

# National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion By-Laws

## Draft 3

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### Article I Name

The name of this entity shall be called the “*National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion.*”

### Article II Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to unite family members who are descendants of the following family groups: (1) Sina McConnell and slave master McConnell; (2) Sina McConnell Boyd and Mansfield Boyd; (3) Starling Glenn and Eliza Glenn; (4) John Benjamin Glenn and Mary McConnell Glenn; and (5) James McConnell, Sr. and Nancy Harris McConnell. This organization will promote the growth and strengthen the bond of the family unit and document and preserve the family history.

### Article III Historical Background

Sina was born into slavery in 1836 on the McConnell plantation in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Sina had two children by slave master McConnell. James McConnell was born in 1856 when Sina was 20 years of age and Mary McConnell was born in 1859 when she was 23 years old. After Sina was freed from slavery, she married Mansfield Boyd in 1865. Sina had ten children with Mansfield; John Mansfield Boyd, Margaret Boyd, David Boyd, Lawrence Boyd, Eugenia Boyd, Grace Boyd, Daisy Boyd, Emma Boyd, William Boyd, and an unknown child who probably died young.

Starling Glenn was born into slavery in 1823 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Eliza and had two known children, John Benjamin Glenn, born in 1855 and Brooks Glenn, born in 1857. Brooks Glenn had no known children. Historical records suggest that Eliza and Starling were the parents of one or more other children. Census and will records identify two grandchildren, Franklin Ashford (b. 1866) and Hattie Ashford (b. 1871) and a son Peter Ashford.

### Article IV Membership

**Section 1.** Membership includes the descendants and family members of Sina McConnell Boyd (1836-1914) and slave master McConnell.

**Section 2.** Membership includes the descendants and family members of Sina McConnell Boyd (1836-1914) and Mansfield Boyd (1836-1911).  
Official branches (children) of this family are

### **Boyd Family Branches**

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| David Boyd                        | Grace "Bunch" Boyd (1879-1902) |
| John Mansfield Boyd (1868-?)      | Daisy L. Boyd Ashford (1881-?) |
| Margaret Boyd (1869-?)            | Emma "Babe" Boyd (1882-1920)   |
| Lawrence H. Boyd (1873-?)         | William A. Boyd (1886-1946)    |
| Eugenia C. Boyd Giles (1874-1953) |                                |

**Section 3.** Membership is comprised of descendants and family members of Starling Glenn (1823-1882) and Eliza Glenn (1827-1887).

**Section 4.** Membership is comprised of descendants and family members of John Benjamin Glenn (1855-1893) and Mary McConnell Glenn (1859-1935). Official branches (children) of this family are:

### **Glenn Family Branches**

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| Sarah Glenn                            | James Watkins Glenn (1886-1960)       |
| Susie Wesley Glenn Halcomb (1879-1946) | Edward George Glenn (1888-1973)       |
| Josie Mae Glenn McDaniels (1880-1968)  | Mamie Glenn Henderson (1890-1952)     |
| John Preston Glenn (1881-1944)         | Benjamin Glenn (1891-1905)            |
| William Brooks Glenn (1885-1937)       | Carrie Lou Glenn Mitchell (1893-1957) |

**Section 5.** Membership includes the descendants and family members of James McConnell, Sr. (1856-1907) and Nancy Harris McConnell (1872-1933) and other\* children of James McConnell. Official branches (children) of this family are:

### **McConnell Family Branches**

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cleveland McConnell              | Hilda McConnell*  |
| David McConnell (1892-1927)      | Maggie McConnell* |
| Bertha McConnell (1893-1989)     |                   |
| James McConnell, Jr. (1894-1934) |                   |

## **Article V Meetings**

**Section 1. Biennial Business Meetings.** The Business meeting shall be held every two years at the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* on the Saturday during the reunion. The meetings shall be carried out in a timely fashion using a pre-developed agenda, reviewed by the National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion Organizing Committee prior to the meeting.

**Section 2. National Organizing Committee Meetings.** Meetings of the National Organizing Committee of the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* (a.k.a. National Organizing Committee) may be called by the Facilitating Officer or any other national officers. At least a forty-eight hour advance notice of the meeting should be given to the officers. National Organizing Committee meetings may be held in person or electronically (i.e. via telephone or internet); a simple majority will constitute a quorum.

**Section 3. Special Meetings.** Any member of the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* may request a meeting with the National Organizing Committee to discuss business that directly impacts the operation or wellbeing of the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*. The granting of that meeting will be determined by the National Organizing Committee.

## **Article VI The National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion**

**Section 1.** *The National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* shall be held every two years, ordinarily in July. Any changes must be done in consultation with the National Organizing Committee.

**Section 2.** The host city/state shall be elected by majority vote. The host city/state shall be selected four years in advance in order to allow ample time for the banquet and hotel selection to be made. Seed Money shall be provided to the host city/state eighteen months (January) in advance of the reunion. As part of the fee for the reunion registration, the host city/state shall add a cost of \$10 to each adult registrant for contribution to the scholarship fund. These funds shall be returned by the host city/state at the conclusion of the reunion no later than September of the reunion year. To enhance the consultative process associated with selecting a host city, requests for proposals will be distributed by the National Organizing Committee to family members in April with a submission deadline of June 1st. Completed proposals will be disseminated to all family members prior to the reunion. At the Business Meeting, each potential host city will be allocated five minutes to share proposals. A vote by secret ballot will be conducted, votes tallied by a team of three tellers, and the results announced before the conclusion of the reunion.

**Section 3.** The host city/state will accept the responsibility of having the reunion by having at least two representatives at the *National Glenn-McConnell-*

*Boyd Family Reunion* business meeting who are willing to coordinate the reunion planning in collaboration with the National Organizing Committee.

**Section 4.** If a picnic is scheduled it shall be scheduled no later than Saturday during the reunion.

**Section 5.** The cost of events outside of the Friday through Sunday Noon period, will not be included as a part of the general registration cost.

**Section 6.** Once the host city/state has completed its reunion event, an updated e-mail and postal mailing list will be provided to the National Organizing Committee and coordinator of the next host city/state. The mailing list is for the sole use by the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* for the purpose of distributing family related information.

#### **Article VII National Organizing Committee**

In order to promote participation by all family branches, each branch may have no more than two family members serving on the National Organizing Committee, unless other branch nominees have declined the office.

#### **Article VIII Election of National Organizing Committee Officers**

Those gathered for the Business Meeting will elect five family members to serve as the National Organizing Committee. A voting list containing the names of all known relatives in each family branch who are 21 years of age or older would be provided to each family member over the age of 21 who is present at the business meeting. If it is determined that the voting lists are incomplete, additional names may be added from the floor at the Business Meeting. All valid ballots will be counted by a team of three tellers with the five individuals receiving the highest number of votes being elected. A valid ballot contains the names of five family members aged 21 or older. In the case of a tie, the tellers will ask the Business Meeting to cast a second ballot containing only the names of those who received the highest number of votes. Election results will be announced before the conclusion of the reunion. No family member can serve more than two consecutive terms.

The family member receiving the highest number of votes will be designated the Convener. He/She will consult with the other National Organizing Committee members to determine how to organize themselves as officers, by function, or in another structure that would facilitate the development of planning, action, and reflection. The National Organizing Committee decision will be reported to *The National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* within one month following the close of the reunion.

## Article IX Duties of National Organizing Committee Officers

**Section 1. President.** The duty of the President is to facilitate all business meetings for the reunion and to collaborate with other members of the National Organizing Committee to delegate the tasks necessary for carrying out the desires and wishes as agreed upon by the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*. The President will also lead the National Organizing Committee to promote pride, dignity and love within the family. He/she will perform all the duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*.

**Section 2. Secretary.** The Secretary shall attend the meetings of the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* and record the minutes of meetings; collaborate with the President to ensure that written notice of meeting dates and times are provided; keep a register of the addresses of each member, and assist with all correspondence, including the Family Newsletter if the National Organizing Committee decides to provide this journal. He/she will perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*. It is at the discretion of the Secretary to determine whether the National Organizing Committee should appoint an Assistant Secretary to assist with the duties of the secretariat.

**Section 3. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer and shall be responsible for the maintenance of all funds for the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* from any source whatsoever and deposit all such monies in the name of the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* in such banks as shall be selected by the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*. He/she shall provide a complete financial report at the biennial Business Meeting and perform the entire duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as maybe assigned by the President or the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*.

Use of the funds shall be, but not limited to, the following:

- To provide seed money to the host city for the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion* in accordance with guidelines in *Article VI Section 2*.
- To provide funds for incidentals, to cover the cost of printing, postage, and/or media that promote the operation of the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*.
- To provide funds, as directed by the scholarship chairperson, to Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Scholarship recipients for the purpose of furthering their education.

## Article X Duties of Appointed Officers

The National Organizing Committee may appoint at its discretion.

**Section 1. Chaplain.** The Chaplain shall be responsible for planning the worship experiences at the biennial meetings. The chaplain shall work in corporation with the host committee in planning the Sunday worship.+6  
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**Section 2. Family Historian.** The family historian will do research; compile information and record findings and information that will increase knowledge of the family history and background. He/she is responsible for the accuracy of the distributed genealogy information.

**Section 3. Scholarship Chairperson.** The Scholarship Chairperson shall be responsible for leading its members in establishing criteria by which scholarships are awarded to eligible family. He/she shall coordinate the *Glenn-McConnell-Boyd* scholarship application process, selection of scholarship winners and the announcement of these awards at the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*. The Scholarship Chairperson will work with the treasurer in the disbursement of scholarship funds.

**Section 4. Website Coordinator.** The Website Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining and updating the website. He/she will verify historically related material before providing to the website. He/she shall provide to the National Executive Committee a proposal for the Website content. Approval shall be obtained by the National Organizing Committee prior to releasing any material to the website.

**Section 5. Branch Coordinators.** The Branch Coordinators will assist the National Executive Committee in disbursing information to members of their *Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family* branch. They will assist the secretary in maintaining an up-to-date registry of family members by providing mailing addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers. They will also gather information on births, deaths, graduations, marriages, family genealogy, and other family facts related to their branch of the *Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family*. Each family branch may have one or more branch coordinators, as required by the Secretary or family historian. Selection of the branch coordinators shall be by the National Organizing Committee, with input from the Secretary or family historian.

## Article XI Miscellaneous

**Section 1. Genealogy.** The *Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family* genealogy is compiled for the express use of the *Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family* as a whole. If any portion of the genealogy material is to be used in the development of a souvenir book or any other materials (printed or media), it is important to contact

the Family Historian to verify the accuracy. All family members are encouraged to use this material for the research of their family history. All net proceeds resulting from the sale of printed, audio, or video materials shall be forwarded to the National Treasurer. The distributions of these funds are as stated in *Article XI, Section 3*.

**Section 2. Scholarship Fund.**

The Scholarship Chairperson shall be responsible for leading members in establishing criteria by which scholarships are awarded to eligible family members. This will include scholarship guidelines, receiving applications and essays and distribution to committee members, maintaining scholarship applications and essays, meetings and correspondence as appropriate, selection of awardees, verification of college attendance of awardees, and communication with the treasury as to distribution for recipients.

**Section 3. Website**

The website is designed for the express purposes of distributing information to the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*.

**Section 4. Cemetery Upkeep and Maintenance**

The upkeep and maintenance of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemeteries (new and old) and the New Hope A.M.E. Church Cemetery is to preserve the site so that future generations can honor their ancestry as Descendants of Sina McConnell Boyd.

**Article XII Committees**

Committees may be established as deemed necessary by the membership of the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*. Selection of the committees shall be done by the National Organizing Committee.

**Article XIII Order**

The Articles provided shall govern the conduct and direction of the *National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*. These articles may be changed or altered by a majority vote during the biennial Business Meeting held during *the National Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family Reunion*. Family members will be notified at least two weeks in advance of the pending changes.

The above articles are established to support the purpose and ideals of the *Glenn-McConnell-Boyd Family* planning of its reunion. These articles have been voted into effect on July \_\_, 2015.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rev. Casper Glenn, Co-Founder*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*National President*