Reverend Stafford Mills Glendale's Black Minister

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.



The 1880 Spartanburg Township/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Stafford Mill 23, husband/farmer Wife; Pruda 20

Children; Lillie 4 Clarence 1

Mother in-law; Illegible 70

The 1900 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Stafford Mills 40, husband/Minister/born January, 1860.

Wife; Perdue 34, laundress/born January, 1866

Children; Tom 19, day labor/born May, 1881 Edgar 13, day labor/born March, 1887

William 15, butler/born October, 1884 Elisha 12, day labor/born June, 1888

Ocellia 4, born August, 1895

The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census showed he had been married 28 years and was the parent of 9 children, 6 living.

The household was listed as;

Stafford Mills 55, Cotton Mill Wife; Perdue 47

Children; Thomas 27 Ophelia 13

Granddaughters; Ella Woods 10 Irene Woods 8

Grandson: Samuel Woods 11

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The Family of William Mills, son of Stafford and Perdue Mills;

<u>The 1910</u> Spartanburg, Glendale Census shows that he had been married 8 years and was the father of 4 children, 3 living.

The household was listed as:

William Mills 24, husband, cotton mill

Children; William 6

Wife; Mary 22

James B. 2

Federal Census courtesy of the Spartanburg County Library.

Writers Comments; Unfortunately I never knew any of the Mills. It is my understanding that he was Pastor of the Local Black Congregation for a number of years. We had a black Holiness and a Baptist Church, I have been unable to confirm which one he Pastored.

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