

The Families of Walter Sylvester and Whiteford Lindsey

Glendale's Watchmakers

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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

Walter Sylvester Lindsey, born December, 1886, the son of Commodore R. and Amanda Lindsey. For family story click; [Commodore Lindsey](#)

Walter first married Evelyn Parker.

The 1910 Spartanburg/Pacolet Census showed they had been married 4 years and were the parents of one deceased child.

The household was listed as;

Vester Lindsey 23, husband/weaver

Wife; Evelyn 21

George Lindsey 18, brother

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Evelyn Parker Lindsey had died and Walter had married Mattie Elizabeth Fisher.

Covester Lindsey 33, husband/weaver

Wife; Mattie E. 20, cotton mill

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Walter Lindsey 53, husband/loom fixer

Wife; Mattie 39, spinner

Child; Hilton 19

Excerpts from the Obituary of Walter Sylvester Lindsey published Thursday, June 28, 1973;

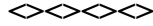
“Walter Sylvester Lindsey, 86, husband of Mattie Elizabeth Fisher Lindsey, [Hilton Street](#), died early Wednesday in the Spartanburg General Hospital after a brief illness.

Native of Spartanburg County: son of the late Commodore and Amanda Humphries Lindsey: retired from [Glendale Mills](#); member of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#): First married to the late Mrs. Evelyn Parker Lindsey.

Other survivors were; son, Hilton H. Lindsey of [Glendale](#); brother, George Lindsey of [Glendale](#); three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services to be held in the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.”

Mattie Elizabeth Fisher Lindsey died at the age of 88 in August 1986 and was buried with her husband.



The Family of Hilton Lindsey, son of Walter S. and Mattie E. Lindsey;
Hilton married Cleo Jones, daughter of Arrie Jones.
No census records were found.

Cleo Jones Lindsey died at the age of 60 in November, 1978 and is buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Hilton Hoover Lindsey published Thursday, July 13, 2000;
“Hilton Hoover Lindsey, 79, died July 12, 2000 at the Spartanburg Regional Hospital.

Native of Spartanburg: husband of the late Cleo Jones Lindsey: son of Walter Sylvester and Mattie Fisher Lindsey: retired textile employee: attended [Glendale Baptist Church](#) and was a member of the Men’s Bible Class.

Surviving are two daughters, Naomi Cothran of Spartanburg, Martha Gail Wasemann of Boiling Springs; three grand and one great grandchild.

Funeral services to be held at Bobo Funeral Chapel with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.”



The Family of Whiteford Lindsey, born February, 1895, the son of James William and Olive Lindsey. click [Commodore Lindsey](#)

Whiteford was a nephew of Walter Sylvester Lindsey.
The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Whitfort Lindsey 44, husband/cotton mill Wife; Sarah 23, born in 1917

Excerpts from the Obituary of Whiteford Lindsey published Thursday, March 19, 1970;
“Whiteford Samuel Lindsey, 75, [46 Broadway](#), died Tuesday night after a brief illness.

Native of Spartanburg County: son of the late William and Olive Carney Lindsey: member of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#): Veteran of WW II; retired textile employee and watchmaker.

Surviving; daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Reece of Spartanburg; son, Earl Lindsey of Cowpens; brothers, Frank and Virgil Lindsey of [Glendale](#), Colie Lindsey of Spartanburg; sisters, Mrs. Clara Ledford of [Glendale](#) and Mrs. Ruth Bobo of Woodruff.

Funeral services were to be held at the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) with interment to follow in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).”

Writer’s comments; A lady named Sarah Lindsey died at the age of 84 in January, 2001 and was buried with graveside services at the Good Shepherd Memorial Park. While this appears to have been Whiteford’s first wife (Born in 1917), I was unable to confirm this.

**Excerpts from the Obituary of Annie Mae Lindsey published Tuesday, January 25, 1972:
“Mrs. Anna Mae Lindsey, 64, widow of Whiteford S. Lindsey, died at her home Monday after a brief illness. Native of Cowpens: retired textile worker: daughter of the late Jacob and Rhoda McGwin Lindsey.**

Surviving; son, Earl Lindsey of Cowpens; sister, Mrs. Bertha Quinn of Cowpens; one grand and one great grandchild. Floyd’s Greenlawn Chapel”

No record of funeral and interment.



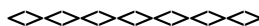
**The Family of Edwin Earl Lindsey, son of Whiteford and Anna Mae Lindsey;
Edwin Earl Lindsey married Mary Edna Walker;
No census records were found.**

**Excerpts from the Obituary of Edwin Earl Lindsey published Sunday, March 14, 1982;
“Edwin Earl Lindsey, 55, husband of Mary Edna Walker Lindsey, died Friday night at Lake Greenwood after a long illness.**

Native of Spartanburg county: son of Whiteford and Anna Mae Lindsey: retired from Mayfair Mills: Member of Oakdale Baptist Church of Cowpens: member of Cowpens Masonic Lodge No. 210: Navy veteran of WWII.

Also surviving: daughter, Mary Movita Willard of Spartanburg; half-sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Webber of Spartanburg; one grandson.

Funeral services to be held at Floyd’s Greenlawn Chapel with interment following in the Greenlawn Mausoleum with Masonic Rites.



Writer's comments: Walter Sylvester Lindsey lived just outside the mill village just off the [Emma Cudd road on Hilton Street](#).

Whiteford Lindsey was living on [Broadway](#) in the [mill village](#) at the time of his death.

The Lindsey families were quite, honest, hardworking, church people. Sylvester and Whiteford did most clock and watch repair work for the community residents. They were well liked and appreciated.

All Census and Obituary records courtesy of the Spartanburg County Library.

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