The Family and Descendants of Rufus V. and Mary Porter

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 1900 Spartanburg Township Census listed the household as;

Rufus V. and Mary Porter had been married 28 years, 11 children, 8 living.

Rufus V. Porter 48, husband, born October, 1851/farmer.

Wife; Mary 50, born February, 1850

Children; Lee 22, born February, 1878 Avery 15, born July, 1884

Seal 13, born September, 1886 Willie 9, born August 1890

Sallie 7, born May, 1893 John 26, born May 1874/weaver

The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Rufus V. Porter 59, husband/farmer Wife; Mary 60

Children; Avery 30, painter Willie 18 Sallie 16

Nannie 18, daughter in-law

Obituary records show that;

Mary L. Porter died at the age of 86 in July, 1936.

No death records of Rufus V. Porter were found.

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Wife; Nannie 35

The Family of John D. Porter, son of Rufus V. and Mary Porter;

John David Porter married Nannie Bagwell.

The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

John and Nannie having been married 9 years, 2 children.

Children; Lorena 7 Fay 1 year, 5 months

The 1940 Spartanburg/Hayne-Saxon Census listed the household as;

John Porter 65, husband/building contractor Wife; Nannie 65

Child; Lemay 27, hosiery mill

Obituary records show that;

John D. Porter 35, carpenter

Nannie Bagwell Porter died at the age of 66 in October, 1941.

John David Porter died at the age of 85 in December, 1959.

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J.C. Porter, son of Rufus V. and Mary L. Porter.

The 1910 Spartanburg Ward 2 Census listed the household as;

J.C. Porter 34, husband, painter, married 2 years

Wife; Myrtle 20

The 1920 Spartanburg Ward 1 Census listed the household as;

James C. Porter 43, married, lodger, painter

<u>The 1940</u> Spartanburg, Woodburn Hills Census listed J.C. Porter as a 64 year old widower living with his brother A.C. Porter.

James C. Porter is buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

Grave marker; James C. Porter, 1876=1945

No record on the status of Myrtle Porter was found.

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Thomas Lee Porter, son of Rufus and Mary L. Porter;

No family records found.

Thomas Lee Porter died at the age of 59 in September, 1937.

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The Family of R. C. Porter, son of Rufus V. and Mary Porter;

The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

R.C. Porter 30, husband/married 7 years/machinist Wife; Malinda 24, cotton mill

The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

R.C. Porter 60, husband/painter Wife; Linda 54

Son; Rufus 26, insurance agent

Rufus played on the Mill ball team for a number of years. Click Glendale Cooksey Ball Team

R.C. and Malinda Porter are buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

Grave markers; R. C. (Lit) Porter, October 16, 1879=December 12, 1941

Linda B. Porter, November 19, 1885=blank (she died in August, 1959)

Their child is also buried there.

Grave marker; Audie I. Porter, June 5, 1910=July 14, 1912

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The Family of Avery C. Porter, son of Rufus V. and Mary Porter;

The 1920 Spartanburg/Cedar Springs Census listed the household as;

Avery Porter 34, head of household, painter.

Mother; Mary Porter 68, widow

Brother; Lee Porter 38, carpenter

The 1940 Spartanburg/Woodburn Hills Census listed the household as;

A. C. Porter 55, single, head of household, painter

Brother; J.C. Porter 64, widower

Obituary records show that;

Avery C. Porter died at the age of 71 in March, 1956.

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The Family of Ollie Seal Porter, son of Rufus V. and Mary Porter;

Ollie Seal Porter married Mary Ester Gaston.

The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

Seal and Mary Ester Caston Porter had been married 4 years with one child.

Seal Porter 23, husband, watchman.

Wife; Mae 18

Child; Ramonth 2

The 1940 Spartanburg City Census listed the household as;

Ollie Seal Porter 53, widower/soil conservation

Children; Avery 26, textile Mildred 16 Agnes 19

James W. 29/salesman Wife; Sarah 20, textile

Ollie and Mary Porter are buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.

Grave markers; Mary E. Porter, 1892=1939

Ollie S. Porter, 1886=1968

Their son, James Wilkes Porter is also buried at Glendale.

Grave marker; James Wilkes Porter, November 15, 1915=February 4, 1978

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The Family of Willis A. Porter, son of Rufus V. and Mary Porter;

Willis Porter married Nellie Oliver.

The 1940 Spartanburg City Census listed the household as:

Willis A. Porter 49, husband/painter/construction Wife; Nellie S. 47

Obituary records show that;

Willis Allen Porter died at the age of 50 in January, 1941.

No record of the status of Nellie Oliver Porter was found.

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The Family of Sallie Porter Price, daughter of Rufus V. and Mary Porter;

Sallie Porter married Lewis Redmond Price.

The 1910 Spartanburg/Campobello Census shows they had been married 2 years and were

the parents of one child. The household was listed as;

Lewis R. Price 27, husband, farmer Wife; Sallie 22

Child; Lois 7 months

The 1940 Spartanburg/Campobello Census listed the household as;

L. Redmond Price 56, husband, farmer Wife; Sallie 51

Children; Lois 28 Burnice 27 Homer 21 Ruth 18

Paul 17 Inez 14 Wauerlee 11

Sister in-law; Annie Porter 49

Obituary records show that;

Lewis Redmond Price died at the age of 85 in August, 1968.

Sallie Porter Price died at the age of 75 in December, 1968.

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Annie Porter, daughter of Rufus V. and Mary Porter;

Annie was listed as 49 years of age, single and living with her sister Sallie Price in 1940.

Obituary records show that;

Annie Mae Porter died at the age of 51 in November, 1943.

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Federal Census and *Spartanburg Herald Journal* Obituaries courtesy of Spartanburg County Library.

Writer's comments; Though I was privileged to only know R.C. Porter and his family, the Porters had a good report in the community. Most, if not all living in Glendale were members of the Glendale Methodist Church. Mr. R. C. Porter (Lit Porter, as he was known and called) and his wife Malinda (Lindy) helped families in the community in times of death. They would come into the home, bathed the deceased, close their eyes less they become cold with eyes open. If the family purchased a casket, oft times at the Mill store, the Porters would place the deceased in the casket for the funeral and burial. Many, if not most families buried their own dead until the 1920s. For story, Click Glendale Community Cemetery.

The R.C. Porter family was well known and appreciated throughout the community. Their son Rufus was very popular among the youth, especially the young ladies.

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