

Alice- Fran

I don't remember the first time I met Alice but it was probably at the 2005 Gleaves Reunion in Nashville.

I became involved when someone, I think Jean, contacted Owen to research our immediate family. My nephew had started the research as an FFA (Future Farmers of America) school project. After my nephew's death Owen tried to get into Danny's computer. To make a long story short, Danny had been researching the wrong son of James Robertson Gleaves. Owen was busy with his bush hogging and did not have time to work on the project. When I took over the research it took me some time to realize things just did not fit. In the meantime we were working on cleaning several Gleaves cemeteries and I met Hilda Barnes, while helping clean Thomas Gleaves Cemetery. We share the same great, great grandfather. I enjoy research and especially in the cemeteries.

Sometime after the 2005 Reunion, Alice and I began working together online. One of the first projects was indexing the Carver research completed by my cousin, Tommy Carver. My grandmothers on both sides of the family descend from the Carvers. Alice made a spreadsheet for me and I began entering all the names. There are actually 18 large note books in this research. I entered the names into Excel and she then placed them in alphabetical order and returned them to me in a neat Index. Al Hix also descends from the Carvers.

Using the same method we then worked on listing all the inhabitants of the various cemeteries. I did much of the research and Alice cleaned it up and placed it on the Gleaves Website. She did the cemeteries in

Virginia and we also used "Find A Grave website". We asked other Gleaves descendants to assist us in their home areas.

Alice spent a week with me and along with Roy Ellen Hammann, we explored cemeteries and archives in Trousdale, Davidson, Dickson, Wilson, Rutherford and Williamson Counties in Tennessee.

With Hilda Barnes' permission we cleaned up and revised her book Middle Tennessee Gleaves. We spent months on that project and did additional research. In the front of the book, Hilda is listed as the Author, Alice the Editor and I am the Researcher.

We also worked together on the pictures. I helped her as a co-editor and identified as many as I could from the Reunions. She then moved it onto the website. We used this same method with Gleaves Family All.

We also did the obituaries. I researched the local ones and those at the archives and e-mailed them to her. She organized and placed them on the website. We tried to keep up with all the new babies and deaths.

Alice spent another week with me before the 2012 Reunion here in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. That week was spent running around trying to organize the Reunion but we both enjoyed being together.

Alice and I are very different but we worked well together. The last project we were working on, which is not finished is "The "History of Bakers Grove Baptist Church". Gleaves families were Charter members of this church. Along with another person in the church the old minutes beginning in 1884, have been transcribed. Alice was again helping us with the Indexes. We were almost finished when Alice's eyes began to give her a problem and she had to stop. She also moved downstairs away from her main computer. She continued to send me

the inquiries from the Gleavesfamily.com website. Many of them I had to send on to Dennis Glaves.

Alice was the smartest person I have ever met. She could explain things so simple that a child could understand. She was also the most patient person I have met. Regardless of how many times I forgot how to do something, she would explain it again.

I am deeply saddened by her death.