

REV GEORGE CLIFFORD CARPENTER



Born: Mar. 29, 1840 in Nelson, NY

Died: May 23, 1894 in Indianola, IA

Assignment(s):

American Missionary Association (AMA)

Chaplin's Plantation – Hilton Head, SC
May 1866 – Apr. 1867

Mitchelville – Hilton Head, SC
Mid 1867 – Mar. 1868

1840-1894

George was born March 29, 1840 in Nelson, Madison Co., New York to George Salisbury Carpenter (18 Sep 1809 - 27 May 1869) and Mary E. Smith (1811-1888). His parents were married May 9, 1838 and had 3 sons and 2 daughters. In 1850, George was living with his parents in Nelson but by 1860, he was working as a farm laborer on the farm of Ogilore S. Booth near Nelson. George was a graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut, class of 1866.¹

On October 2, 1866, he married Frances Ellen Cheesman (1847-1931) and they had 3 daughters. They were both appointed before they married by the American Missionary Association in May 1866 to teach the freedmen, first at Chaplin's Plantation on Hilton Head Island until at least March 1867. By April 1867 he had transferred to Mitchelville Freedmen's Village. because he submitted a 'Teacher's Monthly Report' (TMR) from Marshlands School in Mitchelville in April 1867.² It is not clear exactly as to the timing of the transfer because Eliza Ann Summers provides a list of teachers on Hilton Head as of April 1867 and lists the Carpenters both as being at Chaplin's

¹ Nicolson, F.W. Wesleyan University. Alumni Record of Wesleyan University, . , Conn. Hartford, CT. Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co, 1883, p 214. online at <http://46620252ps://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/006586437>.

² American Missionary Association Archives. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University, Amistad Research Library. "Teacher's Monthly Report [TMR]. Marshland School, Mitchelville, SC. April 1867. <http://www.drbronsonstour.com/teachersmonthlyreportgeorgecarpenterapril1867.html>.

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Plantation on Hilton Head, but also at Marshlands School.³ The Carpenters returned home in March of 1868. By 1880, the Carpenters had moved to Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa where they remained for the rest of their lives. From 1869-1894, George was an Instructor at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. He died May 23, 1894 in Indianola and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery (aka Odd Fellows Cemetery) with his wife.⁴ His will was probated on July 5, 1894 in Buchanan, Iowa with a personal estate valued at \$200.

³ Martin, Josephine W., ed. "Dear Sister": Letters Written on Hilton Head Island 1867. Beaufort, SC: Beaufort Book Co, Inc, 1977. P 110.

⁴ Findagrave.com Memorial ID #27997065 created 2 Jul 2008 by contributor #46620252 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/27997065>.