The Family and Descendants of William M. and Margaret Murray
Glendale, South Carolina

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 for years before 1917 and Obituaries have not been put on microfilm for the years 1924 through 1929.

William M. Murray married Margaret Gossett, daughter of John and Catherine Gossett. The 1880 Spartanburg District #149 (Glendale area) Census listed the household as;
William Murray 32, husband/farmer   Wife Margaret 30
Children;   Elizabeth 9   Effert T. 8   Adral L. 3   Mary J. 9mo.

The 1900 Spartanburg District #149/Glendale Mill Village Census listed the household as;
William and Margaret had been married 27 years, 11 children, 8 living.
William 53, born Dec., 1846    Wife; Margaret 49, born Jan., 1851
Children;
Mary Jane 20, born Nov., 1879/ Spooler   M. Murray 18, born Feb., 1882/ Spooler
William 16, born Dec., 1883, Weaver   Ariel E. 14, born Dec., 1885, Spinner
F. Dexter 12, born Nov., 1887   M. Ethel 2, born April, 1898

The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
William Murray 63, husband/shoemaker   Wife; Margaret 60
Children;   Ariel E. 24, weaver

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed William at age 71, living with his daughter, Mrs. Mary Jane Murray Puckett and family.

Excerpts from the Obituary of William M. Murray published Friday, May 1, 1931;
“Funeral services for William M. Murray, 82, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R.B. Puckett at Glendale Thursday morning, will be conducted at the Glendale Wesleyan Church Friday afternoon. Interment will follow in the Glendale Community Cemetery. Mr. Murray was one of the oldest residents of Glendale and always took an active part in his church work.

Survivors were the following children; A.E. Murray, F.D. Murray. W.J.H. Murray, Mrs. R. B. Puckett, Mrs. J. E. Thompson, all of Glendale; 41 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren;
brothers; Noah Mullins, Erastus Mullins, Euria Mullins; sisters; Mrs. Leaner Jennings and Mrs. Julian Sellars.”
No records of Margaret Murray’s death or interment were found.

The family of Mattie Murray Thompson, daughter of William and Margaret Murray;
Excerpts from the obituary of Mattie Murray Thompson published Saturday, April 25, 1936;
“Mrs. Mattie Murray Thompson, 63, wife of J.E. Thompson, passed away Friday at her home.
She was the daughter of William and Margaret Gossett Murray and a member of the Glendale Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, J.E. Thompson; two daughters, Mrs. Irene Massey, Glendale and Mrs. May Bell Davis, Spindale, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. J. B. Puckett, Glendale; two brothers, Ariel and F.D. Murray, Glendale. Funeral services are to be announced.”
She is buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

The family of Mary Jane Murray Puckett, daughter of William and Margaret Gossett Murray;
Mary Jane Murray married Robert Baxter Puckett.
The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Baxter and Mary Jane had been married 8 years, 4 children.
R. Baxter Puckett 30, husband/weaver Wife; Jannie 29
Children; Ethel 12 Virginia 8 Lettie 5 Herman 2

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
R. Baxter Puckett 49, husband/weaver Wife; Mary Jane 38
Children; Ethel Puckett Turner 21 Virginia M. 17 Lettie 14
Herman E. 12 Helen R. 8 Marguerite 5
Margie W. 2yrs, 11 mo.
Thelma Turner 2yrs. 1 mo., granddaughter
William Murray 71, father-law/shoe shop owner/operator

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Robert B. Puckett 61, husband/weaver Wife; Mary 60
Children; Virginia 37, cloth room Lettie 34, cloth room Ralph 19 Bobby 5
Excerpts from the obituary of Mary Jane Puckett published Tuesday, June 15, 1943;
“Mrs. Mary Jane Murray Puckett, wife of R.B. Puckett, died suddenly Monday morning.

Survivors were; her husband; five daughters, Mrs. Ethel Turner, Mrs. Marjorie Houston, Miss. Virginia and Miss Lettie Puckett of Glendale, Mrs. Maude Bagwell, Portsmouth, Va.; two sons, Herman Puckett, Glendale and Pvt. Ralph Puckett, U.S. Marines; two brothers, A. E. and F. D. Murray of Glendale; 10 grand and 2 great grandchildren.
Funeral Services were to be held in the Glendale Wesleyan Church with interment in the Glendale Community Cemetery.”

Robert Baxter Puckett died at the age of 65 in January 1944 and was buried alongside of his wife.

The family of Ethel Puckett Turner, Robinson, daughter of Robert B. and Mary Jane Murray Puckett;
Ethel Puckett first married a Mr. Turner, later marring Clyde Robinson of Pacolet.
The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census showed Mary Ethel Turner, 21, unemployed, and her daughter, Thelma, living with her sister, Mary Jane and her husband, Baxter Puckett.

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Ethel Turner 41, Widow/head of household/cloth room
Son; Ralph 17

Excerpts from the Obituary of Mary Ethel Puckett Robinson published Friday, March 5, 1971;
“Mrs. Ethel Puckett Turner Robinson, died Thursday at her home after a brief illness.
Native of Glendale, daughter of the late R.B. and Mary Jane Murray Puckett; member of the Glendale Wesleyan Church; operator of Robinson’s Boarding Home at Pacolet.

Surviving; daughter, Mrs. Thelma Ammons, Spartanburg; son, Ralph M. Turner, Duncanville, Pa.; sisters, Mrs. Paul Rogers and Miss Lettie Puckett, Spartanburg and Mrs. Marjorie Dickson, Kingsville, Tex; brother, Ralph Puckett, Spartanburg; six grand and one great grandchild”

Clyde Robinson died at the age of 65 in May, 1971.

The family of Virginia Mae Puckett Rogers, daughter of R.B. and Mary Jane Murray Puckett;
Excerpts from the Obituary of Mrs. Paul Rogers published September 5, 1975;
“Mrs. Virginia Mae Puckett Rogers, 72, wife of Paul S. Rogers, died Thursday in the General Hospital after a long illness.

Native of Spartanburg County; daughter of the late R.B. and Mary Jane Murray Puckett; member of the Glendale Wesleyan Church; retired from Arkwright Mills.
Also surviving; sisters, Miss Lettie Puckett, Spartanburg and Mrs. Marjorie Dixon, Kingsville, Tex.; brother, Ralph E. Puckett, Glendale.
Funeral Services to be held at M.W. Bobo Funeral Chapel with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.”

Paul S. Rogers died at the age of 83, June, 1985.

Miss Lettie Marie Puckett, daughter of Robert B and Mary Jane Murray Puckett; Miss Lettie Puckett appears to have never married.

Excerpts from the obituary of Miss. Lettie M. Puckett published Sunday, November 14, 1993;
Survivors include; son, Robert Murray Puckett, Rock Hill; sister, Marjorie Dickson, Kingsville, Tex; three grand and six great grandchildren; Graveside services in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens of Spartanburg, S.C.”

The family of Herman E. Puckett, son of Robert B. and Mary Jane Murray Puckett;
No Census records were found.

Excerpts from the obituary of Herman E. Puckett published April 19, 1945;
“Herman E. Puckett, 37, son of the late R. B. and Mary Jane Murray Puckett, died suddenly yesterday at his home. He had lived for many years in Glendale, S. C.
 Survivors were; his wife, Mrs. Lilly Mae Puckett; one step son, Cpl. William T. Davis, overseas; one granddaughter; five sisters, Miss Virginia Puckett, Miss Lettie Puckett, Mrs. Marjorie Houston, Mrs. Ethel Turner, all of Glendale and Mrs. Maude Bagwell, Portsmouth, Va.; one brother, Sgt. Ralph Puckett, Portsmouth, Va. Funeral arrangements to be announced.”

Lilly Mae Puckett died at the age of 90, May, 1994.
The family of Marjorie W Puckett, daughter of Robert Baxter and Mary Jane Murray Puckett; No census records were found. Obituaries indicate that she married a Mr. Houston and was living in Glendale in the years 1943 and 1945. She married a Mr. Dickerson and was living in Kingsville, Tex. in the years 1971 through 1993. No references to any children were found.

The family of W.J. Herman Murray, son of William and Margaret Gossett Murray; Herman Murray (as he was known) married Julia Ferroll Mittag; The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as; H. J. Murray 30, husband, unemployed Wife; Mary 29 Children; Edna 9 George 5 Herman 3 The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as; Julia Murray 49, widow, head of household/ cloth room in cotton mill Children; Herman 23 Jean 10 Helen 8 Excerpts from the obituary of W. J. H. Murray published Thursday, February 16, 1933; “Funeral services for W.J. Herman Murray, 49, who died at a local hospital after several seeks of illness, will be held at the Glendale Methodist Church this afternoon with interment following in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ferroll Murray and the following children; George, Hogue, Herman, Jean, and Helen Murray and Mrs. Edna Rhinehart, all of Glendale; two brothers, A.E. and F. D. Murray of Glendale; two sisters, Mrs. R.B. Puckett and Mrs. J. T. Thompson of Glendale.”

Mrs. Julia Ferroll Mittag Murray died at the age of 79 in November 1971 and is buried alongside of her husband in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

The family of Edna Murray Rhinehart, daughter of Herman J. and Julia Ferrol Murray; Edna Murray married Howard (Rhiney) Rhinehart. For family story Click; Rhinehart’s Garage

The family of George H. (Hogue) Murray, son of Herman J. and Julia Ferroll Murray; George H. Murray married Lector Mae Solesby, daughter of Joe and Hester Solesby. The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as; George H. Murray 27, husband/mill section hand Wife; Lector 27, spinner
Children;  Billy 7  George 3

Lector Mae Solesby Murray died at the age of 79 in January, 1993
Billy Joe Murray died at the age of 64 in October, 1996
Both are buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

The family of E. Jean Murray Rothrock, daughter of Herman J. and Julia Ferroll Murray;
Elizabeth Jean Murray married Alden Rothrock, son of William T. and Pauline Rothrock.
No census records available
Marcus Alden Rothrock died at the age of 57 in October, 1982.

The family of Ariel E. Murray, son of William M. and Margaret Gossett Murray;
Ariel E. Murray married Lillie Quinn.

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Edward E. Murray 34, husband/loom fixer  Wife Lillie V. 28
Children;  Louie D. 8yrs.  Harold D. 3yrs. 10mos.  Paul E. 7 mos.

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
A.E. Murray 54, husband/section man  Wife; Lillie 48
Children;  Louie 28/weaver Harold 24, radio Paul 20, cotton mill
John 14 Margaret 11 James 9

Excerpts from the Obituary of Ariel E. Murray published Friday, January 21, 1944;
“A.E. Murray, 57, well known resident of Glendale, died very suddenly while at work
Thursday morning. Mr. Murray was born and reared in the Glendale community and had
lived there all his life. He had been connected with Glendale Mills for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Murray; one daughter, Margaret Ruth Murray; five
sons, Sergeant Louie D. Murray of the Army Air Corps, Corporal Harold D. Murray of
Communications Corp. in Italy, First Sergeant Paul E. Murray of the medical detachment
in Italy, John and James Murray of the home; two grandchildren; one brother, F. D.
Murray.
No funeral arrangements were announced.”

Excerpts from the Obituary of Lillie Davis Murray published Wednesday, February 13,
1985;
“Lillie Davis Murray, 93, widow of Ariel E. Murray, died Tuesday in Spartanburg
Convalescent Center. Native of Spartanburg County: member of the Glendale Baptist
Church; owner and operator of the first licensed nursing home in South Carolina; associated

Survivors; son, Paul E. Murray of Spartanburg; fifteen grand and several great grandchildren.”

No announcement of funeral arrangements were found. Lillie had been married two or three times after the death of A.E. Murray.

The family of Louie D. Murray, son of Ariel and Lillie Q. Murray; Louie Murray married Mary Beatrice Henderson, daughter of Will and Melba Good Henderson.
No census records found.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Louie D. Murray published Thursday, January 25, 1968;
“Louise D. Murray, 56, husband of Mrs. Beatrice Henderson Murray, died Tuesday in the Oteen Veterans Hospital after a brief illness. Son of Mrs. Lillie Quinn Murray and the late Aerial E. Murray: operator of Murray Plumbing Co, member of the Glendale Wesleyan Methodist Church: veteran of WWII.
Also surviving; son, Harold D. Murray; daughters, Misses Laura Sue and Rita Murray of the home, Mrs. Mary Jo Ellison of Pacolet Mills; sister, Mrs. Margaret Morgan; brothers, Paul of Asheville and James of Fairfield, Calif; four grandchildren. Funeral Services to be held Friday in the Pacolet Baptist Church with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S. C.”

Beatrice H. Murray died at the age of 62 in October 1983.

No census records were found.

Harold Dean Murray died in December, 1972:

The family of John W. Murray, son of Ariel E. and Lillie Q. Murray; John W. Murray married Fay Higginbotham.
No census records found

Excerpts from the Obituary of John W. Murray published Tuesday, June 15, 1965;
“John W. Murray, 37, son of Mrs. Lillie Murray Drummond and the late A.E. Murray died at Mission Hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla. after suffering a heart attack Saturday. He was employed by Noland Co. for 17 years, seven years as manager of the Columbia Branch.
Survivors were his wife, Mrs. Fay Higginbotham Murray; three children, sister, Mrs. Margaret Morgan of Spartanburg; brothers, L.D. of Pacolet, Paul of Asheville and James R. of Fairchild, Calif.
Services at Willingham-Thurston Funeral Chapel, St. Petersburg with interment to follow in St. Petersburg.”

The family of James R. Murray, son of Ariel and Lillie Q. Murray;
No Census records were found.

Excerpts from the Obituary of James R. Murray published Friday, October 24, 1975;
Also surviving; daughter, Miss Rhonda Murray of home; son, Jeffery Murray of home; brother Paul E. Murray of Spartanburg; sister, Mrs. Margaret M. Morgan of Spartanburg.”
No funeral or interment plans were announced.

The family of Margaret Murray Morgan, daughter of Ariel and Lillie Q. Murray;
No census records found.

Excerpts from the Obituary of Margaret Murray Morgan published Friday, November 12, 1962;
“Margaret Murray Morgan, 52, died Thursday in the McLeod Regional Hospital, Florence, S. C. after a brief illness. Native of Glendale: daughter of Mrs. Lillie Davis Murray and the late Arial E. Murray: member of Second Presbyterian Church: graduate of Spartanburg General Hospital School of Nursing; owner operator of Camelot Manor and Camelot #2 Residential Care Home; member of American College of Nursing Home Administrators; S. C. Nursing Home Association.
Survivors; son, Phillip J. Morgan of Cowpens; daughter, Mrs. Jane Lewis of Spartanburg; brother, Paul A. Murray of Spartanburg; stepfather, Joe W. Parris of Spartanburg; three grandchildren,
Funeral services to be held at M.W. Bobo Funeral Chapel with entombment in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.”

The family of Fred Dexter Murray, son of William and Margaret Murray;
Fred Dexter Murray first married Mary Myrtle Hames, daughter of Willie and Sallie Hames. Their Children; William D. Ellen Mae 8 J Howard 6

Excerpts from the Obituary of Mary M. Murray published Sunday, April 18, 1915; “Mrs. F. D. Murray, 23 years of age, died at her home in Glendale Thursday afternoon after a short illness of pneumonia. The funeral was held in the Glendale Methodist Church with interment following in the Glendale Community Cemetery. She is survived by a husband and three small children” Her grave marker reads; Mary M. Murray; October 20, 1891= April 15, 1915 Click Will Hames to read Hames family history

After Myrtle’s death, Fred Dexter married Willie Mae Rogers, daughter of W.F. and Rogers.

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Fred Dexter Murray 31, husband Wife; Willie Mae 20, bookkeeper
Children; William D. 11 Ellen Mae 8 Howard J. 6

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Fred Dexter Murray 50, husband/weaver Wife; Willie Mae 40, School Principal
Child; Mary Jo. 17

Excerpts from the obituary of F. Dexter Murray published Wednesday, June 5, 1957; “Fred Dexter Murray, 63, died unexpectedly Tuesday at his home on Country Club Road following several years of heart trouble. Native of Spartanburg; son of the late William H. and Margaret Gossett Murray; lifelong resident of Glendale; member of the Glendale Methodist Church and the Glendale Masonic Lodge; he was connected with D.E. Converse Co. for several years; He had served as manager of the company store; He had operated a flower shop from his home for several years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Willie Mae Rogers Murray; daughters, Mrs. Hopper S. Galt (Gault) Of Rock Hill, Mrs. Roy F. Symes of Sanford, Fla.; sons, William D. and John Howard Murray of Spartanburg; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services to be conducted at the M.W. Bobo Funeral Chapel with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.” Click Glendale Elementary School Story for story of Willie Mae Murray.

The family of William D. Murray, son of Fred Dexter and M. Myrtle Murray; William D. Murray married Ethel Bowen.
The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
William D. Murray 31, husband/loom fixer   Wife; Ethel C. 33
Child;   Joyce G. 4

Excerpts from the Obituary of William D. Murray published Sunday, August 11, 1991;
Husband of Ethel Bowen Murray; son of the late Fred Dexter and Mary Myrtle Hames Murray; member of the Glendale United Methodist Church; retired employee of Arkwright mill. (He had worked for many years at Glendale Mills)

Also surviving; one daughter, Joyce M. Browning; one brother, J. Howard Murray, one half sister, Mary Jo Knight, Belle Glade, Fla.; three grand and four great grandchildren.
Funerals Services to be held at Glendale Methodist Church with burial being in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.”

Mrs. Ethel Bowen Murray died at the age of 97 in December, 2004

The family of J. Howard Murray, son of Fred Dexter and M. Myrtle Murray;
J. Howard Murray married Ella Hatchett, daughter of Sumter and Lilly Koon Hatchett;
The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the family as;
Howard Murray 26, husband/weaver   Wife; Ella 24, warp hand
Child;   Carolyn 5

Excerpts from the brief Obituary of Howard Murray published Friday, July 9, 1993;
“James Howard Murray, 79, Beachwood Blvd. Jacksonville, Fla., died July 8, 1993 in the Memorial Medical Center. He was the husband of Lou Ella Hatchett Murray. Funeral arrangements to be announced.”

Ella Hatchette died at the age of 81, February 8, 1997. Both were buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

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