

Altha was born in North Carolina.

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Altha Coats 42, widow/weaver

Children; William L. 21, doffer Earl 17, spinner Geneva A. 14
Howard 12 Pauline M. 6

The 1940 Spartanburg Township Census listed the household as;

Altha Coates 60, widow/seamstress

Son; Earl L. 26, taxi driver

Buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#);

Grave markers; Alta L. Coates, April 19, 1878=May 7, 1966

William L. Coates, November 18, 1899=September 24, 1936

Earl Lindsey Coates, January 2, 1904=May 4, 1971

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Pauline F. Coates, October 5, 1916=February 19, 2000



The Family of Howard Coates, son of Altha M. Coates'

Howard Coates married Geneva Powers;

The 1940 Spartanburg City Census listed the household as;

Geneva Coates 23, widow

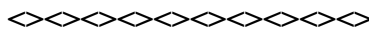
Son; Kenneth E. 4

Howard Coates is buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).

Grave marker; Howard Coates, 1908=1936

No record of Geneva Coates status was found.

Obituary records show that Kenneth E. Coates died at the age of 59 in October, 1995



The Family of John W. and Mary Coates;

John married Mary Cassidy Hollifield.

John, his wife and children listed were born in North Carolina.

The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

John W. Coats 57, husband/ cotton mill/married 32 years, 9 children, 7 living

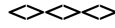
Wife; Mary 51

Children; Allen S. 21, cotton mill Anderson B. 13, cotton mill
John B. 10 Rufus H. 6

The 1920 Spartanburg/Campobello Census listed the household as;

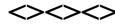
John W. Coats 67, farmer **Wife; Mary C. 60**
Children; John B. 20 **Ruford H. 16**

Obituary records show that;
John W. Coates died at the age of 77 in August, 1930.
Mary Cassidy Hollifield Coates died at the age of 63 in February, 1936



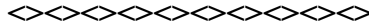
The Family of Anderson B. Coates, son of John W. and Mary Coates;
Anderson B. Coates married Iowa Bessie Moore.
Anderson and his wife are from North Carolina.
The 1940 Spartanburg/Saxon Census listed the household as;
Anderson B. Coates 43, husband/section man **Wife; Bessie 43**
Children; Fred 12 **Dewy 20, weaver** **Wife; Mary 18**

Obituary records show that;
Anderson B. Coates died at the age of 64 in November, 1961.
Bessie Coates died at the age of 87 In August, 1984



The family of John Bunion Coates Sr., son of John W. and Mary Coates;
John Bunion Coates Sr. married Lillian Pruitt.
John was from North Carolina, Lillian from South Carolina.
The 1940 Spartanburg/Campobello Census listed the household as;
John B. Coates 40, husband/farmer **Wife; Lillian 43**
Children; Charles 18 **May 17** **John Earl 16** **Inez 14**
Bunion Jr. 12 **Arnold 10** **Thomas 6**

Obituary records show that;
John B. Coates Sr. died at the age of 76 in October, 1975
Lillian Pruitt Coates died at the age of 81 in March, 1979



The Family of Clarence A. and Leanna Baber Coates;
Clarence was born in North Carolina, Leanna in South Carolina.
The 1910 Spartanburg Township Census listed the household as;
Clarence A. Coats 29, married 3 years, 1 child 0 living **Wife; Leanna 25**

Buried in [Glendale Community Cemetery](#);
Grave marker; Clarence A. Coates, October 2, 1880=April 21, 1942
Leanna Baber Coates died at the age of 81 in April, 1966, place of interment not listed.



The Family of William Opie and Evelyn Fisher Coates;

William and his wife were born in North Carolina.

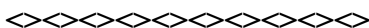
The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

William O. Coats 28, married 9 years, 3 children, 2 living Wife; Evelyn 25
Children; Ernest 4 Lillie 2

Obituary records show that;

William Opie Coates died at the age of 82 in October, 1964.

Evelyn Fisher Coates died at the age of 81 in May, 1966.



The Family of Sion S. and Minnie L. Coats;

Sion was from North Carolina. He married Minnie Lee Pryor.

The 1910 Spartanburg Township Census listed the household as;

Zion S. Coats 24 Wife; Minnie L. 23
Child; Robert E. 8 months
Brother; Charles J. Coats 27 Wife; Gertrude P. 23
Their children; Gladys 2 Maude 11 months

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Zion S. Coats 34, husband/section man Wife; Minnie L. 32
Children; Robert E. 10 Cecile H. 8 Jessie I. 4 years, 11 months
Minnie M. 5 months

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

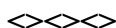
Minnie Coates 53, widow/draw-in operator
Children; Robert 30 Minnie Mae 20 George 18 Mary Ruth 15

Buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#);

Grave markers; Sion S. Coates-June 19, 1885=April 2, 1932.

Minnie P. Coates- April 28, 1886=August 25, 1972.

Buried in their square; Myrtle Fay Coates-June 2, 1901= September 25, 1908. (Relationship unknown)



Robert E. Coates, son of Sion S. and Minnie P. Coates.

Robert (Crib) Coates worked in [Glendale Mills](#) most of his life.

I have no knowledge or record of him having ever married.

Robert is buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).

Grave marker; Robert E. Coates, July 17, 1909=July 27, 1996.



**Cecile Coats Lovelace Warlick, daughter of Sion S. and Minnie P. Coates;
Cecile Coates first married James Hicks Lovelace, click [Glendale Postmaster](#).**

Obituary records show that;

James Hicks Lovelace died at the age of 67 in January, 1974.

Cecile Coates Lovelace married Woodrow A. Warlick following the death of James Lovelace.

Woodrow A. Warlick died at the age of 90 in October, 2002.

Cecile Coates Lovelace Warlick died at the age of 95 in May, 2007.



Jessie I. Coates Hopper, daughter of Sion S. and Minnie P. Coates;

Jessie I. Coates married Euel Hill Hopper, son of Pearl H. and Lillie Hopper.

Euel was the owner and operator of Hopper’s Fish Camp located on the Hopper Fish Camp road on the outskirts of Clifton, S.C.

Obituary records show that;

Jessie I. Coates Hopper died at the age of 58 in November, 1974.

Euel Hill Hopper died at the age of 62 in December, 1974.



Minnie Mae Coates, daughter of Sion S. and Minnie P. Coates;

I have no record or knowledge of Minnie Mae having ever married,

Obituary records show that;

Minnie Mae Coates died at the age of 70 in June, 1990.



George McDonald Coates Sr. son of Sion and Minnie P. Coates;

George McDonald Coates Sr. married Edith Shirley Spencer.

No census records found.

Obituary records show that;

George McDonald Coates died at the age of 79 in December, 2000,

Edith Shirley Spencer Coates died at the age of June, 2008.



Mary Ruth Coates, daughter of Sion S. and Minnie P. Coates;

No records regarding the status of Mary Ruth Coates were found.



Unidentified Coates buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#) are;

Grave markers; Lillian Iris Coates, September 12, 1916=August 7, 1994

Doris Bell Coates, October 16, 1927=May 19, 1930



Federal Census and *Spartanburg Herald Journal* Obituaries courtesy of Spartanburg County Library.

Writer's comments; All heads of the families coming from North Carolina at about the same time, it appears that the Coates of [Glendale](#) were related. You will notice that in the census of 1910 and 1920 they were listed as Coats while in the 1940 and in all obituaries were listed as Coates.

Though I came to know only the Marion and Sion Coates families, I do know that the Coates were prominent social families in the community. They were hard working loyal employees of [Glendale Mills](#).

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