

Andrew Jackson “Jack” Carter  
1830 (abt)-1897(abt)  
Enslaved at the Carter House

1830 (abt) Jack Carter was born in Tennessee.

\*\*\*Jack married another slave on the Carter farm named Calfurnia. Callie and Jack’s first child was born in 1847.\*\*\*

1860 May 31: FBC’s medical ledger. “Prescpt. & Meds. for Jack and Linament”

June 16: FBC’s medical ledger. “Prescpt. self & Jack & meds.”

August: Charges were pressed against John L Foster because he “beat and abused the slave of F.B. Carter.”<sup>1</sup>

*“State vs. John L Foster---John Griggs made oath he told negro boy Jack to pull his fence down. John L. Foster went to the house and got his gun and attempted to shoot Jack. Griggs tried to protect Jack and Foster started beating him. I told Jack to leave. I told Foster that Jack could pull my fence down and go throw it anywhere. Foster said he told Jack not to do that. Foster was drunk. I struck him with a rock.*

*Deposition by J.S. Park—The night after the fuss, I was called to see Jack. He had a wound on his right arm to the bone and some on his head that looked like they had been done with a rock.*

*Deposition by Littleton—I have known Jack from a little boy and never knew a more obedient boy in my life.*

*Deposition of John Griggs—I am fourteen years old. I live with my father and help him split stakes. I was coming home and saw Jack. He asked me to help him load. Mr. Foster came along and asked Jack why he came through the field. Jack told him Old Man Griggs told him to do it. Foster called him a liar and said he had a mind to take a bush and whale him. Jack said he did not fear him no more than a flying bird. We all went to the house. Foster said he was satisfied and I left. I heard a fuss and when I looked back Jack was running and Mr. Foster was after him. Jack was the property of F.B. Carter.”*

October 5: FBC’s medical ledger. “Visit Jack night & dressing wounds.”

October 8: FBC’s medical ledger. “6oz. Lin. Jack.”

October 14: FBC’s medical ledger. “..... Plaster Jack.”

December 28: FBC’s medical ledger. “6oz. Anodyne Liniment Jack.”

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<sup>1</sup> I think the August date in the reference book might be wrong. FBC’s medical ledgers show Jack being treated in October.

(WAR BEGINS)

August 1: FBC's medical ledger. "Extracting tooth Jack."

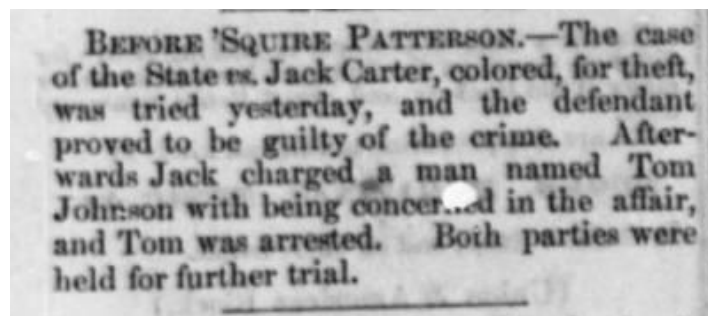
1864 BATTLE OF FRANKLIN-Jack Carter gave a first hand account for Fountain Carter, regarding the provisions taken by U.S. Soldiers. The account was included in FBC's claim to the Federal Gov't for reimbursement. The account was lost by the National Archives before 1906.

By November 30, Jack and Calfurnia would have had at least 6 children together, Clara, 15, Charles, 11, Frank, 8, Sarah, 7, Petronella, 5, Horace, 3, and Calfurnia also had Dilsey, 22.

1865 WAR ENDS

October 30-December 22: Jack is listed in a group of "potato diggers" as well as picking cotton on numerous days in Moscow Carter's journal.

1866 February 24: Nashville Union American



BEFORE 'SQUIRE PATTERSON.—The case of the State vs. Jack Carter, colored, for theft, was tried yesterday, and the defendant proved to be guilty of the crime. Afterwards Jack charged a man named Tom Johnson with being concerned in the affair, and Tom was arrested. Both parties were held for further trial.

October 15: State of Tennessee charges Jack with stealing a pig worth fifteen dollars.

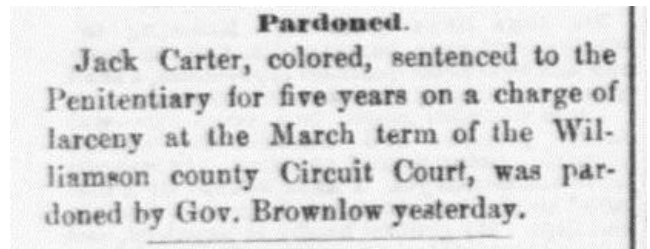
*2<sup>nd</sup> Witness for Defendant: "Chas Carter testifies as follows: I am a son of Defendant. I was at home upon my father brought the pig home. He said he purchased it from a man named Morgan-it was a small white pig. Defendant had at that time or has had since."*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Witness for Defendant: "Dicey Carter [Dilsey] testifies. I was at Jack Carter's upon Mr Duff came for the pig Deft. was drunk & didn't know what he said."*

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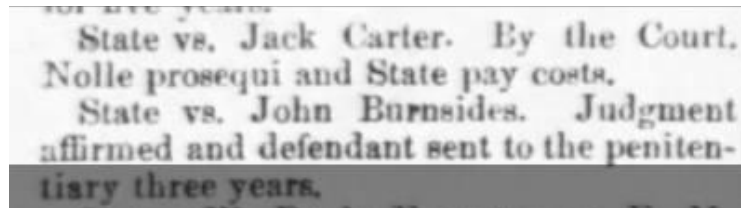
<sup>2</sup> Nashville Union and American, Nashville, TN, Sat, 24 Feb 1866, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

1869 January 13:



**Pardoned.**  
Jack Carter, colored, sentenced to the Penitentiary for five years on a charge of larceny at the March term of the Williamson county Circuit Court, was pardoned by Gov. Brownlow yesterday.

January 28:



State vs. Jack Carter. By the Court. Nolle prosequi and State pay costs.  
State vs. John Burnside. Judgment affirmed and defendant sent to the penitentiary three years.

1870 January 13: Journal of Moscow Branch Carter mentions Jack Carter numerous times.

*“Surveying has occupied my time for the day. First, I ran a line, for father to build a fence by, from the Columbia Turnpike to the railroad, or the line between Fannie Gordon & Annie Baltishwiler. The fence is built of chestnut rail and worm laid by Dan McPhail, Jack, Charles and another negro assisted in building.”<sup>4</sup>*

June 21: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Franklin, Williamson County, TN showed Jack, a farmer with \$500<sup>5</sup> worth of personal estate, and California living with their children: Charles, age 17, Sarah, 13, Frank, 12, Petronella, 11 and Horris, 9.

June: Jack Carter is charged with theft of cows from A. J. Foster by the State of Tennessee.

Fountain paid a bond worth \$1,000 for Jack. He also served as a witness and most likely hired Jack a lawyer. Randal W. Ewing (son-in-law of James and Louisa McG) served as his lawyer. This is one of the few instances when Jack was charged that he wasn't prosecuted.

1871 The Common School records for District 9 in Williamson County listed Black parents and how many children they had attending school in the district. Jack Carter was listed as having four children in school. Frank would have been one of those children.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>3</sup> I could not find the letter requesting a pardon for Jack. Perhaps there was a personal request. Moscow Carter was good friends with Dr. D.B. Cliffe and Cliffe's daughter was married to Gov. Brownlow's son.

<sup>4</sup> Carter, M.B., Journal, Short Family Collection

<sup>5</sup> \$500.00 in 1870 is equivalent to a little over \$11,000 today.

<sup>6</sup> Williamson County Historical Society Journal, No. 31 2000, pg. 166

July 25: *“Father gave Mec his bay horse, Bob, in the presence of Rev. A.N. Cunningham and Rev. E.R. Bradley, who were called on by him to witness the transaction. Jack Carter and wife also, witnessed.”*<sup>7</sup>

August 22: *“Father died, without a struggle and conscious to the last, at 4 o’clock, Tuesday morning August 22, 1871. Daniel McPhail, John C. Wells, Jack Carter, and myself were all present”*

Upon his death FBC bequeathed Jack, California, Eliza and her son 200 acres of land.

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 suggest during the visit. He had no cause, that I’m aware of, for the act.”*<sup>8</sup>

September 7: Charles Carter, Jack and Callie’s son, was paid \$14.55 for “hire” from the estate of FBC.<sup>9</sup>

October 5: The Estate of FBC paid Jack Carter and Andy German \$37.50 to build 50 yards of stone fence.<sup>10</sup>

1874 Jack Carter was listed on the rolls as being a member of the Sons of Temperance.<sup>11</sup>

1879 October 8<sup>th</sup> Jack Carter sells his inherited land to William Bingham.

<sup>12</sup>“I, Jack Carter, Col, have this day for and in consideration of (\$25--) twenty five dollars to one in \_\_\_\_\_ hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Isaac Ivy & W.F. Bingham, bargained, sold, transferred & conveyed unto the said Isaac Ivy & W.F. Bingham their heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred acres more or less situated & lying in Williamson County Tenn in the 1<sup>st</sup> Civil District of said county bounded and described as follows beginning at a red oak twenty poles North from the North East corner of Thomas Reynolds fifty acre tract which includes the locust pond thence hast 120 poles to a Spanish oak & black oak, thence South 160 poles to a white oak and dogwood; thence East 200 poles to a black & frost oak; thence North 160 poles to a red oak \_\_\_\_\_ West \_\_\_\_\_”

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<sup>9</sup> Estate Papers of F.B. Carter, Carter Family Collection

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<sup>11</sup> Williamson County In Black & White, 2000

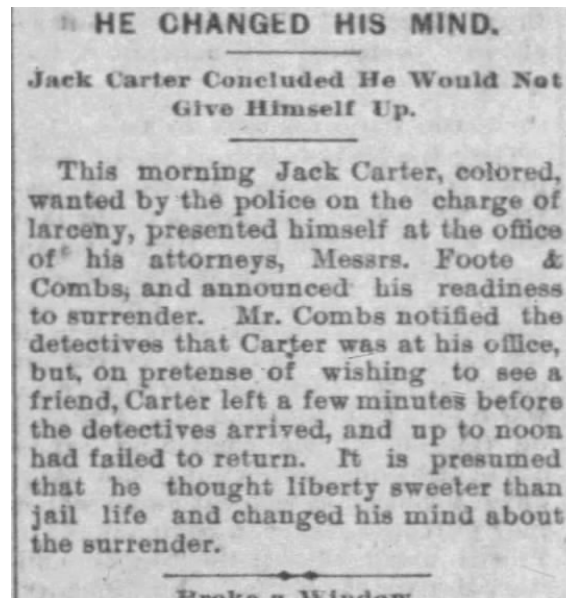
<sup>12</sup> NOTE: he sold ALL two hundred acres, half of which wasn’t even his!!

November 17: Found guilty of stealing two cows, received at penitentiary to serve a ten year sentence. Description: Age: 55, Height: 5.5, Weight: 170, Marks: High forehead, several scars on forehead. Little finger of right hand crooked and stiff. Black mole just over left eyebrow., Born: Tennessee, Married, Education: none, Religion: None.

1880 June 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee at the Penitentiary shows Jack Carter a prisoner.

1887 November 17: Discharged from Penitentiary.

1889 September 3:



September 20: Found guilty of larceny, received at penitentiary. He was imprisoned at Morrow Farm to labor agriculturally. The farm provided food and income for the prison. *“Our predecessors, having on hand a number of unemployed convicts, many of whom were short-term, ignorant negroes, who knew how to perform no other labor but work on the farm, and believing it to be to the interest of the State, rented from American and Fourth National Banks what is known as the Morrow Farm.....”*

1892 March 20: Discharged from Morrow Farm.

1894 January 15: Nashville American

Note: Address in article is his son Frank’s address in Nashville. Small details like this show us there was some contact between the family when Jack was in prison.

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<sup>13</sup> Nashville Banner, Nashville, Tn, Tue, 3 Sep 1889, pg. 4 (accessed newspapers.com)

### ALLEGED HORSE THIEF.

#### An Ex-Convict Arrested With a Mare in His Possession

Jack Carter, an old negro man, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Sergt. Long and Patrolman Rogers, charged with horse stealing. Carter is an ex-convict, and lives on Kirkman street between College and Cherry. Carter has heretofore been arrested on similar charges and has been sent to the penitentiary for such offenses. Some days ago Carter swapped a fine looking 3-year-old mare to some stock traders near the Union Stock Yards for a mule and three hogs. They became suspicious and compelled him to swap back. They told the police of the affair and the latter arrested Carter yesterday afternoon and locked him up at the station house; the mare was taken to the work-house to await identification by its owner. The prisoner claimed that the mare is his, that it had been in the keeping of a negro man living near Mr. Seruggs' farm, eleven miles out on the Granny White turnpike. He seemed indifferent as to results and said he expected to spend the rest of his life in the penitentiary. The owner can recover the mare by applying at police headquarters.

January 18: Nashville Daily American.

was taken to the Circuit Court.  
Jack Carter, colored, who was arrested a few days since, charged with horse stealing, was released yesterday by Capt. Clack, no prosecutor appearing. In the meantime Carter had employed W. B. Combs as his attorney, it is claimed, and executed to him a bill of sale for the mare in consideration for his services as attorney in the case. Afterwards, it is claimed that A. S. Colyar, Jr., and J. C. Allen had been employed by the negro in a like capacity and another bill of sale had been executed for attorneys' fees, this time to Colyar and Allen. At the time of his release the mare was in the hands of Work-house Keeper J. M. Hinton. Immediately upon the release of the prisoner, however, J. C. Allen appeared before Justice Wilkerson and replevined the animal, alleging an attorney's fee as the ground for action. Judge Wilkerson will to-day hear the replevin case, which, it is understood, Combs will contest. In the meantime the disputed property is in the hands of Hardin Taylor, Allen's bondsman.

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Jack Carter died sometime before 1900.

<sup>14</sup> The Daily American, Nashville, TN, Thu, 18 Jan 1894, pg. 5 (accessed newspapers.com)