

GENERAL WITT BRADLEY, GLENDALE Mill NIGHT WATCHMAN

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According to the records which I have found, General Witt Bradley along with his family came into South Carolina from North Carolina in the early 1900s, coming on to Glendale about 1913. He worked as a night watchman at the mill for a number of years. He was a member of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) where his funeral was held.

Obviously due to misunderstandings between the registrant and Enumerator, census records have many errors in dates, names, spellings, etc. I have tried to copy the records as recorded, where there are errors, I apologize. Asterisks indicate further information follows.

The 1910 Spartanburg Township Census showed that General Witt and Mary E. Saunders Bradley had been married 18 years and were the parents of seven children. All were born in North Carolina.

The household was listed as;

General Witt Bradley, 36, husband/night watchman	Wife: Mary E. 35	
Children;		
*Stella, 17, spooler	*George S., 14, spinner	*Robert, 12, doffer
*Rowe, 12, doffer	*Edith, 10	*Dewitt, 5
*Mary L. 3		

The 1920 Glendale Census lists the household as;

John Bradley 46, husband, night watchman	Wife; Mamie 45	
Children;		
Samuel 23, weaver	Roe 22, weaver	Edith 20, spinner
Dewitt 15, sweeper	Mary 13	

Excerpts from the obituary of General W. Bradley published March 2, 1934;

“General W. Bradley, 61, well known resident of Glendale, died at his home Thursday afternoon after a short illness. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mamie Bradley and three daughters; Mrs. J.H. Hunter, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. Edith Cohn; four sons, W.R., Dewitt, J.R. and G.S. Bradley; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Henderson and Mrs. Lucy Boblitt.

Funeral services to be held in [Glendale Baptist Church](#) with interment following in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#)”.

Excerpts from the obituary of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Saunders Bradley published July 16, 1934;

“Mrs. Mamie Elizabeth Bradley, 60, a well-known resident of Glendale, died at her home Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness. For the past 21 years she had made her home in Glendale. She was a member of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) where she took an active part as health permitted. Her husband, G. W. Bradley, died on March 1.

She was survived by her three daughters and four sons; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Hawkins, Mrs. Lillie Simmons, Mrs. Ollie Blackwell and Mrs. Kate Vanzandt; two brothers, I. W. and John Saunders.

Funeral services to be held in the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) with interment following in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#)".

Grave markers; G.W. Bradley, August 13, 1872= March, 1934
Mamie E. Bradley, September 11, 1873=July 15, 1934

The Family of Stella Bradley Hunter, daughter of General Witt and Mary E. Bradley;
For pictures and family story click; "[John Hunter Family](#)".

Both are buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#)
Grave markers; John Holden Hunter, February 14, 1870= April 19, 1943
Stella Bradley Hunter, January 27, 1893= April 28, 1964

The Family of George Samuel Bradley, son of General Witt and Mary E. Bradley;
George Samuel Bradley married Azzie Flynn and they became the parents of four children, Samuel R., Jack F. and Billy J. and George B. Bradley.

Excerpts from the obituary of George S. Bradley published February 24, 1965;
"Funeral services for George Samuel Bradley, 68, are to be held Thursday at the J.F. Floyd Mortuary. Interment to follow in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).

Mr. Bradley died unexpectedly early Tuesday. He was a retired loom fixer and a member of the Beaumont Baptist Church. He was a member of the Glendale Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and a WW1 veteran and was the son of General G.W. and Marie Saunders Bradley.

Survivors were; his widow; three sons; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Cohn and Mrs. Mary Parker; brother, Dewitt Bradley and two grandchildren.

Both parents and two sons are buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).
Grave markers; George S. Bradley, March 15, 1896= February 23, 1965.
Azzie F. Bradley, January 8, 1896=July 16, 1978.
George B. Bradley, July 21, 1922=November 1936
Billy J. Bradley, July 11, 1926= April 15, 1976

The Family of William Rowe Bradley, son of Gen Witt and Mary E. Bradley;
Rowe (as he was known and called) married Abbie Loree Rush and they became the parents of one son, William Harold Bradley.

William Rowe Bradley died at the age of 55, December, 1952

Abbie Loree Bradley died at the age of 93, January, 1995

Both are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S. C.

The Family of John R. Bradley, son of John and Mammie Bradley

The 1940 Glendale Census listed the household as;

John R. Bradley 42

Wife; Mary 32

Children;

Roberta 5

Moselle 3

Abigail, Joy and Beth were born after the 1940 census.

Excerpts from the obituary of J. Robert Bradley published July 3, 1962;

“J. Robert Bradley, 64, of Glendale died Sunday night after a long illness. Mr. Bradley was the son of General Whitt and Elizabeth Saunders Bradley. He was a member of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) where he had served as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher. He was a Mason and a member of the Glendale Lodge.

Surviving are; his wife, Mrs. Mary Glenn Bradley, five daughters, Mrs. Vernon (Roberta) Burnett, Mrs. Frank (Moselle) Epps, Misses Abigail, Joy and Beth Bradley; two brothers, Sam and Dewitt Bradley; three sisters, Mrs. J. H. (Stella) Hunter, Mrs. Edith Cohen and Mrs. Mary Parker; also seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at M.W. Bobo Funeral home with interment following in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Spartanburg, S. C. Masonic Rites were conducted at the gravesite.””

Mary Glenn Bradley died in November, 1991 and was buried alongside of her husband.

The Family of Edith Bradley Cohn, daughter of General W. and Mamie Bradley;
Edith Bradley married a Mr. Cohn and moved to Atlanta. They were the parents of two daughters, Mary Ruth and Bobbie Jean Cohn. No other records available.

The Family of Dewitt Bradley, the son of General Witt and Mary E. Bradley;

The 1940 Glendale Census listed the household as;

Dewitt Bradley 35

Wife; Grace 33

Children;

Mary 12

Jane 8

Both parents are buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).

Grave markers; Dewitt Bradley- July 26, 1904=January 13, 1973

Grace H. Bradley-January 21, 1906=October 28, 1974

The Family of Mary Lou Bradley Parker, daughter of John and Mammie Bradley
For the Mary Lou Bradley Parker story click "[Victor Paul Parker](#)"

All census and obituary records courtesy of Spartanburg County Library except where noted otherwise.

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