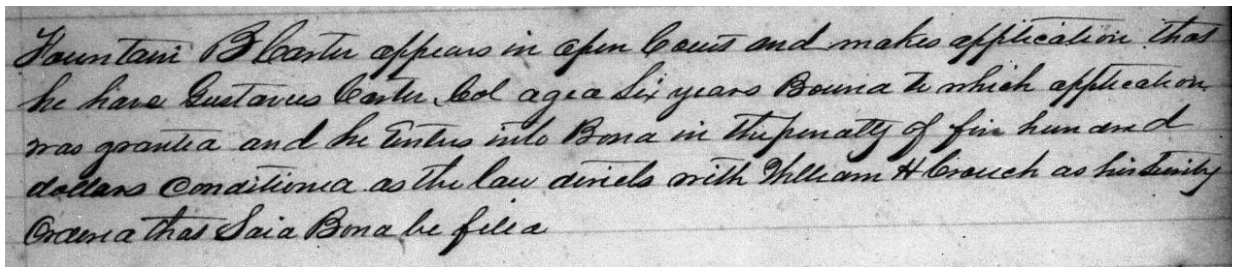


Augustavus (Gustivus) "Gus" Carter
1860-1928
Enslaved at the Carter House

- 1860 November 4: Gus Carter was born at the Carter House. It is unknown who his mother was, but on his death certificate, "F.B. Carter" was listed as his father.
- 1864 November 30: Gus would have been among the family members hiding in the cellar the night of the Battle of Franklin.
- 1866 November: Fountain Carter went to the county court to have Gus legally bound to him. *"Fountain B. Carter appears in open court and makes application that he have Gustavus Carter, col., aged six years, bound to which application was granted and he enters into bond in the penalty of five hundred dollars conditional as the law directs with William H. Crouch as his surety."*



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- 1871 August 22: Fountain Carter died. In his will he left Gus 3 acres of land, a house, his bedroom furniture, his small pistol and a trunk of tools. Note, these are very personal objects.

September 3: Moscow Carter, Fountain's oldest son, mentioned Gus a few times in his daily journal. *"Mec & Gus to Aunt Julia's today."*²

September 4: *"Stock Pond. Lanny McPhail, myself, Hu, Gus and Jim Tulloss are engaged in cleaning out my pond"*³

- 1872 May 22: *"Exposition! I, Hu and Gus, went in the buggy to the Industrial Exposition in Nashville."*

¹ Williamson County Court Minutes, November Term 1866, pg. 197

² "Mec" was America, Moscow's wife and Julia was her aunt.

³ Gus and Hugh were the same age and were mentioned often in Moscow's journals together. Later on in life Gus named his youngest son "Hugh."

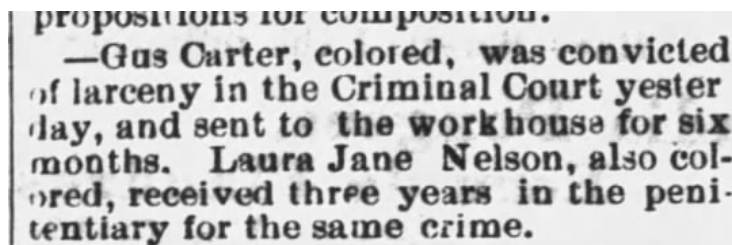


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June 18: *“Gus ran away! This afternoon during my absence to Ennis Murray’s, Gus quit work, came to the house, packed his clothes and ran off. He had, as nearly as can be ascertained, one dollar and five cents in money. He spent Sunday last at Jack Carter’s house, and possibly the idea of running away was suggested during the visit. He had no cause, that I’m aware of, for the act.”*

Interesting to note, even after Gus ran away, Moscow continued to honor his father’s will and build a house for Gus, “as nice as Fannie’s.”

1876 Gus Carter was arrested for larceny in Shelby County. He was put before a jury of men and given six months hard labor. He also lost his right to vote to run for political office.



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1891 Gus Carter registered to vote in Memphis, Shelby County, TN.

⁴ Nashville Union and American, Nashville, TN, Fri, 24 May 1872, pg. 4 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁵ The Daily Memphis Avalanche, Thu, 20 Apr 1876, pg. 4 (accessed newspapers.com)

July 14: Gus married Hattie Campbell in Memphis, Shelby County, TN.

1892 July 13: Hattie gave birth to son Augustavus Joseph Carter, Jr in Shelby County, TN.

1894 August 5: Hattie gave birth to son Hugh J. "Sixes" Carter.

1900 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Memphis, Shelby, TN showed Augustus, a hotel cook, living with wife Hattie and their two sons. Interestingly, Hattie is listed as the head of the household and Gus as her "husband."

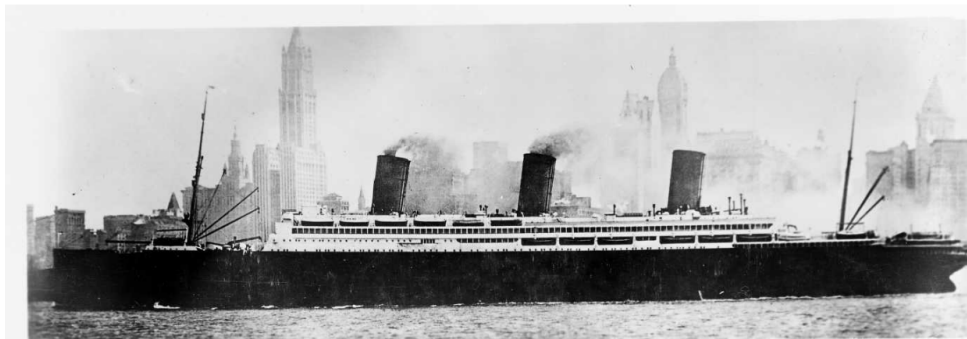
1913 October 4: Three months after Moscow Carter died, Gus returned to Franklin and sold the land that Fountain Carter had bequeathed to him. It is unknown if this was his first time returning to Franklin since he ran away.

1918 Gus had two sons who enlisted in the U.S. Army and fought in WWI, Charles and Hugh.

November 23: Son, Hugh, who had joined the U.S. Army was shipped out to France onboard the transport ship Anchises.

1919 June 28: Son, Hugh, arrived back in the US from WWI on board the transport ship Antigone.

July 13: Son, Charlie, arrived back in the US from WWI on board the transport ship Imperator. (Co. A, 804 Pioneer Infantry)



1920 January 16: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Memphis, Shelby, Tn

⁶ U.S. World War I Troop Transport Ships (accessed ancestry.com)

showed Gus, an office errand boy, living with his son "Sixes." Sixes, Hugh, was a steam boat deck hand. Hattie was living in a household of her own, also in Memphis.

- 1928 June 2: Gus Carter died in Memphis, TN. His cause of death was listed as "myocardial degeneration caused by senility." He was buried in a pauper's grave at Calvary Cemetery in Memphis. His estranged wife Hattie was the informant on his death certificate and she gave his father as "F.B. Carter."

CARTER—At his residence, corner Saffrans and Front Streets, June 2, 1928 at 2:00 p.m., Gus Carter, beloved husband of Mrs. Hattie Carter; father of Mr. Augustus J. Carter, Jr., and Charlie Carter; father-in-law of Mrs. Rebecca Carter; and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Funeral Monday, June 4, 1928 at the parlor of J. C. Oates & Sons at 9 a.m. Father James B. Albert will officiate. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. J. C. Oates & Sons, Funeral Directors, 317 Auction Ave.* Phones: 6-1146, 6-9197, 2-5227.

⁷ The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, TN, Sun, 3 Jun 1928, pg. 15 (accessed genealogybank.com)