

Family and Descendants of Zebulon Vance Ammons

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Zebulon "Zeb" Vance Ammons, a native of North Carolina first married Leona Clark in Madison County, N. C. Records show that they were the parents of five children; Dora, Minnie, Claudia, Thomas and Pinder Ammons.

Moving to [Glendale](#) in the late 1800s, Zeb married a local lady named Laura Gilmer, the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Gilmore Gilmer. Obviously, Zeb's first wife had died. For the first fifty years of the twentieth century the Ammons were prominent, highly respected families in the [Glendale](#) community.

The Census was recorded as the Enumerator understood the registrant who oft times had little to no education which led to numerous errors in name, dates and ages. I have tried to copy as recorded except where obvious errors were made. Where errors occur, I apologize. To read grave markers of person buried at [Glendale](#); click [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).

The 1900 Spartanburg/Glendale Census shows that Zeb and Laura were living with Laura's father and mother, Thomas and Nancy Gilmore who had been married 40 years and were the parents of 7 children, 6 living. The household was listed as;

Thomas Gilmore 65, born April, 1835/farmer Wife; Nancy 50, born January, 1850

Children;

Herbert 27, born December, 1872/weaver Emma 24, born February, 1876/weaver

Dora 13, born December, 1886/spinner Tommie 12, born June, 1888/spinner

Lattie 10, born January, 1890/spinner Minnie 8, born October, 1891

Zeb. V. Ammons 39, born October, 1860/weaver Wife; Laura 29, born December, 1870

Child; Virginia 5, born in March, 1895

The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census shows that Zeb had been married twice and was the father of 10 children. Laura had been married once and was the mother of 4 children.

The household was listed as;

Zeb V. Ammons 48, husband/oiler Wife; Laura 40

Children;

Thomas 21, weaver Laity 19, weaver Minnie 17, weaver

Virginia 15,

Erskine 9 Myrtle 7 Frank 3,

Susan Flynn 17, niece, born in N.C./weaver Angie Flynn 14, niece, born in N.C./spooler

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Zeb V. Ammons 58, weaver Wife; Laura 50

Children;

Erskine 18, roller shop Myrtle 17, cloth Room Frank 13,

Excerpts from the Obituary of Zeb V. Ammons published Tuesday, October 8, 1929;
“Funeral services for Z.V. Ammons, 68, who died yesterday morning, will be conducted at the [Glendale Methodist Church](#) this afternoon with interment following in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).

Mr. Ammons is survived by his wife, Laura Gilmer Ammons; nine children; sons, Frank, Lattie, Thomas and Erskine Ammons; daughters, Mrs. Minnie Shackelford, Myrtle Ammons, Mrs. Dora Estep, Fountain Inn, Pinder Ammons, Marshall, N. C. and Mrs. Virginia Fowler, Lyman; one brother, John Ammons, Marshall, N. C.”

Excerpts from the Obituary of Laura Gilmer Ammons published Monday, July 31, 1944;
“Mrs. Laura Ammons, 74, wife of Zeb V. Ammons, died at her home in [Glendale](#) Sunday. Survivors were the following children; Frank and Miss Myrtle Ammons, [Glendale](#), Mrs. D. E. Fowler, Lyman, E. (Erskine) G. Ammons, Charlotte; two step sons, L.W. Ammons of [Glendale](#) and T.T. Ammons of Appalache; two step daughters, Mrs. Minnie Shackelford, Balfour, N. C., Mrs. Claudia Gosnell, Asheville, N. C.; a brother, F. H. Gilmer, [Glendale](#), S. C.; Five great and four great-great grandchildren.
Funeral Services are to be held in the [Glendale Methodist Church](#) with interment following in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).”

Dora Ammons Estep, daughter of Zeb and Leona Clark Ammons.
Dora married a fellow named Estep and lived in Fountain Inn, S. C.
No other records found.

Pinder Ammons, daughter of Zeb and Leona Clark Ammons.
Obviously Pinder and Claudia was the same person.
According to Laura’s obituary, Claudia had married a fellow name Gosnell and was living in Asheville, N. C. No other records were found.

Thomas T. Ammons, son of Zeb and Leona Clark Ammons.
Thomas married Miss. Corrie Jackson.
No record of any children.

Corrie Jackson Ammons died at the age of 67 in August, 1959.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Thomas T. Ammons published June 1, 1969;
“Thomas T. Ammons, 80, widower of Mrs. Corrie Jackson Ammons, died Saturday in a Hendersonville, N. C. hospital after a brief illness. He was the son of the late Zeb and Leona Clark Ammons and a member of the Apalache Baptist Church.

Survivors were; sister, Mrs. Minnie Shackelford, Hendersonville; half-sister, Mrs. Edith (Myrtle) Finkle, [Glendale](#); step-sister, Mrs. Virginia Fowler, [Glendale](#); half-brothers, Erskine and Frank Ammons, [Glendale](#);
Funeral Services at the Apalache Baptist Church with interment following in the Wood Memorial Park.”

Lattie Ammons, son of Zeb and Leona Clark Ammons.

Lattie married Miss. Amy Davis.

They became the parents of three children; Grace, Edna and Lattie Ammons Jr.

No Census records found.

Amy Davis Ammons died at the age of 69 in September, 1964. She is buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).

Excerpts from the Obituary of Lattie Wells Ammons, published Wednesday, April 16, 1969; “Lattie W. Ammons, 79, died Tuesday in the Spartanburg General Hospital following a long illness. A native of Madison County, N. C., he was the son of Zebulon Vance and Leona Clark Ammons and was a member of the [Glendale Methodist Church](#).

Survivors were; daughters, Mrs. Grace Reaves, [Glendale](#) and Mrs. Edna Skinner, Spartanburg; son, Lattie W. Ammons Jr.; brother, Tom Ammons of Appalache; sister, Mrs. Minnie Shackelford, Hendersonville; half-brothers, Erskine and Frank Ammons, [Glendale](#); half-sisters, Mrs. Virginia Fowler, Lyman, and Miss Myrtle Ammons, Spartanburg; also six grand and one great grandchild.

Services at Bobo Funeral Chapel with interment in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#)”

Minnie Ammons, daughter of Zeb and Leona Clark Ammons.

Minnie married a fellow named Shackelford and lived in Balfour, N. C.

No other records found.

Virginia Ammons, daughter of Zeb and Laura Gilmer Ammons.

Virginia married D. E. Fowler.

Her obituary shows that they had one son, Thomas G. Fowler of Duncan.

D.E. Fowler died at the age of 78 in June, 1967.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Virginia Ammons Fowler published Wednesday, April 9, 1980;

“Mrs. Virginia Ammons Fowler, 85, widow of D.E. Fowler, died Tuesday in a Spartanburg Hospital. Native of [Glendale](#), she was the daughter of the late Zeb Vance and Laura Ammons.

She was a member of the Lyman United Methodist Church.

Survivors were; son, Thomas G. Fowler, Duncan; brothers, Frank and Erskine Ammons, Spartanburg; sister, Mrs. Myrtle Ammons Finkle, Lyman; four grand and thirteen great grandchildren.”

No record of services or interment found.

Erskine Ammons, son of Zeb and Laura Gilmer Ammons.

Erskine married Ruth Thomas, daughter of Banks B. and E. Viola Thomas,

To read the Banks Thomas family story; click on [James Thomas Family and Descendants](#).

No record of any children.

Ruth Thomas Ammons died at the age of 80 in January, 1984. She was buried in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Erskine G. Ammons published Friday, February 6, 1987; “Erskine Gilmer Ammons, 86, widower of Ruth Thomas Ammons died Wednesday. Native of Spartanburg County, he was the son of the late Zack and Laura Gilmer Ammons and was a member of the [Glendale United Methodist Church](#) and Woodman of The World.

Services at Bobo Funeral Chapel with interment in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens; Survivors were a number of nieces and nephews.”

Myrtle Ammons, daughter of Zeb and Laura Gilmer Ammons.
Myrtle married a fellow named Finkle.
No census records found.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Myrtle Ammons Finkle published January 16, 1987; ‘Myrtle Ammons Finkle died January 25, 1987 at the Spartanburg Regional Hospital. She was the daughter of Zeb Vance and Laura Gilmer Ammons.’

Franklin H. Ammons, son of Zeb and Laura Gilmer Ammons.
“Frank” as he was known and called, married Thelma Turner, daughter of Ralph M. and Ethel Turner of [Glendale](#). They became the parents of two children, June and Keith Ammons.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Franklin H. Ammons published Sunday, December 19, 1982; “Franklin Herbert Ammons, 76, husband of Thelma Turner Ammons, died Saturday morning after a brief illness. Native of [Glendale](#), he was the son of the late Zack and Laura Gilmer Ammons. Member and former member of the official council of the St. Luke Methodist Church and was retired from Arkwright Mills. Other survivors were; daughter, June Ammons; son, Keith Ammons; brother, Erskine Ammons; sister, Mrs. Myrtle Ammons Finkle and two grandsons. Funeral services to be held in the St. Luke Methodist Church with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.”

Thelma Turner Ammons died December 4, 1998 and was buried in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

All Census and Obituaries courtesy of the Spartanburg County Library.
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