

I. Joseph Carter, from England, landed on the bank of the Delaware River in 1687; was a Friend, and a member of Penn's colony. His wife was Catherine ——. He removed from Bucks County, Pa., to what is now Frederick County, Va., either in or prior to 1739, for his name appears in 1739 with 54 other signers in a petition for a court house to be established in Frederick County, as Orange County C. H. was too far away.

In 1743 Lord Fairfax granted to Joseph Carter 600 acres

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on Opequon Creek, six miles from Winchester, on the road to Berryville.

Joseph Carter and his wife Catherine had the following children. 1. Catherine, 2. Sarah, 3. Joseph, 4. Mary, 5. Rachel, 6. James, born August 19, 1732 (evidently in Pennsylvania).

Of all the early Friends, perhaps the family most engaged in manufacturing was the Carter family, who removed from

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Bucks County, Pa., to Frederick County, Va., before 1736 and settled on the Opequon at the point where it is now crossed by the Berryville-Winchester highway. They established their home on the east bank of the Opequon, and on the west side they erected a large "ordinary" or tavern. Nearby on Abram's Creek, near its mouth, they built a flour mill and distillery. This mill site is one of the oldest in the lower Valley, that has been in continuous operation. The present mill erected on the old foundation, and called the "Spout Spring Mill," was built in 1866 by the late Daniel T. Wood, a much esteemed elder of Center Meeting, Winchester. John, James, Joseph, Arthur W., and Watson Carter acquired other lands a few miles down the Opequon and on Red Bud Creek, and utilizing the remarkable fall of these streams, in the ensuing years, they built five mills within a distance of two miles. These consisted of a paper mill, perhaps the first enterprise of its kind in the Valley; a "Flax Oyle mill," a sawmill, a flour mill, and a flax-breaking mill. Another Friend, Lewis Neill, also had a mill on the Opequon near the same place. With him the Carters had a difference about the riparian rights. The following letter from Lord Fairfax to his nephew, Col. George William Fairfax, deals with this discussion:

"July 5, 1758."

"Dear George:

Mr. Neill has been with me and complains that Joseph Carter takes in all the water, which very much hurts his plantation. He desires if he [may] have thirty or forty acres which I really think is very reasonable. He likewise desires