

Descendants of Thomas Kerr

Generation No. 1

1. BARON OF FENNEHURST THOMAS¹ KERR was born 17 Jun 1529 in Ferniehurst Castle, Roxburghshire, Scotland, and died Mar 1586 in London, Middlesex, England. He married LADY JANET SCOTT 1568 in Ferniehirst, Roxburghshire, Scotland. She was born 1555 in Buccleuch, Ettrick, Selkirkshire, Scotland, and died in Northumberland, England.

Notes for BARON OF FENNEHURST THOMAS KERR:

Thomas Kerr's first wife was: Janet Kirkcaldy They had eleven children.

9th Baron of Ferniehirst (Kerr)

Thomas Kerr (Carr) became the 9th Baron of Ferniehirst Castle. He was also noted for his involvement with Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots. (From notes of David W Carr) The name of Carr, Ker, Kerr or Karre is as old as the Norman Conquest by William of Normandy in 1066. One of the followers of William I is recorded in the Roll Of The Gattle Abbey as the name of Karre. The early descendants of this Norman soldier and succeeding generations spread on both sides of the border of England and Scotland. Direct lines can be traced through various peerage books of England and Scotland to Andrew Kerr I, the 6th Baron of Ferniehirst, Scotland. He was born in 1450, created Baron in 1480 and knighted in 1483. He and his son Andrew II, 7th Baron of Ferniehirst, were remarkable men for talent and undaunted courage, conspicuous in reigns of James IV and James V. Andrew Kerr II, died in 1543. His son Sir John Kerr, 8th Baron of Ferniehirst, did great service against the English and rescued Queen Mary from incursions by the English against the Scots. Sir Thomas, 9th Baron and son of Sir John, was also devoted to Queen Mary's interests. (Quoted from Watson's 'The House of Carr' 1926).

This is as far back as I felt was necessary. The Kerr genealogy as stated in the above paragraph, goes back to Normandy in France and the days of William the Conquerer. I have provided additional documentation under the Carr family.

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Notes for LADY JANET SCOTT:

She is the granddaughter of Sir Walter Scott of Brauxholm & Beccleuch. He was the hero of the battle of Pinkie 1547. A prolific and popular writer of his time.

What is ironic about this marriage, Sir Walter Scott was killed 4 Oct 1552 by the Kerr's On High Street, Edinburgh, Scotland. The reason for this marriage will be explained in another document.

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More About THOMAS KERR and JANET SCOTT:

Marriage: 1568, Ferniehirst, Roxburghshire, Scotland

Child of THOMAS KERR and JANET SCOTT is:

2. i. EARL OF SOMERSET ROBERT² KERR, b. 1587, Ferniehirst, Roxburghshire, Scotland; d. 17 Jul 1645, London, Middlesex, England.

Generation No. 2

2. EARL OF SOMERSET ROBERT² KERR (*THOMAS*¹) was born 1587 in Ferniehirst, Roxburghshire, Scotland, and died 17 Jul 1645 in London, Middlesex, England. He married (2) COUNTESS OF SOMERSET FRANCES HOWARD 26 Dec 1613 in Whitehall, Westminster, Middlesex, England. She was born 30 Sep 1589 in Saffron, Walden, Essex, England, and died 23 Aug 1632 in Chiswick, Middlesex, England.

Notes for EARL OF SOMERSET ROBERT KERR:

I have a separate page outlining in detail Robert Kerr's life and adventures.

Although no name is provided, Robert was married before he married Frances Howard. Robert Carr is his son with his first wife.

More About EARL OF SOMERSET ROBERT KERR:

Burial: 1645, St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Middlesex, England

Notes for COUNTESS OF SOMERSET FRANCES HOWARD:

A very devious individual in English history. If you will notice, her child, Anne, was born in the Tower of London. Frances and Robert were imprisoned there for a few years.

More About COUNTESS OF SOMERSET FRANCES HOWARD:

Burial: 1632, Saffron, Walden, Essex, England

More About ROBERT KERR and FRANCES HOWARD:

Marriage: 26 Dec 1613, Whitehall, Westminster, Middlesex, England

Child of EARL OF SOMERSET ROBERT KERR is:

3. i. COLONEL, SIR ROBERT³ CARR, b. Abt. 1608, England; d. England.

Child of ROBERT KERR and FRANCES HOWARD is:

ii. COUNTESS OF BEDFORD ANNE³ CARR, b. 09 Dec 1615, Tower London, London, Middlesex, England; d. 10 May 1684, Woburn, Bedfordshire, England.

More About COUNTESS OF BEDFORD ANNE CARR:

Burial: 1684, Chenies, Buckinghamshire, England

Generation No. 3

3. COLONEL, SIR ROBERT³ CARR (*ROBERT² KERR, THOMAS¹*) was born Abt. 1608 in England, and died in England. He married MARGARET RUTHERFORD 1650 in England. She was born 1633 in England, and died in England.

More About ROBERT CARR and MARGARET RUTHERFORD:

Marriage: 1650, England

Child of ROBERT CARR and MARGARET RUTHERFORD is:

4. i. COLONEL, SIR THOMAS⁴ CARR, SR., b. 13 Mar 1655, Brampton, Wath-Upon-Deerne, Yorkshire, England; d. Aft. 1724, Topping Castle, Caroline, VA.

Generation No. 4

4. COLONEL, SIR THOMAS⁴ CARR, SR. (*ROBERT³, ROBERT² KERR, THOMAS¹*) was born 13 Mar 1655 in Brampton, Wath-Upon-Deerne, Yorkshire, England, and died Aft. 1724 in Topping Castle, Caroline, VA. He married MARY GARLAND 1676 in England. She was born 1658 in England, and died 1745 in Caroline, VA.

Notes for COLONEL, SIR THOMAS CARR, SR.:

"Thomas came from the border land between England and Scotland, and had a grant of land from the King, consisting of 25,000 acres, in the counties of Louisa and Albermarle, in Virginia. This ancient document was written on parchment, granting to "our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Carr, gentleman, a tract of land in our colony of Virginia." It is supposed that two brothers came over from England with Thomas and his wife, namely: Robert and John. Robert settled in another part of the colony and John died without issue."

Came from England in 1685 and settled in what is now Caroline, VA. He received a patent for 546 acres of land in St. John's Parish, King William County for transporting 11 persons to the colony. He was a Justice of the court in 1702, High Sheriff of King William county 1706-1709, Burgess for Middlesex County, 1711 he was a Member of the Quorum of King William county, 1714.

There are many graves at Topping Castle. However, only two have engraved tombstones. The rest are marked but occupant is unknown. Most records prior to 1836 were destroyed during the Civil War. Some deeds and wills are recorded in extant Chancery Papers, and a considerable number of order books and loose papers survive.

I did find a complete listing of all the lands (thousands of acres) patented over time to Thomas Carr, Gentleman. Upon his death, he willed his land and slaves to his wife and children. I purposely did not include all the land information due to it's length.

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More About THOMAS CARR and MARY GARLAND:

Marriage: 1676, England

Children of THOMAS CARR and MARY GARLAND are:

- i. MAJOR THOMAS⁵ CARR, JR., b. 1679, England; d. 29 May 1737, Bear Castle, Caroline, VA; m. MARY DABNEY, 30 Sep 1704, Louisa, VA; b. 22 Jan 1680, VA; d. 07 Sep 1748, VA.

Notes for MAJOR THOMAS CARR, JR.:

There is some disagreement on where they were married and where the children were born. Based on immigration and marriage dates, I placed their birth place as England.

He was High Sheriff of King William, VA., 1722-23. First Justice of the Peace for Caroline, VA., 1726

Gideon Carr was referred to as "my kinsman" in the 1738 will of Maj. Thomas Carr of Caroline Co., only proven son of Thomas Carr, immigrant. (A copy of will of Thomas Carr is in the Alderman Library, Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville.)

Biographies of Virginia, page 204. IV, Burgesses and Other Prominant People

"Carr, Thomas, was the son of Thomas Carr, "Gentleman" who patented lands in King William Co. in 1701; Justice of the Peace for King William from 1714; sheriff in 1722-1723; major of militia and burgess for King William 1727-1734. He patented large tracts of land and died in Caroline Co., May 29, 1737. He married Mary Dabney."

One of Thomas' grandsons (Dabney) married Thomas Jefferson's sister. I have included a page of information concerning their buriel at Monticello in the Jefferson family cemetery.

More About THOMAS CARR and MARY DABNEY:

Marriage: 30 Sep 1704, Louisa, VA

5. ii. CAPTAIN WILLIAM CARR, b. 1680, England; d. Nov 1711, New Kent, VA.

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5. CAPTAIN WILLIAM⁵ CARR (*THOMAS⁴, ROBERT³, ROBERT² KERR, THOMAS¹*) was born 1680 in England, and died Nov 1711 in New Kent, VA. He married CATHERINE WINSTON 1704 in New Kent, VA. She was born 1684 in New Kent, VA, and died 1719 in New Kent, VA.

Notes for CAPTAIN WILLIAM CARR:

More About WILLIAM CARR and CATHERINE WINSTON:

Marriage: 1704, New Kent, VA

Children of WILLIAM CARR and CATHERINE WINSTON are:

6. i. PATRICK⁶ CARR, b. Abt. 1709, New Kent, VA; d. 07 Nov 1742, Bertie, NC.
- ii. GIDEON CARR, b. 01 Jan 1712, Isle of Wright, VA; d. 14 Apr 1783, Albemarle, VA.

Notes for GIDEON CARR:

Gideon Carr, son of William Carr was evidently orphaned early in life and left without property for his uncle Major Thomas Carr offered him land in Southwest Mountains of Albemarle County if he would live on same. He accepted and lived on it the remainder of his life. Taken from DAR magazine December 1925: "Gideon Carr came to Albemarle County in 1730 where his uncle gave him 400 acres of land provided he would live on it."

After he came to Albemarle he was a farmer, but from Clerk's office Louisa County the first Order Book, "In 1742, William Walter, Backlot Anderson, Edmund Walter & Gideon W. Carr took the oath appointed to be taken by attorneys mentioned in the Acts of Assembly, instituted an act to prevent lawyers 'exactin exorbitany' fees."

- The above paragraphs are difficult for me to comprehend. If Gideon was orphaned in 1719 upon the death of his mother, where was he until 1730 when he came to his uncle? He could have been with Patrick, but who was Patrick with; he was 10 when their mother died. Someone would have had to take them in. From reading county court records from that period, it was not uncommon for children to be assigned by the court to other families who were known to be good parents and with the means to support them. I saw many widows and orphans assigned to the Smith families of Virginia.

- In addition, I am not convinced Gideon the lawyer is the same as Gideon the farmer. I found nothing to indicate he attended school of any kind much less studied law. That is a big jump from orphan to farmer to lawyer.

Sorting out the Carr family up to this point has been almost as hard as tracking the Smith lineage. There are so many Carr families in Virginia by this time with the same first names used repeatedly.

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Gideon did marry and had three sons:

William never married and was killed by Indians in western Virginia.

Thomas married had a large family and moved to TN in 1806.

John married lived at "The Riggory" on Stony Point Road in Albemarle County. He amassed 3,162 acres. The home with additions, was the home of George Minor and his wife Sally Carr Minor. They were the last owners names I could find. I don't know who, if anyone lives there now.

If you are interested in reading about the land and many homes in Albemarle County owned by the Carr family at one time, go to this web site: <http://www.jasperburns.com/minor/texts/oldhomes.htm>

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6. PATRICK⁶ CARR (*WILLIAM⁵, THOMAS⁴, ROBERT³, ROBERT² KERR, THOMAS¹*) was born Abt. 1709 in New Kent, VA, and died 07 Nov 1742 in Bertie, NC. He married TAMAR BYRD 1735 in Bertie, NC. She was born 1710 in Duplin, NC, and died 1762 in Duplin, NC.

Notes for PATRICK CARR:

In my research, I was unable to find any information specific to Patrick Carr. In William Carr's will, he gives the names of all his sons. I have a feeling Patrick was the middle name of one of them. There was one son born abt 1710 who was not named and it would be an almost perfect fit for Patrick. From Patrick down to John B. Smith, Sr., is correct. Likewise, from Patrick's parents up is correct or at least close. Patrick is the only one who is a little shaky. I will add, there are no other Carr lines but this one in which Patrick could be placed.

Today, there are many Carr's found in Duplin and surrounding counties.

Notes for TAMAR BYRD:

Tamar Byrd married Patrick Carr. Tamar was first married to John Holmes and was the mother of at least one of his children, Mary, who married a Scott. She then married Patrick Carr who died 1742/43 by whom she had 4 children (besides Mary by John Holmes) mentioned in her Will: Jonathan, Margaret (m. Jones), Thomas, and Winifred "Winny." After Patrick Carr died she married a Mr. Moulton/Molton under whose surname she made her Will, recorded in Duplin Co., NC in 1762.

More About PATRICK CARR and TAMAR BYRD:

Marriage: 1735, Bertie, NC

Child of PATRICK CARR and TAMAR BYRD is:

7. i. JONATHAN⁷ CARR, b. 1735, Bertie, NC; d. 1798, Sampson, NC.

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7. JONATHAN⁷ CARR (*PATRICK⁶, WILLIAM⁵, THOMAS⁴, ROBERT³, ROBERT² KERR, THOMAS¹*) was born 1735 in Bertie, NC, and died 1798 in Sampson, NC. He married PATIENCE TURNER 1765 in Bertie, NC. She was born 1740 in Bertie, NC, and died 1818 in Sampson, NC.

Notes for PATIENCE TURNER:

Bertie County NC Wills: Mathew Turner - 1794

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In the name of God Amen I Mathew Turner of Bertie County in the State of No Carolina being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following I give and Bequeath to my daughter Elisabeth Turner my manner plantation and all my lands whereon I now leave to her, her Heirs and assigns forever one feather bed and firneture one Gray Mare Calld lady and her Colt to her her Heirs and assigns forever.

I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Patience Carr one feather Bed and firneture to her her Heirs and assigns forever.

I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Martha Ford one feather bed and furniture to her her Heirs and assigns forever and it is my will and Disire after my Just debts are paid that all the Residue of my Estate be Equally divided between my severall Children hereafter named Joseph Turner, John Turner, Mary Gardner, Patience Carr, Ann Hinton, Martha Ford, Elisabeth Turner, Jannet Thompson, to be Devid by my Executors hereafter named I do make and Ordain my Grandson Baliss House and Thomas Bond Junr Executors of this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I the said Mathew Turner have set my hand and seal the day and year above written Signd seald Delivered and pronounced by the said Mathew Turner the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presance of us who are present at the Signing and sealing thereof.

Signed: Mathew (X) Turner (seal)

Witnesses: Wm Bryan, Mary Gardner, William (X) Ware

Bertie County November 1794: proved by William Bryan & William Ware. Stevens Gray, CC.

More About JONATHAN CARR and PATIENCE TURNER:

Marriage: 1765, Bertie, NC

Child of JONATHAN CARR and PATIENCE TURNER is:

8. i. TURNER⁸ CARR, b. 06 Sep 1769, Sampson, NC; d. 1829, Clinton, Sampson, NC.

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8. TURNER⁸ CARR (*JONATHAN⁷, PATRICK⁶, WILLIAM⁵, THOMAS⁴, ROBERT³, ROBERT² KERR, THOMAS¹*) was born 06 Sep 1769 in Sampson, NC, and died 1829 in Clinton, Sampson, NC. He married FERABE BASS 1807 in Sampson, NC. She was born 1786 in Sampson, NC.

Notes for TURNER CARR:

Three Carr brothers (first names unknown) fought in George Washington's army and after the Rev. War they

headed south (probably from VA). They went to Sampson Co., NC where one settled, the other two built a covered wagon and went to Alabama, after a while one of these two move up to KY and settled there. The brothers lost touch due to " the Indian Wars and other troubles".

More About TURNER CARR and FERABE BASS:
Marriage: 1807, Sampson, NC

Children of TURNER CARR and FERABE BASS are:

9.
 - i. BENAHAH B.⁹ CARR, b. 28 Jan 1819, Clinton, Sampson, NC; d. 07 Sep 1882, Sampson, NC.
 - ii. LIEUTENANT WILLIAM CARR, b. 1828, Sampson, NC; d. 01 Jul 1863, Gettysburg, PA.

Notes for LIEUTENANT WILLIAM CARR:

Name: William Carr ,

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Side Served: Confederacy

State Served: North Carolina

Unit Numbers: 111 111

Service Record: Enlisted as a Private

Promoted to Full Lieutenant 2nd Class on 13 May 1863

Discharged for promotion Company A, 3rd Infantry Regiment North Carolina on 13 May 1863

Commission in Company E, 5th Infantry Regiment North Carolina on 13 May 1863.

Killed Company E, 5th Infantry Regiment North Carolina on 01 July 1863 in Gettysburg, PA

I was unable to find any additional information pertaining to William Carr. However, for a man to be promoted from enlisted to officer during the Civil War, he had to demonstrate extraordinary leadership skills during battle.

William Carr is not listed as being admitted to the North Carolina Unit hospital in Richmond. That would indicate he was killed on the battlefield or died shortly thereafter.

More About LIEUTENANT WILLIAM CARR:

Military service: Enlisted as Private, promoted to Lieutenant NC CSA.

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9. BENAHAH B.⁹ CARR (*TURNER⁸, JONATHAN⁷, PATRICK⁶, WILLIAM⁵, THOMAS⁴, ROBERT³, ROBERT² KERR, THOMAS¹*) was born 28 Jan 1819 in Clinton, Sampson, NC, and died 07 Sep 1882 in Sampson, NC. He married (1) SALLIE COBB 1837 in Sampson, NC. She was born 1814 in Sampson, NC, and died 1864 in Sampson, NC. He married (2) MARY RYALS 13 Jul 1865 in NC. She was born 1835 in Johnson, NC.

Notes for BENAHAH B. CARR:

After Sallie Cobb's death, Benajah Carr married Mary Ryals (Royal or Rials) on July 13, 1865. Mary was born in Johnson Co. NC in abt 1835.

Benajah Carr was a house carpenter. He and Mary Ryals had one child, a son, Hannibal H. Carr.

More About BENAHAH B. CARR:

Occupation: House carpenter

More About BENAHAH CARR and SALLIE COBB:

Marriage: 1837, Sampson, NC

More About BENAHAH CARR and MARY RYALS:

Marriage: 13 Jul 1865, NC

Children of BENAHAH CARR and SALLIE COBB are:

- i. HARRY J.¹⁰ CARR, b. 15 Feb 1838, Sampson, NC; d. 1891, Middleton, Sumter, SC.

Notes for HARRY J. CARR:
U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865
Side: Confederate
Regiment State/Origin: North Carolina
Regiment Name: 23 North Carolina Infantry.
Company: D
Rank In: Corporal
Rank Out: Corporal

More About HARRY J. CARR:
Military service: 30 May 1861, North Carolina CSA

- ii. REDIN T. CARR, b. 31 May 1839, Sampson, NC; d. 30 Nov 1906, Newton Grove, Sampson, NC.

Notes for REDIN T. CARR:
American Civil War Soldiers Record
Residence: Sampson County, North Carolina
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Side Served: Confederacy
State Served: North Carolina
Unit Numbers: 130
Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 10 June 1861 at the age of 22
Enlisted in Company I, 20th Infantry Regiment North Carolina on 10 June 1861.
POW on 14 September 1862 at Fox's Gap, MD
Confined on 16 September 1862 at Fort Delaware, DE (Estimated day)
Transferred on 02 October 1862 at Aiken's Landing, VA (For exchange)
Exchanged on 10 November 1862 at Aiken's Landing, VA
Wounded on 02 May 1863 at Chancellorsville, VA
On rolls on 31 December 1864

More About REDIN T. CARR:
Military service: 10 Jun 1861, Enlisted in the Confederate Army of North Carolina as Private

- iii. JOHN B. CARR, b. 17 Feb 1845, Sampson, NC.

Notes for JOHN B. CARR:
Name: John B Carr ,
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Side Served: Confederacy
State Served: North Carolina
Service Record: Enlisted as a Private
POW on 06 April 1865 at Burkeville, VA
Confined on 08 April 1865 at Point Lookout, MD
Took Oath of Allegiance on 26 June 1865
Released on 26 June 1865

I was unable to pick up his trail after the Civil War.

More About JOHN B. CARR:
Military service: Enlisted as a Private CSA

- iv. SALLIE A. CARR, b. 29 Aug 1853, Sampson, NC; d. 01 Apr 1905, Hamlet, Richmond, NC; m. JOHN GEORGE SMITH, 25 Dec 1873, Rockingham, Richmond, NC; b. 16 Dec 1853, Marlboro, SC; d. 04 Oct 1904, Hamlet, Richmond, NC.

Notes for SALLIE A. CARR:
When Sallie was age 11, her mother died. When she was 14 her father re-married. Finding her home life unbearable, Sallie came to live with her brother, Harry J. Carr, who had made his home in Rockingham NC for some time. While living in Rockingham, Sallie met and married John G. Smith.

51 years, 7 months, 3 days

More About SALLIE A. CARR:

Burial: 1905, Mary Love cemetery Hamlet NC

Residence: 1880, Rockingham, Richmond, NC

Notes for JOHN GEORGE SMITH:

50 years, 9 months, 18 days

More About JOHN GEORGE SMITH:

Burial: 1904, Mary Love cemetery Hamlet NC

Occupation: Master carpenter

Residence 1: 1860, Wolf Pitt, Richmond, NC

Residence 2: 1870, Wolf Pit, Richmond, NC

Residence 3: 1880, Rockingham, Richmond, NC

Residence 4: 1900, Marks Creek, Richmond, NC

Marriage Notes for SALLIE CARR and JOHN SMITH:

T.W. Guthery officiated.

More About JOHN SMITH and SALLIE CARR:

Marriage: 25 Dec 1873, Rockingham, Richmond, NC