

Martin Turner Carter, Junior
1856 – 1950

Martin T. Carter Junior was born during 1856, in the home of his father Martin T. Carter Senior and mother, Nancy DeLoach in what was then Lowndes County, Georgia. M.T. Junior was the eldest son of Martin T. Sr. and Nancy (1).

Martin, the subject was first enumerated during the 1860 Federal Census for Echols County, Georgia. Martin, age two, was enumerated with his parents Martin Sr. and Nancy, along with older sister, Rebecca, within Georgia Militia District 1211(3). Martin, or “Uncle Buck” as he was later known, would live in this area for the entirety of his life.

Martin was a four-year-old, when his father left the family farm, in April 1862, to fight for the Confederacy. His father did not return home until February 1865. Martin was approximately 8 years of age when his ill father returned from the War (2).

M.T. Junior’s mother, Nancy, passed away 3 years after his father’s return from the War, in 1868. So, during the 1870 Population Schedule for the same area, Martin Junior was enumerated in the household of his widowed father as a 14-year-old. Also enumerated were siblings, Rebecca – 15, Staten – 12, Mary – 9, and William 4 (4). Within a year or two after the 1870 Census, Martin Sr remarried to Olive Lightsey.

Martin Junior is found living in the home of his father and stepmother, Olive, during the 1880 Census as a 21-year-old (5). In addition, he has four half-siblings and two stepsiblings (from Olive’s previous marriage).

Around late 1884 – early 1885, Martin T. Carter Junior marries Miss Susan F. Moore, a daughter of Levi (1) and Sarah Rentz Moore (6). Susan Moore was born on 27 Jul 1862 (7).

The couple had eight children, all born on Martin’s farm in Echols County:

Name	Birth	Death	Notes
Beulah C.	14 Nov 1885	27 Sep 1977	m. Wiley C. Carter, 15 Dec 1907
Lawson	29 Dec 1886	6 Mar 1958	never married
Floyd Curtis	28 Jan 1889	12 Mar 1938	m. Allie Burgess
Leila	4 Sep 1890	12 Aug 1954	m. Eugene R. Neighbors
Frank Claude	9 Oct 1893	Oct 1985	m. Gladys Elizabeth Pennington
Rader C.	25 May 1896	12 Sep 1967	m. Vera Sandlin
Clyde	8 Sep 1898	22 May 1992	m. Nealy Hires
Cuba	22 May 1992	6 Dec 1988	m. Joe L. Sandlin



Martin, Susan, and Children circa 1910

During the 1900 Census, the family still resides in G.M.D. 1211 (aka Wrights Chapel). Enumerated in the household at this time are Martin age 37, married 15 years, farmer, can read and write. wife Susan, age 37, sons Lawson C., 13, Floyd , 11, Frank, 15, Rader, 4, and daughters, Bula 14, Leila 9, Clyde 1, and sister-in-law, Mary Moore, age 47 (8).

The 1910 Census shows the family as: Martin age 50, married 22 years, farmer, wife Susan, age 45, sons Lawson C., 21, Floyd F., 19, Frank, 15, Rader, 13, and daughters, Leila B, 17, Clyde, Cuba, 9, and sister-in-law, Mary Moore, age unknown (9).

In November of 1913, the household grows by one. Martin takes in his first cousin, once removed, Leo Crews, after the death of his father Samuel. Leo's mother Sallie Carter passed away during 1909. The 11-year-old Leo was raised to maturity by Martin and Susan (10).



Leo Crews and the children of M.T. Carter Jr, Carter Farm circa 1920

The 1920 Census for the same area as all the other enumerations, show the household members as: Martin – 54, Susan – 56, Lawson – 31, Lela Neighbors (widowed daughter), Frank – 26, Rader – 23, grandson Eugene Neighbors (Jr.) – 6, and sister-in-law Mary Moore – 61 (11). Border, Leo Crews not shown in this census but was living there at the time.

The 1930 Population Schedule shows Martin and family as: Martin age 70, married 22 years, farmer, wife Susan, age 68, sons Lawson, 42, Frank, 34, Rader, 32, and daughter, Leila 36 (widow), grandson Eugene R., 18, Mary Moore sister-in-law, border Leo Crews, age 27, and daughter-in-law Gladis, age 18. Martin's farm/property value is listed as \$7200.

Wife Susan passed away 4 Sep 1937 and was interred in the Carter Cemetery.

During the 1940 Census, M. T. Jr was still residing on his farm within Militia District 1211, Echols, Georgia. He is listed as age 73 and head of the household in which son Lawson age 54, widowed daughter Lela Neighbors, age 49, and sister-in-law Mary Moore, age 87, also reside (12).

A granddaughter of Martin submitted the following description of her grandfather: "M. T. Carter (affectionately known as "Uncle Buck" Carter) was not only one of the largest land holders (in Echols) but contributed so much to serving and helping his fellow man. I am sure he and my grandmother fed and slept more people from various church meetings, and had more company than any other home I have ever known. People knew they were always welcome at "Uncle Buck's" table and noontime was such a convenient time to drop in! My grandmother never knew how many would be there for a meal, therefore the table was always 'company ready' with fried chicken, ham, homemade sausage, birds in season, a variety of homegrown vegetables, hot biscuits, homemade jams, jellies, and preserves, and just lots of other delicious foods, My, how I

liked to join in the crowds! So far as I know, he never refused anyone in need. He was fortunate enough to be able to help the less fortunate and considered it such a privilege as well as a responsibility. He and my grandmother were outstanding Christians and useful citizens...he did so many wonderful things for the benefit of others..." (1)

Martin T. Carter Junior passed away on 18 May 1950 at his home in Echols County and is interred alongside of wife, Susan, in the Carter Family Cemetery (13). The cemetery itself was a part of the land owned by Martin.

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