

THE
CARR BOOK



SKETCHES OF THE LIVES OF MANY
OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

ROBERT AND CALEB
CARR

WHOSE ARRIVAL ON THIS CONTINENT IN
1635
BEGAN THE AMERICAN STORY OF OUR FAMILY



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Last under written names are to be transported for strange
 to John Under David main Governor of Virginia
 by the ¹⁰ Mary ¹⁰ granted from Mr Secretary of State
 the 30th of this month the ¹⁰ Mary ¹⁰ granted
 as for 10th M^o 1635 last taken of out of ¹⁰ Mary

with Bedell - 27. J. J. - 21
 Chas Goldsbury - 17

Monday May 1635

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Peter Gaultrey - 20
 John Gaultrey - 20
 William Gaultrey - 20
 Elizabeth Gaultrey - 20
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Robert Gifford - 20
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 John Gifford - 26
 Elizabeth Gifford - 26



A PAGE FROM THE 1635 RECORDS IN LONDON BEARING THE FIRST KNOWN
 REFERENCE TO OUR ANCESTORS

A TRANSLATION OF THE OLD RECORD OPPOSITE

Thru the efforts of Mr. William Servoss of Amsterdam, N. Y. the following "translation" of the quill written, old record has been made. Interrogation points are used to indicate portions that have not yet been clearly deciphered.

1	Theis under-written names are to be transported to ?		
2	to serve under Sarient Maior Cromwell of ye Regiment		
3	of Coll. Morgan p warrent from Mr. Secretarie Coke		
4	dated 30 April is 1635. At Whithall the warrent		
5	is for 19 Men. They have taken ye oath of Alleg.		
6	Willm Bedell	27	Tho F Gimke
7	Art Goldsburgh	17	21
8	Nov. die May 1635		
9	Theis under-written names are to be transported to New-		
10	England embarqued in y Suzan & Ellin Edward		
11	Payne Mr. The ptns have brought Certificate		
12	from the minister of the parish of their conformitie to the		
13	Church of England, and they are in ? ?		
14	The ptns have taken the oath of Alleg. & Suprem.		
15		years	years
16	Peter Bulkley	20	Ricr Brooke
17	Tho Brooke	20	Elizabeth Taylor
18	Pre ? Furman	10	Ann ? ford
19	Fr. the Elizabeth & Ann ? Roger Coop Mr. bound for		
20	New-England.		
21		Years	years
22	Robert Jefferies	30	Hanna Day
23	Maria Jefferies	27	Suzan Browne
24	wife & 3 Tho Jefferies	7	Robert Carr
25	children Elizabeth Jefferies	6	Calebb Carr
26	Mary Jefferies	3	Ricr White
27			Tho Dane
28			Wm Hilliard
29	Theis under-written names are to be transported to Nymingham		
30	to serve under Capten Griffin of the Regmt of Coll. Morgan		
31	Conducted by Fo. Harney Sarieant being an Addition to a		
32	Former number p warrent granted by Mr. Secretary Coke		
33	Willm Griffin	26	
34	Tho Cole	20	years old
35	Edmund Ware	26	

NOTES:

- Line 3 the letter "p" abbreviates per.
- Line 8 Nov. die May = ninth day of May
- Line 11 Mr. = Master
- Line 14 Alleg. & Suprem. = Allegiance and Supreme Sacrifice
- Line 19 Fr. = Frigate Coop = Cooper (prob.)

To
Edson I. Carr

Who did what I hope that this book will do. His efforts as expressed in "Carr Family Records" were the inspiration and challenge that were needed to launch me upon my task.

PREFACE

The most important thing that I have to say in presenting to you of the Carr Family this result of the use of the leisure hours that I have snatched from a busy life is that it is not a finished product.

Many years ago when the fascination of the job made it apparent that some day I might publish my findings I expected that I would write down the material, inscribe "Finis" and close the book. Some years back I discovered that it could never be so. Genealogy being history the last word can never be said. Further, genealogy, or the study of it being laid under great debt to private and obscure records it is always on the brink of great discoveries. Thus my dear fellow descendants of the two lads that dared to come to the primitive shores of America I give you this book not as something complete and finished but as a stimulating puzzle that lies upon the table half pieced together. I hope that you will find here the same thrill of knowledge and the urge to further labor that I have found in preparing it.

In presenting the material I have tried to keep in mind two goals. You will find here a mixture, perhaps incongruous, of reference work and romantic family history. The reference side of the book shows largely in the uniform and perhaps over prominent presentation of the vital statistics and in the cumbersome system of individual numbering. These things certainly do not add to the pleasure of perusal but do help mightily to make it of value as a reference book. The records of the lives and doings of more than a thousand Carrs here introduced I have tried to keep on the romantic and good reading side. With what success I leave you to judge.

Assistance in this work has been so general and generous that individual acknowledgement would be sure to slight some most deserving of mention. Nevertheless I do not wish all of the courtesy and help to go unmentioned. Indeed it is not I, but YOU that have written this book. From all parts of our country have come your personal and family facts and your words of encouragement. Those of the family who live among the scenes in southern Rhode Island that were the familiar home scenes of Robert and Caleb three hundred years ago have been notably helpful. Edson I. Carr, although enjoying his eternal reward long before this present work was begun, should have our everlasting gratitude for the monument to his memory that exists in his "Carr Family Records".

I am profoundly aware that conflicting accounts of our family history exist. Controversy on this matter I shun. The historical data contained

in this "CARR BOOK" I have checked and rechecked and I am firmly convinced that it is reliable. Few references are made to other versions. I prefer to allow truth to stand on its own square pedestal, unbuttressed by argument.

I have said that I do not present this as a finished product. I hope that the story of the Carr family will never be finished. All that I have done and all that the future can do will be to dig into the past as we record the expanding future.

Arthur A. Carr

Ticonderoga, N. Y., July 15, 1947

Notes To The User Of This Book As A Reference Work

The subjects of all sketches in this work meet three requirements. (a) They are descendants of one or the other of the two brothers, Robert and Caleb. (b) They were born with the surname CARR. (c) They had (or have) children. Deceased, unmarried and childless children are mentioned under the sketch of their parents in cases where any data is available.

I have wilfully violated the common American practice of beginning the count of generations with the emigrant ancestor. I count as generation I, the parents of the two brothers in order to preserve the relationship in the numbering system.

This system of numbering is granted to be cumbersome. I am persuaded that it is of sufficient value to warrant its use. It consists of assigning the original ancestor (In this case the father of Robert and Caleb) the number "1". Each succeeding generation then takes the father's number and adds a digit from "1" up according to the order of birth. Thus Caleb being the second child of the original ancestor, as far as we now know, he receives his fathers number "1" plus the digit "2" or "12" and **his** third child taking his number of "12" and adding the digit "3" is numbered "123". A study of this system will reveal many uses of these numbers. The number of digits in a number indicates the individual's generation. Using a person's number you may refer to his ancestor in any previous generation without tracing back generation by generation. Knowing the numbers assigned to any two or more persons their relationship at once becomes apparent.

To reduce the weight of these numbers without destroying all of their value I have, in the tenth generation, assigned small numbers to all males. With these numbers in Generation XI we begin again the same system using the number and a hyphen instead of the original "1".

To assist you I have kept each sketch in a set form so that dates, ages, places etc. may be quickly checked. It is my hope that the separation of male and female Carrs in the index and the index of places mentioned may be of help to you.

Names of husbands and wives appearing in the sketches are carried in bold faced type to facilitate quick recognition.

Where dates or parts of dates and in some cases other data is not at hand I leave a blank space thus presenting an invitation to further search and the filling in of the spaces.

An "+" preceding the name of a child indicates that a sketch of that child appears in the subsequent generation.

OUR SURNAME

Peer into the past as we may, the beginnings of the name of Carr are not clearly to be seen. The genesis is shrouded in the oft referred to "mists of antiquity".

A similar name (Carre or Karre) is found in France and seems of considerable antiquity. Edson Carr dug up the information that a "Karre was among those that went from France to the conquest of England under the great William. One of the early comers to Rhode Island and therefore one of the contemporaries of our early ancestors was a French Huguenot named Ezekiel Carre.

The name under several spellings was rather common in Scotland as early as the fifteenth century. Sir Walter Scott who was himself related to the family has much to say regarding the group. These references appear in the original notes to his "Lay of the Last Minstrel". He cites the varied spellings of the name as Ker, Kerr, Car and Carr.

One authority who made a lifetime study of surnames has, to my mind, the best light yet on how it all started.

He states that in the ancient 14th century records of England he found several references to persons who were known by their given name with the appendage "della carr". This word "carr" he states is a word of Norse origin meaning a low lying meadow. Thus "Robert della carr" meant Robert, who was from that particular sort of a place. This points to our surname having originated in the same manner as did such other surnames as Hill, Lake, Brooks, Field etc. Some remote, single named, ancestor resided near a distinct part of the landscape. In our case near a bit of bottom land known as a carr.

The name in America is not a common one yet a few are found in nearly every city of the land. The spelling is settled down to the two forms Kerr and Carr. Every person of the name that I have ever contacted has been either recently or remotely from the British Isles. Excepting the recent arrivals the remainder of us belong in one of four family groups.

The first group, in point of arrival of the ancestor, are those descendants of the brothers, Robert and Caleb who came to these shores in 1635 and set up in southern Rhode Island their lares and penates.

The second to arrive was George Carr who was at Ipswich, Mass. in 1638. He later removed to what is now Salisbury, Mass. and passed

down the name to many sturdy descendants. The third Group are the descendants of another pair of brothers. Thomas and Robert Carr hailing from the English Scottish border country settled in Virginia about 1700. This group have seemingly held more public offices and achieved more individual prominence than any of the other Carr groups. The fourth "clan" go back to the Scotch Karrs, Bradbury and John, who about 1720 took up residence in New Hampshire, adopted the Carr spelling of the name and carved from the wilderness homesteads which still stand as monuments to their worth and industry.

As indicated in the title of this work it is devoted entirely to the chronicling of the lives and exploits of those who like myself derived their name from those parents somewhere beyond the sea whose sons, Robert and Caleb made the one way trip to America in 1635.

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