

The Glass Family

The first members of the Glass family came to South Carolina from the town of Blackwater in Lee County, Virginia. They first settled in Clifton around 1917 but moved to Pacolet Mills a short time later around 1920. Granville Duff Glass and his wife Parolee Louisa Osborne moved into a house at what was then 9 Cleveland St. Pacolet Mills. His great, great granddaughter, Brooke Lundeen now lives in the same house. Granville Glass was a farmer before coming to SC. In the 1930 census, taken months before his passing, he was listed as an oiler at the Pacolet Cotton Mill.

Granville and his wife Parolee had nine children. However, one died before they moved to Pacolet. They did what many other families had done before and after them. They moved to the South Carolina Upcountry to find work and a better life in the textile mills. The following gives more information about the members of the family:

Granville Duff Glass

Birth: 21 Mar 1871 Rocky Station, Lee, Virginia

Death: 14 Jun 1930 Spartanburg, South Carolina was married 17 Dec 1895 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia to Parolee Louisa Osborne

Birth 18 Oct 1874 Jonesville, Lee, Virginia

Death: 14 Aug 1962 Pacolet Mills, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Children are

1. Jesse Jerome Glass

Birth: 18 May 1899 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death: 11 Jan 1989 Spartanburg, South Carolina

Married: Minnie Harris

2. John Lloyd Glass Sr.

Birth: 26 Aug 1902 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death: 30 Jun 1975 Spartanburg, South Carolina

Married: Lillie Faye Weatherly

3. Mary Nancy Glass

Birth: 28 Nov 1903 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death: 17 Jun 1993 Spartanburg, South Carolina

Married William Emmett "Emmett" Robinette

4. Bonnie Mae Glass

Birth: 2 Sept 1906 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death: 11 Dec 1999 Spartanburg, South Carolina

Married: Arthur Carl "Carl" Wells

5. Fredrick Howard "Fred" Glass Sr.

Birth: 27 Nov 1908 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death: 13 Jan 1976 South Carolina

Married: Daisy Christine Sprouse

6. Addie Fay Glass

Birth: 29 Feb 1910 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death 3 Apr 1996 Spartanburg, South Carolina

Married: Welton Wellford Wells

7. Cora Jane Glass

Birth: 13 Jan 1912 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death: 11 Aug 2003 Gaston, North Carolina

Married: Boyd Landrum Brown

8. William Crawford Glass

Birth: 26 Oct 1914 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death: 19 Nov 1914 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

9. Amos Franklin Glass

Birth 19 Jul 1916 Blackwater, Lee, Virginia

Death: 28 Feb 1981 Prosperity, Newberry, South Carolina

Married: Clara Marie Pugh



Family Picture in Pacolet Mills beside the Cleveland St House

Front row, L-R: Fredrick "Fred" Howard Glass, Granville Duff Glass, Amos Franklin Glass, Parolee Louisa Osborne Glass, Cora Jane Glass, Addie Faye Glass. Back row, L-R: William Emmett Robinette, John Lloyd Glass, Jesse Jerome Glass, Bonnie Mae Glass, Mary Nancy Glass

More General Family Information

John Glass moved to Gramling after getting married and worked as a Bank Cashier as listed in the 1930 Census. In the 1940 census, he is listed as a Book Keeper at a cotton mill, but not sure which one.

Mary Glass Robinette and Emmett were already divorced by the time of the 1940 census. On that she is listed as a Cloth Inspector at Pacolet Mills. She worked at the Mill until she retired.

In both the 1930 and 1940 census, Bonnie Glass was a Spinner at the Pacolet Mills

In the 1930 census, Fred Glass worked at Pacolet Mills. In 1940 census he still worked at Pacolet Mills and was listed as a Machine operator.

In the 1940 census, both Addie Glass Wells and Cora Glass Brown were Frame Spinners in the Pacolet Mill.

Amos Glass, in the 1940 census, is listed as both a Spooler and as a Machine operator at Pacolet Mills.

The Glass family made an important contribution to the Pacolet Mills community. Several of Granville and Parolee's children married the children of other Pacolet area residents and raised their children in Pacolet Mills. Many of their descendants still live in the community.

One of the children in particular, Jesse Glass, had a big influence on the town. At one time, Jesse was the Pacolet Mills Postmaster. An article about Jesse already appears on this website at <http://pacoletmemories.com/jesseglass.html>. (This article has been updated with information furnished me by Brooke Lundeen.)



Granville Duff Glass and a car in front of a house on Cleveland St. Note Pacolet tag.



Jesse Glass



Minnie (Harris) Glass (Jesse's Wife), Jesse Glass and Bonnie (Glass) Wells (Jesse's sister)



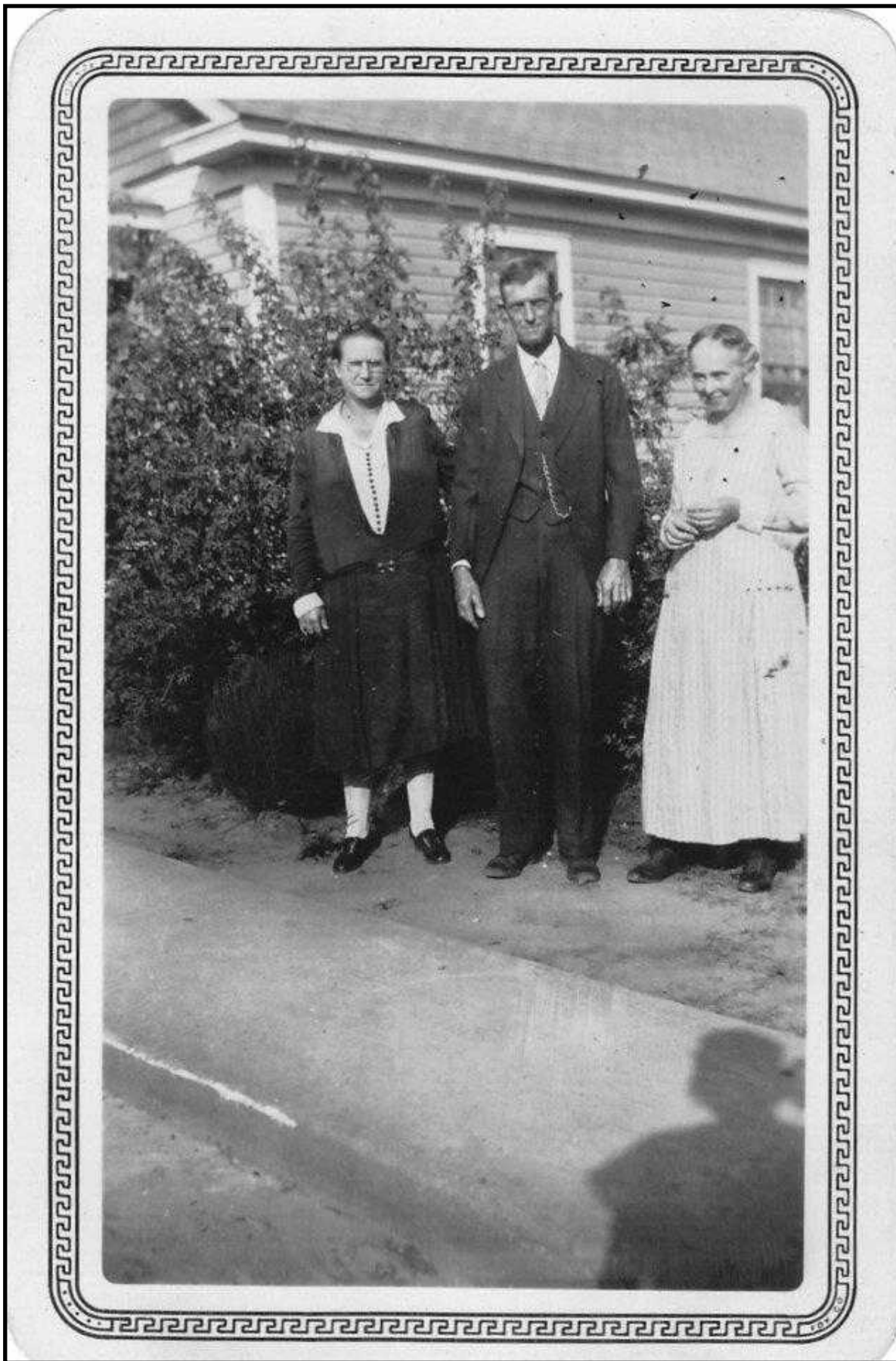
Sisters Mary Nancy Glass Robinette, Addie Faye Glass Wells, Bonnie Mae Glass Wells, and sister-in-law Lillie Fay Weatherly Glass, wife of John Lloyd Glass. December 1937, Pacolet Mills, SC



Mary Glass Robinette and who we think is her little brother, Amos Glass.



Granville Glass, Not sure what year but he died in 1930, so before then.



Granville and Parolee Glass. Lady on left is unidentified.



Bonnie Glass Wells and John Glass



John Glass and Wife Fay



Addie Glass Wells , husband Welton Wells and daughter



Bonnie Glass Wells



Fred Glass, probably in Pacolet Mills, women are not identified.



Glass family home on Cleveland Street in Pacolet Mills.

(I would like to thank Brooke Lundeen for furnishing me the information and photographs for this article! As I have said in other places on this website, it seems that almost everyone in Pacolet is related by blood or marriage. In working on this article, I found that I also have connection to the Glass family. Boyd Landrum Brown married Granville and Parolee's daughter, Cora Jane Glass. Well, Boyd Brown is the brother of my grandmother, Mattie Brown Fowler. This makes Boyd and Cora my great aunt and uncle.)



Mary Robinette and Brother-in-Law, Boyd Brown, (Cora's husband) eating watermelon in the 1930's.