

The following clipping was submitted to the group “NC/SC Historic Textile Mill Villages” by Mr. Eddie Waits. The clipping is from 1939 and probably from the *Spartanburg Herald Journal*. As you can see, it is about a little girl named Janice K. Cook, recently born in Pacolet. Janice, when she was born, had 12 living grandparents as described in the story. The statement is made in the story that, at the time, little Janice probably had more living grandparents than anyone else in South Carolina. It is almost certain that many people now living in the Pacolet community are related to the people listed in the story. As a child, I knew some of the people, such as Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cook.

Since Janice was born in July of 1939, it is also almost certain that she was born at home and delivered by Dr. Hill. My brother, David (Dink) was born in Pacolet in April 1939 and delivered by Dr. Hill. You can read more about Dr. Hill at <http://pacoletmemories.com/drhill.html>.

<h2 data-bbox="113 747 1344 958">Tiny Pacolet Child Has 12 Living Grandparents Residing In Village</h2> <p data-bbox="113 966 724 1323">PACOLET, July 29. — A claim held by tiny Janice Kay Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Foy Cook, of Pacolet, probably not held elsewhere in South Carolina is that of having more living grandparents than any other person. The little girl, born on July 13, has 12 living grandparents, an unusual record for anyone. Her grandparents have all spent</p>	<p data-bbox="724 966 1344 1128">most of their lives in the Pacolet community, another record worth talking about. Years spent here by the grandparents total 427. The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cook, have lived in Pacolet mills all of their lives. The paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Cook, have lived in Pacolet mills village for 25 years. The paternal great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Roxie Bryant, has lived at Pacolet for 25 years. The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Motts, have lived at Pacolet all of their lives, which is</p>	<p data-bbox="1344 747 1992 1323">35 and 37 years, respectively. Little Janice Kay's maternal great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Motts, have lived at Pacolet 55 and 40 years respectively. The maternal great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hoage, have lived in the village 62 and 65 years, respectively. The maternal great-great-great grandfather, Mr. Berry Lee, has spent his 83 years at Pacolet. He holds the distinction of having helped clear the land for the first building to be erected at Pacolet mills, which was at that time known as Trough Shoals.</p>
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We have found more information about little Janice K. Cook. Unfortunately, she only lived to be about six months old. Thanks to Karen Gossett Lucktenberg who furnished us the following obituary from the *Greenville News* of January 26, 1940.

**Janice Kay Cook**

PACOLET, Jan. 25.--Janice Kay Cook six-months-old daughter of Mr and Mrs. James F. Cook, of Pacolet mills, died at the residence at noon Wednesday after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Montgomery Memorial Methodist church by Rev. A M Doggett and Rev W. T Tate. Interment was made in White Rose cemetery.

Survivors included her parents; the maternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs Adam Mott, and the paternal grandparents Mr and Mrs. Dewey Cook, all of Pacolet mills.