

Frances Mary Carter

1732 – 1780



Frances was born in 1731 or 1732, daughter of William Carter and Frances Jamineau of Ballingdon.

Her parents are seen here in a Gainsborough painting -1747.

Frances married Robert Andrews on November 10, in all Saints Sudbury, when she was about 16 years old.



Frances was famously painted by Gainsborough in a picture entitled Mr and Mrs Andrews.

The Carter family lands bordered the Auberies estate where Mr and Mrs Andrews lived and where Gainsborough's painting is set. In the far distance, the painting features the spire of the church where they were wed and the barns of Frances' family home. The oak tree supposedly represents the stability and continuity of the landed gentry and Frances' empty lap awaits their first child

Frances and Robert had nine children Frances 1751, Robert 1752, Charles 1755, Harriet 1758, Charlotte 1760, Sophia 1763, William 1766, Susan 1767, Sarah 1769

Frances Mary Andrews (nee Carter) died in 1780 when she was 48 years old.

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From the McQuiddy-Kent family tree and The Andrews family tree
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