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JESSE AND MARY SIMS CARTER

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Jesse Carter and his wife Mary Sims Carter came to Llano Co. in about 1872 from Bell Co., stopping first near Tow, and then settling on the upper Little Llano River north of Lone Grove. They remained here the remainder of their lives and raised a family that was active in community affairs.

Jesse Carter, born 5 June 1821, was the son of Charles and Rachel Carter and raised in Jackson Co., Tennessee. Charles Carter was from Chester Co., S.Car. where he sold land in 1813 before his move to now Jackson Co., Tenn. Rachel died there after 1850, and Charles died after 1860.

Mary Sims was the daughter of Dr. Parish Sims by his first wife, believed to have been Nancy Matthews (Mathis). Mary, the oldest of their five known children was born 15 May 1824. Parish was a doctor on the Thompsonian System that taught the use of herbal medicines. Parish was born in 1798 in S.Car. and one of 12 children of Augustine Sims and Nancy Farmer.

Augustine was born 27 May 1763 in Virginia and served in the Revolution from Henry Co. He has been accepted as a Patriot Ancestor by the D.A.R. Augustine was the son of John and Sophiah Sims who moved from Virginia to Greenville Co., S.C. after the Revolution. Then in 1802 they moved to the Carter 1

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Cumberland Co., Ky. John and Sophiah died there on the Cumberland River. Augustine and Nancy moved to Illinois about 1815 with many of their children, and they died there in 1852 and 1849. They are buried in Macoupin Co., Ill. in the Rogers Cemetery. Augustine's grave has a marker for his Revolutionary War service.

After marriage in about 1845, Jesse and Mary Carter lived in Jackson Co., Tenn. until about 1855. They moved to Kansas Terr., and then before 1860 to Cooke Co., Texas. After the Civil War they moved to Bell Co., and then in about 1872 to Llano Co. They lived first in the Bluffton-Tow area before buying land on the Little Llano River north of Lone Grove. Jesse became a land surveyor and was elected County Surveyor in 1880. He died 11 Feb 1897 and Mary died 4 June 1907. Both are buried in the Babyhead Cemetery. Their children follow.

1. The oldest child of Jesse and Mary Carter was Thomas Jefferson born about 1846 who died during the Civil War.

2. Benjamin Franklin Carter was born about 1847. After moving to Llano Co., with his parents, he and his brother "Dock" served from 1877 to 1880 as Texas Rangers. In 1884 he married Louise Parilee Perry, who appears among the family of William Perry (which see). Ben and Louise lived on a farm north of Lone Grove with their family of four children. Their daughter Willie married William C. White and their account
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appears elsewhere. Ben died 6 May 1918 and Louise died 21 Feb 1940. Both are buried in the Board Branch Cemetery near Lone Grove.

3. Mary Frances "Mollie" Carter was born 5 March 1850 and died at Cherokee on 1 Dec 1931. She married Thomas F. Walker and they lived near Babyhead where they raised a large family. Their account appears separately.

4. Louisiana Carter was born about 1852 and married Abel D. Ray in Bell Co. in 1871. They came to the Bluffton area with the Carter family and their daughter Emily Jane "Emma" Ray was born there in 1872. The mother Louisiana died in the spring of 1877 and Emma was raised by her grandmother Carter. Emma married 1st Joseph G. Thorp on 2 April 1890 and they had five sons and two daughters. Emma married 2nd Robert Burton Brewer and was a resident of Llano until her death in 1964. Their daughter Sophia Brewer (Mrs. Richard D.) McGibbony has long been a resident of Llano.

5. The son Parish Sims Carter, called "Dock", was born 24 June 1854 in Jackson Co., Tenn., and died 30 Dec 1933 in Gorman. He was a Texas Ranger from 1877 to 1880. He married Rebecca Annie Havens on 27 Feb 1881 in Llano Co., and they lived on their farm north of Lone Grove until about 1907 when they moved to Gorman. They raised a large family.

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6. The youngest child of Jesse and Mary Carter was George Washington Carter, born 17 Feb 1861. He married Ellen Conaway on 10 Feb 1884 and they lived on their farm on the upper Little Llano River where he died prematurely on 17 Feb 1889. Ellen married 2nd James Logan Templeton and she died in 1911. George and Ellen had two sons, and a daughter who died young. Kellus, the oldest, was elected County Treasurer in 1912 and reelected for many years. Jesse, the younger son, lived on the family farm. Both are buried near their father George in the Babyhead Cemetery.

~~Submitted by~~ (Gifford E. White)

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