

Allen W. Carter
8/19/1847 11/15/1892



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Allen W. Carter was born August 19, 1847, in what was then Lowndes, now Echols County, Georgia likely on the Carter family farm. He was the youngest son of John Carter Sr and Lavinia (family name unknown). Allen married Sarah E. Corbett, daughter of Franklin Corbett and Winnie Stuart sometime before 1873. Allen and Sarah had nine children, viz:

1. Hansford Carter (b. September 1870, d. 1939, m. Zoia ?)
2. George Carter (b. 1872)
3. Laura Carter (b. December 18, 1873, d. November 18, 1955, m. James Miller)
4. Elizabeth Carter (b. October 16, 1875, d. September 10, 1951, m. Barney Stephen Carter bef. 1904)
5. Wylie C. Carter (b. January 16, 1878, d. January 16, 1937, m. Beulah Carter December 15, 1907)
6. Alfred W. Carter (b. July 15, 1879, d. February 18, 1936, m. Lola I. Hughes)
7. Sarah E. "Sallie" Carter (b. November 23, 1880, d. May 12, 1909, m. Samuel Crews December 22, 1901)
8. Seletha Carter (b. April 1883)
9. Kizzie Carter (b. February 14, 1886, d. October 06, 1965, m. Elzie J. Corbett, bef. 1907)

The 1860 Echols census shows a youthful Allen, living with his parents. The following is from that schedule:

CARTER, John Sr. M 66 SC Farmer 500/464,
Lavinia F 62 SC Wife,
Frances M. F 22 GA Seamstress,
John C. M 14 GA Ploughman,
Allen W. M 13 GA, Mary F 32 GA

The next mention of Allen comes because of the “1864 Census for Reorganizing the Georgia Militia”. This re-organization act required that “all free white males between the ages of 16 and 60 that were not currently in the war to be listed by Company District, age, occupation, and nativity”. The following is as it appears in the records for Echols County, GA, 6th Senatorial District – 1211th Militia District: CARTER, Allen W., 16 yrs. 5 mos., Farmer, b. GA.

Towards the end of the war (1865) when the call went out for boys and old men to join the war effort, seventeen-year-old Allen enlisted in the CSA along with eldest brother Martin T. Carter, Sr. at Charleston, SC. In the “Widows Pension” form filed Sarah, around July of 1910, his widow indicates he enlisted in Company K, 32nd Georgia Infantry. Colonel Harrison granted Allen a furlough. A few days before he arrived home, his company and others surrendered at Columbia, SC marking the end of the war.

The 32nd was fighting in the “Campaign of the Carolinas” during Allen’s hitch. The following are the battles engaged by the 32nd during the time of Allen’s enlistment:

Pocatalico, SC - 1/15/1865
River’s Bridge, Salkahatchie River, SC – 2/3/1865
Orangeburg, SC 2/11/1865 – 2/12/1865
Evacuation of Charleston, SC – 2/18/1865
Battle of Averysborough, NC – 3/16/1865
Battle of Bentonville, NC 3/19/1865 – 3/21/1865
Surrender at Bennett’s House, Durham, NC 4/26/1865.

Less than five years later, Allen was enumerated back Echols County, this time as a married man. The 1870 Federal Census shows:

CARTER, Allen 23-M-W/GA Farmer.
Sarah 19-F-W/GA Keeping House.



Sarah E. Corbett Carter

The 1880 census shows Allen Carter age 32 now married with children. The family was enumerated in District #1211 (Kinseys) Echols County, GA. The census shows:

wife Sarah E. age 27 born in GA,
son Hansford, age 10, born in GA,
son George, age 8, born in GA,
daughter Laura, age 6 born in GA,
daughter Elizabeth, age 4 born in GA,
son Wiley, age 2 born in GA,
son Alfred, age 1 born in GA.

The Chinkypin Volume 3 lists Allen's death as November 15, 1892. His headstone reads November 5, 1892, as his date of demise. He is buried in the Carter Family Cemetery at the Sardis Baptist Church in western Echols County along with wife Sarah (d. March 12, 1929) in a rather unusual layout as he is buried head-to-head with Sarah.

On Saturday, November 20, 1999, Allen was one of four CSA veterans honored at a ceremony at the Carter Family Cemetery in Echols. His brother Martin T. Carter Sr was also honored on this day. During this ceremony, a special marker was placed on the graves of both brothers recognizing their service to the CSA.

References:

1860 US Federal Census

1870 US Federal Census

1880 US Federal Census

1900 US Federal Census

1910 US Federal Census

Chinkypin 1983 Vol. 3, Number 3 pgs., 316-317.

Pioneers of Wiregrass, Georgia Vol. III, pg. 36.

Marriage License of Samuel Crews and Sallie Carter, Echols County, GA;

Headstones in the Carter Family Cemetery:

Widows Pension as filed by Sarah Carter,
"1864 Census for Re-Organizing the Georgia Militia" Abstracted and compiled by Nancy J.
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