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Photo by Willis

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Family Group Sheet

Husband: Moses West "Uncle Mose" Lancaster

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Buried: 24 Mar 1941 in Sulphur Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

Census: 1880, age 29, md. Bogansville, Union Co., SC, page 445A

Father: Joel A. Lancaster

Mother: Lettice "Letty" West

<> The Spartanburg Herald, Monday, March 24, 1941, Page 10:

M.W. Lancaster Taken By Death

Rites Will Be Held Monday for Well-Known Union County Resident Moses W. Lancaster, 90, well-known resident of Union County, and a member of one of the oldest families in this part of the state, died at the home of his son, Morris B. Lancaster, Pauline, route No. 1, Sunday morning after a brief illness.

Mr. Lancaster, known to his many friends as "Uncle Mose" was born June 16, 1850, at West Springs, the son of the late Joel and Lettie West Lancaster. He spent his entire life in that community until three years ago when he moved to make his home with his children. He is the last survivor of his family.

Surviving are four sons, D.V. Lancaster of Woodruff, Wallace M. Lancaster of Walnut Grove, Clarence R. Lancaster of West Springs and Morris B. Lancaster of Pauline; one daughter, Mrs. L.E. West of Glenn Springs; and 29 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by the Rev. J.R. Moore and the Rev. S.M. Phillips. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Walter Lancaster, Rufus Lancaster, Homer Lancaster, Wallace Lancaster, Jr., Thomas West and Marvin Lancaster.

Arrangements are in charge of the M.W. Bobo Funeral Chapel.

<> The Spartanburg Herald, Sunday, June 23, 1940, page 2:

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Wife: Lettice Addlesse "Addie" Lancaster ²
 Married: abt. 1870 in South Carolina ³

Born: 1 Oct 1851 in Union Dist., SC
 Died: 28 Jul 1928 in probably Union Co., SC
 Buried: in Sulphur Springs Baptist Church Cemetery
 Census: 1880, age 28, md, Bogansville, Union Co., SC, page 445A
 Father: Wright Lancaster
 Mother: Elizabeth Hazelwood

<> Lettice was blind by 1860.

F Child 1: Edna Cordelia Lancaster

Born: 20 Dec 1871 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC
 Died: 5 May 1902 in
 Census: 1880, age 8 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC, page 445A
 Spouse: William Marcus West b. 10 Sep 1873 d. 10 Dec 1939
 Married: 2 Jan 1895 in ⁴

F Child 2: Katherine Omelia "Katie" Lancaster

Born: 21 Dec 1873 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC
 Died: 8 Jan 1962 at home, Glenn Springs, Spartanburg Co., SC
 Buried: 9 Jan 1962 in Cavalry Epis Ch Cem, Glenn Springs, Spartanburg
 Living: 1908 l in Glenn Springs, Spartanburg Co., SC
 Spouse: Leonidas Epamadonis "Leon" West b. 22 Apr 1870 d. 1 Nov 1954
 Married: circa 1892 in ⁵

<> 1880 Census, Bogansville, Union Co., SC: Katie O. Lancaster was 8 years old.

<> Mrs. L.E. West, lived at Glenn Springs, Spartanburg Co., SC, in her father's obituary in March 1941. She was his only surviving daughter, along with 4 sons.

<> Mrs. L.E. West lived in Glenn Springs, SC, in her brother Clarence's obituary in November 1950.

<> Spartanburg Herald-Journal, Tuesday, January 9, 1962, Page 14:

Mrs. Katie Lancaster West

Mrs. Katie Lancaster West, 88, of Glenn Springs, died at her home Monday morning at 5:30 after a long illness.

She was a native of Union County and was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church at Glenn Springs. She was the widow of the late Leon E. West.

Surviving are two daughters, Helen West of the home and Mrs. Erskine Franklin of Pauline Route 1; four sons, Madison West and Manning West, both of the home, Pierce West of Glenn Springs and Thomas West of Pacolet; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Jerry Ford will officiate. [Out of context? See below]

Pallbearers are: Edward and Donald Miller, George West, Wilbur Hyatt, Morris Lancaster and Bernard Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted today at 3 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church by the Rev. John W. Arrington. Burial will be in the church cemetery.
The J.F. Floyd Mortuary is in charge.

M Child 3: Darrell Victor Lancaster

Born: 17 Jun 1875 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC

Died: 19 Oct 1950 in Woodruff, Spartanburg Co., SC

Buried: in Sulphur Springs Baptist Ceme, Union Co.

Living: 1934 in Woodruff, Spartanburg Co., SC

Spouse: Claudie Gertrude Lawson b. 33 Jan 1876 d. 4 Feb 1919

Spouse: Pearl Pritchard b. 17 Mar 1900 d. 14 May 1961

Married: 27 Oct 1925 in ⁶

<> 1880 Census, Bogansville, Union Co., SC, page 445A: Darrel V. Lancaster was 5 years old.

<> D.V. Lancaster lived in Woodruff, Spartanburg Co., SC, in his father's obituary in March 1941.

<>The Spartanburg Herald, October 21, 1950

Darrell Lancaster

Woodruff- Funeral services for Darrell V. Lancaster, 75, who died [19 Oct 1950] will be held at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church.

Pallbearers: Madison West, and Dwight, Floyd, Homer, Walter and Morris Jr. Lancaster.

M Child 4: Thomas Andrew Lancaster

Born: 31 Jan 1877 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC

Died: 17 May 1938 in

Census: 1880, age 3 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC, page 445A

M Child 5: George O. Lancaster

Born: 15 Dec 1878 in Union Co., SC

Died: 24 Jul 1934 in Spartanburg Co., SC

Living: 1921 in Spartanburg Co., SC

Spouse: Lillie Floyd b. 14 Aug 1886 d. 2 Jan 1978

Married: circa 1908 in ⁷

<> 1880 Census, Bogansville, Union Co., SC, page 445A: George O. Lancaster was 1 year old.

F Child 6: Leitha Letty Lucy Etta Lancaster

Born: 27 Jul 1882 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC

Died: 16 Jun 1936 in

Spouse: R. Marvin West b. circa 1885 d. 2 Mar 1924

Spouse: William Arthur Springs b. 7 Jan 1882 d. 19 Jun 1962

Married: 8 Dec 1926 in ⁸

They are the parents of Dale Springs, great-grandson in the Four Generation Picture in 1940.

M Child 7: Wallace Morgan Lancaster, Sr.

Born: 24 Nov 1883 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC ⁹

Died: 7 Aug 1956 in Spartanburg Co., SC

Living: Nov 1956 in Walnut Grove, Spartanburg Co., SC

Spouse: Carrie Julia Gallman b. 2 Nov 1890 d. 12 Feb 1986

Married: 7 Jan 1912 in ¹⁰

<> Wallace M. Lancaster lived in Walnut Grove, Spartanburg Co., SC, in his father's obituary in March 1941.

<> W.M. Lancaster lived in Roebuck. Spartanburg Co., SC, in his brother Clarence's obituary in November 1956.

M Child 8: Clarence Right Lancaster

Born: 6 Feb 1887 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC

Died: 23 Nov 1950 at home, Pauline, West Springs community

Buried: in Sulphur Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

Living: 1916 in West Springs, Union Co., SC

Spouse: Telula "Lula" West b. Jun 1878 d. 24 Aug 1949

Married: 10 Sep 1911 in ¹¹

<> Spartanburg Herald, Nov. 25, 1950, Obituaries:

C.R. Lancaster

C.R. Lancaster, 63, died at his home, Pauline, West Springs community, Thursday following an illness of seven months. Mr. Lancaster was a member of the Sulphur Springs Baptist church.

Surviving are: 3 sons: Homer and Lewis, both of Pauline and Marvin of Falston, N.C.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Marvin Springs of Pauline and Mrs. J.P. Montgomery of Roebuck; 4 step-sons, A.T. West of Glenn Springs, R.D. West of Jonesville, W.R. West of Grover, N.C., and V.W. West of Pincola, N.C.; 2 step-daughters, Mrs. Boyce McArthur of Glenn Springs and Mrs. Grady Smith of Arcadia; one sister, Mrs. L.E. West of Glenn Springs; 2 brothers, Morris Lancaster of Pauline and W.M. Lancaster of Roebuck; 8 grandchildren and 12 step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers: P. W. West, Paul Lancaster, Walter Lancaster, Ellis Lancaster, Morris Lancaster, Jr., and Floyd Lancaster.

Burial in Sulphur Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

M Child 9: Pettus Boyd Lancaster

Born: 5 Sep 1889 in Bogansville, Union Co., SC

Died: 18 Jul 1916 in

M Child 10: Morris Bomar Lancaster, Sr.

Born: 21 Sep 1891 in Bogansville, Spartanburg Co., SC

Died: 6 May 1955 in Pauline, Spartanburg Co., SC ¹²

Living: Mar 1941 on Route 1, Pauline, SC, Morris' father's obituary

Living: Nov 1950 in Pauline, Spartanburg Co., SC, Morris' bro Clarence's obit

Spouse: Annie Etta/Ethel Gallman b. 11 Nov 1895 d. 19 Dec 1930

Married: 10 Sep 1921 in ¹³

<> Morris B. Lancaster lived on Route 1, Pauline, SC, in his father's obituary in March 1941.

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(1) Descendants of Joseph West, Linda Nelson, 1999, page 18;;
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- (2) 1880 Census, Bogansville, Union Co., SC, page 445A.
- (3) West-Lancaster papers, Mike Becknell, page 8;;
 Descendants of Joseph West, Linda Nelson, 1999, page 18;;
 Descendants of Lawrence Lancaster, page 9.
- (4) West genealogy by Mike Becknell;;
 Descendants of Joseph West, Linda Nelson, 1999, page 18.
- (5) Katie's obituary;; West genealogy by Mike Becknell;;
 Descendants of Joseph West, Linda Nelson, 1999, page 18;; Their son Manning's obituary.
- (6) Their son Vernon's obituary;; West Genealogy by Mike Becknell;;
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- (7) West genealogy by Mike Becknell;;
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- (9) West genealogy by Mike Becknell.
- (10) West genealogy by Mike Becknell;; Their sons Paul's & Dwight's obituaries;;
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- (11) West genealogy by Mike Becknell;; Their daughter Aileen's obituary;;
 Descendants of Joseph West, Linda Nelson, 1999, pages 16 & 18.
- (12) The Herald Death Index, Spartanburg County Library.
- (13) West genealogy by Mike Becknell;;
 Descendants of Joseph West, Linda Nelson, 1999, pages 16 & 18;;
 Descendants of Lawrence Lancaster, page 9.