

Following, in part, is the affidavit David Carpenter of Anson County, N.C., made in 1878. Your editor has been furnished a photocopy of the original. Although the copy is, in general, quite legible, some of the dates--primarily due to David's style of writing--are unclear. (See additional comments at end of affidavit.)

EXTRACTS FROM DAVID CARPENTER'S AFFIDAVIT

I, David Carpenter, of Anson County, North Carolina, United States of America, make oath and say as follows.

1. I was 75 years of age on the 3rd June, 1878, and am the grandson of William Fauntleroy Carpenter, the brother of Dr. Nathaniel Carpenter and the uncle of Coryndon Carpenter, the testator in the pleadings in this action referred to.
2. The said Dr. Nathaniel Carpenter died in or about the year 1778, having had issue 4 children and 4 only who all survived him (to wit) Coryndon Carpenter, William Fauntleroy Carpenter, Nathaniel Carpenter and Bushrod Carpenter.
3. The said William Fauntleroy Carpenter died in about the year 1804 in Orange County, North Carolina, United States of America, having had 6 children and 6 only who all survived him (to wit) William Carpenter, Guilford Carpenter, Sukey Carpenter, Isaac Carpenter, Sally Carpenter and Martha Carpenter.
4. William Carpenter married in or about the year 1796, having had issue by his said marriage 4 children (to wit) William Carpenter, Mahalie Carpenter, Susan Carpenter and John H. Carpenter.
5. William Carpenter Jr. married about the year 1821 and had issue by his said marriage 6 children and 6 only (to wit) Allen Carpenter, Louis Carpenter, Catharine Carpenter, William G. Carpenter, Joseph Carpenter and Lemuel Carpenter.
6. Guilford Carpenter whereabouts unknown.
7. Sukey Carpenter married _____ Laws and had issue one child only (to wit) Betsy Laws.
8. Isaac Carpenter married about the year 1795 and had issue of his said marriage 5 children (to wit) Eliza Carpenter, Mary Carpenter, David Carpenter (this deponent), Aley Carpenter and Thomas Carpenter.
9. Sally Carpenter
10. Martha Carpenter married about the year 1799 to Daniel Ashley...

The affidavit continues with more detailed information on the grandchildren of William Fauntleroy Carpenter and their families. It concludes with David Carpenter naming his sources as his own knowledge, statements made by older family members and a family Bible. David said the Bible was brought by his grandfather, William Fauntleroy* Carpenter, from England and upon his death passed to David's father, who continued to enter in it the births, marriages and deaths of various family members until his own 1837 death. David reports that as administrator of his father's estate he took possession of this Bible and retained it until 1867, when he gave it to "my friend Samuel Carpenter". According to David, the Bible was destroyed in an 1877 fire at Samuel Carpenter's house.

Data on the other children of Isaac Carpenter and their descendants is available from Donna Jo Wright. She is to be congratulated for her dedicated perseverance in family research and her constant willingness to share data.

* The name Fauntleroy/Fauntleroy is variously spelled by both David Carpenter in his affidavit and others who have referred to it.

CARPENTER ANCESTRY OF DONNA JO WRIGHT

1. WILLIAM FAUNTLEROY CARPENTER
2. ISAAC CARPENTER, born 1764, Halifax Co., N.C.; died 1837, Anson Co., N.C.; married Martha Allen in 1794.
3. JESSE CARPENTER, born 1800, Wake Co., N.C.; died 1869, Pike Co., Ala.; married Cynthia Threadgill.
4. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CARPENTER, born 1829, Anson Co., N.C.; died 4 July 1862 at Columbus, Miss. while serving as a Confederate soldier; married in 1852 Elenora Narcissa McGinty.
5. GILBERT WASHINGTON GILMORE CARPENTER, born 1861, Chambers Co., Ala.; died 1913, Troup Co., Ga.; married in 1879 Sarah Serlene Newsome (1862-1915).
6. JAMES FRANKLIN CARPENTER, born in 1882, Chambers Co., Ala.; died 1918, Lee Co., Ala.; married in 1904, Alice Allen (1881-1952).
7. VIOLET RUTH CARPENTER, born 1908, Lee Co., Ala.; died 1965, Columbus, Ga. (She is the mother of reader Donna Jo Startzel, who was born in 1934 at Washington, D.C. and married in 1952 Buster W. Wright.)