

Thomas Carter

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Born: 1649 Isle of Wight, VA
Married: 11 Aug 1673 Magdalen Moore
Died: 1710 Isle of Wight, VA
Parents: Thomas Carter & Elinor Cooke



Thomas Carter 1697

"A portrait of Thomas Carter, still in its original Baroque frame, hangs at the headquarters of the Duplin County, North Carolina Historical Society in Rose Hill. On one of the original stretchers was written 'Thos Carter/Nanticoke/ Ile of Wight 1697.' The portrait shows a middle aged man with olive skin, a slightly hooked nose and sparkling gray eyes. He has a plump healthy face and is dressed in peruke, dark coat and linen shirt with flowing jabot. In his hands he hold a letter or possibly a bill of lading." letter from Mr. William Murphy to Dr. Barry Hayes. The portrait had descended through the line of Edward Carter for many generations to Mr. Murphy who had made the gift of the portrait to the library.

Thomas Carter married ca 11 Aug 1673 Magdalen Moore, who was the daughter of George Moore.

- (1) On 6 February 1710, Thomas Carter “being very sick and weak of body” made his will which left his estate to his wife and devised “unto my daughter Martha the plantation which I now live on, as long as she lives after my loving wife.” Then, “after my daughter Martha [dies] I give the plantation to my son Alexander.” The will was probated 10 April 1710 (Isle of Wight Wills and Deeds # 2, p. 499). These unfortunately were the only two children mentioned; other children can be proved by deeds and other devices more easily than others.
- (2) One son who can be proved without any difficulty was **George Carter**. On 30 December 1700, Thomas Carter and his wife Magdalen conveyed to “son George Carter” 200 acres, “part of the 400 acres George Moore father of Magdalen” had given to Thomas Carter on 11 August 1673 at “the Red Root Point Branch and the Beaver Dam Branch” (Boddie, Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight, pp. 642-43).
- (3) On 20 April 1710, the court took notice of a deed of 22 February 1710 whereby George Moore and wife Jane, George Carter’s grandparents, deeded to Thomas Ward of Surry County 100 acres, “part of a patent of 1,400 acres to Moore in 1669” and adjoining land “lately bought by Ward from Robert Munger.” The witnesses included George Carter, Moore Carter, and their cousin Henry White (named as a grandson in George Moore’s will). See Isle of Wight Deed Book # 2, p. 145.
- (4) On 30 Nov 1710, the grandfather George Moore (for whom George Carter and Moore Carter would appear to have been named), signed at “age 78” his will to which a codicil was added prior to probate on 24 January 1714 (Chapman, Isle of Wight Wills, p. 54). The primary legatees were grandchildren among whom Moore named “Moore Thomas White.” But George Moore did not have a grandson named Moore Thomas White. He did have a grandson George Thomas White who can be correctly identified in the will of his mother, Ann Moore White, 18 September 1739. George Thomas White left a will, received by the court on 25 June 1744. See Chapman, Wills, pp. 142, 147. The name Moore Thomas White or Moore White appears on no other record than the codicil. The recorder clearly erred in giving George Thomas White the wrong first name “Moore.” The compiler supposes that the late Rev. E.S. Lucas of Southern Historical Press was correct in speculating about a mistake of the recorder who confused Moore Carter and his first cousin George Thomas White and mangled the two names to read “Moore Thomas White.”

Information from online research at: Ancestry.com

*Thomas Carter is a common ancestor for R Wayne Peters and R Shan Sizemore