

History and Story of the Glendale Website and Preservation by USC Upstate

The Glendale website was started as a public service by my wife, Mary McKinney Teaster, around 2008. I had started a similar website, for the town of Pacolet, about 2 years earlier (<https://www.pacoletmemories.com/>). It had been so well received that Mary was encouraged to create a new website devoted to her home town of Glendale. Like, with the creation of the Pacolet website, Mary realized that the story of the town and its people, that she had known growing up, was rapidly disappearing. The website was created as an effort to preserve that memory. Over the years, the website has expanded and the information on it would fill several large books.

A few months after it went online, she was fortunate to receive an offer to furnish articles about Glendale by the Reverend Clarence Crocker. Mary had known Rev. Crocker since she was young. He was a life-long resident of Glendale and had been a long-term employee at Glendale Mills. He had a tremendous knowledge of Glendale history and its people. Over the years, Rev. Crocker furnished over 200 articles to the Glendale website.

Since the beginning, for both websites, Mary and I have paid all the expenses including the website hosting. All along we knew that when we stopped paying hosting services for the website, it would disappear and no longer be available to the public. All of the information would be lost. We have been concerned for a long time about that possibility. Both websites were in long-term jeopardy of continuing.

Unfortunately, my family suffered a terrible tragedy, in February of 2023, when Mary passed away. As a result of her passing, we had a very unusual thing to occur. Dr. James Myers of the University of South Carolina Upstate learned of her passing. He knew that she had been instrumental in creating the Glendale website. He believed that the Glendale website was an important historical source about Glendale and the Spartanburg area. He was concerned that Mary's passing would lead to the disappearance of the Glendale website. He contacted our family to see if USC Upstate might be of assistance in preserving the website and keeping it online for public viewing. This initial contact with Dr. Myers has led to the wonderful situation that both the Glendale website and the Pacolet website will be hosted and made available for future public viewing by USC Upstate.

This transfer will happen on January 1, 2024. This transfer means that both websites will no longer have new material added after that date. They will be basically frozen in time after that. The contact information on the former websites will no longer be active and working. However, I can still be contacted directly on both new websites at my regular email address at teastergerald@gmail.com.

The new internet addresses for both sites at USC Upstate will be:

<https://publications.uscupstate.edu/glendalesc/>

<https://publications.uscupstate.edu/pacoletmemories/>

I think this is a perfect solution in keeping all the material on both websites available for future generations. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. Myers and to USC Upstate for doing this.

Gerald F. Teaster

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