

CARTER FAMILY NOTES

I. CARY CARTER is listed in the 1820 census record of Henry County (4th Census, Virginia Population Schedule, page 860). The age given for him was between 26 and 44 years, which would place his date of birth between 1776 and 1794. His wife is not named in this census record but her age is given as being the same as Cary's. (Prior to 1850 the census records only gave the names of heads of families and indicated any others in the same family by sex and approximate age.) In 1820 Cary Carter had four children, two boys and two girls, all born between 1810 and 1820. From information at hand, this Cary Carter was the father of Edward Carter who married Margaret Hardy, and he must have been a little older than usual when Edward was born in 1835.

Cary Carter's wife was named Mahala but her maiden name is unknown. She was not born in Henry County nor lived here before marriage, or the record of their marriage would be in the Courthouse records. (Legally, marriage licenses have always been issued in the county of the bride's residence if she is under 21, and Mahala must have been married before she became of age to have had four children by 1820. The 1850 census gives her age as 52, thus having been born in 1798.)

1850 Henry County census record:

Dwelling 935	Family 935	CARY CARTER	56	farmer
		Mahala Carter	52	
		James M. Carter	28	farmer
		Suzerine Craddock	22	
		Lucinda Carter	17	
		Edward Carter	15	farmer

Mahala Carter must have died between 1850 and the next census in 1860 when only Cary is listed.

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II. EDWARD CARTER, 23, son of Cary & Mahaley Carter, born in Henry County, Virginia was married to Margaret Hardy, 18, daughter of Curtis & Mary Hardy on the 9th December 1856 by Rev. Elkanah B. Turner. (Register of Marriages I, page 4, Henry County Clerk's office in Courthouse). The 1860 census record shows the following family living in the Horse Pasture district?

Dwelling 920	Family 943	CARY CARTER	72	cooper
		Edward Carter	25	cooper
		Margaret Carter	21	
		William Carter	4	
		Mary Carter	6 months	

III. WILLIAM HENRY CARTER, 22, son of E. H. & M. Carter, was married to Mary J. Bouldin, 21, daughter of Thomas & S. Bouldin on the 25th of December 1879 by Rev. J. A. Spencer. (Register of Marriages I, p. 97.) The 1880 census record shows:

Dwelling 133	Family 143	EDWARD CARTER	45	brickmason
		Margaret Carter	37	wife
		Mary Carter	19	daughter single
		John Carter	17	son single
		Robert Carter	15	son single
		Thomas Carter	13	son
		Sarah Carter	9	daughter
		Nancy Carter	7	daughter
		George Carter	6	son
		Samuel Carter	4	son
		Charles Carter	1	son

Dwelling 134	Family 144	WILLIAM CARTER	22	laborer
		Mary Jane Carter	21	wife

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NOTE: It is possible that Cary & Mahala were married in Franklin County. When the son Cary married in Henry County in 1840, his bond stated that he was "living in Franklin County." (Register of Marriage Bonds I, 1777-1853, Henry County Courthouse, Martinsville, Virginia.)