The Family and Descendants of Josiah W. Bagwell By <u>Clarence Crocker</u>

Josiah W. Bagwell, the son of William and Polly Poole Bagwell of <u>Glendale, S.C.</u>, married Miss Melvenia Lockman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lockman of <u>Glendale</u>. The Lockman family was from North Carolina. Josiah and Melvenia moved to Georgia where Josiah joined the Confederate Army in 1858. Sometime before 1900, they moved back into the <u>Glendale area</u>.

The 1870Franklin/Carnesville Ga. Census showed that Josiah was born in S. C., Melveniain N.C. and all the children in Georgia. The household was listed as;Josiah W. Bagwell 31, husband/farmerWife; Melvenia 30Children;Ida 10William 8Edgar 6Lula 3Elmer 1

<u>The 1900</u> Spartanburg/Glendale Census showed that they had been married 42 years and were the parents of 8 children, six living. The household was listed as; Josiah Bagwell 62, husband/farmer, born March 1838, Wife; Melvenia 61, born March 1839

No children's names were listed.

Death Certificate; Josiah W. Bagwell, born March 16, 1838=Died March 28, 1917 Age; 79 years, 12 days Father; William Bagwell of S.C. Mother; Polly Poole of S. C. Interment; Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, S. C.

Excerpts from the obituary of Josiah W. Bagwell published March 29, 1917.

"J.W. Bagwell, a widely known and much esteemed citizen passed away yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. M. Bagwell. He enlisted in the War Between the States in 1858, taking an active part. He was a brave soldier and was never wounded in his service to the Confederate Army. He was a member of the <u>Glendale Methodist Church</u> and was for many years a successful farmer.

Mr. Bagwell is survived by his wife, Melvenia Lockman Bagwell; two sons, J.E. and E.C. Bagwell, Spartanburg Merchants; three daughters, Mrs. S. M. (Lula) Bagwell, Mrs. W. D. (Eugenia) Wright and Mrs. George (Nettie) Begg; two brothers; two sisters; eighteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home with interment following in the Oakwood Cemetery in Spartanburg. The deceased was born in the <u>Glendale Community</u>."

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"

<u>Family of William L. Bagwell, son of Josiah W. and Melvenia Bagwell;</u> William married Ella Gilmer, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Gilmer of <u>Glendale</u>.

<u>The 1900</u> 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 <u>Glendale Community Cemetery</u>. The deceased was a brother of J. E. and Coley Bagwell, Mrs. Eugenia Wright and Mrs. George S. (Nettie) Begg"

<u>Excerpts from the obituary of Mrs. Ella Gilmer Bagwell</u> 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 <u>Glendale Methodist Church</u>. Interment will follow in the <u>Glendale Community Cemetery</u>. 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 1910Spartanburg County Census shows that Josiah had been married to BlancheWilson five years and they were the parents of three children. The household was listed as;Josiah E. Bagwell 45, husband/grocery ownerWife; Blanche 37Children;Edgar W. 4Elizabeth M. 3Josiah W. 1

<u>The 1920</u> 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	

<u>Death Certificate;</u> 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."

<u>Family of Tallulah Bagwell, Bagwell, daughter of Josiah W. and Melvenia Bagwell;</u> Tallulah (Lula) Bagwell married Samuel M. Bagwell. For their history, click on <u>Bagwell Brothers</u>.

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.

<u>The 1920</u> Spartanburg Census listed the household as;E.C. Bagwell 51, husband/grocery merchantWife; 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 <u>Glendale</u>, 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 1900Spartanburg Census shows that Nettie had been married to George S. Begg oneyear and that they were the parents of one child. The household was listed as;George Begg 28, born Feb. 1872/shipping clerkWife; Nettie 26, born Feb. 1874Child;Helen E., 8months/born Sept.1899

The 1910Spartanburg Census listed the household as;Married eleven years, parents of 4 children, one dead.George S. Bagwell 38, husband/secretaryChildren;Helen E. 9Willie 7unnamed infant baby

<u>Mrs. George Begg died</u> at the age of 75, November, 1951. No record of George Begg's death was found.

<u>Family of Eugenia Bagwell Wright, daughter of Josiah W. and Melvenia Lockman Bagwell;</u> Eugenia Bagwell born July, 1878, married W. D. Wright; born September, 1876, founder of Wright-Scruggs Shoe Store

The 1910Spartanburg 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 ownerWife; Eugenia 32Children;Dufay E. 11Adam A. 9Coleman E. Bagwell, brother in-law/boarderLula Dicky 35, black servant

The 1920 Spartanburg Census listed the household as;Walter D. Wright 42, husband/proprietorWife; Nellie E. 40Children;Dufay E. 20Allen A. 18

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

<u>Excerpts from the obituary of Eugenia Bagwell Wright</u> 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."

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