

## The 2014 Gleaves Family Association Reunion Grapevine, Texas

The 2014 Gleaves Family Reunion was held in Grapevine, Texas (a suburb of Dallas) on October 8-11. Attended by about 30 Gleaves cousins from Georgia, Oregon, California, Colorado, Oklahoma, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Texas. Several cousins were having health issues and were unable to attend. Excellent arrangements were made by Debbie and Lee Gleaves and Kim Gleaves Marin. Most of the attendees stayed at the Comfort Inn in Grapevine and the meetings were held at the Betsy Mitchell House nearby with a shuttle provided by the hotel. Delicious meals were at nearby restaurants or were catered and for sure no one went hungry.

The Gleaves love their ancestry information but also had some fun. It started on Wednesday night at dinner with a get to know each other exercise and a quiz about Texas history. Presentations were given on Thursday and Friday by the local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter, Kim Gleaves told about the Texas Gleaves, and Bill Gleaves spoke about the DNA link to Gleaves in England. Robert Gleaves shared information on the Early Gleaves. Jean Gleaves spoke about how vital the Gleaves Family website is to our association in Alice Hix's absence. Paula Poll gave the treasurer's report at the business meeting. Paula reiterated the importance of contributions to the family fund to support the website.

On Friday a John Wayne impersonator filled the Betsy Mitchell House with laughter.....he really did look and sound like the Duke. And Fran Nichols hopped right up to get a photo with him and his gun.

Saturday found the Gleaves Cousins boarding the Grapevine vintage train ride to the Stockyards where we were able to shop and drink in the historic Texas ambiance—witnessing a cattle drive and bronco riding to boot.

The auction was another highlight of the reunion. This one did everyone proud. Folks were encouraged to donate items to make our treasury grow. We had jigsaw puzzles (some recycled from the last reunion), historic bricks, pies, genealogy books, and pictures and items too numerous to mention. There were many beautifully hand made wooden items by Allen Wood like cutting boards & knives, pizza cutters, rolling pins, and cribbage boards. Allen and Linda made a special detour on their trip from Colorado to Texas to coincide with our auction. The auction was a huge success and will enable our website hosting to continue.

New officers were elected: Lee and Debbie Gleaves, Co-Presidents; Kim Gleaves Marin, Vice President; Helene Miller, Secretary; Paula Poll, Treasurer; Alice Hix, Webmaster; and Dennis Glaves, Historian.

A discussion was held about the next reunion and although no date was set, Robert

Gleaves volunteered to check into the area around Staunton, VA where the Turks homesteaded.

Attendees:

Teddie & Jim Bryant  
Diana Gilson  
Lee & Debbie Gleaves  
Gloria & Eugene Gleaves  
Michael Gleaves  
Dennis & Kay Gleaves  
Jean Gleaves  
Robert Gleaves  
Randy Gleaves

Patricia Gleaves  
William Gleaves  
Kim & Gerald Marin  
Helene Miller  
Fran Nichols & Honorary Gleaves,  
Jenny Allen  
Diana & Michael Nielsen  
Paula & Ed Poll  
Russell & Beverly Shreeve  
Allen & Linda Wood