

## The Family of Jessie and Alder Blackwell Gosnell

Census Enumerators listed names and dates as they understood the registrant who oft times had little or no education which led to numerous errors in names, dates and ages. I have tried to copy the census as recorded, where errors occur, I apologize. Death certificates are not available in Spartanburg for years before 1917 and Obituaries have not been put on microfilm for the years 1924 through 1929.



Jessie and Alder Blackwell Gosnell were born in North Carolina.

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Jessie Gosnell 29/husband/cotton mill foreman                      Wife; Alder 24

Children;    Mable 8            Elsie 6            Ralph 43 months            Wilford 6 months

Obituary records show that;

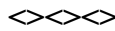
Jessie Gosnell died at the age of 43 in March, 1932.

Alder Gosnell married Albert Brown following the death of Jessie Gosnell.

She had two children at home at the time of her marriage to Albert Brown, James Gosnell and Jessie Kate Gosnell.

Click [Albert Brown Family](#) for family story.

Alder Blackwell Gosnell Brown died at the age of 84 in August, 1978.



Mabel Gosnell Gault, daughter of Jessie and Alder Gosnell;

Mable Gosnell married James D. Gault.

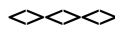
The 1940 Spartanburg/Drayton Census listed the household as;

James D. Gault 28, husband/cloth room second hand.    Wife; Mable G. 28, cloth inspector

Obituary records show that;

Mable Gosnell Gault died at the age of 82 in September, 1993.

James D. Gault died at the age of 86 in September, 1998.



The Family of Wilford Lee Gosnell, son of Jessie and Alder Blackwell Gosnell;

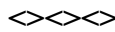
Wilford Lee Gosnell married Doris Ward.

No census records were found.

Obituary records show that;

Doris Ward Gosnell died at the age of 64 in March, 1990.

Wilford Lee Gosnell died at the age of 73 in May, 1992.



The family of Ralph Gosnell, son of Jessie and Alder Blackwell Gosnell;

Ralph Gosnell married Susie Mae Reel.

Ralph Gosnell was a member of the [Glendale Cooksey Ball Team](#).

No other records on Ralph Gosnell were found.



The Family of Jessie James Gosnell, son of Jessie and Alder Blackwell Gosnell;  
Jessie James Gosnell married Lillian Spake.  
No census records found.

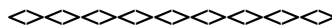
Obituary records show that;  
Jessie James Gosnell died at age of 83 in April, 2008  
No information on the status of Lillian Spake Gosnell was found.



Jessie Kate Gosnell married and moved from the community. No records regarding her status were found. She helped us pack Christmas fruit bags one or two years. The following picture shows her along with others that helped.



Nancy Brown, Virginia Pruitt, Jessie Gosnell,  
Patsy Rogers, Betty McKinnish, Betty Hyder



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

Writer's comments; The Gosnell family was a typical mill village family. They were honest, hardworking and socially compatible. They were of the Methodist Faith with some belonging to the [Glendale Methodist Church](#).

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