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Dear Mrs. Stevenson:

Thank you so much for sending the information on the Gladden Family. I do not want to take advantage of your generosity, but as you said in your note, the information on the Gladden Family *is* confusing. Perhaps if you send me the additional data you said you have on the Gladdens, I may be able to figure out which one of the William Gladdens is the father of Lydia Jane Gladden, b. 28 Apr 1856, Fairfield County, married to William M. Kelly.

I have a copy of Jesse Gladden's (b. abt 1759) Will; he had a son William Gladden (b. abt 1788/90)(one source you sent me believed he was not married; another document you sent me showed a William Gladdin's Estate dated 30 Apr 1832--there was no mention of a son William so I don't know how this William Gladden fits into the picture; another William Gladden (b. 13 Aug 1824, d. 15 Sep 1887) was the father of Lydia Jane Gladden (b. 28 Apr 1856).

As I wrote in a previous letter, I have proof that

William Gladden,
b. 13 Aug 1824, Fairfield County,
d. 15 Sep 1887, buried at Pinegrove Church, Kershaw County,
married
Mary Hinson,
b. 2 Dec 1834 (daughter of John Hinson, Jr., and Kesiah Moore).

William Gladden and Mary Hinson's daughter Lydia Jane Gladden, b. 28 Apr 1856, Fairfield County, married William M. Kelly, b. 25 Mar 1848, d. 8 Mar 1921, Kershaw County (son of Jackson Kelly and Eliza M. Branham of Fairfield County). According to family sheets I recently received from Mr. Eugene Snyder of the Morman Church in Centreville, William Gladden and Mary Hinson also had a son named George Hinson Gladden, b. 10 Mar 1858, Fairfield County, d. 2 Sep 1919, buried at Pinegrove Cemetery, Kershaw County. George Hinson Gladden was married to Lenora Branham.

Mr. Snyder believes the above William Gladden's (m. to Mary Hinson) parents are William Gladden, b. 1788, and Elizabeth _____, b. 1801/02, but he does not have proof. His information conflicts with the information you sent me.

On the handwritten document you sent to me on the Estate of William Gladdin, 30 Apr 1832, this William Gladdin does not have a son William, plus, I am confused by the date of 30 Apr 1832 and the information shown about half-way down the page

" William Gladdin d. by 1793 Elizabeth 1750-1858

William

Minor 1787-1867 md Jane Tidwell, parents of BGen Addley Hogan Gladden

Nancy Gladdin md John Wilson

Silas Gladdin

John Gladdin, Jr. (maybe grandson - son of John unnamed)

Hannah and Sarah Gladdin (grandch. dau of son William)"

Is the William Gladden who had died by 1793 (shown in quotes, above) the father of the William Gladden of the Estate, 30 Apr 1832 or is he the father of William Gladden married to Mary Hinson? There seems to be an extra William Gladden in the equation.

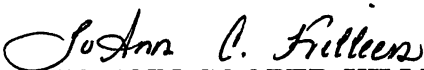
The article on the ex-slave was very interesting and showed the Gladdens and Johnsons lived close to each other. I am also researching **William Johnson, b. 1782, ? Newberry County ?, married Rosa Wilson, b. 1779, Fairfield County**. I do not know the names of either William Johnson's or Rosa Wilson's parents. I do have proof that William Johnson was the father of my Nancy Johnson, b. 1812, Fairfield County, married to John Cooper, b. 1812, Richland County. Nancy Johnson Cooper and John Cooper are buried in the Johnson Family Cemetery, a few miles from Ridgeway. I just learned this past month through the Joyner Family records that Rosa Wilson was married to William Johnson (the information was sent to me on a family sheet but did not offer specific proof).

Trying to figure out the Johnsons/Wilsons/Coopers is another complicated matter.

I will be most happy to pay for any additional information you can send me on the Gladdens. I hesitate to ask for anything else as I do not know your limitations, but if there is not a problem, and should you have information on the **parents of William Johnson, b. 1782, and/or his wife Rosa Wilson, b. 1779**, I would appreciate it greatly if you could send me that as well.

Thank you, again, for sending me the Gladden Family information.

Sincerely yours,


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