

Michael J. Carr Research Report
By Tina Lyons – 22 March 2018

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Subject: Michael J Carr, d. 1887, Toledo, Ohio

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Background: Michael Carr was married to Emma Colburn in Lucas County, Ohio on 13 November 1877 by a justice of the peace.¹ He died on 7 March 1887 in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.² They had 4 children: Ernest Bleden Carr (b.1879),³ Max Colburn Carr (b. 1880),⁴ Albert John Carr (b. 1883),⁵ and Michael James Carr (b. 1887).⁶ The family lived in Toledo, Ohio. Michael worked as a carriage painter.⁷

Conflicting evidence is found for Michael's birth. In the 1880 census, he is recorded as 35 years old and born circa 1845 in Ohio.⁸ An index of his death record lists his age as 32 years old and born circa 1855 in Toledo, Ohio.⁹ The birth year (1854) from his death record is closer to the age of his wife (b.1861).

His parents' names were left blank on his death record. The 1880 census states that Michael's father was born in Ireland and his mother was born in Ohio.

Objective: Identification of Michael Carr's parents.

Authorization: 10 hours

Key Findings: Bernard "Barney" Carr and his first wife Ann McNamara/McNamara were identified as possible parents for Michael J. Carr. They had a son named Michael who was born circa

¹ "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1614804> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Marriage records 1858-1881 vol 2 > image 50, Carr-Colburn, 1877; citing FHL microfilm 912,940.

² "Ohio Deaths, 1854-1997," database, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 19 September 2010), Michael J Carr, 1887, Lucas county.

³ "Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1932106> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Birth registers 1875-1881 vol 2 > image 75, Ernest Bleden Carr, 1878; citing FHL microfilm 909,018.

⁴ "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1614804> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Marriage records 1908-1909 vol 20 > image 318, Carr-Wright, 1909; citing FHL microfilm 2,131,984.

⁵ "Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1932106> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Birth registers 1881-1887 vol 3 > image 33, Albert John Carr, 1883; citing FHL microfilm 2,435,069.

⁶ "Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1932106> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Birth registers 1886-1892 vol 4 > image 313, Michael J Carr, 1887; citing FHL microfilm 2,435,069.

⁷ 1880 U.S. census, Lucas County, Ohio, population schedule, Toledo, enumeration district 32, p. 22 (penned), dwelling 224, family 245, Mike Carr household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 1043.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ "Ohio Deaths, 1854-1997," database, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 19 September 2010), Michael J Carr, 1887, Lucas county.

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1854 in Ohio and baptized at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Toledo, Ohio in 1854.

Michael J Carr (d. 1887) and Michael Carr (son of Bernard Carr) share the following in common:

- Both were born circa 1854. This date matches Michael J Carr's death record.
- Both were born in Toledo, Ohio.

There are no other Michael Carrs in the 1870 census that match Michael J Carr (d. 1887).

Further research into Bernard Carr's family would be useful in providing additional evidence that the two Michaels are the same or different men.

Resources: Original documents consulted:

- Lucas County, Ohio death records
- Lucas County, Ohio probate records
- U.S. Census records
- Diocese of Toledo Catholic Church records

Online databases consulted:

- *Find A Grave*

Resource limitations:

- Research was conducted only online. Additional resources should be consulted on-site.
- The Diocese of Toledo Catholic Church records are unindexed and often in Latin.
- Death records for St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Toledo between 1850-1860 were either not kept or not digitized.
- Mount Carmel Cemetery records are organized by section and lot with no index.
- Lucas County, Ohio probate records on Ancestry.com are incomplete. Ancestry's index is also incomplete. There is no overall index for estate or wills for Lucas County until 1891.
- Toledo City Directories start in 1864.¹⁰

¹⁰ "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2469> : accessed 20 March 2018), Ohio > Toledo.

Research Notes

Michael J Carr's death record

The original death record for Michael J Carr gives additional details about his life and death. No informant is listed on the death certificate. His age at death calculates to a birth date of 9 July 1854. If the death certificate is accurate, Michael was born in 1854 in Toledo and lived his entire life in the city.

Date: March 7 [1887]
Name: Michael J. Carr
Color: W[hite]
Age: 32 y[ears] 7 m[onths] 26 d[ays]
Sex: M[ale]
Nativity: Toledo O.[Ohio]
Native Parents: [blank]
Foreign Parents: [checked]
Where Died: 103 Fitch St.
Place of Internment: Woodlawn Cemetery
Cause of Death: Burn followed by tetanus
Condition: Married
Duration of Sickness: 2 months
Occupation: Painter
Residence in City: 32 [years]
Coroner's Case: [blank]
Physician: A. Claypool¹¹

Woodlawn Cemetery

Michael's death record stated that he was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. His burial was not listed online at *Find A Grave*.¹²

An email was sent on 10 March 2018 to Woodlawn Cemetery (admin@historic-woodlawn.com) for a copy of Michael's burial record. No reply had been received as of 20 March 2018.

¹¹ "Ohio, County Death Records, 1840-2001," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2128172> : accessed 10 March 2018), Lucas > Death records, 1868-1888 > image 466, Michael J. Carr, 1887; FHL 1672023; County courthouses, Ohio.

¹² *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018), search for Michael Carr in Lucas County, Ohio.

Census Records

The 1870 U.S. Census was searched for Michael Carr born circa 1845 (based his 1880 census entry) and circa 1855 (based on his death record).

Possible matches for Michael Carr born +/- 2 years from 1845 in Ohio:

- M Carr born circa 1843 in Ohio lived in Nebraska.¹³ No other information was found on this man.¹⁴
- Michel Carr born circa 1845 in Ohio lived in Illinois.¹⁵ He died in 1926 in Jasper County, Illinois.¹⁶

Possible matches for Michael Carrs, born +/- 2 years from 1855 in Ohio located 3 matches:

- Michael Carr born circa 1855 in Ohio lived in Iowa.¹⁷ He died in 1923 and was buried in Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.¹⁸
- Michael Carr born circa 1853 in Ohio lived Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.¹⁹ He still lived in Cuyahoga County, Ohio in 1930.²⁰
- Michael Carr born circa 1854 in Ohio lived in Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio.²¹

The Michael Carr born circa 1854 and living in Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio most closely matches the details found in Michael J Carr's death record. This Michael lived in the household of Barney Carr. Further research was conducted on Barney Carr's family to determine if the two Michaels were the same person.

¹³ 1870 U.S. census, Otoe County, Nebraska, population schedule, Wyoming Precinct, p. 23 (penned), dwelling 191, family 192, M Carr; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 831.

¹⁴ No matching Carrs lived in Wyoming in 1860 or 1880.

¹⁵ 1870 U.S. census, Jasper County, Illinois, population schedule, Crooked Creek Township, p. 13 (penned), dwelling 103, family 101, Michel Carr; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 232.

¹⁶ "Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947," database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018), entry for Michael Hamilton Carr, 15 Jan 1926; citing FHL 1613169.

¹⁷ 1870 U.S. census, Dubuque County, Iowa, population schedule, Prairie Creek Township, p. 1 (penned), dwelling 7, family 7, Michael Carr; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 390.

¹⁸ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018), memorial 64552564, Michael Carr (1852-1923), Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa; gravestone photograph by Katie Lou.

¹⁹ 1870 U.S. census, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, population schedule, Cleveland, Ward 5, p. 207 (penned), dwelling 1517, family 1690, Michael Carr; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1189.

²⁰ 1930 U.S. census, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, population schedule, Warrensville, enumeration district 716, sheet 8-B, Michael Carr; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm T626, roll 1788.

²¹ 1870 U.S. census, Lucas County, Ohio, population schedule, Washington Township, p. 27 (penned), dwelling 201, family 204, Barney Carr household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1236.

Barney Carr 1860 Household

Residence: Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio
Census Date: 1 June 1860

Note: The 1870 Census does not give relationship status between the members of the household.

| Name | Age | Sex | Occupation | Birthplace |
|-------------|------|-----|------------|--------------------|
| Barney Carr | 34 | M | Farmer | Ireland |
| Ann | 28 | F | | Ireland |
| Michael | 6 | M | | Ohio |
| Mary | 4 | F | | Ohio |
| Sarah | 2 | F | | Ohio |
| John | 9/12 | M | | Ohio ²² |

Barney Carr 1870 Household

Residence: Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio
Census Date: 1 June 1870
Value of Real Estate: \$1500
Value of Personal Estate: \$200

Note: The 1870 Census does not give relationship status between the members of the household.

| Name | Age | Sex | Occupation | Birthplace |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| Carr, Barney | 45 | M | Farmer | Ireland |
| Ann | 40 | F | Keeps house | Ireland |
| Michael | 16 | M | At home | Ohio |
| Mary | 13 | F | At home | Ohio |
| John | 10 | M | At home | Ohio |
| Barney | 8 | M | | Ohio |
| Ann | 8 | F | | Ohio |
| Rosa | 6 | F | | Ohio |
| Sarah | 5 | F | | Ohio |
| Nicholas | 3 | M | | Ohio |
| Julia | 1 | F | | Ohio |
| Margaret | 3/12 (b. March) | F | | Ohio ²³ |

²² 1860 U.S. census, Lucas County, Ohio, population schedule, Washington Township, p. 10 (penned), dwelling 67, family 63, Barney Carr household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 1003.

²³ 1870 U.S. census, Lucas County, Ohio, population schedule, Washington Township, p. 27 (penned), dwelling 201, family 204, Barney Carr household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1236.

Barney Carr 1880 Household

Residence: Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio
Census Date: 1 June 1880

Michael is no longer living in Barney's household. This is consistent with Michael J. Carr's marriage and residence in Toledo in 1880.

| Name | Age | Sex | Relationship | Occupation | Birthplace |
|----------------|-----|-----|--------------|------------|------------------------|
| Carr Barney | 56 | M | | Gardener | Ireland |
| Ann | 50 | F | Wife | | Ireland |
| John | 20 | M | Son | | Ohio |
| Rossa A | 16 | F | Daughter | | Ohio |
| Sarah J | 14 | F | Daughter | | Ohio |
| Jullia | 11 | F | Daughter | | Ohio |
| Nicholas | 13 | M | Son | | Ohio |
| Margerett | 10 | F | Daughter | | Ohio |
| Lintzy William | 28 | M | Laborer | | Michigan ²⁴ |

Ann Carr's Death Certificate

Place of death: Lucas County, Washington Township, West Toledo, Walker Ave.

Full Name: Ann Carr

Sex: Female

Color: White

Date of birth: 1827

Age: 84

Widowed

Birthplace: Ireland

Occupation: Retired Housewife

Father: John Devins, born Ireland

Mother: Mary Murphy, born Ireland

Informant: Julia B. Carr, Walker Ave, Toledo

Date of death: February 9 1911

Cause of death: mitral incompetency

Contributory: acute bronchitis

Place of burial: St. Francis De Sales Cemetery

Date of burial: Feb 13 1911

Undertaker: James Coyle Sr., Toledo²⁵

²⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Lucas County, Ohio, population schedule, Washington Township, enumeration district 52, p. 37 (penned), dwelling 263, family 269, Barney Carr household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 1044.

²⁵ "Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1307272> : accessed 14 March 2018), certificate image, Ann Carr, 9 February 1911, no. 10132; FHL microfilm 1,952,773.

Mount Carmel Cemetery

Mount Carmel Cemetery was originally called Saint Mary and Saint Francis de Sales Cemetery. St. Mary and St. Francis de Sales are two of the Catholic Churches in Toledo.

Bernard “Barney” Carr and his wife Ann were buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio. The gravestone includes the names of 3 of their children who died young. The tombstone was probably erected after Ann’s death and incorrect information was used. For example, Margaret was born in 1880 according to census records, not 1875 as shown on the tombstone.

Transcription:

| | CARR | |
|------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1824 | BERNARD | 1900 |
| 1830 | ANN | 1911 |
| 1861 | BERNARD JR. | 1874 |
| 1863 | ANDREW M. | 1888 |
| 1875 | MARGARET E. | 1888 ²⁶ |

Toledo Catholic Parish Registers

Note: Below are translations from Latin. Names are shown in their Latinized form as in the records.

Since Barney and Ann were buried in a Catholic cemetery, the parish registers for the Diocese of Toledo were browsed. St. Francis de Sales is the oldest Catholic church in Toledo, with records starting in 1841.

Baptisms were searched between 1850 and 1865. The following entries were found for Barney Carr’s family:

| Date | Name | Birthdate | Parents | Sponsors |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 12 Jul 1854 | Michaelum | [not stated] | Bernardi Car and Anna Car | Patricius McCabe and Anna Langly ²⁷ |
| 9 Nov 1856 | Mariam | 8 Nov 1856 | Bryan Carr and Annae McManea Namea | Henry Car Jr. and Margaretta Burn ²⁸ |
| 14 Dec 1857 | Saran Joannam | 11 Dec 1857 | Bernardi Cawl and Annae McNamara | Stephanus Cenlirk and Helena Cawl ²⁹ |

²⁶ Find A Grave, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018), memorial 52995700, Bernard Carr Sr. (1824-1900), Mount Carmel Cemetery, Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio; gravestone photograph by Erich.

²⁷ “Ohio, Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Parish Records, 1794-2004,” images, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1494476> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Toledo > St. Francis de Sales > 1854-1865 Baptisms > image 7, Michaelum Car, 1854.

²⁸ “Ohio, Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Parish Records, 1794-2004,” images, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1494476> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Toledo > St. Francis de Sales > 1854-1865 Baptisms > image 44, Mariam Carr, 1856.

²⁹ “Ohio, Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Parish Records, 1794-2004,” images, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1494476> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Toledo > St. Francis de Sales > 1854-1865 Baptisms > image 61, Saran Joannam Carr, 1857.

No baptism was found for Bernard Carr's 4th child, John, who was born in 1859, or later children. This may signify the time that the family moved from downtown Toledo to Washington Township, where the family lived in 1860, or a switch to a new church.

Marriage records were also searched from 1848 to 1860. The following Carr marriages were located:

| Date | Groom | Bride | Witnesses |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 18 Nov 1849 | Calleb Langly | Annam Carr | Thoma and Henricus Carr ³⁰ |
| 7 Jan 1853 | Thomam Carr | Catheram Walsh | Henricus Carr and Michales Carr ³¹ |
| 1 Feb 1853 | Thomam Nevell | Mariam Carr | Michaelles Carr and Elizabetha Newall ³² |
| 5 Nov 1860 | Bernardum Carr | Anna Devons | Michaelus Kelly and Sarah McTierman ³³ |

The last record above shows that Bernard Carr married a second woman named Ann(a) in 1860.

Bernard's first wife Ann was enumerated in the 1860 census on 1 June 1860 and died before Bernard's second marriage on 5 November 1860. Death records for St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Toledo between 1850-1860 were either not kept or not digitized.

Lucas County, Ohio Probate Records

Michael J. Carr

Letters of administration for Michael J. Carr's estate were granted to Geo. S. Dixon on 17 March 1887. Jas. VanWonnes and A. J. Eyster were his sureties. John Bladon, Robt. Monks, and Thomas Baxter were appointed appraisers of Michael's company and personal property. The property and "desperate claims" were sold at a private sale. The administrator filed his final report on 20 Nov 1888.³⁴

³⁰ "Ohio, Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Parish Records, 1794-2004," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1494476> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Toledo > St. Francis de Sales > 1848-1875 Marriages > image 6, Langly-Carr, 1849.

³¹ "Ohio, Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Parish Records, 1794-2004," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1494476> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Toledo > St. Francis de Sales > 1848-1875 Marriages > image 10, Carr-Walsh, 1853.

³² "Ohio, Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Parish Records, 1794-2004," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1494476> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Toledo > St. Francis de Sales > 1848-1875 Marriages > image 10, Nevell-Carr, 1853.

³³ "Ohio, Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Parish Records, 1794-2004," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1494476> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Toledo > St. Francis de Sales > 1848-1875 Marriages > image 28, Bernard Carr and Anna Devons, 1860.

³⁴ "Ohio, Wills and Probate Records, 1786-1959," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8801> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Civil Docket Vol 3-4 1873-1903 > image 447, volume 4, p 261, case 776, Michael J. Carr.

The above information was found in the docket. Additional details of Michael's probate may be found in additional probate books and a probate packet.

Bernard "Barney" Carr

No estate records were located for Bernard "Barney" Carr in the Lucas County probate index for 1891 to 1959.³⁵

Ann Carr

Ann Carr left a will naming her heirs:

- Son, John Carr, of Metamora, Ohio
- Son, Nicholas Carr, of Toledo, Ohio
- Daughter, Rosa A. Carr, of West Toledo, Ohio
- Daughter, Julia Carr, of West Toledo, Ohio
- Daughter, Sarah Carr, of West Toledo, Ohio³⁶

She did not name any of the children from her husband's first marriage.

The information above was listed in the administration docket. The will was not available online.

³⁵ "Ohio, Wills and Probate Records, 1786-1959," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8801> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Index to Estates, 1891-1959 > image 34, Index to Estates 1891-1941, Carr.

³⁶ "Ohio, Wills and Probate Records, 1786-1959," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8801> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Administration Docket, Vol A14-A15, No 6501-7500, 1909-1911 > image 395, volume 15, p. 7118, Ann Carr, 1911.

Suggested Future Research

- **Lucas County, Ohio Land Records** – The 1870 census state that Bernard Carr owned real estate. Determine what happened to the land after Bernard’s death.
- **1880 Census** - Search for Michael Carrs born about 1854 to determine if there are other possible matches for Bernard’s son Michael living elsewhere.
- **Lucas County, Ohio Probate** – Search for probate packets at the Lucas County Courthouse for Michael J Carr. Locate Ann Carr’s will.
- **Research the other children of Bernard Carr.** Search for census records, marriage records, death records, obituaries, and probate records for each child.
- **Research Michael Carr’s widow’s 2nd marriage.** On 3 January 1888, Emma Colburn Carr married William Lindsey in Lucas County, Ohio.³⁷ In 1880, a William Lintzy was a farm laborer in the household of Bernard Carr.³⁸ Determine if the two Williams were the same man.

³⁷ “Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1614804> : accessed 20 March 2018), Lucas > Marriage records 1884-1890 vol 3.5 > image 56, Lindsey-Carr, 1888; citing FHL microfilm 912,941.

³⁸ 1880 U.S. census, Lucas County, Ohio, population schedule, Washington Township, enumeration district 52, p. 37 (penned), dwelling 263, family 269, Barney Carr household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Mar 2018); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 1044.