The Family of D. B. Thomas and his Descendants

By Clarence Crocker

D.B. Thomas was born August 8, 1859, the son of Zera and Lucy Cash Thomas.

According to the obituary of his son, Lawrence Thomas, D. B. was first married to SaraCash Thomas and they were the parents of three children;RaymouthLawrenceCarrie.

The 1910 Glendale Censusindicates that following Sarah's death, D.B. had been marriedto a lady named Cora Almira nine years and that they were the parents of one child.The household was listed as;David B. Thomas, 50, husband/carpenterChildren at home in 1910 were;*Raymouth, 22, a spooler operator*Lizzie T. Solesby, 18, daughter/warp operator*Carrie, 13, a warp operator*Felma Thomas was born about 1918.

<u>Death certificate of D. B. Thomas</u>; Born August 8, 1859----Died May 13, 1915. Cause of death; Pellagra signed by Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Pacolet, S. C. Parents; Zera & Lucy Cash Thomas.

<u>The obituary for D. B. Thomas</u> published Saturday May 15, 1915 stated that he had died May 13th at his home in Pacolet and that the funeral had been held in the <u>Glendale Baptist Church</u>

Friday May 14th. Burial was in the <u>Glendale Community Cemetery</u>. No obituary for Cora Almira was found but she is buried alongside of her husband.

Grave markers; D.B. Thomas- August 8, 1859 = May13, 1915 C. Almira Thomas-December 9, 1876 = March 28, 1919

The Family of Raymouth Thomas Padgett, daughter of David B. and Sara Cash Thomas;

<u>The 1920 Glendale Census</u> shows that Raymouth Thomas had married Edgar W. Padgett, born April 1886, the son of J.M. and Alice Padgett. He had one sibling, Milton Padgett.

Edgar and Raymouth were the parents of four children.

The household was listed as;

Edgar W. Padgett, 35, husband/card operator Wife; Raymouth 31 Children; Boyd 9William 5Charles 2 yrs, 9mo.Clarice 5 monthsCarrie Thomas, 21, sister in-law/cloth room employeeClarice 5 months<u>The 1940 Glendale Census</u> listed the family as;
Edgar Padgett, 55, husband.Wife; Raymouth 52Children;
William 24.Charles 23.Clarice 20

Both are buried in the <u>Glendale Community Cemetery</u>. Grave markers; Edgar W. Padgett- April 15, 1885 = May 1, 1957 Raymouth M. Padgett- August 11, 1887 = April 1, 1960

<u>The Family of Henry Boyd Padgett, son of Edgar and Raymouth Thomas Padgett;</u> H. Boyd Padgett married Ovie Lee Ogle, daughter of Mrs. And Mrs. S. M. Ogle. They became the parents of two children; Arlen Boyd and Millie Deanna Padgett.

Ovie Lee Ogle Padgett died December 1984 H. Boyd Padgett died at age of 83, May 1995 Both are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S. C.

<u>The Family of William Milton Padgett, son of Edgar and Raymouth Thomas Padgett;</u> William Milton Padgett married Jessie Sumner. They had no children.

William Milton Padgett died at age of 45, August 1959 Jessie Sumner Padgett, status unknown

<u>The Family of Charles Padgett, son of Edgar and Raymouth Thomas Padgett;</u> Charles Padgett married Mary Edens and they became the parents of three children, Vanessa Dale, Johnny Ray and Reggie Padgett.

Charles Padgett died in Richland Hospital, Columbia, S. C. Date unknown. Mary Edens Padgett lives in Lexington, S. C.

<u>The Family of Clarice Padgett Crocker, the daughter of Edgar and Raymouth Thomas</u> <u>Padgett;</u>

Clarice Padgett married James Vernon (J.V.) Crocker. (this writer's brother) They became the parents of one daughter, Jane Crocker

James V. Crocker died at the age of 85, February 2002 and was buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Clarice Padgett Crocker lives today (January 2013) in Spartanburg, S. C.

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The Family of Lizzie Thomas Solesby, daughter of David B. and Lucy Cash Thomas;

The 1920 Glendale Census shows that she was married to John Solesby and that they werethe parents of two children.The household was listed as;John Solesby, 29, husband, Section hand, cotton millWife; Lizzie 28Children;Nellie 9R. V. 7

<u>John Richard Solesby died</u> at the age of 64, July, 1954 <u>Elizabeth "Lizzie" Thomas Solesby</u> died at the age of 72, April, 1963

<u>The Family of Lawrence Thomas, the son of D. B. and Sara Cash;</u> Lawrence Thomas married Lector Pigler and they became the parents of three children, Willie Lee, Howard and Clarence Thomas.

Lawrence Thomas died at age of 75, June 1969 Lector Pigler Thomas died at age of 71, March 1972 Both are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

<u>The Family of Willie L. Thomas McGraw, daughter of Lawrence and Lector Pigler Tho-</u><u>mas;</u>

Willie Lee Thomas married Ray McGraw and they became the parents of three children, Stanley, Linda and Marshall McGraw.

Ray McGraw died at age of 91, January 2000 Willie Lee Thomas McGraw died at age of 85, March 2003 Both are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

<u>The Family of Howard Thomas, son of Lawrence and Lector Pigler Thomas;</u> Howard Thomas married Betty Lou Foster Scraggs and they had no children.

Howard Thomas died at age of 69, December 29, 1989 Betty Lou Scraggs Thomas died at age of 82, April 17, 2008 Both are3 buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

<u>The Family of Clarence Thomas, son of Lawrence and Lector Pigler Thomas;</u> Clarence Thomas married Kitty Ivey. They had no children to this writer's knowledge.

Clarence Thomas Died at age of 29, October 1952 Kitty Ivey Thomas status unknown <u>Carrie Thomas never married</u> and died at the age of 37. She is buried in the <u>Glendale</u> <u>Community Cemetery;</u>

Grave marker; May 2, 1893=April 26, 1936

<u>The Family of Elsie Thomas Holland, daughter of D. B. and Cora A. Thomas;</u> Both parents having died, she was placed in the Southern Home for Orphan Children in Spartanburg where she remained until becoming of age. Elsie Thomas married Raymond Holland. They had no children.

Elsie Thomas Holland died at the age of 82, December 1988 Raymond Holland status unknown

<u>The Family of Felma Thomas Steele, daughter of D. B. and Cora A. Thomas;</u> Both parents having died, Felma was placed in the Southern Home for Orphan Children in Spartanburg where she remained until coming of age. Felma Thomas married Sidney Lee Steel and they became the parents of two children, Bobby and Tommy Steele.

Sidney Lee Steele died at the age of 48, August 1961 Felma Thomas Steele died at the age of 70, December 1988

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Clarence E. Crocker, January 2013