The Family and Descendants of James Elbert Allen By <u>Clarence Crocker</u>

From the early days of its founding and continuing for about a hundred years, the surname "Allen" was a prominent family name in the village of <u>Bivingsville-Glendale</u>. James Elbert Allen, born December 28, 1872, son of John Allen, had married Miss. Lula Murray about 1894 and were living in <u>Glendale</u> with his brother in-law James E. Thompson. They became the parents of seven or more children. The family was faithful members of the <u>Glendale Methodist Church</u>. Mr. Allen was a foreman in <u>Glendale Mills</u> for a number of years. He and his family were highly respected by all who knew them. They lived in the mill house located on Broadway Street for as long as this writer can remember.

Although census papers oft time gives wrong dates and misspell names, I have tried to copy the census papers as recorded. Where errors occur, I apologize. Asterisks indicate further information follows.

<u>The 1900 Glendale Census</u> listed the household as; James Thompson 28, born June 1872, farmer Wife; Mattie 27, born October 1872 James Allen 26, born February 1874, brother in-law Wife; Lula 26, born May 1874 Children;

Albert (Elbert) Allen 4, born April 1896 Edwin Allen 2, born April 1898

<u>The 1910 Glendale Census</u> shows James as a Foreman in the <u>Glendale Cotton Mill</u>. He and Lula had been married 15 years.

The household was listed a James Allen 36, husband Their Children;	s;	Wife; Lula 35	
Elbert 14	Edwin 12		Pauline 9+-
Wilton 6	Beatrice 4		James Erwin 2
<u>The 1920 Glendale Census</u> James E. Allen 46, husband Children; Edwin C. 22, weaver *Beatrice 14		Wife; Lula 45 pooler	*Wilton 17, card room *Lois 9
The 1940 Glendale Censuslisted the household as;James E. Allen 67, widowerChildren;*Edwin C. 41*Erwin 32*Pauline Allen Foster 40Husband; Wells B. Foster 44Grandchild; *Betty Lou Foster 14			

<u>Lula Allen died at age 47</u> at her home June 19, 1921. Services were held at the <u>Glen-</u> <u>dale Methodist Church</u> with Interment following in the <u>Glendale Community Cemetery</u>.

<u>The death certificate of James Elbert Allen</u> shows that he was born December 28, 1872 and died August 29, 1944 as a result of a heart condition. His father was listed as John Allen, his mother was unidentified. Informant, Mrs. Beatrice Bagwell, daughter. Signed by H.W. Koopman.

<u>Excerpts from the obituary of James E. Allen</u> published Wednesday August 30, 1944; "James Elbert Allen, 71, well known resident of Glendale for more than 50 years and a lifelong resident of this county, died very suddenly at his home yesterday afternoon. He had worked yesterday as usual and was in his yard at home when he had a sudden attack, passing away in minutes. He was an active member of the <u>Glendale Methodist</u> <u>Church</u> and the Woodman of the World. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

Survivors were the following children; Ed. D. Allen, Atlanta, James E. Allen, Richmond, Miss. Lois Allen and Mrs. Beatrice Bagwell, Spartanburg, E.C. Allen, W.H. Allen and Mrs. Pauline Foster, all of Glendale; one half-brother, W.H. Quinn of Glendale; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Services were held at <u>Glendale Methodist</u> <u>Church</u> with interment following in the <u>Glendale Community cemetery</u>."

Grave markers; James Elbert Allen-December 28, 1872=August 29, 1944 Lula Murray Allen-May 17, 1873=June 19, 1921

I have no record of Edwin C. Allen ever marrying. He was a section man in Glendale Mills for a number of years. I believe he lived in the family home until death.

<u>Edwin C. Allen died</u> at the Spartanburg General Hospital Friday March 5, 1948 at the age of 49.

He was survived by his brothers, Elbert and Erwin Allen; sisters, Miss Lois Allen, Mrs. Pauline Foster and Mrs. Beatrice Bagwell. He is buried in the <u>Glendale Community</u> <u>Cemetery.</u>

Grave marker; Edwin C. Allen-April 18, 1898=March 5, 1948

<u>The Family of Pauline Allen Foster, daughter of James Elbert and Lula Allen</u> Pauline Allen married Wells B. Foster and they became the parents of one daughter, later separating.

The 1940 Glendale Censuslisted the household as;Wells B. Foster 44, husbandWife; Pauline 40Their daughter;Betty Lou 14

Unfortunately, this writer was unable to find any death records on Pauline Foster.

The Family of Betty Lou Foster, daughter of Wells B. and Pauline Allen Foster

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<u>Howard S. Thomas died</u> at the age of 69 in December 1989. <u>Betty Lou Scraggs Thomas died</u> at the age of 82 in April 2008. They are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S. C.

<u>The Family of Wilton Harold Allen, son of James Elbert and Lula Allen</u> Wilton H. Allen married Emma Bell Carter and they became the parents of one child. They lived in a Mill village house on the Glendale/Clifton road, now named Stifel Road. They were members of the <u>Glendale Baptist Church</u>.

<u>The 1940 Glendale Census</u> listed the household as; Wilton Allen 36, husband/weaver Wife; Emma 32, weaver Their son; Wayne 3

<u>Wilton Allen died</u> at the age of 44. <u>Emmie Belle Carter Allen died</u> at the age of 85 Both are buried in the <u>Glendale Community Cemetery</u>. Grave markers; Wilton Allen-May 26, 1903=July 11, 1947 Emma B. Allen- December 5, 1907=October 12, 1994

<u>The Family of Wayne Carleton Allen, son of Wilton and Emma Bell Allen</u> Wayne Allen married Miss Nellie Gay Timms and they became the parents of one child, Tim Allen.

Wayne served in the U.S. Army and died in June of 1983 as a result of a heart attack and is buried in the <u>Glendale Community Cem</u>etery. Grave marker; Wayne Carleton Allen-February 8, 1938=June 4, 1983

The Family of Beatrice Allen Bagwell, daughter of James E. and Lula Allen

No records as to whom she married or if they had children were found, only a short obituary which only stated;

<u>"Beatrice Allen Bagwell died</u> at her home in Boiling Springs, S. C. on December 22, 1990, at 85 years of age. She was of the Methodist faith."

The Family of James Erwin Allen, son of James Elbert and Lula Allen

James Erwin Allen married Virginia Virl Solesby, a Glendale native and they became the parents of one daughter, Virginia Clair Allen. Erwin, as he was known and called, was the Paymaster at <u>Glendale Mills</u> for a number of years before going to Harley Bag Company where he worked in the office.

Virl was associated with a Spartanburg Bank. Following Erwin's death, Virl married a Mr. Webb and moved out of State.

<u>James Erwin Allen, 55, died</u> unexpected at his home February of 1964. <u>Virginia Virl Allen Webb died</u> at age of 85 in March of 2004. Both are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

<u>Miss Lois Allen died</u> at the age of 79 at her home in Spartanburg on December 10, 1989. A native of Glendale, she was the daughter of James Elbert and Lula Allen and was a member of the <u>Glendale Methodist Church</u>.

Graveside services were held in the <u>Glendale Community Cemetery</u> in which she is interred, conducted by Rev. Michael Henderson. Grave marker; Lois Allen- July 11, 1910=December 10, 1989

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