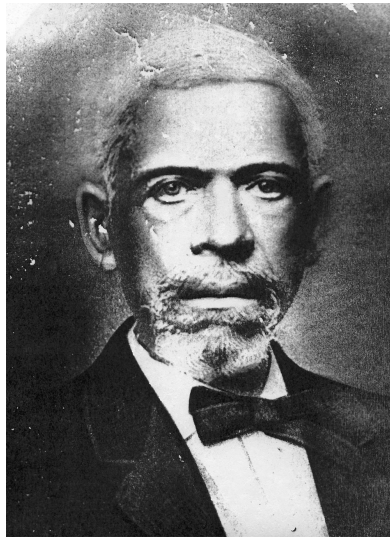


## The Families of River View Farm

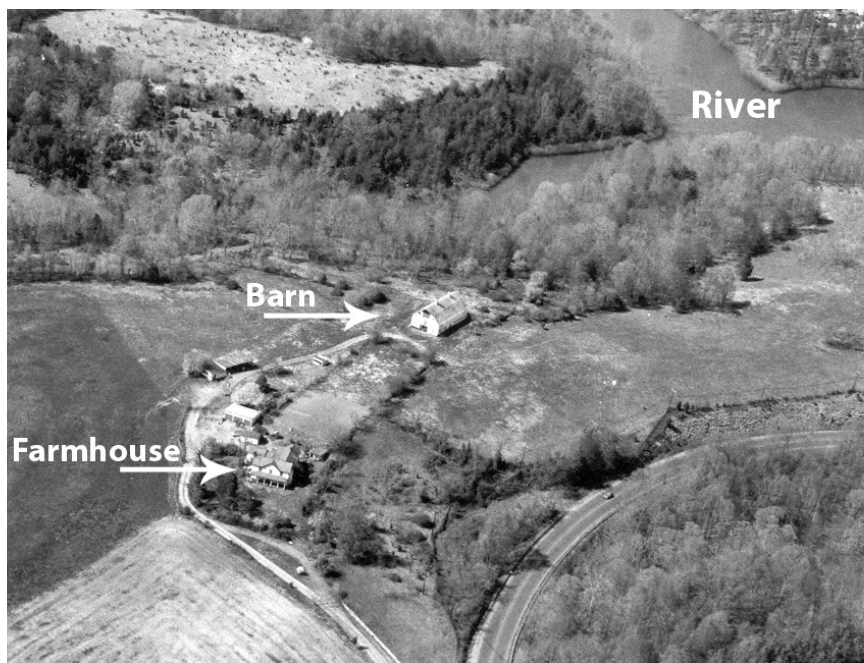
**The Carrs:** Today we call the place you are visiting Ivy Creek Natural Area, but this land was once part of a farm. The farm was owned by important people in our community, Hugh and his wife, Texie Mae Hawkins Carr. Hugh Carr did not always own this farm. For part of his life he was an enslaved person. Once freedom came and all enslaved people became free, he worked very hard for other neighborhood farmers, saved his money, and bought this land that became known as River View Farm.



Hugh Carr



Texie Mae Hawkins Carr



Why do you think the farm became known as River View Farm?

**The Carr Family:** Hugh and Texie Mae had seven children: six daughters and one son. Mr. Carr ran the farm. Mrs. Carr took care of the children but also cooked, sewed, cleaned, and washed the family's clothes. The children helped with farm chores, but school was their main job. Their parents felt that making sure their children got an education was as important as giving them food and a place to live. Texie Mae Carr died when their youngest child was only four years old. The oldest, Mary Louise, who was 15, took over many of her mother's jobs and made sure that her brother and sisters went to school.





Mary Carr and Conly Greer

## The Greers

Mary Carr left her home on the farm and went away to study for a teaching diploma. When she returned to Charlottesville, she taught school and took care of her father who was old and not well. She married Conly Greer, and they took over River View Farm when Hugh Carr died. Mary Carr Greer and Conly Greer had one child, Evangeline.

What does your family look like? Do you have a big family with lots of children like Hugh and Texie Mae Carr had? Do you have a small family like Mary Carr and Conly Greer?

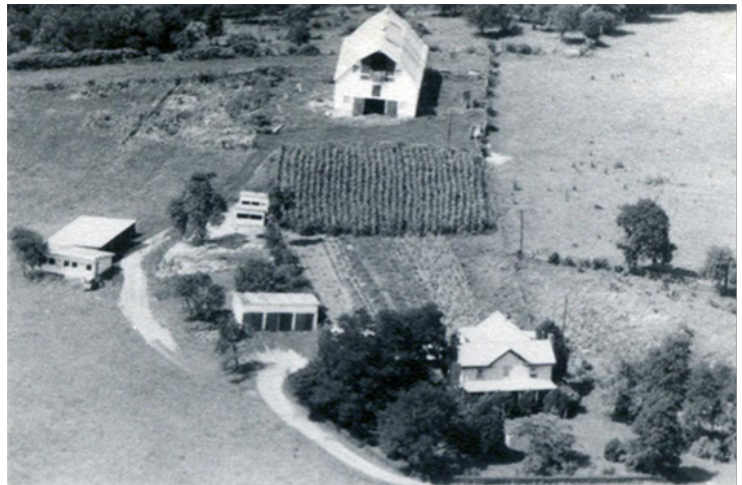
Mary Carr Greer was a teacher and a school principal. Have you heard of Greer Elementary School? It was named in Mary Carr Greer's honor.

Conly Greer had an important job. He taught farmers how to do a better job farming and helped children learn how to become farmers. He also built a modern barn. It is the same barn that you can visit today.

Can you find the house where the Carr and the Greer families lived?

Can you find the barn that Conly Greer built from trees that grew on the farm? The barn was where the horses slept and where the cows were milked. Other buildings were for chickens. Pigs lived down the hill from the barn.

Can you see where corn is growing? Can you see apple and peach trees behind the barn?



River View Farm

Do you live on a farm, in the country, or in the city? Have you ever visited a farm?

Do you know anyone who raises chickens or cows? Why do people raise chickens or cows?

