



## **Carter Family Collection (SP0094)**

**Collection Number:** SP0094

**Collection Title:** Carter Family Collection

**Dates:** 1870-1981

**Creator:** Evans, Dorothy Martha Carter, 1908-1990

**Abstract:** The Carter Family Collection contains compiled family histories and photographs of the Carter family of Newton County, Missouri. Related family histories include the Munsey and Weems families of Greene County, Tennessee.

**Collection Size:** 1.5 cubic feet  
(19 folders, 483 photographs)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [springfield@shsmo.org](mailto:springfield@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Carter Family Collection* (SP0094); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Laura Amann on August 24, 2023 (Accession No. SPA0124).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Carter Family Collection can be found in the following collections:

[Carter Family Genealogical Collection](#) (R0106)

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**Biographical Note:**

Ezekiel Carter was born in Greene County, Tennessee, on September 7, 1807, to John and Elizabeth Carter. He moved to Newton County, Missouri, in 1845, where he worked as a farmer and later married Rhoda Munsey Weems. Rhoda's first husband, John Weems, died on route to Missouri in 1843. She continued traveling west to claim her late husband's land in Newton County near the town of Stella. Ezekiel and Rhoda Carter had four children who survived to adulthood: Isaac, Virginia, Elizabeth, and Noah. The Carter's lost their land during the Civil War and moved to Benton County, Arkansas, where Ezekiel died on April 23, 1864. Rhoda moved back to Newton County after the war and passed away on December 31, 1899. She is buried at the Weems family cemetery in Wanda, Missouri.

Andrew Patten Carter was born on September 22, 1873, in Newton County, Missouri, to Isaac Munsey Carter and Francis Webster. The Carter family moved to Durant, Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma), where Isaac Carter worked as a Reverend for the Methodist Church. While living in Durant, Andrew Carter was the editor for the *Durant Eagle* and *Pioneer* newspapers. On April 29, 1904, he married Zella Estelle Shobe and the couple had two children: Dorothy and Andrew. By 1907, Andrew and his wife were living in Granby, Missouri, where he worked as the editor of the *Granby Miner* and *The Pilot*, a publication of the Missouri State Temperance Society. The Carter family moved again in 1913 to De Soto County, Florida. Andrew worked as a fire inspector for the state of Florida until his death on November 27, 1943. Zella Carter died on March 5, 1962. The couple are buried at Palm Cemetery in Winter Park, Florida.

Dorothy Martha Carter was born on July 12, 1908, in Granby, Missouri, to Andrew Patten Carter and Zella Shobe. She graduated from the University of Virginia and married Elwood Evans on December 23, 1930. The couple moved to Saltville, Virginia, where Elwood worked for the United States Gypsum Corporation. By 1983, the couple were living in St. Petersburg, Florida. Elwood Evans died on July 25, 1985, followed by Dorothy who died on December 22, 1990.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following 3 series:

Family Papers  
Photographs  
Oversize

**Scope and Content Note:****Family Papers**

This series consists of materials related to the Carter, Munsey, and Weems families of Greene County, Tennessee, and Newton County, Missouri, including correspondence, newspaper articles, birth records, and compiled family histories. The family histories were written by Dr. John Denton Carter, son of Isaac Munsey Carter, and focus heavily on Rhoda Munsey Weems Carter and Dorothy Margaret Carter Evans. Folder 3 contains materials belonging to Rhoda Margaret Hunter, daughter of Isaac Munsey Carter, including a membership application for the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

## Photographs

This series contains photographs of the Carter family, including several tintypes of Isaac and Francis Carter. The majority of photographs were collected by Dorothy Carter Evans and consist of family members, friends, various houses and landscapes, and trips abroad. Folder 13 contains images of servicemen, including Elwood Evans, during WWII. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

## Oversize

This series consists of a photo album and oversize photographs. The photo album contains duplicates found in the Photographs series and includes identifying information. The oversize photographs are also duplicates of images found in the Photographs series, most of which are portraits of Dorothy Carter Evans. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

## Container List:

f. 1-5	Family Papers
Box 001 f. 1	Correspondence, 1930-1970
f. 2	Family history, 1908-1981
f. 3	Newspaper articles, 1953-1954, no date
f. 4	Poem, no date
f. 5	Rhoda M. Hunter, 1923, no date
f. 6-16	Photographs
f. 6-9	Carter family, circa 1870-1944
f. 10	Cemeteries, no date
f. 11	Dorothy Carter Evans, 1908-1970
f. 12	Evans family, circa 1900
f. 13	Friends, 1910-1931
f. 14	Houses, no date
f. 15	Soldiers, 1943-1944
f. 16	Travel, 1930-1960
f. 17	Unidentified adults, no date
f. 18	Unidentified children, no date
f. 19	Oversize
Box 002 f. 19	Photo album & photographs, 1930-1932, no date

## Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Carter family	1-3, 5-11, 15, 19	Yes
Carter, Andrew Patten, 1873-1943	2, 6-8	Yes
Carter, Ezekiel, 1807-1864	2	
Carter, Francis Margaret Webster, 1848-1885	2, 5-6	Yes
Carter, Isaac Munsey, 1846-1910	2, 5-6	Yes
Carter, John Denton, 1905-1987	2	
Carter, Rhoda Munsey Weems, 1814-1899	2	

Index Term	Folder	Image
Carter, Walter Cobb, 1880-1934	6	Yes
Carter, Zella Estelle Shobe, 1882-1962	2, 6-9	Yes
Carter's Station (Greeneville, Tenn.)	10	Yes
Cemeteries	10	Yes
Chicago (Ill.)	16	Yes
Churches	2, 16	Yes
Durant (Okla.)	5-7	
Evans family	12	Yes
Evans, Dorothy Martha Carter, 1908-1990	1-3, 11, 19	Yes
Evans, Elwood Hancock, 1904-1986	2-4, 11, 15, 19	Yes
Florida	7-9, 14	Yes
France	16	Yes
Granby Methodist Church (Granby, Mo.)	2	
Greene County (Tenn.)	2, 10	Yes
Log cabins	14	Yes
Maryland	16	Yes
Munsey family	2	
Newton County (Mo.)	2, 6-7	Yes
Nurses	11	Yes
Saltville (Va.)	19	Yes
Soldiers	15	Yes
Spanish-American War, 1898--Military Personnel	6	Yes
Spring Mill State Park (Ind.)	16	Yes
United Daughters of the Confederacy	5	
Virginia	14, 19	Yes
Weems family	2	