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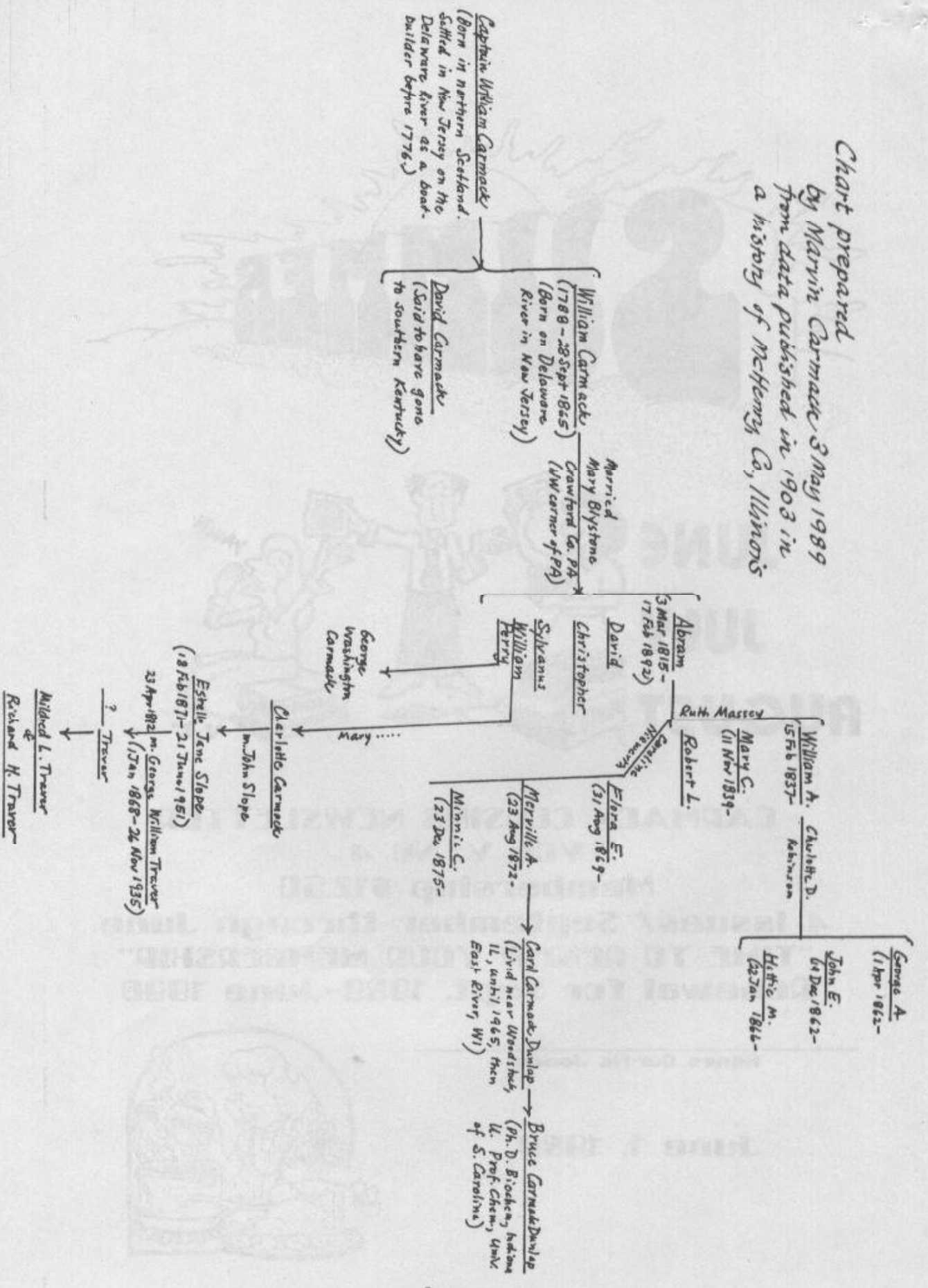
Renewal for Sept. 1989-June 1990

Agnes Curtis Jones

June 1, 1989



Chart prepared by Marvin Carmack 3 May 1989 from data published in 1903 in a history of McHenry Co, Illinois



WILLIAM A. CARMACK

William A. Carmack, Harvard, Illinois, member of a pioneer family of Dunham Township, McHenry County, is descended from Captain William Carmack, a native of the North of Scotland, who, in early manhood, removed to the North of Ireland and there married. Captain Carmack, who became the founder of the family in America--described as a man of dark complexion, while his wife was a blonde with red hair, both being very tall. They were Scottish Presbyterians. The Captain was a boat-builder by occupation, and emigrated to America sometime before the Revolutionary War, settling in New Jersey on the Delaware River. His location is said to have been near where General Washington made his famous crossing of the Delaware, before the Battle of Trenton in December 1776. Captain Carmack followed boat-building after coming to America, and is said to have advised General Washington where to effect the crossing of the river, and to have furnished and commanded five of the boats used in that memorable event. He is also said to have rendered valuable service to the Colonies in other respects during the war. He was the father of two sons, William and David. The former settled in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Southern Kentucky. From the latter is descended Senator Carmack of Tennessee.

William Carmack, the son of Captain Carmack, and grandson of the subject of this sketch, was born on the banks of the Delaware about 1788. While a young man, he adopted his father's occupation as a boat-builder, but afterwards became a carpenter and millwright, was a soldier of the War of 1812 and took part with the land forces in the Battle of Put-in-Bay. At an earlier date he served as an ensign under General William Henry Harrison at the Battle of Tippecanoe, and was a member of the Council of War held by General Harrison after the battle. In 1813 he participated in the Battle of the Thames, which resulted in the defeat of the British General Proctor and the death of Chief Tecumseh at the hands of Col. Richard Johnson of Kentucky. After the latter battle, he witnessed the skinning of the Indian chief's body by soldiers of the Kentucky regiments to procure souvenirs of that tragic event. He also served as a soldier of the Black Hawk War some twenty years later.

William Carmack married in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, Mary Blystone, who was born in that county, the daughter of Abraham Blystone, who was of Holland-Dutch Ancestry from New Jersey. After marriage, he settled on a tract of land at French Creek in Crawford County, which he had received from the Government for his services during the war. This land was located within thirty miles of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and here Mr. Carmack built a mill, and also carried on the rafting of logs down the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers to Cincinnati. Later, he removed to the River Raisin region in Michigan, where he kept a hotel, and still later kept a hotel in Door Prairie, west of LaPorte, Indiana. In the Spring of 1839 he moved by ox team to McHenry County, Illinois, where he bought a claim, and later perfected the title from the Government to a half-section of land, which now constitutes a part of the corporation of the City of Harvard, extending below the Railroad Depot to, and beyond, the school building. He also owned eighty acres now in the northeastern part of Harvard. He built a double log house where the residence of E. L. Church now stands, which was the first house within the central portion of Harvard. In 1847 he bought a farm two miles southwest of Harvard, where he lived some years, when, having sold this farm, he bought what is known as the Martin farm, consisting of 240 acres, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their days, after having become advanced in years, living with their son Abram. Mr. Carmack owned between 400 and 500 acres of land, and gave his children a good start in life. In politics he was an old-line Whig. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Carmack were: Abram, David, Christopher, Sylvanus, William, and Perry. William Carmack, Sr., died September 28, 1865, aged eighty-two years.

Abram Carmack of this family was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1815, and was about 15 years of age when his parents moved to Michigan. He received a common school education and showed especial capability in arithmetic, but followed farming as his life occupation. Before coming to

Illinois, in Porter County, Indiana, he married Ruth Massey, who was born in the Blue Ridge Mountains in West Virginia, some six miles south of Harper's Ferry, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Farnsworth) Massey. Her father, who was an English Quaker, was a currier and tanner by trade, and a practical abolitionist, not hesitating to assist fleeing slaves to freedom by way of the "underground railroad." On this account he left Virginia, going to Pittsburg, and thence by boat to a point below Cincinnati, afterwards settling south of, and near, Indianapolis. His sons having visited Northern Indiana, selected a considerable tract of land in Porter County to which Samuel Massey moved with his family. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Massey were: Tamar, born April 10, 1802; Levi, born September 17, 1804; Mordecai, born October 9, 1807; Isaac, born April 20, 1809; Phebe, born July 21, 1811; David, born September 13, 1813; Ruth, born June 14, 1815; Joseph, born June 23, 1818. Mr. Massey died June 14, 1848, aged about 86 years, and his wife January 11, 1864, aged 81.

After marriage, Abram Carmack settled on an 80-acre tract of land received from his father-in-law, Samuel Massey, to which he added forty acres more, making a farm of 120 acres. Two years later he moved to Coffee Creek, Porter County, Indiana, where he purchased 160 acres of land, but in 1839 came to McHenry County, Illinois, with ox-teams, settling on a claim purchased from Thomas and John Metcalf, which he afterwards entered at the Government Land Office. This tract consisted of 240 acres with two log houses upon it. He built a good frame house and otherwise improved his land, finally becoming the owner of five good farms in McHenry County. Abram Carmack was a member of the Universalist Church and held the office of Justice of the Peace for many years, and was also Assessor of his township. His children were: William A., born February 15, 1837; Mary C., born November 11, 1839; and Robert L. The two first named were born in Porter County, Indiana and the last in his grandfather's double log house in Harvard, Illinois. Mrs. Ruth (Massey) Carmack having died, Abram Carmack married, as his second wife, in McHenry County, about 1866, Caroline Niewerth, born in Hanover, Germany, November 16, 1837, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Niewerth. The children of the second marriage were: Flora E., born August 31, 1869; Merville A., born August 23, 1872; Minnie C., born December 23, 1875. The father, Abram Carmack, died on his home farm February 17, 1892. At the time of his death, Mr. Carmack was the owner of nearly 1,000 acres of land.

William A. Carmack was about five years old when his father removed to McHenry County, and can remember incidents of the journey, camping out in a tent and the big ox teams. He received his education in the graded school at Harvard and the Belvedere High School, in the latter studying Latin, surveying, and the higher mathematics. June 11, 1861, he was united in marriage, at Franklinville, McHenry County, to Charlotte D. Robinson. Joseph Robinson, who was a native of the north of Ireland, came to America about 1834, settling near Toronto, Canada, four years later coming to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin (1838), where his wife's mother bought land. In 1840 he removed to Franklinville, McHenry County, Illinois, and there bought 240 acres of land, but died while on a visit to Springfield, Missouri. His children were: Rachel, Rebecca, Henry W., Maria, and George W.

After marriage, William A. Carmack settled on a farm south of Harvard, where he resided one and a half years, when he removed to Tripoli, Bremer County, Iowa. He there bought 197 acres of land, which he improved, but after residing there seven years, returned to McHenry County, locating on Section 7 in Marengo Township. This land he still owns, and here his sons, George A. and John E., still live. He is also the owner of 90 acres in Dunham Township, upon which he now resides. His children were: George A., born in McHenry County, April 1, 1862; John E., born in Tripoli, Iowa, December 19, 1863; and Hattie M., born at Tripoli, January 22, 1866. Mrs. Carmack died March 15, 1896. Mr. Carmack is a member of the Methodist Church, in which he holds the office of trustee and steward, and has been a Sunday school teacher for fifty years, from the time he was sixteen years old. In politics he is a Republican and takes an earnest interest in political affairs in which he has been, at times, an active worker. While in Iowa he

served as Justice of the Peace and was Collector of Taxes in Dunham Township, McHenry County, in 1860. Fraternally, he is an unaffiliated Mason of Larengo Lodge. During his residence in Iowa, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Joseph E. Robinson, Mr. Carmack built a sawmill, which they ran for six years. He is an expert stationary engineer and a practical surveyor, and has been an occasional contributor to the local press.

MERVILLE A. CARMACK

Merville A. Carmack, lawyer, Harvard, Illinois, is one of the youngest members of the McHenry County Bar, with offices in both Woodstock and Harvard. Mr. Carmack was born on his father's farm in Dunham Township, McHenry County, August 23, 1872, the son of Abram and Caroline (Niewerth) Carmack. (See sketch of William A. Carmack for Carmack family history.) Merville A. received his education in the district school and the Harvard High School, graduating from the latter in 1891. His parents died in February, 1892, and for the next two years he managed the home farm of 200 acres. In the Fall of 1894, he entered the Sac County Normal School at Sac City, Iowa, which he attended for one year, when he entered the Illinois State University at Champaign. Owing to ill health he was compelled to return home, however, and there resumed management of the home farm and engaged in the buying and selling of stock, which he continued for two years. He then entered the law office of Judge O. H. Gillmore as a student of law, continuing his reading for the next two years, when, in 1902, he was finally admitted to the Bar and immediately began practice with satisfactory results. Although one of the youngest members of the McHenry Bar, Mr. Carmack has a promising future. In political opinions he is a Republican, but being a man of independent views, he is in no sense of the term a strict partisan, in local affairs being the advocate of good men and sound measures. Personally, he is a man of unimpeachable integrity and correct life, and is building up for himself a good reputation at the Bar as a reliable and capable attorney. He is a man of property, being the owner of a farm of 200 acres.

Note by Marvin Carmack (3 May 1989): The copy above is interesting for what it reveals about the reasons for frequent moving of pioneer families (search for cheap, rich farm land). There are some probable inaccuracies, *viz.*, the Captain William Carmack, ship-builder, who is supposed to have emigrated from northern Scotland, is still hard to place in New Jersey records; the data reported for his son, David, said to have gone to southern Kentucky and become the ancestor of Senator Edward Ward Carmack, are not in agreement with records turned up by Earline Carmack. A very interesting question is whether, or how, the New Jersey Carmacks are related to the Maryland-Virginia-Tennessee Carmacks. Records seems to place them close in time (early 1700's) and space (about 30 miles apart in NE Maryland and SW New Jersey). It is interesting that the two families' paths have criss-crossed a number of times (*e.g.*, Indiana, Iowa, California).

Note by Agnes Jones: (30 May 1989); Senator Edward Ward Carmack, see back issues of Carmack Cousins, we have documented proof that Senator Edward Ward Carmack descends from Cornelius Carmack of Frederick Co., Md. William Carmack continued from Vol. V, No. 3.

1 CORNELIUS CARMACK, born ca. 1681 died ca. 1748, moved from Cecil County, Maryland to the Linganore area after 1733. Once in the area, the family settled where Libertytown stands today. Cornelius Carmack wrote his will from his residence on "Dukes Woods" on 13 May 1746, he mentions in his will he was of "Mononocksey" in Prince George's County. Will probated in Frederick Co. in 1749 a year after the new county was established.

WIFE: Gwin

CHILDREN:

A. William Carmack, born ca. 1716 Maryland, died 1776 Frederick County, Md. Will 1776, Frederick Co., Md. Sarah daughter of William Carmack was baptized in Cecil County on 2 July 1733. All other children baptized in Frederick Co., Md. All Saints Parish Church. After moving to Frederick Co. William served on County grand juries, and in November 1753 he was named Constable of Manor Hundred. William name also appears on Frederick Co. Muster Roll, circa 1757, under Capt. John Mid-
daugh for 30 days of service "Cpl. William Carmack" also the name of "Sgt. Cornelius Carmack". William's son Cornelius died in Overton Co., Tennessee.

WIFE: Jane

B. John Carmack, born 1720 Md., died 1810/12 Washington Co., Va., buried High Point in Washington Co., VA. John frequently served on grand juries while living in Frederick Co. Frederick County, Court records June 1764, John Carmack petitioned the court "that as he now keeps a house of entertainment for travellers on the main road that leads from Frederick Town to Baltimore" he asked that the court "allow the road to be turned through his plantation by his door which will alter the distance 40 rods and will save him the trouble of making gates to pass through the plantation much to his disadvantage."

WIFE: Elizabeth Barton

William and John Carmack see Vol. 1, No. 1 and 2. Carmack Cousins

C. Cornelius Carmack, Jun.

WIFE: Sarah

1733

THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE EXHIBITED FROM CECIL COUNTY BY WILLIAM RUMSEY, GENT. DEPUTY COMMISSARY THESE _____

TO CAPT. WILLIAM RUNSEY THESE:

Cornelius McCarmaick, Jr. and his administration bond in common form by John Piggott his administration with Henry Baker and William Teague of Cecil County his sureties in sixty pounds sterling dated 14th. June 1733.

Cont. Cornelius Carmack, Jun.

AND THE FOLLOWING RENUNCIATION:

____ Stephen Knight, Sr. I being the widow of Cornelius McCarmaick, Jr. have taken into consideration concerning taking letters of administration of the said estate which I do wholly decline and also my near relations as my father and my father-in-law and I do fully resign all the privilege and right or anything that properly relates to me on that account and my father and father-in-law do the same unto John Piggott, merchant who is one of the greatest creditors and for him to take proper measures according to law on the accounts.

Sarah (her mark) McCarmaick

testis

Richard Sutton and Cornelius Carmack

Thanks to Gwin Copeland and Earlene Carmack for above also for information of Cornelius Carmack, Jun.

D. Mary Carmack
Married: ??? Richards

E. Catherine Carmack
Married: ??? Richards

F. Elizabeth Carmack
Married: ??? Evans; William Beatty, SR.

VERY SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Josephine Carmack, 10 July, 1 Liberty Place, Apt. 237, Bristol, Virginia, 24201

Sick: Joan Carmack, wife of Marvin Carmack, 2626 Windemere Woods Dr., Bloomington, In. 47401, Joan had heart surgery on wed. 24th. May. Marvin said "Joan was doing fine", a very special get well to Joan from her Carmack Cousins.

Thanks to Marvin Carmack for information on William Carmack and Gwin Copeland and Earlene Carmack for information on Cornelius Carmack, Jr. Also let's thank Dorothy Hildreth for sharing the old picture she found in her mother (Lillie Davis) material.

Please send any family information, old picture and enquiries to be used in our family newsletter.

CORNELIUS CARMACK, JUN

- Document 1. 4 Aug, 1733 - Wife, Sarah, renounced administration of estate.
Father & father-in-law joined in renunciation.
John Piggott appointed as administrator
Test: Richard Sutton & Cornelius Carmack
- Document 2. 20 Sep, 1733 Inventory of estate appraised by A. Berry and Jonathan Hartshorn
Inventory total was 31 Pounds & 7 shillings
Appraisal approved by: Cornelius Carmack and George Lashley
Heirs: Cornelius Carmack & William Carmack
Inventory included personal clothing, bed, blanket, sheet, pewter basin, & animals (3 cows, 2 yearlings; 1 bull, 6 hogs & 9 horses.
Debts totaled 10 Pounds & 7 shillings. Named were: Wm. Carmack, Cornelius Paulson, John Williams, Major Brown's widow, Wm. Kirk, Samuel Harris, Christopher Corsey, Wm. Reynolds, Judith (Sorlill) Williams, Benjamin Gregory, George Freeland
- Document 3. 22 Feb, 1741 Presented to court by John Piggott, Jr. & Samuel Piggott, sons of John Piggott, Jr. who was the administrator and died in 1738.
Total shown was 41 Pounds & 7 shillings (amount from inventory plus charge off of debts listed in inventory)
Payments had been made to: George Lashley, Cornelius Carmack, John Patton, John Long, Jethro Brown, Richard Whitton, Robert Storey, paid by Wm. Cox by order on William Carmack, administrator John Piggott, dec'd, Jonathan Hartshorn
Commesary General fees as for account of Charles Calvert, Esq paid - Perq Ward, Sheriff-Tasker & Dulancy - Deputy Commesary fee granted adm. paid Wm. Rumsey (total of 523 Lbs. to equal 4:7:2
10% commission on 33 Pounds & 3 shillings
Total - Accounts 44: 5: 11½
Total - Inventory 41: 7: 0
Bal due dec'd Piggott 2: 11: 11½

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- Document 1. PREROGATIVE COURT (Testamentary Proceedings) 29 (MdHR 985 1-12-3-41) p 301
- Document 2. PREROGATIVE COURT (Inventories) 18 (MdHR 1125 1-11-57) pp. 52-53
- Document 3. PREROGATIVE COURT (Accounts) 18 (MdHR 1040 1-11-3-23) pp. 518-520

Mac Cormaic, McCormick, MacCormac, MacCormack, MacCormick, Cormac, Cormick. Cormack. from the Gaelic cuirmach charioteer. This surname was evidently established more or less permanently in Munster before the 9th. Century by some of the descendants of Cormack Cas, son of Ollioll Ollum, King of Munster A. D. 177 and Sabia, daughter of Con of the Hundred Battles. Ard-Ri of Ireland A. D. 148. The Genealogical Tracts of Thordealbach O Raithbhealtaigh indicates that members of this group were anciently chieftains of Conmaicne Duine Moir. The foundation of the name was popular as a personal name even at the dawn of Irish history as is evidenced by its frequent appearance in all the ancient manuscripts.

PICTURE:

Dorothy Hildreth
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Dorothy found this picture in her mother (Lillie Davis) genealogy and she would like to know if anyone can identify this girl. On the back the name Mirah Carmack is written.

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GONLEY BROS.

CELINA, OHIO.

"TENNESSEE CARMACK FAMILY REUNION"

8th. (sat) July 1989. 6:00 p.m.

Place-Overton Motel. Livingston. TN

9th. (sun) July 1989. Noon

Family Picnic. Standing Stone Park

Motel Tel. #'s 615-823-2075; 823-7262

Bring family pictures & genealogy

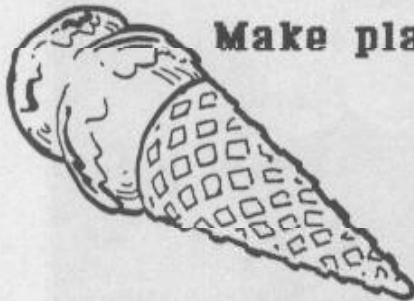


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Make plans to attend Carmack Tennessee Reunion!!

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