
CARPENTERS: WESTERN VIRGINIA, NORTHWEST ALABAMA, NORTHEAST TEXAS VIA TENNESSEE AND MISSISSIPPI

CARPENTER AND RELATED FAMILY PAPER NUMBER XX-BY: JAMES AUSIE CARPENTER - APRIL, 1979

--Early Carpenter and Related Family Marriages Recorded in Virginia--

On March 12, 1979, I personally read, examined, verified, and copied the court records of the following marriages from the records on the shelves of the Genealogy Room of the Virginia State Library in Richmond, Virginia. These are marriages in which I know that the principals in many cases are the ancestors of Carpenter and related family members now residing in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, and in many of the remaining forty-five states. I would especially invite Carpenter family members now residing in Lawrence and Colbert Counties in Alabama, Warren and Yazoo Counties in Mississippi, Carroll and Giles Counties in Tennessee, Navarro County in Texas, and Amherst County in Virginia to very carefully examine and analyze these true marriage records for genealogical interest and significance. I have abbreviated the word Witness (Wit:) to save space. Also, I have placed certain brief statements including questions in parentheses in an attempt to identify certain individuals whose descendants I know about. I have placed the marriage records in date order but they are not alphabetized. These records are restricted to the counties of Amherst and Botetourt. The wording of each record appears precisely as I copied it from the court records. I personally certify that each marriage record was correctly copied by me and that the spelling of names and nicknames appears as these were spelled on the records.

AMHERST COUNTY: October 20, 1794: Enoch Carpenter, bachelor and Sally Evans, spinster, each of Lexington Parish, Wit: William Evans, Surety, and Reben Crawford (Our Enoch and Sally. William Evans was Sally's father. Therefore, Enoch's descendants are as much related to the Evans' family as they are to Enoch's father, should he have been Benjamin Carpenter or whom-ever.) - November 15, 1794: Thomas Crank and Mary Carpenter, parents Sarah Carpenter, widow, Wit: James Carpenter, J. Calloway, and John Carpenter - January 7, 1797: Bailey Bolling, Lexington Parish, and Jean Carpenter, Amherst Parish, parent, Benjamin Carpenter, Wit: William Bolling, W.A. Crawford, Jnos. T. Wilsford, Eaton Carpenter, and Saml. Meredith (Was this Jean a sister to Enoch who has not been previously identified in our search? Note that her parent was Benjamin.) November 3, 1797: George Carpenter and Jane Phillips, Wit: John Phillips, S. Garland, John Davis, and Jos. Burrus - November 3, 1797: (Note same date as George Carpenter's marriage) Hensley Carpenter and Rhody Mays, Wit: Benjamin Carpenter, Robert Mays, and John Cannon (This Hensley was Benjamin's son and this same Benjamin lived until 1832. This same Hensley came to Giles County, Tennessee, about the same time that Enoch came to Alabama. Perhaps he even came in the same caravan with Enoch and stayed in Tennessee? Most believe that this Hensley was Enoch's younger brother. Many of Hensley's descendants presently reside in Giles County. The records are clear on this.) - February 14, 1798: James Carpenter and Susanna Hill, parent, Elizabeth Hill, widow, Wit: James Fulcher, S. Garland, and Dabney Hill (This James will be alluded to further in this report of early marriages.)

June 11, 1803: James Pratt and Rebecca/Rebekah Carpenter, parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Pratt and William and Marrey Carpenter, Wit: William Thorp, S. Garland, and Thomas Pratt, Jr. (Rebekah was a nickname for Rebecca. Who was this William Carpenter?) - July 22, 1806: William Ball and Clarkey/Clerky Carpenter, parent, Benjamin Carpenter, Wit: Eaton Carpenter, S. Garland, Samuel Ball, and Absalom Higginbotham (Clerky was apparently a nickname for Clarkey. What relationship was this Clarkey to Enoch Carpenter? Same parent, Benjamin? Here we have the distinguished name of Higginbotham appearing as a witness to a Carpenter family member marriage. This is one of the most prominent names in Amherst County history!) - August 29, 1808: Richard Carpenter and Nancy Holloday, parent, Fielden Holloday, Wit: Enoch Carpenter, Jas. B. Edwards, and John Clements (Was this Richard a nephew to Enoch? Remember: Enoch was still in Virginia and did not come to Alabama until several years subsequent to 1806. Who was Richard's father?) December 23, 1811: William Rogers and Polly Carpenter, Wit: Benjamin Carpenter and A. B. Davis (Polly was a nickname. This was the Mary Carpenter, daughter of Benjamin, who married William Rogers on the above date and later came with William to Carroll County, Tennessee, at about the same time that Enoch came to Alabama. It is felt by many that this Mary Carpenter Rogers was Enoch Carpenter's sister!) - January 15, 1812: James Car-

penter and Mahateth Mays, parent, Charles Mays, Wit: Ferdinand Leigh, A.B. Davis, and Bartlett Cash (Here we see the distinguished Cash name of Amherst County appearing as a witness to this marriage. Special note: Malcolm Edward Carpenter married Margaret Williard Cash. They presently reside in Amherst County. Oh yes, I have visited in their home. Margaret's middle name is Willard, and she favors Johnny Cash! Was this James the same Carpenter who married Susanna Hill February 14, 1798? Were James and Susanna divorced or did Susanna die young? Was this the same James who came to and settled in Franklin County, Alabama, about the same time that Enoch came to Lawrence County? Was he a younger brother to Enoch? Were Rhody Mays, Hensley Carpenter's wife, and this Mahateth Mays sisters? In Amherst County? - December 16, 1816: William Carpenter and Lucy Ralls, Lucy in bond, in consent, parent, Caleb Rall, Wit: Robert Sebree, B. Walker, John Cem, and Nancy Sebree (This William was Enoch Carpenter's eldest son and was the progenitor of many, many of the Mississippi and Texas Carpenters and related family members. William's second marriage, after Lucy's death, was to Lucinda Coleman Johnson Dillahunty of Lawrence County, Alabama. Lucinda's middle given name was Coleman and her childhood home still stands in what is now Northern Colbert County. William and Lucinda had one son, Thomas Wirt Carpenter! This Thomas Wirt was the chief ancestor of the distinguished Carpenter family of Corsicana and later Dallas, Texas.)

August 7, 1830: Austin Carpenter and Catharine Scott, parent, Issac Scott, Wit: Matthew Knight ("Aunt" Elsie Drummond Carpenter, wife of Rupert Deane Carpenter of Amherst County, has recently expressed the belief to me in a letter that the present Carpenters living in or near Amherst County are direct descendants of this Austin and Catharine Scott Carpenter. This Austin must have been a younger half-brother to Enoch. There was another Enoch Carpenter in Amherst County who was either a son or grandson of this Austin. Genealogy facts begin to match here. Possible direct descendants of Austin and Catharine now residing or near Amherst County are Rupert Deane Carpenter and his two brothers, Malcolm Edward and Raymond Campbell. Campbell is Raymond's middle name. Oh yes, I have had the honor of visiting in the home of Rubert Deane and Elsie Drummond Carpenter on two occasions! Readers be sure and note that it is Catharine Scott Carpenter and not Catherine.) March 5, 1850: Lewis E. Carpenter and Margaret Sangster, parent consent of Margaret Sangster, Wit: Lou E. Green. These are all of the early Carpenter marriages noted in Amherst County court records.

Since Enoch Carpenter's wife was Sally Evans and they were married October 20, 1794, in Amherst County, it is important that we should now begin to develop a profound genealogical interest in the early marriages of the Evans family members which occurred in Amherst County. Biologically speaking, descendants of Enoch Carpenter are as much related to Evans as they are to Carpenter! This is a fact. So let us at this point begin researching the Evans family.

May 13, 1791: Charles Evans, bachelor, and Elcy Purvis, spinster, Charles Purvis, Surety, consent of father, George Purvis - October 11, 1797: Charles Evans and Elizabeth Wright, Menos Wright, Surety, Minister, Walter Christian (These two Charles Evans may have been one and the same? They may have been divorced or Elcy may have died young?) October 6, 1789: George Evans, bachelor, and Pattey Gatewood, spinster, Henry Gatewood, Surety, consent of William Evans and Richard Gatewood - January 21, 1796: James Evans, bachelor, and Ann Pamplin, spinster, James Pamplin, Surety, father, James Pamplin - September 2, 1795: Robert Evans and Martha England, William Angus, Surety, consent of father, William Evans (Were George and Robert brothers and sons of William Evans? If so, George and Robert were brothers of Sally Evans Carpenter, Enoch's wife. This makes genealogical sense!) Late 1790's (I failed to get the precise date of this marriage): Thomas Evans, bachelor, and Anna Penn, spinster, John Lonagon, Surety, consent of her father, Rolly Penn (Readers will note that these marriages are out of chronological order. They were taken off the court records in this manner.)

Back to early Carpenter family marriages all in BOYETOURT COUNTY: March 18, 1778: David Glasburn and Elizabeth Carpenter, parents of wife, Zopher and Mary Carpenter, Wit: Palser Kimberling, Moses Kimberling, Thomas Carpenter, and Moses Mann - September 1, 1783: Solomon Carpenter and Lucrecia Prentice, consent of Thomas Carpenter, parent, consent of Daniel Prentice, father, Wit: Thomas Carpenter - January 7, 1784: Robert Viors and Judith Carpenter, Joseph Carpenter, father of wife, Wit: Thomas Carpenter (The record states that this marriage was repeated again August 31, 1786, with Samuel Shannon, Minister.) - January 30, 1797: Samuel Carpenter and Mary Parsinger, Wit: Jacob Parsinger - October 9, 1832: Samuel Carpenter and Martha Hannah, parent, Joseph Hannah, Wit: Joseph Hannah (This Samuel Carpenter was probably

the son of Samuel and Mary Parsinger Carpenter. Again this marriage was repeated October 18, 1832, Minister, John Mark Fulton.) May 24, 1880: William Gillispie and Sarah Carpenter, Wit: Robert Harvie and James Robinson.

SOME 1900 CENSUS RECORDS OF CARPENTER FAMILIES: On March 13, 1979, in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C., I personally read and carefully copied the following microfilm records of the 1900 census report of Lawrence and Colbert Counties in Alabama. These films were located in the Genealogy Room with millions of other such records from every state in the union. The spelling of each name, though sometimes incorrectly recorded, is given just as it was recorded on the record by the census taker during that year. Clarifications are listed in parentheses: 1900 - HARVEY H. CARPENTER, 45, living alone. Wolf Springs - FRANK CARPENTER (no age, no wife, and no middle initial shown), Floyd W. Carpenter, 8, Ossue L. Carpenter, 5, (This was Ausic Lycurgus.), Vinnett Carpenter, 4, (This is one point of proof that Uncle Vinnie's real name was Vinnett and that Vinnie was his nickname. I have several other records that verify this.), Harris G. Carpenter 1/12 (This, of course, was Horace Greeley Carpenter.), and Grover C. Stanley, 14, living in the household - JOHN W. CARPENTER, 31, born August 31, 1868, Wolf Springs, Ella, 26, wife, Maude M., 5, - JULIUS H. BUTLER, 34, (no wife shown), Hoyt Butler, 18, Pearl Butler, 12, Phill Butler, 10 (This was Phil), Hopton Butler, 9, Oba Butler, 7, (This was Obie.), Freddie Butler, 4, (This was Freddie who was killed in action in France during World War I and is buried in Arlington Cemetery.), and Leo 3-CHESLEY B. CARPENTER 27, Wolf Springs, Rosa B., wife, (This was Aunt Belle.), and Thomas L. 5 (This was Thomas Lycurgus or "Cerg".) I also personally examined and copied one family census record of Navarro County, Texas. THOMAS W. CARPENTER, head, 62, b. in Alabama in 1837, married 32 years, farmer, father born in Virginia and mother born in Alabama, owned 244 acres, Ellen I. 53, wife, (Ellen Isaphine Dickson Carpenter), father and mother born in Tennessee, married 32 years, Kate G. 23, daughter, born in Texas, teaching school (Katherine Graham Carpenter Towns), Jessie L. 21, daughter, (Jessie Lynn Carpenter Bishop), and John W. 18, son, farm laborer, (John Williams Carpenter-I believe the s was removed from his middle name in subsequent years.) I felt that these census reports of 1900 were of considerable significance, should be recorded in this paper, and would be of genuine interest to many. I suppose that census takers of 1900 did not take their proper spelling of names very seriously.

Regarding the Frank Carpenter family census, I believe that at the time Robert and Yettie had already left home, Delia had probably married, although I am not sure of her marriage date, and Ben was probably not living at home at that time. The early Frank Carpenter children stayed away from home with close relatives a good deal so I have been told. Of course, Aunt Alma had not been born at that time. I cannot understand why Grandmother Mattie Kerby Carpenter's name is not recorded on the census record. I invite opinions of others regarding the 1900 Frank Carpenter family census record.

EARLY CENSUS RECORDS ON MICROFILM IN THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AT NASHVILLE: The 1870 census records of Lawrence County, Alabama, are faded and are very difficult to read. This is why I have not previously printed any records of that year in family papers. However, on March 31, 1979, I used a strong reading glass over the screen and copied these 1870 records and they are recorded here for the first time. Please do not get this recording mixed up with the 1880 recordings that I have reported from time to time: AMOS J. STANLEY 58, farmer, Ellenor (no age given), wife, Edward J. 36, son, farm laborer, Matilda 26, daughter, William J. 19, son, and Martha C. 17, daughter (This Martha C. Stanley may have been the same "Aunt" Martha Stanley Beavers who cared for me for the first five years of my life after I became an orphan in 1919. "Aunt" Martha is buried in Bethel Cemetery in Colbert County and should not be confused with "Little" Martha Beavers, somewhat younger, who is also buried at Bethel.) - BENJAMIN CARPENTER 68, male, farmer, born in Virginia, \$400 cash value, Elizabeth, 66, Wife, born in Tennessee (These were Lycurgus Carpenter's parents and in 1870 all of their children had either married, left home, or died young. The bible record shows that this Benjamin and Elizabeth Carpenter had eleven children. Benjamin was Enoch Carpenter's second son and was my great, great grandfather.) - LYCURGUS CARPENTER 45, Avoca, farmer, \$400 cash value, owned 600 acres, born in Alabama, Mary 39, wife, housekeeper, Harvey 16, son, farm laborer, Franklin 11, son, Robert 8, son, Della 5, daughter, and John W., 2, son (This is the earliest census record I have examined which shows Harvey Home Carpenter. His age on this is correct

since he was born in 1854. Robert was killed as a teenager in a farm accident. I believe that Robert Jackson Carpenter, son of Franklin M. Carpenter, was given his Uncle Robert's first name. Della was a nickname. Her real name was Ideller and Aunt Alma Ideller Carpenter Griesom was given her aunt's name for her middle name. Chesley B. Carpenter had not been born in 1870. The records are clear on this.

S. W. WALLACE 75, Avoca, school teacher, \$500 cash value, owned 500 acres, born in South Carolina, Nancy 71, wife, Mariah (poorly spelled) 36, daughter, and Cynthia 33, daughter (It is reasonable to assume that this is the same Cynthia Wallace who later married Lycurgus Carpenter following the death of Mary. This is why I listed the Wallace family. I would also suspect that Lycurgus obtained a part of this land through this marriage!) L.R. BEAVERS: 23, farmer, Avoca, Martha 17, wife, housekeeper, and Robert A. 2/12, son (This also could have possibly been the "Aunt" Martha Beavers who later cared for me when I was orphaned in 1919. I do know that she has a son who previously died of blood poisoning. I seriously invite the opinions of others about this.)

B.F. CARPENTER 33, Avoca, farmer, Mary 37, wife, Emer 6, daughter, and Zular 14, neice (Spelling is incorrect here. Also, I am sure that Mary's age is wrong. The cemetery records show Benjamin Franklin Carpenter to be slightly older than his wife, Mary Virginia Kerby Carpenter. Emer should be Emma. Later she was Emma Carpenter Berryman, mother of Ulyess G. Berryman, and his brothers and sisters. Zular should be Zeula, daughter of Jeremiah Hill Carpenter. Later she became Zeula Carpenter Crosby. Zeula must have been visiting in the home of her Uncle Benjamin because Jeremiah Hill Carpenter did not die until 1879! Also, her mother, Sarah Carpenter, did not die until 1874. We have not yet determined Sarah's maiden name.) I hope this updates Carpenter and related family members relative to the 1870 census.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?????

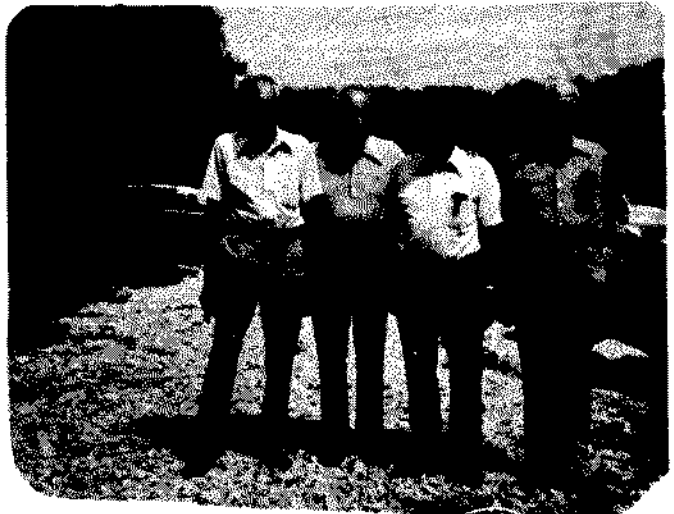
Obie and Earline Tubbs Butler and their daughter, Hettie who is now Mrs. Hettie Butler Terry.



- * Some Enoch Carpenter descendants married close relatives of President Andrew Jackson's wife, Rachel Donelson!
- * In his day, Lycurgus Carpenter was considered to be quite wealthy!
- * Sheriff Kumpe Ayers of Lawrence County married Jerimiah Hill Carpenter's granddaughter, Ida Lee Gargis!
- * Great Grandfather Andrew Jackson Kerby has the tallest tombstone in Bethel Cemetery!
- * Hoyt Butler's full name was Hoyt Lycurgus Butler!
- * The Reverend Dr. William F. "Billy" Carpenter is serving as Chaplain in a major hospital in Oklahoma City!
- * Aaron Burr Carpenter's given names are for Aaron Burr Masterson!
- * Ray Lynwood Carpenter has three sons, Lynwood Jr., Frank, and Louis!
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Jewell Randolph McDaniel and her husband, J. E. (Granddaughter of Mamie Butler Randolph Carpenter)



Amherst County Brothers: Maurice (dec.), Raymond, Malcolm, and Deane Carpenter - All sons of Finley Carpenter - Grandsons of Richard Eden Carpenter

TOP ROW:
From left to right: No. 4: Ausie Carpenter, James' father - No. 7: Mattie Nichols Butler - No. 8: Vinnie Carpenter - No. 10: Horace G. Carpenter

SECOND ROW, girls, left to right:
No. 10: Flora Earline Vandiver
Carpenter Creel

FRONT ROW, left to right, poor
quality picture, No. 6: Alma Ideller
Carpenter Grissom



Bethel School, Colbert County, Ala-
bama, about 1912 -- J. A. C.