

Ancestors of Rachel Carr  
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Good Morning Brandywine family,

We now have some additional information about the ancestors of Rachel Carr. She was the wife of Thomas Carr, and their children were, Benjamin, Solomon, Nathan, and Jehu. I've been both interested and fascinated for a lengthy time about this branch of our family, and I have been asked to write about the information that I found and the way that I found it.

Originally, I pursued another opinion that assumed that we connect to the Carr family of Rhode Island. Caleb Carr was a Quaker, and eventually became the Governor of that state. There is printed literature of his descendants, and he did have a son named Nicholas, and Nicholas had a son named Benjamin (actually 2 sons). The first son died and in 1697 another son was named Benjamin and he married a woman named Ann. From this source, it lists no descendants. Another source said that they had 2 girls, so that would end the Carr name for his line.

From Hinshaw's transcribed Quaker Encyclopedia. We find that our Thomas was from Maryland, his father was Benjamin, he had a sister named Juliatha, and that they had been received at Cane Creek MM in NC. On the marriage certificate, Thomas Carr and Rachel Jones were living in Orange Co. NC. His father is listed as being from Baltimore, and he is deceased.

With this limited information, I began a search in the online digital archives of Maryland. A study of the geographical development of Maryland, it's early history and the influence of Virginia gave additional important insight into our Carr family.

During the colonial period, there were 2 Carr families. One was John Carr and his wife Petrocella. They had a son, Nicholas. I found no connection with them to our family.

Since Juliatha was our Thomas's sister, and that name is a very uncommon, I suspected that there was a connection to the Walter and Juliatha Carr family. There are numerous records of Walter Carr on the Maryland archives. The names of 3 of their children are listed in the 1680 will of Thomas Daborne. Juliatha is his executrix and the children that are listed are John, Richard and Susan. It is uncertain if Thomas Daborne was Juliatha's father, a kinsman, neighbor or a business partner of her husbands. It is also speculated that her father was Richard Gott who came into the Maryland province in 1658 or 59

with a daughter named Juliatha. Richard Gott's known family included himself, his wife Susanna and daughters Juliatha and Susanna. Juliatha named one of her sons Richard, and her only daughter Susanna.

It does not appear that Walter and Juliatha (Lartha) were Quakers. Their son Thomas was a Quaker and married Elizabeth Price in Baltimore. He was born in Baltimore in 1666 and died there in 1758. Walter and Lartha are mentioned in the 1705 marriage record as parents, but there is no indication that either parent was still alive. None of the family were on the list of people that signed the marriage record. They are also not listed on earlier Quaker records. Walter was listed as a soldier, and was often in court where he would be under oath. Quakers did not fight or swear oaths in court.

Walter Carr **JR.** was married to Martha . Both Walter Sr. and Walter Jr. died in 1699 and Martha Carr requested letters of administration for both her husband and her father-in-law. The next year she married John Wiley.

“One of the last records of Walter Carr, Sr. was on 7 September 1687, when he sold 100 acres of the 227-acre tract "Beaverdam Branch" to Edward Talbott. His wife may have died before then because there is no record that she released her right of dower to that land. Possibly the last record of her was in 1685, when she was the executrix of Thomas Daborne’s will.”

“At the court session dated 8 May 1710, John Wiley and his wife Martha, administratrix of Walter Carr, **JR.** and administratrix of Walter Carr, **SR.**, his father, were granted a continuance (Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, Vol. XII, by V.L. Skinner, 2008, p. 28). At the session dated 1 August 1710, John Carr, **BEN** Carr, and Susannah Hawkins (alias Susannah Tracy), children of Walter Carr, Sr., petitioned that the balance of his estate be transmitted to Anne Arundel Court. Mentioned in this proceeding was Martha Wiley, widow of Walter Carr, Jr. for his children (ibid., p. 50).”

On 8 Nov. 1709, at the Anne Arundel County Court, the petition of John Whelley was presented. "Petitioner married the widow of Walter Carr, who had four small children. Petitioner has brought them up so that now they are capable of doing something for him, but some ill-minded people have deluded two of them from him and their mother. Petitioner has been ill and asks that his shortcomings as a step-parent be pardoned. Court named a panel of five, and ordered that they or any two of them bind out the two children mentioned, provided John Whelley does not clothe them and do everything for their maintenance that the law directs" ("Orphans Cases in Anne Arundel County Court,

Maryland Judgment Record TB 2, November 1708-June 1712," Transcribed by Doug Hayman, Anne Arundel Readings, Vol. 7, no. 2, July 2004, p. 22"

From the three paragraphs in parenthesis just quoted, I am assuming that the children mentioned in 1710 were the children of Walter Sr. (John, **Ben**, and Susan) because we know that Walter and Juliatha had children named John and Susan, so Ben would be their younger brother which would perhaps have been born by 1685.

In 1650, Thomas Carr, son of Benjamin acknowledged that he wanted to a part of the Friends at the Baltimore Meeting. There are no records that I can find that either John, Susan, or Benjamin were Quakers. Our Thomas's connection appears to be with Thomas and Elizabeth Carr, before Thomas died in 1758.

Additional information:

John Carr, son of Walter Carr Sr. died in Baltimore in 1739

November 1716, Benjamin purchased land from Thomas Hooker

Susanne's first two husbands died and she married Augustine Hawkins. They had 5 children, and 4 of the births of their children are recorded in the register of St.

James Parish which was located in Herring Creek Hundred, Anne Arundel Co. MD

It is speculated that Richard died in 1699. He was not married and did not have any children.

Since this is lengthy, I will add more at a later date.

Best Wishes

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Marriage of Thomas Carr and Miriam Jones

Whereas Thomas Carr son of Benjamin Carr  
Baltimore County Maryland Sec. Now living  
Pringe County North Carolina and Miriam Jones  
of Richard and Miriam Jones of the County and  
before<sup>d</sup> having Declared their marriage with each  
before severall Monthly Meetings of the people  
Quakers att Care Creek in the County afore<sup>d</sup> acco-  
to the good order used amongst them and having  
of parents Concerned their sd. proposals of marriage  
was allowed of by the sd. meetings

Now these pray Certifie whom it may Concern  
for the full accomplishing their said intentions this fift  
Day of the seventh month in the year of our Lord  
and Saver hundred and fifty six they the said Thomas  
and Miriam Jones appeared att a publick meeting of  
people att Care Creek meeting house in the County  
and the sd. Thomas Carr taking her the sd. Miriam  
By the hand Did in a solemn manner openly declare  
he took her the said Miriam Jones to be his wife  
ing through the Lords assistance to be unto her a  
and a faithfull husband untill Death should seperate  
them and then and there in y<sup>e</sup> said Assembly the  
Miriam Jones Did in like manner declare that  
she took y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas Carr to be her husband  
ing to be unto him a loving and faithfull wife  
untill Death should seperate them or words to that effect  
And moreover they the said Thomas Carr and Miriam  
Jones she according to the Custom of marriage  
ing the name of her husband as a further Confin-  
on thereof and then and there to these y<sup>e</sup> presents  
their Hands

Thomas Carr  
Miriam Carr

and we Being present att the  
Solemnization of the sd. marriage  
and Supercription do as witnesses  
Hereunto also set our names the  
Day and year above written

Transcribed by J. Marie Polly

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Whereas Thomas Carr son of Benjamin Carr Baltimore County Maryland Deceased. Now living in Orange County North Carolina and Miriam Jones of Richard and Miriam Jones of this County and aforesaid and having declared their intentions of marriage with same before several Monthly Meetings of the people called Quakers att Cane Creek of the County aforesaid according to the good order used among them and having consent of parents said proposals of marriage was allowed of by the said meeting.

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Now these certify of whom it may concern may for the full accomplishing their said intentions this fifteenth day of the seventh month of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and fifty six They the said Thomas Carr and Mariam Jones Appeared at our public meeting of people att Cane Creek meeting house in the aforesaid county. Thomas Carr taking her then Miriam Jones by the hand Did in a solemn manner openly declare that he took her the said Miriam Jones to be his wife saying that through the Lords assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful husband until death should separate them and then and there in the said assembly then Mariam Jones did in like manner declare that she took the said Thomas Carr to be her husband saying to be unto him a loving and faithful wife until death should separate them or words to that effect and more over the said Thomas Carr and Mariam Jones. She according to the custom of marriage taking the name of her husband as a further confirmation there of and: then and there to those present

Joined their hands.

Thomas Carr  
Mariam Carr

And we and then being present at  
The solemnization of the said marriage  
And superscription do as witnesses hereunto  
Do also set our names the year and day  
Above written

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There were no signatures listed on the next page  
Thomas and Miriam were the parents of the Rachel, the wife of Thomas Cox.