

**The Families of Ben and Nathan Simmons**

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 Family of Ben A. and Ida Robbins Simmons;**

**Ben A. and Ida Robbins Simmons were from North Carolina.**

**The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;**

**Ben Simmons 24, husband/weaver**   **Wife; Ida 21**

**Child;           Roy 1 month**

**Sister in-law; Pearline Robbins 23, spinner**

**The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;**

**Ben A. Simmons 44, husband/section man**   **Wife; Ida 42, weaver**

**Children;   Cecil 20, spare hand           Erskine 17           Harold 6           Helen 1**

**Ben and Ida are buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).**

**Grave marker; Benjamin A. Simmons, January 10, 1896=June 6, 1967**

**PVT. U.S. Army WW1**

**Ida Robbins Simmons, March 24, 1898=December 2, 1985**



**Cecil Leroy Simmons, son of Ben A. and Ida Robbins Simmons;**

**No Census records found.**

**Obituary records show that;**

**Cecil LeRoy Simmons died at the age of 57 in September, 1977.**



**Erskine Simmons, son of Ben A. and Ida Robbins Simmons;**

**Erskine Simmons married Lottie Marie Husky.**

**Obituary records show that;**

**Erskine Simmons died at the age of 54 in August, 1977.**

**Lottie Marie Husky Simmons died at the age of 76 in February, 1999.**



**The Family of Nathan A. and Bessie Anders Simmons;**

**Nathan A. and Bessie Anders Simmons were from North Carolina;**

**The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;**

<b>Nathan Simmons 22, husband/spinner</b>	<b>Wife; Bessie 22, spinner</b>
<b>Children; Odell 2 years, 11 months</b>	<b>Nellie 6 months</b>

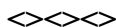
**The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;**

<b>Nathan A. Simmons 43, husband/doffer</b>	<b>Wife; Bessie 42, frame hand</b>	
<b>Children; Willard 19</b>	<b>Hazel 17</b>	<b>Clarence 15</b>
<b>Helen 13</b>	<b>Annie 10</b>	<b>Betty 3</b>

**Obituary records show that;**

**Nathan Simmons died at the age of 86 in February, 1983.**

**Bessie Anders Simmons died at the age of 95 in January, 1992.**



**James Odell Simmons, son of Nathan A. and Bessie Anders Simmons;**

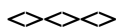
**James Odell Simmons married Beverly Dillard;**

**No census records.**

**Obituary records show that;**

**James Odell Simmons died at the age of 57 in September, 1974.**

**Beverly Dillard Simmons died at the age of 84 in December, 2002**



**Hazel Simmons Elm, daughter of Nathan A. and Bessie Anders Simmons.**

**Hazel Simmons married Victor Austin Elm.**

**No census records.**

**Obituary records show that;**

**Hazel L. Simmons Elm died at the age of 65 in June, 1988.**

**Victor Austin Elm died at the age of 78 in January, 2004.**



**Clarence Simmons, son of Nathan A. and Bessie Anders Simmons;**

**Clarence Simmons married Shirley Ruth Biggs.**

**No Census records.**

**Obituary records show that;**

**Clarence Simmons died at the age of 48 in February, 1974**

**No record of wife's death was found.**



**Annie Simmons, daughter of Nathan A. and Bessie Anders Simmons;**

**Annie Simmons married a Mr. Willis.**

**No census records.**

Obituary records show that;  
Annie Simmons Willis died at the age of 71 in May, 2001.  
No records of husband's death were found.

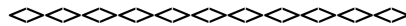


Betty Jo Simmons, daughter of Nathan A. and Bessie Anders Simmons;  
Betty Joe apparently never married.

Betty Jo is buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#);  
Grave marker; Betty Jo Simmons, March 5, 1937=September 28, 1952



Richard D. Simmons, believed to be a relative, possibly their father, is buried in the Simmons Square in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#). No census records found.  
Grave marker; Richard D. Simmons, July 17, 1865=April 15, 1910?



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

Writers comments; While I was unable to confirm my thoughts, my thinking is that Ben and Nathan were brothers. The Simmons were hard workers in [Glendale Mills](#), typical village family, good people but were not big community social mixers and were not well known throughout the village.

Written August 2014  
[Clarence E. Crocker](#)