

The Family and Descendants of William B. Rush

Moving in the early 1900s from [Pacolet, S. C.](#) to Main Street, [Glendale, S.C.](#) (Church Street today), with many of the family members working in the local mill and marrying local residents, the Rush family quickly became prominent residents of the village. Some were spinners, spoolers, weavers, carding operators, shop workers and Section men. They were community minded and faithfully supported community activities and their Church, the [Glendale Baptist](#). My brother Albert remembers the family well. Their house was enclosed with a fence in which they kept a yard dog. Though he was not known to have bitten anyone, one day the dog had gotten out and bit Albert as he was on his way to school before anyone could stop him. Both lived.

The 1910 Spartanburg County, Pacolet Township Census shows that William B. Rush had been married twice and was married to Miss. Julia Robinson at the time of the census.

The household was listed as;

William B. Rush 51, husband, farmer.

Wife; Julia 32.

Children;

Winnie 11.

Abbie 8.

Edward D. 5.

Nora A. 7 mos.

Mother; Lula J. Rush 68.

The 1920 Glendale Census listed the household as;

Julia Rush 37, widow, head of house.

Children;

*Abbie 18, mill employee

*Edgar (Ed) 15, mill worker

*Nora 10.

*Samuel Colie 6.

*Jessie Mae 4+.

*Winnie Rush Solesby 20, mill worker. Husband, Enoch Solesby 24, mill worker

Granddaughter; *Virginia V. (Viril) Solesby 11 mos.

Asterisks indicate more information follows.

Julia Robinson Rush died at age of 81, November 1966.

No records of William Ben Rush death found

1; The Family of Winnie Rush Solesby, daughter of William B. Rush.

Miss. Winnie Solesby married Enoch Solesby.

The 1940 Glendale Census listed the household as;

Enoch Solesby , husband, mill employee

Wife; Winnie, spooler

Their children; *Virginia V.

*Earl.

*Helen.

*Dorothy.

The Solesby family was faithful members of the [Glendale Methodist Church](#), a congenial family in the community, loved and appreciated.

Enoch Solesby died at the age of 73 in March of 1969.

Winnie Rush Solesby died at the age of 87 in September 1987

Miss. Virginia Virl Solesby married Erwin Allen, a local native, Paymaster at [Glendale Mills](#). Following his death she married a Mr. Webb.

Virginia Virl Allen Webb died at the age of 85 in March of 2004.

William Earl Solesby married Miss. Doris Chastine of Clifton, S. C. They moved to Tenn. where he died at the age of 83. Earl had been a furniture salesman for 35 years, a 50 year Mason at the Glendale Lodge and a faithful member of the [Glendale Methodist Church](#). Survivors include his wife; two children, Ken Solesby and Brenda Solesby Pettit; four grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Solesby McCreary and Virginia Virl Solesby Allen Webb.

William Earl Solesby died January 1, 2004 and was buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Garden in Spartanburg, S.C.

Miss. Helen Ruth Solesby married Phillip Wesley McCreary who was serving in the military. They made their home in Spartanburg and were the parents of one son, John W. and one daughter, Penny Sue McCreary.

Helen Ruth Solesby McCreary died at the age of 83 in January of 2008 and was survived by her husband, two children, five grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Dorothy Dean Solesby Ammons married "Lit" Ammons whom she divorced after which she remarried. I lost account of her marriage and residence.

It is the understanding of this writer that most if not all of the Solesby family is buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S. C.

2;The Family of Abbie Loree Rush Bradley, daughter of William B. and Julia Rush.

Miss. Abbie L. Rush married Mr. William Rowe (Roe) Bradley and they became the parents of one child.

Son; William Harold (Billy) Bradley.

William Rowe Bradley died at the age of 55 in December of 1952.

Abbie Loree Rush Bradley died at the age of 93 in January of 1995

William H.(Billy) Bradley married Miss. Ella Ruth Pierce. They became the parents of one daughter, Patrica Bradley.

William Harold Bradley died at the age of 61 in August of 1985.

Ella Ruth Pierce Bradley died at the age of 82 in January of 2009.

They are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

3; The Family of Edward(Ed) B. Rush, son of William B. and Julia Rush

Edward B. Rush married the local Miss. Kate Cash and they became the parents of three children.

The 1940 Glendale Census listed the household as;

Ed. Rush, husband/mill shop

Wife; Kate

Children;

Ronnie.

Marlene.

Benny.

Ed worked in the [Glendale Mill](#) machine shop most, if not all his life. He was working there when this writer took Supervision of the Engineering Department. I found Ed to be a hard, compatible, able and energetic worker. Ed and his family were members of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) where his wife, Kate, taught a Sunday school class for a number of years. This writer was honored to have part in Ed's funeral service.

Kate Cash Rush died at the age of 69 in June of 1972.

Edward D. Rush died at the age of 91 in August of 1996

They are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

4; The Famiy of Noah Rush Koopman, daughter of William B. and Julis Rush

Miss. Noah Rush married [Dr. H. W. Koopman, a Glendale/Clifton Physician](#) and they became the parents of at least four children.

The 1940 Glendale Census listed the household as;

Herman W. Koopman 44, Medical Doctor.

Wife; Nora 30.

Children;

Herman Jr. 17.

Jack 13.

Robert 12.

Witte 5.

Noah Rush Koopman died at the age of 99 in November of 1999.

Place of interment not known.

5; The Family of Samuel Colie Rush

He entered the US Navy in 1940 and married Eleanor Mary Johns in 1942. They had 3 children. - Susan Rush, born in 1943; Deborah Rush, born in 1948; and Mary Rush, born in 1953. Samuel died in Pennsylvania on December 26, 1995.

6; The Family of Jessie Mae Rush Alley, daughter of William B. and Julia Rush

Miss. Jessie Mae Rush married James Raymond Alley, a Glendale native and they became the parents of one child.

The 1940 Glendale Census listed the household as;

James R. Alley 29, husband, section man. Wife; Jessie Mae 24, cotton mill.

Their son; James (no age given)

Mother in-law; Julia Rush 58.

James Raymond Alley died at the age of 95 in December of 2005.

Jessie Mae Rush Alley died at the age of 91 in October of 2006.

They are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

It was the good privilege of this writer to have known all of the Rush family except the father, Mr. William Ben Rush who had died before I was born. I considered them good friends.

All Federal Census records and *Spartanburg Herald Journal* obituaries courtesy of Spartanburg County Library.

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