

## Shelby County Centennial Farm, 1975

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### Glahn Farm



Standing in front of their home some time after 1894 is the John Richison family of Clay Township. They are: front row--John Richison; Gladys Richison; James Richison, grandson; Harry R. Glahn on his knee; and Mrs. James (Eliza) Richison. Back row--M.H. Richison; Mrs.

John (Marie) Schwada; Mrs. Christian S. (Nannie) Glahn; and Mrs. William (Zee) Jarrell. The house is still standing. Indeed, it has been remodeled and modernized to 20th century standards.

The Harry R. Glahn farm in Clay Township, located five miles south of Leonard or eight miles west of Shelbyville, has been in the Richison and Glahn families since 1867. James Richison (born in Worcester County, Maryland, in 1840) and his wife Eliza Margaret Patton (born in County Cork, Ireland in 1838) purchased the land from John Starrett and his wife Sarah in 1867 soon after the Civil War was ended.

Richison broke the prairie sod with oxen, built a log house, and moved in on March 16, 1868. They reared five children on the place. About 1894 the log house was replaced by the present house, which has since been remodeled and modernized.

The next owner of the farm was Mrs. Christian Glahn (Nancy Elizabeth Richison, daughter of James and Eliza.) Her son Harry Glahn lived practically all of his life on this farm. In 1919 he married Beulah Melson of Lentner, a teacher in the rural schools of Shelby County. They continued to live with his mother in the family home. Harry and Beulah had one son, Robert, who now lives in Falls Church, Virginia, with his wife, the former Anna Margaret Morgan, and their two sons.

The Harry Glahns celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1969. Mrs. Beulah Glahn

died in February, 1974, and Harry Glahn died about three weeks ago (1975.) A farm sale on January 31<sup>st</sup>, terminated the era that was their life on the farm. The son Robert continues to own the farm.

Mr. Glahn had looked forward to the Centennial Farm Program and was cooperative in furnishing material for the records.