

THE CARNES FAMILY

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Thomas Jefferson Carnes I enlisted in the Confederate States Army in Randolph County, Georgia, as a private in Company H, 51st Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, a unit known as the "Randolph Rangers". He was killed in action 11-29-1863 at Knoxville, Tenn. After his death Martha Ann moved the family to Butler County, Ala. We believe this move was made to get out of the path of General Sherman's infamous march through Georgia; also, to join her brother Josiah, who was already living in the area. A redrawing of county lines in 1867 placed Martha Ann in Crenshaw Co. There she raised her family with the help of her older sons, Dow and Hush. It was here she lived out her life with her son Herchel Mars Carnes. She died 3-24-1915 at the age of 85 years 1 month and 2 days. She was a widow for over 51 years. During the 12 years of her marriage she bore 5 children. Some of her descendants are as follows:

A. Morselle Gertrude Carnes b. 12-14-1851 m. Elias Nichols. (See The Nichols Family page 4 thru 7).

B. Sorrell Dow Carnes b. 3-18-1853 m. Charlotte C. Compton. (See The Compton Family page 20 thru 34).

C. Herchel Mars (Hush) Carnes b. 5-4-1855 m. Mary Ann Louise Taylor December 31, 1874. Herchel Mars Carnes lived out his life on a farm, located in a thriving community, on the east side of the Patsaliga River, on the "approach road" to the Upper Holland Bridge. Around the turn of the century (1900) this community was thickly populated, predominantly Carnes, and was referred to as "The Bend". The road that passed thru this community crossed the Patsaliga River via the Upper Holland Bridge and exited on the west bank between the Little Creek Church to the north and the George Holland plantation to the south. The flood of 1929 did extensive damage to the bridge. Sam Carnes and his boys made extensive repairs; however, the bridge was never really safe again for heavy traffic. Vehicles ceased to use the bridge about 1933 and the county discontinued maintenance on the approach roads, on both sides. The flood of 1929 also did extensive damage to hilly sandy soil fields, making farming unprofitable. The people began to move out of The Bend, and by 1940 Jeff Carnes was the only permanent resident left. Uncle Jeff moved out in the late 1940's or early 1950's. The timber companies now own all the land, and there is no visible evidence that a community ever existed. Aunt Lou died 11-14-1934, Uncle Hush died 2-4-1936. They are buried in the Mt. Ida Cemetery, Crenshaw, Co. Ala.

1. Lonnie Morris (Lon) Carnes b. 10-25-1875 m. Dora Haywood 9-6-1900. They lived in The Bend Community until the early 1930's. They moved to the old Jesse Byrd Sasser homestead, located about a mile west of Brantley, Ala. Some of their descendants still live in that area. Lon died 11-11-1951; Dora died 9-25-1950. They are buried in Mt. Ida cemetery.

a. Annie Fay Carnes b. 1901, d. 1907. Buried beside parents.

b. Lonnie Fletcher Carnes b. 9-8-1903 m. Gladys Donaldson, no children. A second marriage to Clyde Hardwick, Nov. 1941. One child

Eli Carnes was born 4-23-1803. He married Jane Carnes 10-23-18 Jane was born 1-10-1804. We do not know if Jane was a Carnes before she married Eli. The Eli Carnes family bible reflects that "Eli Carnes married Jane Carnes".

Eli and Jane came to Jonesboro, Georgia with a wagon train about 1830. They came from an area on the border of North and South Carolina. The 1830 census for Lancaster S.C. list an Eli Carnes living in the Buford Community, about 10 miles east of Lancaster. Listed in the same census, on the same page, on adjacent lines are Jacob Carnes and John Carnes. Based on the age of the children listed, and the fact that Lancaster County S.C. is on the border of N.C., we believe that this Eli Carnes and the Eli Carnes that moved to Jonesboro Ga. are the same person. This contributes to the conclusion that the Jacob Carnes listed in the 1830 census, mentioned above, was Eli's father, and that John was Eli's brother.

Some of Eli and Jane's descendants are still living in the Jonesboro, Ga. area. Mrs. Catherine Carnes Romeo lives at 1192 West Dixie Drive, her brothers Thomas and James; also, a cousin Sam Carnes all live on Noahs Ark Road, Jonesboro, Ga. They still own the old place that Eli bought. The house that Eli built is still standing.

On July 17, 1857 Eli recorded a will, in Henry County, Georgia, wherein he bequeathed to his wife Jane the tract of land whereon he was then living, consisting of 350 acres, more or less. He also gave her seven (7) slaves: a negro boy 19 years of age and a negro girl about 20 years of age and her five (5) children. Several factors lead me to believe that what he willed to Jane was not all his real estate or personal property; First, the bequest was for Jane's natural life or widowhood, should she die or remarry the property, plus any increase, would revert to his estate; Second, the slaves he gave her sounded more like house and yard ~~work~~ than field hands; Third, he specified "the tract of land whereon I now live", leading one to believe that there might be other tracts of land; and Fourth, he made no provisions in this will for his eleven (11) children; however, he begins the will by saying that this is his last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by him.

The information contained in paragraphs one thru three, above, plus the identification of Eli and Jane's children, was extracted from a letter written by Curtis Carnes of Austin, Texas, to Thomas Compton of Inverness, Florida, dated December 11, 1977. The information in paragraph four was gleaned from a copy of Eli's will provided by Curtis.

I. Mary Ann Carnes b. 5-15-1824.

II. Jacob Carnes b. 7-15-1826.

III. Steven Carnes b. 2-18-1828.

IV. Thomas Jefferson Carnes I, b. 8-17-1830, m. Martha Ann Tyner December 30, 1850. They moved to Fort Gaines, Ga. sometime before the civil war. This family is listed in the 1860 census of Clay Co. Ga.

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(1) Nan Elizabeth Carnes b.9-23-1943 m.Robert Wayne Sewell 11-26-1964, Two children.

(a) Julich Elizabeth Sewell b.3-20-1969.

(b) Robert Wayne Sewell Jr. b.3-22-1970.

c. Merv Lou Carnes b.11-28-1905 m.Fred B.Taylor. No children. Merv Lou died 8-16-1962.

d. Sam Dudley Carnes b.8-25-1907 m.Zera Merle Sasser March 5,1933.Two children.

(1) Jackie Hugh Carnes b.12-19-1935 m.Flonell Norris March 29,1958. Two children.

(a) Jeffery Hugh Carnes b.8-26-1960.

(b) Jeanie Marisa Carnes b.11-10-1966.

(2) Sam Boyd Carnes b.3-13-1939 m.Sandra Joy Rayborn January 5,1960. Three children.

(a) Tamie Elizabeth Carnes b.9-28-1960. (twin)

(b) Sandra Alesia Carnes b.9-28-1960. (twin)

(c) Samantha Ann Carnes b.9-21-1970.

e. Henry Dent Carnes b.10-21-1909 m.Anne W. George Spomers.com October 15,1933. One son. Dent died 7-28-1939.

(1) Dow Lamar Carnes b.8-16-1934 d.1977.

f. Fennie Ruth Carnes b.2-2-1912 m.Charles Madison Mount March 5,1932. They operated a general store and filling station on U.S.Highway 29 west of Brantley,Ala. Madison was County Commissioner for many years. They had three children.

(1) James Webster Mount b.4-5-1937 m.Sheror Kenler

(a) Jane Marie Mount b.3-21-1971.

(b) Madison Kenler Mount b.7-17-1975.

(2) Charles Morris Mount b.3-6-1942.

(3) Kenneth Carnes Mount b.8-6-1946 m.Elizabeth Ann Evers 11-23-1968. Two children.

(a) Kenneth Scott Mount b.3-5-1970.

(b) Catherine Ann Mount b.3-10-1972.

g. Marvin Felix Carnes b.3-23-1915 m.Bessie White 3-29-1941.

h. Max Haygood Carnes b.6-28-1919 m.Ida Bell Moon 10-25-1945.

(1) Donna Maxine Carnes b.9-24-1950 m.William Glenn Crossley Jr.

(2) Rickey Lynn Carnes b.12-10-1955 m.Debbie Sue Davis August 27,1977.

2. Thomas Jefferson (Jeff) Carnes b.9-10-1877 m.Ether Haygood January 15,1899. They lived most of their married lives in the



Left to Right. Thomas Jefferson; Sam Jones and Lounie Morris Carnes

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(1) Tipton Carnes Massey b.2-21-1933 m.Willie Ruth Compton 1-12-1952, the daughter of William Randolph Compton and Abbie Ruth Nichols. Tinton and Willie Ruth are currently living at 2002 Azure Drive. Dothan, Ala. 36303. Two children.

- (a) John Massey b.2-28-1953 m.Sherri Huston 6-15-1974.
- (b) Paul Massey b.10-7-1961.

(2) Josie Ann Massey b.3-10-1936 m.Lamar Smith 1-10-1951.

- (a) Jo Ann Smith b.3-12-1952.
- (b) Tyease Smith b.7-6-1954.
- (c) Wyndall Smith b.4-25-1959.

(3) Wynell Massey b.8-2-1938 m.Lonnie Ray Sellers 7-5-1958.

- (a) Warren Sellers b.9-11-1959
- (b) Jan Sellers b.8-9-1961.

4. Sam J.Carnes b.9-18-1886 m.Edna Laurretta Jayroe. (See The Compton Family page 108 thru 113.)

5. Carrie Lou Carnes b.3-10-1891 m.George Washington Compton. (See The Compton Family page 66 thru 68.)

6. Mattie Ellen(Bunch)Carnes b._____ 1898 m.Clarence W.Holland October 15, 1916.They had two Children.

a. Ester Kathryn Holland b.6-18-1918 m.Tony E. Lonsdon. They have two children. They live on Route #5, Andalusia, Alabama.

- (1) Kathryn Ellen Lonsdon b.5-31-1951.
- (2) Thomas Hilton Lonsdon b.1-5-1954.

b. Hilton Mars Holland b.9-22-1921. Served in the Airbourn Infantry during World War II. He was killed in action on 1-9-1945, while fighting in Belgium,during The Battle Of The Bulge.

D. Thomas Jefferson Carnes II b.1-17-1857 in Clay County,Georgia. His father was killed in the civil war on 11-29-1863,in the battle of Knoxville,Tenn. This tragedy caused his mother to move her family of six (6) young children to Butler County,Alabama. The redrawing of County lines to create a new county was accomplished in 1866,and young Tom became a resident of Crenshaw County.

We believe that Tom migrated to Texas in the late 1870's. The 1880 census of Milam Co.Texas list a Thomas Carnes living in the household of Wilson R.Johnson. There is enough circumstantial evidence to cause us to believe that this Thomas is our Thomas Jefferson Carnes II. There is a definite possibility that young Tom traveled to Texas with the Johnson family.

Tom married Annie Hardcastle of Devine,Texas 6-6-1883. The marriage is recorded in Milam Co. Sometime in the early 1880's he was joined by his brothers; Sorrell Dow and George Stenhen from Crenshaw,Co.Ala. They traveled to Texas by train,sometime between 1880 and 1884. On Oct. the 23rd 1884 Tom and Steve applied for "hog marks" at the Milam Co. Courthouse. The marks are recorded in "brand book" on page 24.

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Carnes Community known as The Bend. They moved out of The Bend in the late 1940's or early 1950's.Ether died 1-15-1957, Jeff died February 18,1965. They are buried in the Mt Ida Cemetery. Some of their decendents are.

a. J.B.(Bead)Carnes b.11-11-1899 m.Irine Walker. Bead died February 6,1940,buried at Mt Ida.

(1) Reba Carnes b.8-28,1932 m.Joseph Richburg. Joseph was killed in an auto accident 3-25-1975. Reba and Joseph had two children. After Joseph was killed Reba married Joe H.Summerlin.

- (a) Sheila Jean Richburg b.4-11-1950 m. Karl Eiland
- (1) Tyrone Eiland b.8-15-1969.
- (2) Tonya Eiland b.9-24-1972.

(b) Joseph Preston Richburg b.12-18-1951 m.Patti Carter

- (1) Robbie Richburg b.8-23-1971.
- (2) Shannon Richburg b.11-18-1975.

b. John Herschel Carnes b.9-2-1901, d.1-11-1958. Not Married

c. Nadine Carnes b._____, m.Ezra Bush. One child.

- (1) Louise Bush b._____, m.Stancile King.

d. Cubie Carnes b.10-27-1908 m.Robert Merdith 4-29-1950. They have no children.

e. Marvin Jones(Richard)Carnes b._____. m.Monteen Sasser.

- (1) Patricia Carnes b._____, m.James E.Neal III.

f. Ferrell(Popeye)Carnes b._____. m.LeMerle Walker.

- (1) Sherry Carnes b._____, m.Heldrith A.Hill III.
- (a) Gregory Hill b._____.
- (b) Jackson Hill b._____.

g. Pascal(Pas)Carnes b._____. m.Dean Kelso.

- (1) Janet Carnes b._____. m.Junior Cox.
- (a) Paul Byron Cox b._____.

(2) Phillis Carnes b._____.

3. Ammerzett Carnes b.11-5-1878 m.John Dudley Massey 2-18-1906. They had two sons. John died 1-30-1910. Ammerzett never remarried,she died 1-9-1974. Both are buried in Mt Ida Cemetery.

a. Roscoe Massey b.12-9-1907. m.Etta Lou Murphy. Roscoe and Etta live at Route 3, Box 76, Luverne,Alabama. 36049. in the Mt Ida Community. He is a neighbor to his brother Comer. Comer lives at the top of Slippery Hill,Roscoe lives at the bottom. Roscoe and Etta have one living child.

(1) Roxine Massey b._____. m.James Currie

- (a) James Allen Currie b._____.

b. Comer Massey b.12-8-1909 m.Grace Kimbro 4-10-1932. They live in the Mt Ida Community,Crenshaw County,Alabama. Decendents are.

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Supplement to Page 6, paragraph 2:

2. Roscoe Konklin Carnes b 1-5-1888 in Milam County Texas. He married Helen Edna Blankenship 9-15-1908. She was born 1-26-1892 in Milam County Texas, the daughter of Santa Ana Blankenship and Annie Podany. Roscoe died in October 1947 at San Marcos, Texas. He is buried in that city. This couple had four children.

a. Hubert Milton Carnes b 9-4-1909 in Milam County, Texas. He married Ruth Juby in June 1931. Address; 1903 Collage Drive. Victoria, Texas. 77901.

b. Roscoe Conklin Carnes b 9-24-1911 in Milam County, Texas. He married Paula Davis 6-21-1941. Address; 428 West Hutcheson Street. San Marcos, Texas. 78666.

c. Buford Edward Carnes b 3-6-1914 at Buckholtz, Texas. He Married Ruth Lee Klaus 8-21-1939. Address; Post Office Box 13. Leleta, Texas. 77971.

d. Curtis Melvin Carnes b 9-29-1921 at Pawnee, Texas. He married Faye Ida Rosanky on 3-9-1943 at San Marcos, Texas. She was born 1-14-1921 at Upton, Texas, the daughter of Charles August Rosanky and Effie Florence Williams. Curtis is an educator at the collage level. He lives at 1902 Crooked Lane, Austin, Texas. Tel. (512) 444-7330. One child.

(1) Curtis Melvin Carnes Jr. b 10-15-1947 at Austin, Texas. died 8-15-1974. www.georgiapioneers.com

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Tom and Steve also had a cattle and horse brand. "4C" registered on page 238 of the brands book. The brand was placed on the left shoulder of a horse, and the left hip of a cow. Tom and Annie lived in Milam Co. until about 1913 or 14, when they moved to Bee County, near Pawnee, Texas. They lived in this area for the remainder of their lives. Tom died in 1931, Annie died in 1940, both are buried at Pawnee, Texas. They had ten (10) children. Their descendants that we could contact, or otherwise identify, are as follows:

1. Charles Carlton Carnes b. 5-31-1884 in Milam Co. Texas. m. Nora C. Richardson 12-4-1910. Both are deceased.

2. Roscoe Konklin Carnes b. 1-5-1888 at Minerva, Texas. m. Helen Blankenship 11-15-1908. Helen was born in 1891 at Buckholts, Texas. They had three children, all born at Buckholts, Texas.

a. Hubert Milton Carnes b. 9-4-1909.

b. Curtis M. Carnes b. 9-29-1921. Curtis is an educator, lives at 1902 Crooked Lane, Austin, Texas. He is interested in genealogy, and is tracing his direct lineage.

c. Buford Edward Carnes b. 3-6-1914.

3. Violet Bervle Carnes b. 10-8-1888 at Milano, Texas. m. John M. Corley Jr. 3-24-1906. They had three children. Two boys, Ralf and John, whose name we think was Dorothy. John is deceased, Viola lives at 4000 Wildcat Drive, Portland, Texas.

4. Annie Fay Carnes b. 10-24-1890, m. James Heines Whitley August 27, 1908. in Milam County Texas. Whitley died in 1963. Annie Fay lives at 106 Wicklow Blvd. New Iberia, La., with her son Charles. Some of her descendants are.

a. Wavmon Elton Whitley b. 11-3-1913, m. Willena Wyzette Caraway in Nixon, Texas 11-11-1933. Willena was born 12-15-1913. Wavmon died in April 1977. His widow lives at Post Office Box 803. Palisade, Colo. They had two children.

(1) Ruthie Ann Whitley b. 12-25-1935, m. Frank Phillin Forsaker 6-19-1955. They had two children. She then married James Westcott White about 1958 or 60. They had five children. Ruthie lives at 1051 South Miller Way, Lakewood, Colo. 80226. She is very interested in genealogy.

- (a) Diane Margerite Forsaker b. 1-14-1957.
- (b) Michael Phillin Forker b. 1-2-1958.
- (c) Stephen Mitchell White b. 12-23-1960.
- (d) Paula Christine White b. 12-15-1966.
- (e) Jennifer Lee White b. 10-27-1969.
- (f) Amy Theresa White b. 10-27-1972.
- (g) Jason Westcott White b. 3-29-1975.

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- (1). Kenneth B. Carnes b _____, Lives at Jacksonville, Ala.
 (2). Chris C. Carnes b _____. Lives at Grand Junction, Colo.

9. Don Clemmie Carnes b _____, m Agnes Benham---divorced.
 He married again and adopted a child that he named Don Clemmie Jr. Don Sr.
 lived for a time in Florida before he died.

10. Curtis Carnes b _____.

E. George Stephen Carnes b 10-4-1860 in Clay Co. Ga., m Mary Josephene
 Compton 1-1-1880 in Crenshaw County Ala. She was born in 1861 in Pike Co.
 Ala., the daughter of Milton S. Compton (1828-1906) and Sarah E. Susan Capps
 (1835-1888). For more family data see page 77 thru 85 of The Compton
 Family book.

F. Mary Frances Carnes b 2-28-1862 in Clay Co. Ga., m Joel Lafayette
 Nichols Jr. 12-23-1875 in Crenshaw Co. Ala. He was born 12-6-1853 in Wilkes
 County Ga., the son of Joel Lafayette Nichols Sr. (1831-1901) and Susan
 Elizabeth Wellmaker (1834-1879). For complete family data see page 7 thru 44
 of The Nichols Family book.

V. Martha Jane Carnes b 11-22-1832.

VI. Elizabeth Elajane Carnes b 2-15-1835.

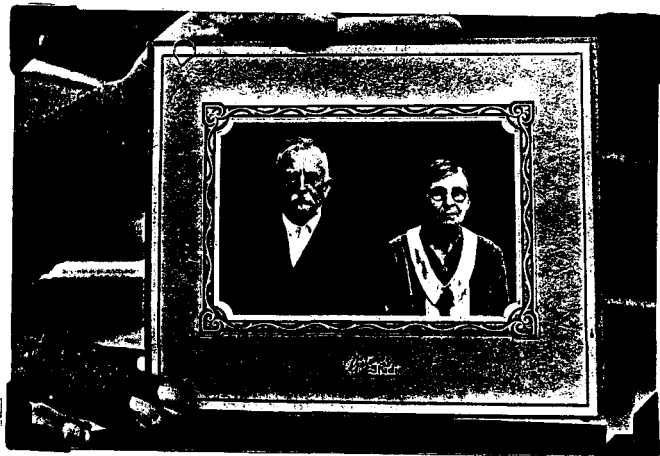
VII. Oliver John Carnes b 3-26-1838.

VIII. William Eli Carnes b 5-11-1840, d 9-8-1870.

IX. James Wesley Carnes b 10-14-1842.

X. Samuel Carnes b 7-30-1846.

XI. Hillard Judge Carnes b 9-14-1847.



Thomas Jefferson Carnes Jr. and Annie Hardcastle. See page 5
 Donated by
 Thomas Jefferson Carnes III of Kingland, Texas.

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(2) Bobbie Gene Whitley b. 9-25-1938, m. Eleanor Knepp
 April 16, 1966. Two children.

- (a) Amy Milliscent Whitley b. 7-28-1964.
 (b) Brian Anthony Whitley b. 8-7-1968

b. Bertha Whitley b. 7-10-1910, m. Odes Gilley in 1932. Odes
 died about 1974. Bertha lives at Rockport, Texas. P.O. Box 366. She
 teaches school there. Two children.

- (1) Matve Beth Gilley, married a Kieth.
 (2) Ellen Ann Gilley, married a LeClair.

c. Herbert P. Whitley b. 3-25-1921, m. Ella Fenner 8-22-1943
 in Kansas City, Texas. They live at 903 East Rosebud, Victoria, Texas.
 Two children.

(1) Jim Whitley b. 8-27-1944. He is married and lives
 at Commerce, Texas. Two children; Kim age 13 and Trey age 9.

(2) Terry Whitley b. 1-1-1957.

d. Charles C. Whitley b. 6-29-1926.

5. Ruth Dorcas Carnes b. _____, m. John Temple. John is
 deceased. Ruth lives at RFD 3, Box 149 Flourisville, Texas. They had
 three boys and a girl. The boys were named Jack, Byston and Elton.
 The girls name was Lois, she married a Wolfshol.

6. Thomas Jefferson Carnes III, b. 1-21-1896 near Cameron, Texas.
 He married Inez Cochran, of Karnes Texas, on 10-13-1916. Inez was
 born 4-10-1899 at Wimberly, Texas. He farmed in the Pawnee, Texas area
 until 1922. He transported his wife, four year old son, the family
 dog, and a few necessary personal items, on a Model-T Ford, over the
 Raton Pass of New Mexico, to Sherdin, Wyo. Later in the year he moved
 to Cheyenne where he worked for the railroad for the next 16 years.
 In 1937 he moved to Palasades, Colo., where he became a very successful
 peach grower. He sold the orchard in 1968 and retired to Kingland,
 Texas. His mailing address is: P.O. Box 275. They only had one child,
 a son named Kenneth b. 8-7-1917, d. 11-21-1931.

7. Gertrude Carnes.

8. Bimlie Elish Carnes b. 8-13-1900 at Buckholts, Texas. m.
 Mildred Pollard, deceased. His second wife was Willie Inez Johnson.
 He lives in Chyenne, Wyo. Two children.

a. Mildred LaDora Carnes b. 4-17-1924 in Texas. m. Joe
 Marquart in 1946. Two children, Terry and Bonny. Terry lives in
 Anchorage, Alaska; Bonny lives in Chyenne, Wyo. Their mother is dead.

b. Ben E. Carnes b. 1-3-1926 in Pawnee, Texas. m. Vera V. Brown
 in 1947. Ben is a realtor and lives at 444 White Ave. Grand Junction,
 Colo. Two children.

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FOOTNOTE # 2: Research conducted by Curtis Carnes of Austin, Texas has established that our Carnes ancestors migrated to the Jonesboro, Ga. area, from an area located along the North and South Carolina border. In the 1830 census of Lancaster Co. S.C. he found an Ely Carnes living in the Buford Community, about ten miles east of the town of Lancaster. Also listed on the same page and adjacent lines are Jacob and John Carnes. Based on the ages of the children Curtis has no doubt that this Ely Carnes is the same Eli Carnes that moved to Jonesboro, Ga. The fact that Eli named his first son Jacob leads Curtis to believe that the Jacob Carnes listed in the 1830 census was Eli's father, and that John Carnes was probably Eli's brother.

There is a reference to a Jacob Carnes in the history books. He and a man named Eustis helped bury the dead following the Revolutionary War battle known as Tarleton's Massacre. Jacob was only a boy of 17 at the time (1780). Jacob's wife was named Mary.

Curtis found that many of the Carnes families that moved into Lancaster Co. S.C. were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians that were forced to leave Lancaster, Penn., by the Indians, during the French and Indian War. They named Lancaster, S.C. in honor of the place they had left. Curtis is not sure if Jacob was one of these, because he was Methodist and lived about 15-20 miles from the Waxhaws area where the Scotch-Irish settled. He feels that Jacob could have been of English descent. One thing of interest.....the Waxhaw area Carnes families put tombstones to their graves; The Buford Community Carnes families did not.

FOOTNOTE # 3: In The Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers of www.georgiapioneers.com there is an entry on page 47 relative to a Thomas Peters Carnes. The same reference can be found in Vol. III of that record, except that the middle name is Peterson.

Thomas Peters Carnes born in Prince Co. Maryland 1762: Will was made at Athens, Ga. Aug. 2, 1816, probated May 5, 1822. Served in the Maryland line and was given bounty land in Franklin Co. Ga. for his service. He died at Milledgeville, Ga. His first wife was Elizabeth Postwick, daughter of Chesley Postwick, Rev. Sol. of Ga. His second wife was Susanah (KING) Screws of Milledgeville, Ga. This marriage is listed on page 4 of Historical Collections of the Georgia Chapter of the DAR Vol. I, as taking place in Baldwin Co. Ga. On page 239 of Signatures and Deeds in Franklin Co. Ga., there is an entry concerning this couple dated in 1809.

Children by first wife:

1. Robert Watkins
2. William W.
3. Ann Low
4. Julia, married Augustine N. Clayton of Athens, Ga.

Children by second wife:

5. Thomas Peters Jr.
6. Peter Johnson
7. Nancy Clarke
8. Richard S.
9. Susan King

There are numerous references to Thomas Peters Carnes in the history books and official records of Franklin and Baldwin Counties. Even though he lived near where Eli settled, I can find no evidence on which to base an assumption that they were related.

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FOOTNOTE # 1: In Vol. II of The Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865, there is a reference to a Stephen Carnes. He is listed as a member of Company I, 11th. Reg. Ga. Vol. Inf. Army of Northern Va. C.S.A. This Company was from Randolph Co. Ga., and was known as "The Quitman Greys". The entry states that "Carnes, Stephen, Private June 7, 1862, was sent to General Hospital Aug. 1, 1863; No later record". This entry appears on page 147 of the referenced record. We believe that this Stephen was Thomas Jefferson's older brother.

The same reference book contained a roster for Company H, 51st. Reg. Ga. Vol. Inf., known as "The Randolph Rangers". This was Thomas Jefferson's outfit. The entry for T.J. reads, "Carnes, T.J. Private May 15th. 1862". This record also contains a roster of casualties and captured members of that unit: plus a listing of battles, or encounters. The unit saw action in the following battles and places; (1) Pocotaligo, S.C. in May 1862; (2) South Mtn., Maryland in Sept. 1862; (3) Richmond, Va. in Jan. 1863; (4) Chancellorville, Va. in May 1863; (5) Beverly Ford, Va. in Aug. 1863; (6) Guinea Station, Va. in May 1863 or 64; (7) Knoxville, Tenn. in Nov. 1863. It was in this action, or a result of this action, that Thomas Jefferson died on November 29th. 1863; However, it is strange that he is not listed as a casualty in the record cited above; Neither does the record reflect that he was transferred to a hospital, or captured. (8) Deep Bottom, Va. in Aug. 1864; (9) Cedar Creek, Va. in Oct. 1864; (10) Farmville, Va. in April 1865; (11) Appomattox, Va. in April 1865. The above research was conducted by Jack Millner of Austin, Texas.



Thomas Jefferson Carnes III and Inez Cochran
Photo by Thomas H. Compton at Kingsland, Texas
in August 1978.