Clara Carter Williams 1849-abt.1926 Enslaved at Carter House

- June: Clara Carter was born to Jack and Clara Carter at the Carter farm. Jack and Clara were both slaves owned by F.B. Carter. Clara was the oldest of Jack and Clara's children.
- 1850 U.S. Federal Slave Schedule showed F.B. Carter owned fifteen slaves. The infant female fitting Clara's age was listed.

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1870 February 3: Clara Carter married Sam Williams, a widower with two children. "Clara, Calpurnia's daughter, married this evening, to a man living at the Widow James McGavock."--Journal of Col. M.B. Carter

July 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN showed Clara living with her new husband, Sam, and his ten year old daughter, Alice. Sam was a farmer.

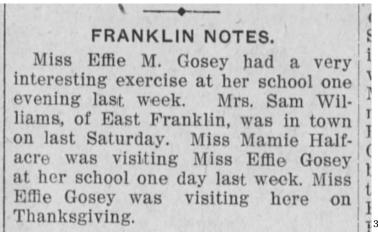
June 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN showed Clara and Sam, a farmer, living with an extended family including his children, Alice and Walton, her sister, Ella Carter, and Sam's mother Judy Williams. With the exception of eighty-year-old Judy, everyone in the family was able to read and write.

¹ Carter, F.B. 1850 U.S. Federal Census-Slave Schedules, TN, Williamson Cty, District 9 image 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

- 1900 June 19: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN showed Clara and Sam, a farmer, living in a household with extended family, both Clara's mother Calfurnia and her sister Ella lived with them. Also was a fifteen-year-old boy named John Hughes. Sam owned his farm with no mortgage.
- 1902 Clara's mother Calfurnia, who lived with her, died and was buried at Toussaint L'Ouverture cemetery in the Williams family square.
- 1908 November 7: Sam Williams died in Williamson County, TN. He was buried in Toussaint L'Ouverture.

Mr. Samuel Williams, who has been sick for sometime died last Saturady. Mr. Williams was a prosperous farmer living three miles from town and owned one of the best farms in the county.

- 1910 April 21: The U.S. Federal Census showed a widowed Clara living on her farm with a fifteen-year-old servant, Jimmie Parks. Clara owned her farm free from mortgage.
- 1911 December: The Nashville Globe reported...



January 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in District 14, Williamson County, TN showed Clara as the head of hou sehold. Living with her were her sister, Dilsey Carter Pickett and two boarders, school teacher Mamie Halfacre and a fourteen year old student Melvin Copeland.

² The Nashville Globe, Nashville, TN, Friday, 13 Nov 1908, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

³ The Nashville Globe, Nashville, TN, Friday, 15 Dec 1911, pg. 19 (accessed newspapers.com)

1925 May 19: Clara's sister, Diley passed away. Clara was the informant on her death certificate and Dilsey was buried in the Williams Family plot at Toussaint.

Dilsey's death certificate is the last historic document with any information about Clara. She died before the 1930 US census was enumerated.

At Toussaint L'Ouverture, Clara shares a stone with her husband, mother-in-law, mother and the young student John Hughes who boarded with the family.

