

THE FAMILY OF JOHN CALVIN AND LUCRETIA McCOMBS THOMPSON
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Lucretia McCombs, the daughter of William and Arena (Irene) McCombs, married James Allen from Cleveland County, North Carolina, on February 16, 1860 and they became the parents of one child, James, born in 1864. The 1870 Bivingsville Census showed her living with her brother Ben and her son living with her father. She was working in the cotton mill.

As a widow, divorcee or what, Lucretia married John Calvin Thompson in 1878. He was the son of Jim and Bethursdy Peehoff Thompson and they became the parents of three children, two living. According to the 1860 Spartanburg County, Cedar Hill Township Census, John Calvin had 5 siblings; Martha S. 13, Mary E. 10, Nancy J. 7 and Caroline I. Thompson. John Calvin Thompson was first married to Naomi Bagwell Thompson.

In recording the census, the Enumerator wrote what he understood the person to be saying. This gave cause to numerous errors in names and dates. I have tried to copy the record as recorded. Some records were almost illegible. Where there are errors, I apologize. Asterisks indicate more information follows.

The 1880 Glendale Census listed the household as;

Calvin Thompson 34, husband/farmer Wife; Lou 35

Children;

*Mary A. 12 *Ida 9. *James E. 7 *Sara Jane 4.
John H., 11 mos. James Allen, 16, stepson.

The 1900 Glendale Census showed they had been married 22 years.

The household was listed as;

Calvin Thompson, 55, husband born Sept.1844. Wife; Lou 57, born Oct. 1842 (wrong)

Children;

*John H. 21, born June 1878. *Laura 19, born March 1881.

The 1920 Cedar Springs Census listed the household as;

John C. Thompson 75, widower, head of household.

James A. Carter 22, grandson Alva Carter 18, wife of grandson

Caroline Thompson Mason 55, sister Samuel W. Mason 59, husband

The death certificate of John Calvin Thompson born in Boiling Springs, S.C., shows that he died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J.E. Carter in Spartanburg, at the age of 77. Pellagra was listed as cause of death. Parents were listed as Jim and Bethursdy Thompson. Signed by Dr. A. M. Allen, information supplied by J.E. Thompson.

Excerpts from the obituary of John Calvin Thompson published Tuesday August 8, 1922; "Funeral service to be held at the Glendale Baptist Church conducted by Rev. J.D. Bailey. Interment will follow in the Glendale Community Cemetery. Pallbearers; G.G. Brown, S. J. Dupre, R. F. Bagwell. Three others were named but illegible.

He was survived by three sisters; Mrs. Caroline Mason of Boiling Springs, Mrs. Joanna Williams and Mrs. W. E. Rollins of Spartanburg' two sons, J.E. Thompson, Glendale and J.H. Thompson, Spartanburg ; three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Carter and Mrs. Laura Brown, Spartanburg and Mrs. W. J. Johnson, Jonesville.”

No obituary for Lucretia McCombs Thompson was found but she is buried in the [Glendale Cemetery](#) at the side of her husband.

The Family of Mary A. Thompson Hopper, daughter of John Calvin and Naomi Thompson

Mary A. Thompson married W. C. Hopper.

The 1880 York County/Cherokee Census listed the household as;

W.C. Hopper 29, farmer

Wife; Mary A. 23

Children;

Charles R. 8

William A. 1

Georgia 1 mo.

The 1900 Cherokee/Gaffney Census showed they had been married 26 years, 5 children, 3 living.

The household was listed as;

W.C. Hopper 53, born February 1847

Wife; Mary A. 48, born June 1852

Children;

William A. 18, born June 1881

Georgia M. 17, born April 1883

Mary A. Thompson Hopper is buried in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#) in her brother's (James E. Thompson) square.

Grave marker reads; Mary A. wife of W. C. Hopper, October 5, 1867=July 17, 1906.?????

The Family of Ida Thompson Johnson, daughter of John Calvin and Naomi Thompson:

Ida Thompson married Joseph W. Johnson.

The 1910 Union County/Jonesville Census shows they had been married 20 years and were the parents of three children.

The household was listed as;

Joseph W. Johnson 39.

Wife; Ida 39.

Children;

Minnie 18.

Lilly Belle 15

Harry 9

Excerpts from the obituary of Mrs. Ida Johnson published in the *Spartanburg Herald/Journal* Tuesday March 3, 1964 stated; “Mrs. Ida Thompson Johnson, 94, died Monday at the Wallace Thompson Hospital in Union after a brief illness. She was a native of Spartanburg County and had made her home in Jonesville for the past 70 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Jonesville, S. C.

Excerpts from the obituary of James E. Thompson published October 5, 1949; “James Edwin Thompson, 76, died unexpectedly at his home in Glendale Monday night. He was a retired farmer and active in the Glendale Baptist Church for 55 years. Services to be held at the Church conducted by the [Revs. Timothy L. Hottel](#) and John Martin. Burial will be in the Glendale Community Cemetery. Pallbearers; [Clarence E. Crocker](#), Elmer Willis, Jim Millwood, Alvin Carter, Calvin Thompson and James Brown. The men’s Bible Class will form an honorary escort.

Survivors are; his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Thomas Thompson; 2 daughters, Mrs. Clyde (Irene) Massey, Glendale and Mrs. Fred P. (Maybelle) Davis of Spindale, N. C.; one brother, John H. Thompson, Spartanburg; three sisters, Mrs. Janie Carter, Mrs. Laura Brown, Spartanburg and Mrs. Ida Johnson, Jonesville; five grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.”

Beatrice Thomas Barton Thompson died and was buried in the Thompson square in the [Glendale Cemetery](#).

Grave markers; James E. Thompson, 1874=1949 ; Beatrice T. Thompson, 1885= no date

The Family of Sara Jane Thompson Carter, daughter of John Calvin and Naomi Thompson.

The 1910 Spartanburg County/Pacolet Census shows Sara J. had been married to John E. Carter 16 years and was the mother of four children, three living.

The household was listed as;

John E. Carter, 39, husband.

Wife; Sara J. 34.

Children;

Elijah B. 14.

James A. 12.

Sara J. 10.

The 1920 Spartanburg County/Pacolet Census listed the household as;

Jannie Carter, 45, widow/head of household.

Children;

Elijah 24.

Sallie 19.

The Family of Sara J. Carter Stone, daughter of John E. and Sara J. Carter.

Sara J. Carter married Arthur W. Stone. No census records found.

Excerpts from the obituary of Sara J. Carter Stone published August 19, 1962; “ Sara Carter Stone, 62, wife of Arthur W. Stone, died at the General Hospital after a brief illness. She was a native of Spartanburg County and was a member of the [Bethesda Baptist Church](#). She was the daughter of the late John and Sara Jane Thompson Carter. Services to be held at the Bethesda Baptist Church by the [Revs. Timothy L. Hottel](#), Harding Stewart and John Ropp. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers; Ralph and Ray McGraw, Wayne Allen, Jim Cunningham, Howard Harmon and Nesbitt Deaton.

The Family of John H. Thompson, son of John Calvin and Lucretia McCombs Thompson

John Henry Thompson married Miss Mary Groce, daughter of J.C. and Catherine Groce.

For family history click; [John Henry Thompson Family](#).

The Family of Laura Thompson Brown, daughter of John Calvin and Lucretia Thompson
Laura Thompson married William H. Brown and they became the parents of two children.

The 1910 Glendale Census showed they had been married 7 years and were the parents of 1 child.

The household was listed as;

William H. Brown, 35, husband/farmer.

Wife; Laura 29.

Child; Ida 5.

The 1920 Glendale Census listed the household as;

William H. Brown, 45, husband/farmer.

Wife; Laura 39.

Children;

Ida 15.

James 5.

Excerpts from the obituary of Laura Brown published July 10, 1959; “Mrs. Laura Brown. 78, of 406 North Church Street in Spartanburg, died Thursday at 2 P.M. after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late John and Lucenia Thompson and was a member of the Glendale Baptist Church for 55 years. Funeral services were held at Floyd’s Mortuary by The Revs. Timothy L. Hottel and A. Heyward Comer. Burial will follow in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were; T.L. Case, W.M. Gilmore, O.L. Branch, Bob Fitchett, Jack Pettit and B. M. Branch.

Survivors were; one son, James W. Brown, Spartanburg; two half-sisters, Mrs. Janie Carter of Spartanburg, Mrs. Ida Johnson, Jonesville, S. C.; one grandchild, Jimmy Brown of Spartanburg.”

Census records and Spartanburg Herald-Journal obituaries, courtesy of Spartanburg County Library.

Lucretia McCombs Thompson was the great Aunt of this writer,

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