

Mary Owens (1818-)

Mary Owens was born in 1818 to Redmond Owens and Christiana Arnold in Sugarloaf or Hanover Township areas of Luzerne County Pennsylvania.

Mary married George Carey about 1846. George was born in 1822, and worked as a laborer in various trades and agriculture.

In 1850 George, Mary, and their son George Jr. were living next door to Redmond and Christiana Owens in Hanover Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Living with the Carey family were Hezekiah Thomas and Mary's Sister Elizabeth A. Thomas, and brother John Owens.

On August 27th 1864 George provided an affidavit for Elizabeth Ann Thomas's Civil War pension claim. In George's affidavit, he described the circumstances and details surrounding the marriage between Elizabeth Owens and her husband Hezekiah Thomas.

- Hezekiah Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Owens were married December 25th 1850 by Gilbert Borrows, Esquire, Justice-of-the-Peace at the Exchange Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. At the wedding were John Owen and George Carey, who in 1863 both lived in the Post Office area of Alberts, Wrights Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. ¹

On July 23rd 1867 Mary Carey provided an affidavit for Elizabeth Ann Thomas's Civil War pension claim. In the affidavit, Mary explained she was present at the birth of two children born to Elizabeth Ann Thomas; Mary Margaret Thomas and Christie Ann Thomas. Mary made her mark for her signature. ²

Then on September 18th 1867 Mary made another affidavit attesting to "...that she was present at the birth of Mary Margaret Thomas, February 13th 1852, and that the said Mary Margaret is still living, and at present lives in Wright Luzerne County Penna..."

By 1870 George and Mary Carey were living with Redman (Redmond) Carey (b. 1864), a servant girl, Callie Carey (b. 1853), and Reuben Mullen (b. 1838) in the Mount Top post office area of Wright Township in Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Living next door was Mary's sister, Elizabeth, and her family.

In 1880 George and Mary were still living in Wright Township. About four homes away where Mary's sister, Elizabeth's family, and in another home was Elizabeth's son Daniel and his family.

- In 1880, Elizabeth is still living in Wright Township, along with her two daughters, Melissa and Christiana. Also living with them is Elizabeth's grandson, Samuel Cleary , who is the son of Elizabeth's daughter Christiana, and Redmond Thomas. ⁱ Redmond is most likely Redmond Carey who, in 1870, lived with his parent Mary and George Carey; Elizabeth's sister, Mary Carey.

Mary and George Carey's children include:

- i. George Carey Jr. was born 1848.
- ii. Callie was born in 1853.
- iii. Redmond was born in 1864.

ⁱ There is no record of Redmond being a child of Hezekiah and Elizabeth in the 1867 Civil War Pension affidavits.

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End Notes

¹ Hezekiah Thomas Civil War Pension File: Application Claim Number 10222, and Certificate #: 30229, National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

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