

## The Miner and Pearl Riddle Family and Descendents

By Clarence Crocker

Mr. Miner Riddle, a Spartanburg County native, married Miss. Pearl Abigail Crossley, daughter of Aaron Crossley of Glendale and they became the parents of two children. They were about two of the finest people one could ever know. They were quite, gentle, kind, Christians. They lived in their small modest home located just a short ways across the river from the mill. They and their family were all members of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#). Mr. Riddle was a faithful member of the Men's Bible Class which was being taught by this writer. He and all his children worked in Glendale Mills about all their lives. I think everyone who knew them, loved them.

Asterisks indicate further information follows.

The 1920 Glendale Census listed the household as;

Miner Riddle 38, husband, weaver.                      Wife; Pearl 31,  
Children;     \*Alta 12.                                      \*Wilson 10.

Following the death of Mrs. Riddle's sister, they took one of her nephews, [\(J.C. Quinn\)](#) in to their home to be raised as a son. In order that he might keep his identity, they refused to change his name.

Excerpts from the obituary of Miner Riddle published October 18, 1961; "Miner Edmond Riddle, 79, died at his home after a long illness. He was the son of Katherine Mitchell Riddle and the late Thomas Riddle. In addition to his wife, Mrs. Pearl Abigail Crossley Riddle survivors were; one daughter, Mrs. Alta R. Nichols; one son, George W. Riddle; one stepson, Sgt. James C. Quinn; 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral services to be conducted at the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) by Revs. [Timothy L. Hottel](#) and Clarence E. Crocker. Burial will be in the Glendale Community Cemetery."

Excerpts from the obituary of Mrs. Pearl Riddle published October 28, 1987; " Pearl Crossley Riddle, 98, died October 27 at the Mountain View Nursing Home. A native of the Dutchman community in Spartanburg, she was the daughter of the late Aaron and Nancy Mary Lindsey Crossley. She was the oldest member of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#).

Survivors include two sons, Wilson Riddle and J.C. Quinn; a sister, Eva Eugene Crossley, three granddaughters, Vaudie Nichols, with whom she had made her home, Emma Riddle Jet and Evelyn Riddle Jett; three grandsons, Charles Nichols, Harold Vernon and Paul Wilson Riddle; 20 great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren.



**The 1940 Glendale Census listed the household as:**

Wilson Riddle 29, frame hand.                      Wife; Ruth 24.  
Children;      Vernon 5.                      Emma 4.                      Evelyn 1.  
A fourth child, Paul, was born July 10, 1941

**George Wilson Riddle died at the age of 87.**

**J. Ruth Sherbert Riddle died at the age of 84.**

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

Grave Marker; G. Wilson Riddle-October 31, 1910=June 12, 1998.

J. Ruth Riddle-August 27, 1915=December 5, 1999.

Harold Vernon Riddle married Miss. Grace Fox. They had no children and were members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Cowpens, S. C. where Vernon served as a Deacon. Harold was a 20 year Air Force Veteran having served in the Vietnams war.

**Harold Vernon Riddle died at the age of 76 on July 31, 2011.**

**Grace Fox Riddle died at the age of 57 in November 1987.**

Both are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

**Emma Riddle married David Gene Jett of Pacolet, S. C.**

They became the parents of two children; Marty Jett      David Jett.

The family are members of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#) where Emma sings in the choir and Gene teaches the Senior Men's S.S. Class and has served as a Deacon. Marty serves as a Deacon. Both sons are married, have their own families and own their own homes.

Emma served as Postal clerk at Glendale for 10 years, 6 months and was [Postmaster](#) for 15 years and 6 months. Gene was an insurance salesman for 20 years. They purchased a lot on Highland Street on which they had a house built in 1960 in which they live today.

Gene was a U.S. Army Veteran having served during the Korean War.

**Grace Evelyn Riddle married Dock E. Jett of Pacolet, S. C.**

They became the parents of one child;      Marie Jett

They were member of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#).

**Grace Evelyn Riddle Jett died at the age of 50.**

**Dock E. Jett died at the age of 64.**

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

Grave Marker; Dock E. Jett-December 9, 1933=January 30, 1998.

Evelyn Jett-March 20, 1939=April 12, 1989.

**Paul Wilson Riddle married Miss. Cecelia McClure of Clifton, S. C.**  
They became the parents of one daughter;      Cecelia Riddle

They were members of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#).  
**Paul Wilson Riddle died at the age of 54, June 13, 1996.**  
He is buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

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**3;The Family of James C. Quinn, foster son of Miner and Pearl Crossley Riddle**  
J.C. (as he was known and called) first married Miss Edith Frances of Glendale.

**The 1940 Glendale Census listed the household as;**  
J.C. Quinn 21, husband, loom shiner      Wife; Edith 19  
Children;      Dorothy 2                      James 1

J.C. entered military service and was overseas for a number of years. While overseas, having been divorced, J. C. married Miss Ute Roewer in Fuerth, Germany. Returning to Atlanta, Ga. in 1968, he retired from the army in 1970. Staying in Atlanta, J.C. worked for the Ga. State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, retiring in 1980 after ten years of service. He then began working part time for the Stone Mountain Park as a Police Office and River Boat driver. Suffering a stroke in 1989, J.C. was forced to retire. Purchasing a home in Glendale, he and his wife moved to their new home in 2010. J. C. was a member of the [Glendale Baptist Church](#).

J.C. and his brother Eugene White, were members of the [Palmetto Ramblers String Band](#) along with this writer's brother, Paul, and myself. We played over WSPA radio.

**Excerpts from the obituary of James C. Quinn published November 10, 2011; “ James C. Quinn, 93, of Glendale died Monday, November 7, 2011 at home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in WWII and Korea and was the recipient of the Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Army Commendation medals.**

He is survived by his wife, Ute Quinn, of 44 ½ years; sons, James, Gene, Robert and Eddie; daughters, Judy, Susie and Jackie. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dot. J.C. was also survived by his sister, Ethel, of Oregon and several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great, grandchildren.”

Private services were held in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#) conducted by The Rev. Clarence E. Crocker.

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The Minor and Pearl Riddle family were all dear friends of this writer's family.

[Clarence E. Crocker](#), July, 2012