

GLEAVES FAMILY ASSOCIATION
REUNION
JUNE 10 – 13, 2009
WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA

Registration:
June 10, 2009

Family members and guests arrived and as each person registered, name tags and bags with lots of goodies were distributed. Those in attendance were:

Albert Cohen	Faith A. Sanders
Betty and George Wilkerson	Donnie and Cathy Pattison
Elaine Philpott	Bill Gleaves
Dennis Glaves	Holly Hook
Paula Poll	Bob and Gretchen Gleaves
June Novick	Lee and Debbie Gleaves
Richard, Virginia, Cameron, and Kayla Melton	
Roy Ellen Hammann	Jerry and Jean Gleaves
Mara Gleaves	Frances Nichols
Alice and Al Hix	Eunice Graham
Helene Miller	Allen Ross Gleaves
Owen and Linda Gleaves	Janie Dillon
Dot Williams	Robert Gleaves and Family
Beulah J. Fisher	

Welcome to our newest members:

Lee and Debbie Gleaves from Oklahoma
Bob and Gretchen Gleaves, Brentwood, Tennessee – Descended from Clyde Gleaves

After a very nice meal, everyone was invited to play Gleaves bingo. All had lots of fun and a couple of winners!!!!

After Bingo, Alice Hix used several members to perform a play about the Gleaves. This play helped to understand which descendants migrated to different states and where they went.

Everyone departed and went their separate ways until the next day at 9:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009

Cathy Carlton Reynolds, speaker, Archivist, Library of Wytheville Community College, was the first speaker for the day. She gave a little history of the Library of the Wytheville Community College and told how the Gleaves collection was willed to the College when Mr. Kegley died. It was then named the Kegley Library. After speaking on genealogy, she asked for questions. After questions and answers, she was presented with the hardbound copies of the Gleaves books for the Kegley Library.

Alice Hix then brought a friend of hers that she had met through her research of the Gleaves which was a very dear friend of the Gleaves family. She told how her and some of the girls did different things together and some of the mischief that they had gotten into. She also brought several original Gleaves items that had been given to her from the Gleaves family for everyone to enjoy. She also shared the Blue and White Cookbook that was the Gleaves recipes.

Lunch was served.

For the afternoon, there was a panel made up of Bill Gleaves, Alice Hix and Cathy Reynolds.

Bill Gleaves told how he had been researching and had found some interesting facts. Thomas Gleaves was the father of Matthew Gleaves. Thomas had four sons of which Matthew was the youngest. Back in those days, everything was willed to the oldest child and then the others were usually given something small. Matthew was given 150 pounds when he became of age. What would Matthew have done when he got on a ship and came to the States with 150 pounds in this pocket? It was possible he came over on the Snow George ship.

Bill also informed everyone that he had found a descendant of the oldest son and had gotten this person to do the DNA testing. Bill had the DNA testing done as well. Results were not back as of Reunion time. This would tell if they actually were related.

Also a very interesting website to visit was the smokymountainphotogallery.com which is by William Finley, descendant of Esther Gleaves Finley.

It was time for a break before dinner.

Dinner was served.

After dinner, Virginia Melton spoke about the DAR and how to find your ancestors if you were interested in becoming a member of the DAR. She also related that there was a book that was a help to her which was "Walking with your Ancestors" and a lot of courthouse research.

Afterwards, everyone was encouraged to tell stories and remembrances of the Gleaves.

Friday, June 12, 2009

Everyone met at the hotel and left for the Dunkley Farm. After touring the farm and gravesites, everyone left the farm for Raven Cliff.

Lunch was served by the old Gleaves church members which was very delicious.

After lunch, we then toured the Old Mill and on to Cripple Creek Mall which was a very special treat.

After the touring, everyone was on their own to have dinner or whatever they would like.

Saturday, June 13, 2009

At 9:30 a.m., meeting was called to order for a business meeting.

Dennis Glave was the moderator for the meeting. First order of business was to elect new officers. The Nominating Committee for 2009 was Dennis Glave, Alice Hix and Fran Nichols. New officers are as follows:

Dennis Gleaves – President
Vice President – To be decided later by President
Secretary – Betty Wilkerson
Treasurer – Paula Poll

The Board of Advisors will consist of the Past President, Jean Gleaves, Family Historian and Webmaster.

See Minutes.

One note of interest. Maybe donations could be solicited each year to help with expenses of the Association. A \$100 Club was formed and there are 13 members as of this time.

Lunch was served.

After lunch, Mary Kegley came and spoke about the Gleaves research. She also brought books for purchase as well.

Then, the auction. Fun was had by all and money was raised for expenses.

Meeting was adjourned until Saturday night.

Dinner was served.

After dinner, Mara Gleaves provided entertainment for all. The Dunkley's were in attendance and all the letters were bound in books and presented back to the Dunkley's. A copy of the hardbound book by Dennis Glave was also presented to the Dunkleys as well as a Certificate of Appreciation to Kathy Pattison and the Dunkley's.

Recognition of Gleaves Cousins accomplishments were recognized at this time.

A treasurer report was then given.

Also, the past president and treasurer was recognized and presented with appreciation gifts.

Everyone said goodbye until 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee.