for additions to the new web site, please contact either Cathy Newman at newmanca@charter.net or Tim Johnson at timgladney@aol.com.

We all want to thank Tim for his hard work in getting this monumental task completed.

GET WELL SOON

(received 3/8/2008) Hope everyone is doing well. Mom broke her hip in October, had surgery and is in a wheelchair. She is in a memory care facility because I could no longer manage her care at home. She has had frequent falls and is not doing that well. Her spirits are still very high most of the time and everyone at the facility loves her. We will appreciate your prayers.

Janice Sakash

Update (received 6/26/2008): Mother is doing better physically now. She can walk short distances on her walker with someone beside her. If anyone would like to send a card to cheer her up, please mail to: Eula Mae Brown, Ashley River Plantation, Seasons Building Room 504, 2333 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29414.

RO-TEL CHICKEN RECIPE

1 can cream of mushroom soup
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 1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes with chilis
 1 cup chicken broth
 1 med. onion (finely chopped)
 1 large bag of Fritos corn chips, crushed
 1 boiled chicken cut into bite-size pcs.
 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Combine first five ingredients and heat to boiling. Spread half the corn chips in greased 9x13 pan. Layer half the chicken and then the soup mixture. Repeat the three layers. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-35 minutes. Sprinkle cheese on top and bake 5 minutes longer.



Please remember to let Cathy Newman know if you change your mailing address or your email address so that we can get information to you in a timely manner and save on additional postage.

PLANT YOUR OWN IRISH GARDEN

I am just beginning to get involved in the whole gardening thing. But, I saw an article that I thought might interest some of you. As I am by no means an expert, please do your own research on these plants before doing any extensive planting. They say these plants will make an excellent Irish garden.

Perennials

- Bellis perennis (a type of daisy)
- Primula vulgaris (a form of primrose)
- Ranunculus ficaria
- Achillea millefolium (Common yarrow)
- Leucanthemum vulgare (Ox eye daisy)
- Ranunculus ficaria (The lesser celandine)

Shrubs

- Cytisus scoparius (broom)
- Ulex europeaus (gorse or furze)
- Ligustrum vulgare (privet)
- Viburnum opulus (Guelder rose)

FYI-according to the wildflower website of Ireland, there are only about 1200 native wildflower and naturalized species in Ireland. Of that 1200, 300 are endangered and some have already gone extinct (mainly the cornfield annuals). The extinction comes due to the changes in their growing environment caused by chemical sprays, machinery, and changes in farming practices.

The Irish Wildflower Growers of Crettyard, Carlow, Ireland has asked the locals to help them preserve the environment of Ireland by planting native wildflowers.

WHO IS THE OLDEST?

We are surveying to find the oldest living Gladney family member. If you think you may be the oldest or if you know someone else that you think may be the oldest, please let us know. We'll print a special message in the next Gladney Gram to acknowledge and honor the oldest member of the Gladney family.

Send your nomination to Cathy Newman via email at newmanca@charter.net, by mail to 40 Tralee Trace, Sharpsburg, GA 30277, or by phone at 770-251-8946.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

Fantastic newsletter. Like everyone else in the family we have been caught up in all the today needs that the reunion seemed so long ago. It was very nice to relive the wonderful time we had with the Gladneys.

Gail and Don Smith

PS We have a new niece-in-law. Jimi and Julie were married September 22 (2007) in Edisto, S.C. Judy will probably share more details. It was a beautiful wedding.

HISTORY OF OLD BRICK CHURCH, WINNSBORO

As printed in Gladney Gram dated July 1985 by William C. Gladney

If you remember, in the last full issue of the Gladney Gram, I promised a few excerpts from issues that were published in the early years of the Gladneys In America Family Association. This particular piece was typewritten by William C. Gladney in July of 1985. It's a little lengthy but is worth the time to read it. I learned a few things that I didn't know. I hope you enjoy it. If you're not familiar with the term "Synod" mentioned in the article, it means—council of a church.

"7/8/1985 Letter from Mr. J. H. Warmoth, Clerk of Session, Bethel Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Zion Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180 (Rev. Jerry R. Wolff, Pastor) confirming that Mrs. Alva Stevenson MacFie of Winnsboro, a member of our GIAFA and a member of this church, would open the OLD BRICK CHURCH on Saturday, July 27, at 3:30 pm for our GIAFA excursion visit.

Mr. Warmoth enclosed some very interesting historical information on the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Old Brick Church building. Any in our Gladney family clan believe, it seems, that the movement of our very remote Gladney ancestors was from Scotland to Northern Ireland to America – for reasons of religion – their movement from Scotland to Northern Ireland having occurred perhaps in the 1600's or earlier. The following historical data which I want to share with you is most

certainly "food for thought"...the widow JANE WILSON GLADNEY from County Antrim, Northern Ireland to colonial America in the 1700's – our mother of Gladneys In America – was of the Reformed Presbytery (Covenanters):

"The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is the result of an organic union in America of the Associate Presbytery and the Reformed Presbytery (COVENANTERS), both of which were organized in Scotland by separating from the Established Presbyterian Church. Some pertinent historical dates and facts are as follows...

1560 – As part of the Reformation, the Scotch Church became the official church of Scotland and adopted the Westminster Confession and the Catechism as basic doctrine. During the following century, there was bitter dissension and persecution within the church principally over state control, disregard of the basic doctrines and form of church government. (Note by this Gladney-Gram writer... Many of these dissenting Scottish people, because of religious persecution in Scotland, settled in the northern part of Ireland during the 16th and 17th centuries. The persecution followed them into Ireland, so they chose to take the dangerous trip across the Atlantic to the New World. They were courageous in the face of many hardships. They valued their faith more than their lives and were earnest and unswerving in their devotion to the Covenanter and Reformed principles).

1688 – William III (William of Orange) upon ascending the throne reorganized the existing church into the Established

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Presbyterian church of Scotland, discontinued persecution, but many were still dissatisfied with continued practices pertaining to church government and disregard of basic doctrines, so in –

1733 – Under the leadership of Ebenezer Erskine, the Associate Presbytery was organized at Gairney Bridge, Scotland, separating from the Established Church. Then in –

1743 – The Covenanters who had for years dissented and organized themselves into societies formally organized and the Reformed Presbytery. The Associate and Reformed Presbyteries grew, spread to North Ireland, then members immigrated to America where societies and churches organized throughout Pennsylvania, New York, Carolinas and Georgia. Then in –

1758 – Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania was organized.

1774 – Reformed Presbytery of Pennsylvania was organized. The differences which kept these two bodies apart in Scotland and North Ireland were less pronounced in America and following negotiations there was organized in –

1782 – The Associate Reformed Synod in Philadelphia which included churches located throughout Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Carolinas, and Georgia. As part of this Synod, there was organized in –

1790 – Associate Reformed Presbytery of Carolinas and Georgia at Long Cane, SC (Abbeville County). During the next twenty years the church grew and in

1802 it was decided to organize four Synods and one General Synod; consequently in –

1803 – The Associate Reformed Synod of the Carolinas was organized May 9 at BRICK CHURCH, Fairfield County, South Carolina. This, with the Synods of Pennsylvania, New York and Scioto, Ohio, organized the General Synod in 1804 with headquarters in Philadelphia. This General Synod organization continued until it was agreed that each Synod become independent and in 1822 the Synod of the Carolinas became the A. R. Synod of the South.

The Synods of Pennsylvania, New York, and Scioto, of the Associate Reformed Church and the Associate Church which did not go into the union of 1782, joined in 1858 to form the United Presbyterian church. This denomination merged with the Presbyterian church, U.S.A., in 1958 to form the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.”

The OLD BRICK CHURCH (Ebenezer) in Fairfield County, S.C. is of special interest to our Gladney clan. So is the OLD ROCK CURCH (Lebanon), now in ruins with a number of early Gladney descendants buried in its cemetery. Both are near the original colonial land grants to our immigrant ancestors. And so is the OLD ROCK HOUSE or PRESBYTERIAN MANSE built about 1784 which was the residence of Presbyterian pastors and their families. And, of course, the newer LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH which replaced the Old Rock church (Lebanon) a few miles away is meaningful to us because a number of later Gladney descendants are also bur-

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ied there. Especially for those Gladney descendants who have not visited the OLD BRICK CHURCH and perhaps experienced a certain heartfelt feeling about our early ancestors, let this Gladney-Gram writer take you on a tour of this historical old church...

The OLD BRICK CHURCH on Little River was formerly called Ebenezer Meeting House. It was constructed in 1788 of brick which was made by members of the congregation...This is the second building of the Associate Reformed Society of Presbyterians of Ebenezer. The original meeting house, made of logs, had been build by Captain James Kincaid two miles west of this location sometime before the Revolutionary War...the early settlers of this section were Scotch-Irish people—Scottish people who, because of religious persecution in Scotland, settled in the northern part of Ireland during the 16th and 17th centuries. The persecution followed them into Ireland so they chose to take the dangerous trip across the Atlantic to the New World. They were courageous in the face of many hardships. They valued their faith more than their lives and were earnest and unswerving in their devotion to the covenanter and Reformed principles....In 1803 the Synod of the Carolinas was organized in this church – making a southern branch of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The Reverend James Rogers, a native of Ireland who was educated at Glasgow University in Scotland, was the pastor of this church and was chosen to serve as moderator of the first meeting of the Synod. The Rev. Rogers also conducted a school near Mon-

ticello for young men. He is buried behind the church... For many years there was a large congregation worshipping here—but migration to the west, the War between the States, and removal of many to the towns and cities has left the old church now without a congregation. It is used only on special occasions – but is considered a shrine of the A.R.P. Church...This building is included in the National Register of Historic buildings. It is of simple, sturdy colonial style – typical of the early country churches... Observe the use of the famous Fairfield granite in the foundation and steps. The bricks vary in shade from pale orange to burgundy red—and on one side are decorated with bright green lichens. Some of the bricks are almost black. It is recorded that the men of the congregation made the bricks – “tramping the mud with their feet, moulding the bricks with their hands, then burning them in the kilns by day and night.”...there were originally three doors to the building—the main entrance and a door on each end. The end doors led to the balconies which were on each side for the slaves. One of the balconies was removed after the War Between the States, since the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church lost its Negro members at that time. The door on the eastern end of the building was made into a window at that time and the pulpit was moved to that side, from its original position on the southern wall across from the main entrance...Some of the windows are the original blown glass...the pulpit was originally against the southern wall and the other slave gallery was on the eastern wall. You can see in the plastering the outline of the

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steps. The window behind the pulpit was originally the door to that gallery. On the outside you will notice the door was converted into a window...The walls are brick and about 12 inches thick...the hand planed pews offered no comfort for the worshippers—but were sufficiently sturdy to support many generations of worshippers...The original pewter communion service is in safekeeping at the Bethel Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in Winnsboro. Tokens were given by the Session of the church to the members worthy to take communion—those who were living as good Christians... Opposite the narrow steps leading to the slave gallery is the inscription of apology on the door frame which the Yankee soldier left after the troops of General Williams' 20th Corps had torn out the floor of the church in February 1865 to make a bridge over Little River for the continuation of their march on Winnsboro...the cemetery holds many interesting stones—several Revolutionary War soldiers, Civil War soldiers—the grave of the first pastor, Rev. James Rogers...The grave of Mary McMorries Kincaid is west of the church. The story of Mary's trip across the Atlantic as a child of twelve is an interesting legend. The ship's supply of food gave out and the travelers cast lots to see which member would be a sacrifice. When the lots were draw, Mary's name appeared. They were appalled—Mary was so beautiful and so young. They prayed and drew lots again—and again Mary's name appeared. They had a long night of prayer and in the morning a ship was sighted which came and fur-

nished the supplies—and Mary's life was spared. She came to Fairfield with her family and later married a Kincaid and became the ancestress of many Fairfield citizens.

Traditionally, there has been strong religious faith and convictions within our Gladney family clan...A great heritage belongs to us!"

INTERESTING FACTS

1. If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural cause.
2. The only two animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot.
3. The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
4. It cost 7 million dollars to build the Titanic and 200 million to make a film about it.
5. Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.
6. The owl is the only bird to drop its upper eyelid to wink. All other birds raise their lower eyelids.
7. In ancient Egypt, priests plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.



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Cathy's Corner

My neighbor, Melissa (I call her M), has turned out to be one of my best friends. A couple of months ago, I found myself unemployed through no fault of my own. After a couple of weeks inside thinking about my non-working status, I decided to venture into the yard. If you know me, you know that I'm not a "yard" person. But, M met me at the fence and convinced me to help her create a garden.

This garden was not going to be a vegetable garden. No, it was going to be like a botanical, woodsy garden. In my unemployed stupor, I agreed. Little did I know that we were going to, as my husband so aptly says, move the woods into the backyard. We ripped up honeysuckle vine, sprayed poison, dug up tree roots, and trimmed limbs until our hands were sore and we were covered with poison ivy.

Then, she orders a shredder. When I hear shredder, I think of the crosscut shredder for paper that I have sitting in the hallway. M's shredder will take a two inch tree and convert it into mulch. We have named the shredder Big John (we also named the 4' long rat snake that we found Henry). Big John is big and red and loud. We ran Big John every day until our yards are almost spic and span.

The new woodsy garden is covered in mulch and the ferns, hostas and bromeliads are growing. It's the "Friendship and Patience" garden.

M and I share a lot of time, a lot of conversation, and a lot more. We are there for each other in rough times and funny times. There are some neighbors that I prefer not to be friends with. But, Melissa, she's the exception. She's the sister I never had. Love you girl.