

John Carr



John Carr was believed to have been born in South Carolina on 10 Jan 1737 to parents, Robert Carr and Mary Williams. The Carr family was living in South Carolina, when the Revolutionary War broke out and John enlisted. He served with the South Carolina 8th Company of Rangers, and later, the third Regiment of SC.

Carr was married to Louvisa Isbell, the daughter of Zachary Isbell and wife, Elizabeth Callaway. They were the parents of John, James, Richard, William, Hannah, Louisa, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth and Isbell.

John Carr was first noted in the Washington County area in 1787. At the time, he reported 250 acres of land, a wife and nine children; and two black polls with one infant. He is consistently noted on the tax lists, with the last entry being in 1818 with 217 acres of land and one black poll.

In 1789, Carr purchased 132-acres property from William McBee, shown on the map below. The large white building on the property is Sam's Club, Johnson City.



He later added to his property, purchasing 100 acres which adjoined his property. He then added an additional 100 acres on the West Branch of Knob Creek. The first home was the McBee home which was built over the creek to give the family access to water during Indian attacks.

The farm on Knob Creek was known as the “Lone Pine Farm.” A cabin stands on that property, and an article in the Johnson City Press Chronicle dated Monday, October 24, 1966 suggests that it may have been the home of William McBee, but there is no proof to back that claim. It’s doubtful that it was built by McBee, since it was noted that he built the cabin over the creek.



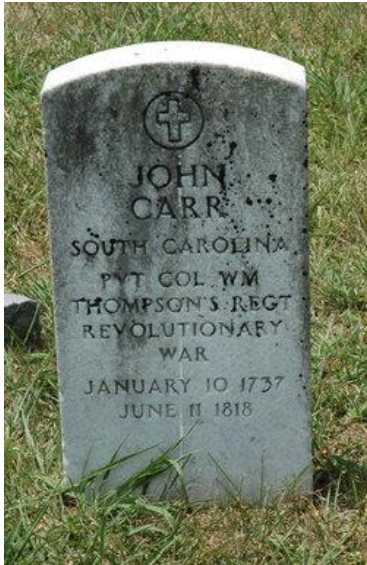
Louvisa Isbell Carr died 16 Apr 1808. John Carr wrote his will in 1811, mentioning ten children.

State of Tennessee
Washington County In the name of God amen
I John Carr Sen^r of the county and State aforesaid
Being in perfect health and of sound & disposing
mind & Memory Thanks be given to almighty God
calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life

first That whereas I have heretofore given to my
Children, that is my Sons John, James, Richard & William
and My daughters Wannah, Louisa, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, and
Isbell what out of my estate I then thought I could spare
therefore I now give & bequeath to each of them respectively
& severally all that I have heretofore given them to be
theirs severally forever

Two small portions of John Carr’s will

John died on June 10, 1818, and his will was probated that year. Both are buried in the Carr/Crumley/Krouse Cemetery in Johnson City, at the end of Homestead Lane. The red dot on the map above, shows the location of the Carr-Krouse-Crumley Cemetery. The cemetery is located on the property that John Carr owned, and yes, there is a large pine tree in the cemetery...I just wonder how old that tree might be.



John's grave was marked by the John Sevier Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution in October of 1966. Louisa's grave is marked by a hand-carved stone marker.



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