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Subject: [Carpenter Cousins Google Groups] The Carpenter Memorial of 1898 - Enhanced version - now online (2nd version)

Hello Carpenter Cousins!

Today is Canada Day.

In a few days America celebrates its 250th Birthday.

In the meantime, I finally got to do one item on my old to do book list.

I got the old 1898 Carpenter Memorial from scanned pages into easy to download pdf sections and added some supplements. I should mention that this version also has a lot of handwritten corrections. So technically, it is enhanced in an old school way.

Officially the title of the 1898 book is:

A Genealogical History of the Rehoboth branch of the Carpenter Family in America, brought down from their English ancestor, John Carpenter, 1303, with many biographical notes of Descendants and Allied families.

But it is also known as the Carpenter Memorial of 1898.

It was the original and the authoritative book on the Rehoboth branch of the Carpenter Family.

This 1898 book was the work of one very dedicated Amos Bugbee Carpenter (25 May 1818 VT – 25 March 1904 VT). He spent many decades creating this book. All Rehoboth branch Carpenter should mentally thank him for his amazing effort.

For its day it was pretty damn good. It was huge at a wee bit over 900 pages. It had a good Carpenter name index (page 865), an index of people married to those Carpenters (page 884), and even an index where Carpenters lived (page 899).

It had an Appendix to the English Ancestry on page 826 that indicates that a paid researcher in England was hired to do research and it cites some correspondence.

On page 853 it had "The Reported English Estate" and it goes into details how people were scammed of money thinking that they may have had a chance of inheriting money held by the English Crown for the rightful heirs. Some Carpenter lines (Loyalists & Southern Rebels) were excluded due to James Ushers 1883 book that gave them a Wales ancestry or other ancestry. Over 100 years later we finally corrected those deliberate errors.

All in all the Carpenter Family Association fell hard for the Nigerian scam of their day. And yes, some lawyers who should have known better were involved. Why? Likely simple old fashioned greed.

While the Carpenter Memorial lacked the detailed sources we like to see today, it occasionally gave some excellent material. Too often there was just a name and a relationship.

Were there mistakes? Yes, because most lines were self-reported. And most readers missed that the book had corrections pages starting on page 833 to 852 and more on 906. Those corrections were mostly ignored.

Much more research and documentation has gone into the old Carpenter Memorial of 1898 by many researchers. Corrections, additions, and updates over the last century plus has been amazing.

Since 1898 the English line has been nullified because of will errors found in the early 2000s. Little things like using an 8x10 inch photocopy from the early 1970s and seeing something that looked like "sons" was used confirm the line. But digital copies about 2002 revealed that the so-called "sons" were actually "svts" without the crossbar on the letter "t". Yep. The "sons" were actually "servants" with cut that lineage.

We also were able to do Y-DNA research with paper trail documentation to help figure out the various claimed Carpenter lines in America. That was an amazing effort by citizen scientists that continues today. The Rehoboth, Massachusetts Carpenters are in the genetic Group 3 of the Carpenter Cousins Y-DNA (surname) Project.

I have added the link to the 1898 Carpenter Memorial on the left side of the main Carpenter Cousins web page with the Group 3 - [Descendants of the William Carpenters of the 1638 Bevis](#). See: [The 1898 Carpenter Memorial Book - Enhanced](#) .

For those who want the direct link, here it is.

<https://carpentercousins.com/1898/index.htm>

Enjoy the old Carpenter Memorial of 1898. You may find something of interest here and there!

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