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April 26, 1991

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Dear Sir:

My aunt (Elizabeth Weeks Mattair) ^{of Newberry, Fla.} asked me to write to you and send you a picture of Rev. W. P. Carter. Last fall (1990) I left a copy of the pictures of Rev. W. P. Carter and his wife (Mary Hill Robertson) in the regional library in ~~Enterprise~~ Quitman, Miss. Mary Hill Robertson was the daughter of a famous Baptist preacher Norvell Robertson Jr. Her brother was the Baptist preacher Norvell Robertson Sr. Norvell Robertson Jr. preached in Ga. & Miss. Norvell Jr. preached in Miss. Rev. William Patricia Carter started what became the 1st Baptist Church in Meridian. (I also sent them a picture of W. P. Carter). W. P. Carter also started the 1st Baptist Church in Enterprise, Miss. where he is buried.

The family of W. P. Carter:

- 1 W. P. Carter — M. — Mary Hill Robertson in Miss.
- 2 Pinckney Carter — Bachelor
- 3 Kate ~~W. P.~~ Carter (Catherine) — M. — Richard Mc Serrano
11 April, 1860 — She was the 2nd wife —
no issue

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March 20, 1927 4. Mary Carter — M. — William Griffin Jr. — Perry Co. Miss.
We do not know the names of the mother & father.

Rev. W. P. moved to Lauderdale Co., Miss. 1839-39.
He is listed as head of household Lauderdale Co., Miss. - 1839, 1841, 1843, 1848
Senator for Newton + Lauderdale Co.s - 1848-1850
Pastor Oak Valley Baptist Church - Residian 1849-1853
Member Marion Co. Masonic Lodge # 62 - Lauderdale Co.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Franzen

Rev. William P. Carter
 b. June 11, 1809
 d. Nov. 16, 1857

William P. Carter (page 4 Vol 1 of Miss. Bapt. Convention) was the director of the meeting of the Miss. State Bap. Convention held at Washington County on the 23rd and 24th of Dec. 1836. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the propriety of forming a Baptist State Convention.

He was a director of the Miss. State Convention for many years and in attendance to that organization for 19 meetings ,until 1855.

He served one term in the Miss. State Senate for Lauderdale and Newton Counties Senatorial District.

In 1850 he was active in the Choctaw Assoc. and gave his Post Office as Marion, Miss.

He had abrother named Pinckney who was a bachelor and a sister Katy who married Richard McLemore and a sister Mary who married a Mr. Griffin.

Norvell Robertson Sr. who was the father-in-law of William P. Carter had Williamsburg, Miss. as his address in 1846.

US Census for Lauderdale Co. Miss 1850

William P. Carter	42	M	South Carolina	
Mary Hill Robertson	40	F	Georgia	
Ulysees Griffin	18	M	Miss.	
#Norvell Robertson	15	M	"	CSA
Sarah Elizabeth	13	F	"	
Allen Columbus	12	M	"	CSA
Robert Larkin	10	M	Miss	CSA
Ira Judson	8	M	Miss	CSA
James K. Polk	6	M	Miss	
Sidney Latimore	6 mo.		Miss	

Rev William P. Carter was the minister for the Oak Valley Church in 1849 and resigned in 1853. This church was organized in 1839; it grew into "The First Baptist Church of Meridian".

A newspaper picked up his orbituary from a publication called "Mercury"

Rev. William P. Carter is buried in Enterprize, Miss. along with ~~2~~ of his sons. His headstone has a Masonic Emblem or possibly an Oddfellow Emblem. His home was at Enterprize, Miss.

In the D.A.R. Vol. of Miss. Revolutioary Soldiers Page 251 is the family record of Norvell Robertson Sr. His ninth child is Mary Hill born April 13. 1810 married to William P. Carter.

Norvell Robertson Carter was born on
 Silver Creek in Smith County, Miss. (Dec. 29, 1833)

William ^{Griffin} & Mary Carter m March²⁰, 1823
William Griffin & Oct 3 1800 Bibb Co Ga ^{or County Co}
Mary Carter Griffin & Oct 14 1804 Barnwell Dist S.C.

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William P. Carter was moderator of Liberty Bap. Assoc in 1840 at Clear Creek in Sumter Co. Ala. He gave the introductory that year to the meeting.

In 1848 at Silsac in Sumter Co. Ala. William P. Carter again gave the introductory.

This Liberty assoc. had 3 churches in Miss and in Itawamba Co. being Marietta, New Ramah, and Fair View. They are anti missionary and believe in foot washing. They split off from the Little Vine Assoc.

In 1845 there was a strong Baptist preacher in Choctaw Assoc. named William P. Carter.

William P. Carter was a "messenger" to Mount Pisgah Assoc. held at Antioch Church in Scott County (1837) P.-317 Vol. 1 Leavell and Bailey

In 1854 Mt. Pisgah Assoc. met at Pleasant Hill Church Newton County Miss. William P. Carter was a "teller" for statistics of this meeting, on Sunday William P. Carter gave the sermon. Page 359 Vol. 1 Leavell and Bailey.

W.P. Carter was present (1854) from the Betlehem Assoc.; he was an able minister of great usefulness and influence and was at that time in the strength of his ministry.

He served one term in the Miss. State Senate. Few ministers in our country have had a finer reputation. He died at Enterprise, Miss. about the year 1858. This short obituary is from Leavell and Bailey P. 355 Vol 1.

Page 5 of 1st annual convention proceedings: 1837 William P. Carter was a director of the first Miss. State Convention, held at Palestine Church Hinds Co. Miss. on May 5 and 6 1837

Page 21 Sarah Carter gave \$1 to the convention of 1837.

Page 27 of the first convention 1837 lists Norvell Robertson Sr. and W.P. Carter as pastors of Leaf River Church in Leaf River Assoc. for 1836 in Covington Co. Miss. with 77 members

W.P. Carter was selected as one of the directors at the 3rd annual State Convention. Page 15 of those proceedings (1838)

To the American Bible Society was paid by William P. Carter \$1 on May 30, 1840. Page 27 of the 4th Conventions Proceedings for 1840.

Page 2 of the 5th annual proceedings listed W.P. Carter as an individual member of the convention, but also stated that he was absent from the convention of 1841 when the roll was called. He was again made a state director Page 5 for the ensuing year (1842)

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William P. Carter Cont.

Page 3 of the above convention lists a \$3 contribution by Rev. Wm. P. Carter

Page 5 of the 6th state convention, May 1842 lists W. P. Carter as a director.

W. P. Carter contributed \$2 to the 8th convention, in 1844 at the ~~Palest~~ Palestine Church, Hinds County, Page 4. The directors for 1845 were named at the convention in 1844 and again Rev. W. P. Carter is listed.

Also on Page 18 of 1844 proceedings he is listed as minister for Liberty Assoc. and his Post Office is at Marion in Lauderdale Co.

William P. Carter is minister of Liberty Assoc., with Post Office in Marion, Miss. (1845) Page 21 of the 9th annual convention.

Page 21 of the 10th annual proceedings lists W.P. Carter as minister in Liberty Assoc. with Post Office at Marion, Miss. (1846)

Norvell Robertson Sr. and Jr. both have Williamsburg, Miss. as their address in 1846.

Also Leaf River assoc is now in 1846, Ebenezer Assoc.

The 11th annual State Convention booklet Page 20 lists W. P. Carter as minister of Liberty Assoc. and his Post Office at Marion, Miss. (1847)

Page 6 of the 13th annual proceedings lists W.P. Carter as on committee for Ebenezer Assoc. (Nov. 1849)

Page 29 of the above lists W. P. Carter as minister in Choctaw Assoc and his Post Office is still Marion, Miss.

Page 5 of the 14th state Baptist Convention lists W. P. Carter as on committee to Ebenezer Assoc and also to Liberty Assoc. (2 committees). Again in 1850 of the above proceedings W. P. Carter is minister to Choctaw Assoc. and the Post Office is Marion.

Page 6 of the 16th Convention of 1852 lists W. P. Carter as messenger to the Liberty assoc.

On Page 9 of the proceedings of the 19th convention in 1855, N.R. Carter made a motion that missionary work (preaching) be done in Perry, Green, Jackson, and Jones Counties. *→ son of W.P*

The above also indicates that the old church at Marion Miss, formerly Liberty Assoc., then Choctaw and now in 1855 is Bethlehem Assoc.

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<i>Smith Co.</i> Norvell Robertson	15	M	Miss. d. in Fla. (our line)
Sarah Elizabeth	13	F	Miss. d. in Miss.
Allen Columbus	12	M	Miss. d. CSA - Aug 13, 1862 - buried - Enterprise, Miss
Robert Larkin	10	M	Miss. d. CSA - Feb. 19, 1863 - buried - Enterprise, Miss
Ira Judson	8	M	Miss. d. Fla.
James K. Polk	6	M	Miss. d. in Fla.
Sidney Latimore	6 mo.	M	Miss. d. Fla.

DEMISE OF A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF EAST MISSISSIPPI.—We have private information of the demise of the Rev. W. P. Carter. He died at his home in Enterprise, on the morning of the 17th inst., of consumption. He has been for a number of years a prominent citizen of East Mississippi, having at one time been State Senator for Lauderdale and Newton counties Senatorial District. He has been for many years an acceptable minister of the gospel of the Baptist denomination. He was in the daily practice of all those virtues he so forcibly inculcated from the pulpit, and ever maintained the character of an upright and good man.—Mercury.

Legislative
Record
of

William Patrick Carter
B June 11, 1809 D. Nov 16, 1857

Name.	County.	Session.
Carter, J. P.	Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Greene, Marion, Perry	1874 to 1882
Carter, J. P.	Lauderdale	1848 to 1852
Carter, W. P.	Newton	1848, 1850
Caruthers, C. K.	Panola	1890, 1894
Casey, D. C.	Issaquena, Sharkey	1886, 1888
Cassedy, Hiram, Jr.	Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike	1872 to 1874
Casteel, H. H.	Holmes	1912-14
Castle, Thomas W.	Choctaw, Winston	1870 to 1874
Catchings, P. C.	Copiah, Simpson	1848 to 1852-1858 to 1862
Catchings, T. J.	Hinds	1856 to 1859
Catchings, T. C.	Warren	1876 to 1877
Cavit, Samuel	Jefferson	1822, 1823
Cayce, Newnan	Lowndes	1902
Chalmers, James R.	Bolivar, Coahoma	1876, 1877
Chrisman, Charles	Lincoln, Lawrence	1900, 1902
Chrisman, J. B.	Lawrence, Pike	1859 to 1865
Clarke, James C.	Attala	1896
Clarke, Frederick	Clarke	1837
Clements, W. H.	Sharkey, Issaquena	1912-14
Cleveland, David	Marion, Pike	1830
Clinton, James A.	Adams	1896, 1898, 1900, 1902
Cobb, Joseph B.	Lowndes	1854 to 1857
Cocke, Stephen	Lowndes, Monroe, Rankin	1833, 1836
Coffee, Thomas J.	Rankin, Simpson	1837 to 1842
Coffey, C. S.	Claiborne, Jefferson	1892, 1894
Collier, S. N.	Hinds, Warren	1912-14
Cook, James V.	Quitman, Tunica, Coahoma	1896, 1898
Cooper, Hamilton	Covington, Jones, Wayne	1827 to 1830
Cooper, Joseph	Lawrence, Simpson	1829, 1830
Cooper, Thomas L.	Attala, Leake	1880 to 1884
Cooper, T. L.	Union, Tippah, Marshall, Benton, Tate	1900, 1902
Cothran, William	Carroll	1856
Covington, J. B.	Noxubee, Winston	1858 to 1861
Cowan, Warren	Warren	1878 to 1884
Cox, Alfred	Coahoma, Washington, Tunica	1840
Crawford, N. B.	Chickasaw, Calhoun, Pontotoc	1900, 1902
Crigler, John L.	Clay, Oktibbeha	1880, 1882
Critz, Frank A.	Clay, Webster	1894
Croom, W. J.	Hinds, Warren	1904, 1906
Crumpton, J. W.	Tishomingo, Alcorn, Prentiss	1908-10
Cullens, Clarence	Benton, Union, Tippah	1874, 1875
Cummings, M. C.	Itawamba	1861, 1862

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