The Family and Descendants of James H. Millwood

Census Enumerators listed names and dates as they understood the registrant who oftimes 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 before 1917 and Obituaries have not been put on microfilm for the years 1924 through 1929.


The 1900 Spartanburg/Pacolet Census showed that James and Ida had been married 11 years and were the parents of six children. The household was listed as;
James H. Millwood 42, farmer/born April, 1858    Wife; Ida 27, born March, 1883
Children: Edward 10, born June, 1889    Henrietta 9, born April, 1891
          Mellie 8, born May, 1891    Tillman 5, born July, 1894
          Clyde 3, born June, 1896    Ethel 1, born April, 1899

The 1910 Spartanburg/Pacolet Census listed the household as;
James and Ida had been married 22 years, eleven children, ten living.
James H. Millwood 52, husband/farmer    Wife; Ida 37
Children; Etta 19    Tillman 15    Clyde 13    Ethel 11    Son 9
          James 7    Ollie 3    Arthur 2

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
James Millwood 61, husband/cotton mill    Wife; Ida 48
Children; Clyde 22, cotton mill    James 17, cotton mill    Ollie 14, cotton mill
          Arthur 12    Beulah 7    Ruth 4 year, 6 mo.

No other records were found.


The 1910 Spartanburg/Pacolet Census listed the household as;
Ed and Ethel had been married 3 years.
Ed Millwood 21, husband/farmer    Wife; 23
No Children

The 1920 Spartanburg/Whitestone Census listed the household as;
Ed. C. Millwood 30, husband/farmer Wife; Ethel V. 32
Children; Inez 8 Charlie H. 4 years, 8 Mo. Mary M. 4 mo.

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Ed C. Millwood 50, husband/cotton mill Wife; Ethel V. 53
Children; Mary 20, weaver Julius 17

Excerpts from the Obituary of Ed C. Millwood published December 4, 1945;
“Ed C. Millwood, 57, for the past 23 years a resident of Glendale, died suddenly last night at his home. He had retired a few years before due to declining health.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Millwood; sons, Howard and Julius Millwood of Glendale; daughters, Mrs. A. B. “Inez” Cooksey and Mrs. Furman “Mary” Bullman; five brothers, Jim, Arthur, Ollie, Clyde and Tillman Millwood; four sisters, Mrs. Charlie Sanford, Mrs. Victor Kirby, Mrs. Forest Gibson and Mrs. Millie Brewington; also three grandchildren.”
No funeral arrangements were announced.
He was buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Ethel Millwood published Saturday, December 12, 1959;
“Mrs. Ethel Millwood, 72, widow of Ed Millwood, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Furman Bullman, at Roebuck Friday morning.

She was the daughter of the late Hamlet and Nannie Smith Murph: born and reared in Spartanburg County: lived in the Glendale Community 25 years: member of the Glendale Baptist Church.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Bullman were; another daughter, Mrs. A. B. Cooksey of Glendale; two sons, Howard and Julius Millwood of Glendale; three brothers, C.W. Murph of China Grove, N.C., S.J. Murph of Gaffney and H.T. Murph of Spartanburg; one sister, Mrs. Jane Tully of Baltimore, Md; seven grand and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Glendale Baptist Church with interment following in the Glendale Community Cemetery.”


The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Arthur Cooksey 29, husband/section hand Wife; Lillie 28
Children; Mary 10 Arthur Jr. 9

Arthur Cooksey died at the age of 56 in November, 1966.

Excerpts from the brief Obituary of Lillie Inez Cooksey published April 7, 2002; “Lillie Inez Cooksey, 90, died April 3, 2002.

Survivors; son, Mickey Cooksey of Norcross, Ga.; seven grand, several great and great-great grandchildren.
The Cremation Society was in charge of arrangements.”

The Family of Charlie Howard Millwood, son of Edward C. and Ethel Millwood;
Charles Howard Millwood married Essie Gillette, daughter of Grover and Dollie Robinson Gillette.
They had no children.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Charlie H. Millwood published Thursday, November 29, 1984; “Charles Howard Millwood, 69, husband of Essie Gillette, died Wednesday after a brief illness. Native of Spartanburg County; member of the Glendale Baptist Church, order of the Eastern Star and Glendale Masonic Lodge; charter member of the Glendale Fire Department.

Other survivors were; sisters, Inez Cooksey and Mary Bullman.
Services to be held Friday at M.W. Bobo Funeral Chapel with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Essie Gillette died at the age of 85 in December, 2004 and was buried in Greenlawn.

The Family of Mary Millwood Bullman, daughter of Ed. C. and Ethel Millwood;
Mary Millwood married Furman Bullman, son of Thomas B. and Nannie Bullman of Spartanburg/Walnut Grove area. (1920 Census)

Excerpts from the Obituary of Mary M. Millwood Bullman published Tuesday, January 2, 1990; “Mary Millwood Bullman, 70, died January 1, 1990 at her home. Native of Glendale; wife of Furman Bullman; daughter of Edward C. and Ethel Murph Millwood; member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church where she taught the Junior Boys SS Class for many years; charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 216 in Roebuck;
Also surviving were; two sons, Adrian F. Bullman of Mariette, Ga. and John W. Bullman of Roebuck; sister, Inez Cooksey of Glendale and two grandsons.

Funeral services to be held at the Bethlehem Baptist Church with interment following in the Church Cemetery.”

The Family of Julius Caesar Millwood, son of Ed. C. and Ethel Millwood; Julius C. Millwood married Melvenia Emory.
No census records were found.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Julius C. Millwood published Friday June 9, 1978;
“Julius Caesar Millwood, 55, husband of Melvenia Emory Millwood, died Thursday in the Mary Black Hospital after a long illness. Son of the late Ed and Ethel Murph Millwood: retired textile worker.

Also surviving; sons, Jerry Edward of Spartanburg and J.C. Millwood of the home; brother, Howard Millwood, Glendale; sisters, Mrs. Inez Cooksey, Glendale and Mrs. Mary Bullman of Roebuck.

Funeral services Saturday at the Glendale Baptist Church with interment in the Greenlawn Memorial Garden.

The Family of Millie Millwood Brewington, daughter of James H. and Ida Millwood;
Millie Millwood married Clarence Brewington.

The 1920 Spartanburg/ Pacolet Census listed the household as;
Clarence Brewington 33     Wife; Millie 25
Children;     Henrietta 10     Luther R. 8     Lillie O. 5
            Troy J. 3 years, 5 months     Corrie N. 1 year

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glenn Springs Census listed the household as;
Clarence Brewington 55, husband     Wife; Millie 47
Children;     Luther 26     Herbert 19     Thelma 4
            Leroy 7, grandson     Boyd 5, grandson     Norma Jean 2, granddaughter

Clarence Brewington died at the age of 73 in September, 1960.

Excerpts from the obituary of Millie Millwood Brewington published Friday, October, 1979;
“Mrs. Millie Maudene Millwood Brewington, 86, widow of Clarence Brewington, died Thursday in The Spartanburg General hospital after a long illness. Native of Spartanburg County; daughter of the late Jim and Ida Dunnaway Millwood; member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Survivors were; daughters, Mrs. Lillie Brewington, Mrs. Corrie Guyton, Mrs. Thelma Nobliti of Spartanburg; sons, Luther, Troy and Herbert Brewington of Spartanburg; sisters, Mrs. Ethel Gibson, Mrs. Beulah Sanford of Glendale; brothers, Jim, Ollie and Arthur Millwood of Glendale; 20 grand, 10 great and 5 great-great grandchildren.”
No arrangements were announced.

The Family of Ben Tillman Millwood, son of James H. and Ida Millwood;
Ben Tillman Millwood first married Lottie Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher.

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Tillman Millwood 25, husband/slasher hand Wife; Lottie 25, Spooler
Children; Ila Lee 4 Months

Ila Lee Millwood died September 22, 1920 and is buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Lottie Fisher Millwood published Monday, June 18, 1923;
“Mrs. Lottie Millwood died Saturday night at her home in Glendale.

She is survived by her husband, B.T. Millwood; a daughter, Susie Mae; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher; five sisters, Mrs. Fatte Hines, Cherokee, Mrs. B. Paris, Buffalo, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Joe Solesby and Mrs. Amos Curry, all of Glendale.

Funeral services to be held at the Glendale Baptist Church.”
Interment followed in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

The 1940 Spartanburg/ Glendale Census listed the household as;
Ben Tillman Millwood had married Mamie Holloway, daughter of William and Lola Dillard Holloway.

The household was listed as;
Ben Tillman Millwood 45, husband/slasher Wife; Mamie 40
Children; Susie 19, spinner Clyde 15 Lorene 13
Excerpts from the Obituary of Ben Tillman Millwood published Wednesday, January 15, 1969;
“Ben T. Millwood, 75, husband of Mrs. Mamie Holloway Millwood, died Tuesday in the General Hospital.

He was the son of the late Jim and Ida Millwood; retired textile worker; member of the Glendale Baptist Church.

Survivors were; his wife; sons, Clyde, Jack, Harold Millwood of Spartanburg, Frank Millwood of Azle, Tex.; daughters, Mrs. Susie Smith and Mrs. Lorene Willis of Spartanburg, also Mrs. Sheila McGraw of Arlington, Va.; brothers, Jim, Ollie and Arthur Millwood of Glendale; sisters, Mrs. Ethel Gibson, Mrs. Beulah Sanford and Mrs. Victor Kirby of Glendale, Mrs. Millie Brewington of Spartanburg; ten grandchildren.

Services to be held at the Glendale Baptist Church, with interment following in the Glendale Community Cemetery.”

Excerpts from the Obituary of Mamie H. Millwood published Saturday, July 16, 1963;
“Mamie Holloway Millwood, 83, widow of Ben Tillman Millwood, died Thursday in the Spartanburg General Hospital after a long illness.

Native of Spartanburg County: daughter of the late William and Lola Dillard Holoway: member of the Glendale Baptist Church.

Surviving; daughters, Mrs. Lorene Willis and Mrs. Shelia McGraw of Spartanburg and Mrs. Susie Smith of Westview; sons, Clyde Millwood of Pacolet, Frank Millwood of Azel, Tex, and Harold Millwood of Spartanburg; brother, W.W. Holloway of Spartanburg; sisters, Mrs. Sallie Moore and Mrs. Lillie Mae Hollifield of Spartanburg; eleven grand and nine great grandchildren.”

No funeral or interment arrangements were given but she was buried alongside of her husband in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

The Family of Susie Mae Millwood Smith, daughter of Ben Tillman and Lottie Millwood; Susie Mae Millwood married Robert Mack Smith, son of Oliver and Lydia Brown Smith. No census records;
Excerpts from the Obituary of Susie Millwood Smith published Wednesday, March 12, 1997;
“Susie Millwood Smith, 76, died March 10, 1997, in Spartanburg. A native of Glendale, she
was the daughter of the Late Tillman and Lottie Fisher Millwood. She was a member of the
First Church of the Nazarene.(She had been a member of the Glendale Baptist Church for
many years before her marriage)

Survivors were; her husband, Robert M. Smith; one son Robert L. Smith; three brothers,
Clyde Millwood, Pacolet, Frank Millwood of Texas and Arthur “Bud” Millwood of
Spartanburg; two sisters, Shelia Millwood McGraw and Lorene Millwood Willis of
Spartanburg; two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the First Church of the Nazarene with interment following in
the Fort Prince Memorial Gardens”

Robert Mack Smith died at the age of 81 in February, 2001 and is buried along with his
deceased wife.

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The Family of Clyde Millwood, son of Ben Tillman and Mamie Holloway Millwood

Excerpts from the Obituary of Clyde A. Millwood published Thursday, May 27, 1999;
‘Clyde Alton Millwood, 74, died May 26, 1999, in his home. Native of Spartanburg County:
Son of the late Ben Tillman and Mamie Holloway Millwood: World War II veteran: a
retired painter.

Survivors were; a son, Paul R. Millwood of Spartanburg; a daughter, Lecia Millwood Hill
of Kernersville, N.C.; two sisters, Lorene M. Willis and Sheila McGraw of Spartanburg;
two brothers, Bud Millwood of Spartanburg and Frank Millwood of Azie, Tex; four
grandsons and one great-great grandson

Graveside services were held in the Pacolet Memorial Garden.”

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The Family of Lorene Millwood Willis, daughter of Ben Tillman and Mamie H. Millwood;
Lorene Millwood married Charles Wesley Willis Jr., son of Charlie Wesley and Annie F.
Robinson Willis of Spartanburg, S.C.
Child; Brenda Willis

Charles Wesley Willis died at the age of 70 in October 1993.
Jack Koopman Millwood, son of Ben Tillman and Mamie H. Millwood; Jack never married;

Excerpts from the Obituary of Jack Koopman Millwood published Tuesday, January 18, 1983;


Survivors; brothers, Clyde Millwood of Pacolet, Frank Millwood of Azi, Tex, Harold Millwood of Spartanburg; sisters, Mrs. Lorene Willis and Mrs. Sheila McGraw of Spartanburg, Mrs. Susie Smith of Westview.

Graveside services in the Glendale Community Cemetery.”

The Family of Frank Millwood, son of Tillman and Mamie H. Millwood;
Wife’s name; Jo Ann Lyman Millwood
Child; Frankie
Frank moved to Texas. No other records were found.

The Family of Harold Millwood, son of Tillman and Mamie H. Millwood;
Harold Millwood married Nancy Jones Raines, daughter of Andrew and Ida Belle Dameron Jones.
Children; Kenneth, Derrell and Benny Millwood.
No other records available.

Shelia Millwood McGraw, daughter of Tillman and Mamie H. Millwood;
Shelia Millwood married Jerry Randall McGraw;
Children; Pam, Charles and Vance McGraw
No other records found.

Clyde Millwood, son of James H. and Ida Dunnaway Millwood;
Clyde Millwood never married.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Clyde Millwood published Saturday, April 19, 1958;
“Clyde Millwood, 61, died at his home in Glendale Friday. He had been in declining health for four years and seriously ill for the past two weeks. Mr. Millwood had been employed by Glendale Mills for some 45 years and a member of the Glendale Methodist Church.

Survivors were; four sisters, Mrs. Clarence Brewington, Mrs. Forest Gibson, Mrs. Charlie Sanford and Mrs. Victor Kirby; four brothers, B. T., Jim, Arthur and Ollie Millwood; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in the Glendale Methodist Church with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. “

The Family of Ethel Millwood Gibson, daughter of James H. and Ida. Millwood; Ethel Millwood married Forest Gibson, son of Mark and Mattie Barker Gibson.

The 1940 Spartanburg/Beech Springs Census listed the household as;
Forest Gibson 38, husband/slubber operator Wife; Ethel 39
Children; Roy 18 Ila 13 Irene 11 Helen 8 Lois 6 Betty 4

Forest W. Gibson died at the age of 69 in April, 1971 and is buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Ethel M. Gibson published Sunday, November 17, 1985;
“Mrs. Ethel Mae Gibson, 85, widow of Forest W. Gibson, died Friday in the Spartanburg General Hospital; native of Spartanburg County; daughter of the late Jim and Ida Dunnaway Millwood; member of the St. Mark Methodist Church.

Survivors were; daughters, Betty Gibson, Ila Gossett and Lois Mittag, all of Glendale, Irene Kirby of Converse; son, Roy Gibson of Glendale; brother, Ollie Millwood of Glendale; sister, Beulah Sanford of Glendale; fifteen grand and 20 great grandchildren.

Funeral services at Floyd’s Greenlawn Chapel with interment following in the Glendale Community Cemetery.”

The Household of James “Jim” Millwood, son of James H. and Ida Dunnaway Millwood. The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Jim Millwood 36, head of household/weaver
Clyde Millwood 43, brother/section man
Arthur Millwood 30, brother/filling man

Jim and Clyde never married.
Clyde Millwood died at the age of 61 in April, 1958. Buried in Greenlawn Memorial Garden.
Jim Millwood died at the age of 77 in February, 1981.
Arthur married and is recorded elsewhere in this record.

The Family of Ollie Millwood, son of James H. and Ida Millwood;
Ollie Millwood married Mary “Lizzie” Sentell, daughter of John and Winnie Edwards Sentell;
The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Ollie Millwood 30, husband/smash hand Wife; Lizzie 30
Children; Dorothy 12 Amos 8 Jimmie 5 Patricia 2 Mabel 1 mo.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Ollie V. Millwood, son of James H. and Ida Dunnaway Millwood published Tuesday, September, 17, 1991;
“Ollie Vernon Millwood, 84, died September 15, 1991 in the Mary Black Hospital. Native of Spartanburg County; widower of Mary E. “Lizzie” Sentell Millwood; son of the Late James H. and Ida Dunnaway Millwood; he was a Baptist.

Survivors include; four daughters, Dorothy Burrell, Peggy Hall and Becky Frady of Cowpens, Patricia Crossley of Gaffney; two sons, Amos and Jimmy Millwood; a grandson reared in the home, Carol “Pete” Fowler; ten additional grand and five great grandchildren;

Graveside services at the Glendale Community Cemetery Wednesday”

Mary Elizabeth “Lizzie” Sentell Millwood died December 22, 1970 and was buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

The Family of Arthur W. “Buck” Millwood, son of James H. and Ida Millwood;
Arthur Millwood married Maude E. Earle, daughter of Clarence and Lula Denton Earl.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Arthur W. Millwood published Friday, October 5, 1984;
“Arthur William “Buck” Millwood, 75, husband of Maude Earle Millwood, died Thursday in the Mary Black Hospital. Native of Spartanburg; son of the late James Henry and Ida
Dunnaway Millwood: retired from Glendale Mills; member of the St. Marks United Methodist Church.

Also surviving; son, Charles W. Millwood; brother, Ollie Millwood; sisters, Ethel Gibson and Beulah Sanford; two grandchildren.

Services to be held at J.F. Floyd Greenlawn Chapel with interment to follow in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.”

Maude E. Earle Millwood died at the age of 77 in December, 1999 and is buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

The Family of Beulah Millwood Sanford, daughter of James H. and Ida Millwood; Beulah Millwood married Charlie Sanford, son of Tom and Nellie Sanford. The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Charlie Sanford 32. Husband/card operator Wife; Beulah 28
Arthur Millwood 36, boarder/filling
No record of children.

James Charles Sanford died at the age of 58 in April, 1966.
Beulah Millwood Sanford died at the age of 88 in August, 2000.
Both are buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

The Family of Ruth Millwood Kirby, daughter of James H. and Ida Millwood; Ruth Millwood married Victor Kirby, son of John and Vera Kirby. The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Victor L. Kirby 22, husband/doffer Wife; Ruth 23, spooler

Excerpts from the Obituary of Ruth Millwood Kirby published Tuesday, September 10, 1974;
“Mrs. Ruth Millwood Kirby, 59, wife of Victor Kirby, died Monday in the General Hospital after a long illness; native of Spartanburg County; daughter of J.H. and Ida Dunnaway Millwood; member of the Glendale Baptist Church; member of the Eastern Star.

Other survivors; son, Lewis Kirby of Spartanburg; sisters, Mrs. Beulah Sanford and Mrs. Ethel Gibson of Glendale, Mrs. Millie Brewington of Spartanburg; brothers, Arthur, Ollie and Jim Millwood, all of Glendale.”
Interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Victor Kirby died at the age of 73, in 1990 and was buried alongside of his wife in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Following the death of his wife, Ruth Millwood Kirby, he married Helen Fennel.

Writer’s comments; Consisting of 18-19 households, the Millwood’s, scattered throughout the village, were perhaps at one time, the largest segment of the Glendale Mill Village. All were employees of Glendale Mills. They were all hard working, community minded, respectful people and good neighbors.
All of Tillman Millwood’s boys worked for this writer in the mill store or the mill canteen. They were loyal workers, honest and dependable.

Census and Spartanburg Herald and Journal Obituary records courtesy of the Spartanburg County Library,