

Excerpts from the obituary of Melvenia Lockman Bagwell published February 4, 1919.

“The friends and relatives of Mrs. Mell Bagwell, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bagwell, J. E. Bagwell, E. C. Bagwell, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. George Begg are invited to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Mell Bagwell which will be held at the residence of S. M. Bagwell, 122 Mills Ave. Spartanburg, S. C. this afternoon”

Family of William L. Bagwell, son of Josiah W. and Melvenia Bagwell;

William married Ella Gilmer, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Gilmer of [Glendale](#).

The 1900 Buncombe County, N. C. Census shows that W.L. and Ella Gilmer Bagwell had been married 14 years and were the parents of 7 children with 6 living. The household was listed as;

W.L. Bagwell 39, husband/machinist, born Jan., 1861	Wife; Ella 36, born March, 1864
Children; Erwin G. 13, born March, 1887	Horace 8, born Dec., 1891
Clarence 6, born Jan., 1894	Liddy L. 4, born Sept., 1895
Lilly 2, born Sept., 1897	Frank 1, born Feb., 1899
Boarders; H.E. Hanes 29, born Dec., 1870	Wife; Eliza 26, born Aug., 1873
Servant; Anna Williams 21, born Aug., 1879/black	

Excerpts from the obituary of W. L. Bagwell published July 16, 1910;

“W.L. Bagwell 49, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Bagwell died yesterday in Ashville, N. C. Funeral and interment will be held today in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#). The deceased was a brother of J. E. and Coley Bagwell, Mrs. Eugenia Wright and Mrs. George S. (Nettie) Begg”

Excerpts from the obituary of Mrs. Ella Gilmer Bagwell published Monday April 26, 1937;

“Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Gilmer Bagwell 71, widow of W.L. Bagwell will be conducted this afternoon at the [Glendale Methodist Church](#). Interment will follow in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#). Mrs. Bagwell died suddenly Saturday afternoon at her home in Ashville, N. C. Survivors were; six sons, Clarence, Hillard, Erwin, Wilton, Frank and Clyde Bagwell, all of Asheville, N. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Lydie Boone of Canton, N. C.

Grave markers; William L. Bagwell, January 30, 1861=July 5, 1910

Ella Gilmer Bagwell, March 25, 1866=April 24, 1937

Nellie Bagwell, child of W.L. and Ella Bagwell

Family of Josiah Edgar Bagwell, son of Josiah W. and Melvenia Bagwell;

The 1910 Spartanburg County Census shows that Josiah had been married to Blanche Wilson five years and they were the parents of three children. The household was listed as;

**Josiah E. Bagwell 45, husband/grocery owner Wife; Blanche 37
Children; Edgar W. 4 Elizabeth M. 3 Josiah W. 1**

The 1920 Spartanburg County Census listed the household as;

**Josiah E. Bagwell 57, husband/grocery Wife; Elizabeth B. 47
Children; Edgar W. 14 Melvenia 12 Walter J. 11 Howard 7**

Death Certificate; J.E. Bagwell, born July 21, 1862=Died March 18, 1942

**Age; 79 years, 7months and 25 days
Wife; Blanche Wilson Bagwell
Father; Joe W. Bagwell
Mother; Melvenia Lockman Bagwell
Interment; Oakwood Cemetery**

Excerpts from the obituary of Blanche Bagwell published May 15, 1960;

“Mrs. Blanche W. Bagwell 89, widow of J.E. Bagwell, died in a Greenville Hospital after a long illness. Mrs. Bagwell was a Spartanburg resident for more than 50 years where her husband who died in 1942, had owned and operated a grocery store. She was a member of the Central Methodist Church. For the past several years she had lived with her son, J. Walter Bagwell in Greenville. She was born in Cambridge, Md. Other than her son, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mel Curren, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. and one grandson; two sisters, Mrs. Carroll Roe and Mrs. Daisy Lewis, Easton, Md. Funeral arrangements to be announced.”

Family of Tallulah Bagwell, Bagwell, daughter of Josiah W. and Melvenia Bagwell;

Tallulah (Lula) Bagwell married Samuel M. Bagwell.

For their history, click on [Bagwell Brothers](#).

Family of Elmer C. Bagwell, son of Josiah W. and Melvenia Bagwell;

E.C. Bagwell married Ethel Hair. No records of any children.

The 1910 Spartanburg Census listed him as being single and a salesman.

The 1920 Spartanburg Census listed the household as;

E.C. Bagwell 51, husband/grocery merchant Wife; Ethel 51

Excerpts from the obituary of E. C. Bagwell published July 18, 1940;

“E.C. Bagwell 71, well known resident of Spartanburg for the past 50 years, died yesterday at a local hospital following a four month illness. He was born December 16, 1868 in Carnesville, Ga., the son of J.W. and Mel Bagwell. He was a charter member of the Bethel Methodist Church of Spartanburg.

Survivors were his wife. Mrs. Ethel Hair Bagwell; a brother J.E. Bagwell, Spartanburg; three sisters; Mrs. Sam M. Bagwell of [Glendale](#), Mrs. George S. Begg and Mrs. W.D. Wright of Spartanburg. Funeral services to be held at the Bethel Methodist Church, Spartanburg, with interment following in the Oakwood Cemetery.”

Ethel Hair Bagwell died at the age of 96 in August, 1986;

Family of Nettie Bagwell Begg, daughter of Joseph W. and Melvenia Lockman Bagwell;

The 1900 Spartanburg Census shows that Nettie had been married to George S. Begg one year and that they were the parents of one child. The household was listed as;

**George Begg 28, born Feb. 1872/shipping clerk Wife; Nettie 26, born Feb. 1874
Child; Helen E., 8months/born Sept.1899**

The 1910 Spartanburg Census listed the household as;

Married eleven years, parents of 4 children, one dead.

**George S. Bagwell 38, husband/secretary Wife; Nettie B. 36
Children; Helen E. 9 Willie 7 unnamed infant baby**

Mrs. George Begg died at the age of 75, November, 1951.

No record of George Begg's death was found.

Family of Eugenia Bagwell Wright, daughter of Josiah W. and Melvenia Lockman Bagwell;

Eugenia Bagwell born July, 1878, married W. D. Wright; born September, 1876, founder of Wright-Scruggs Shoe Store

The 1910 Spartanburg Census showed they had been married 12 years and were the parents of 2 children. The household was listed as;

**Walter D. Wright 33, husband/shoe store owner Wife; Eugenia 32
Children; Dufay E. 11 Adam A. 9
Coleman E. Bagwell, brother in-law/boarder
Lula Dicky 35, black servant**

The 1920 Spartanburg Census listed the household as;

Walter D. Wright 42, husband/proprietor

Wife; Nellie E. 40

Children; Dufay E. 20 Allen A. 18

Walter D. Wright died at the age of 80, September, 1956

Excerpts from the obituary of Eugenia Bagwell Wright published March 21, 1967;

“Services for Mrs. Eugenia Bagwell Wright, widow of W.D. Wright are to be held today at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S. C. She was the daughter of the late Josiah W. and Melvenia Lockman Bagwell. She had died at her home after a long illness. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Faye Wright Scruggs of the home.”

Except where noted otherwise, all census, death certificates and obituaries courtesy of the Spartanburg County Library.

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