



Seated (left to right): James C. and Martha B. Standing: James C., Jr. and Sadie C. Second row: Talmadge D., Ralph E., Jack S., Walter E., Victor, Clarence B. and Ruth J. Wrenn.

MARTHA BERRY'S FATHER WAS THOMAS PERSON BERRY AND NOT JOHN ARTHUR BERRY

**JAMES CAROWAY AND MARTHA BERRY WRENN**

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James Caroway Wrenn (1868-1923) was born on his father's tobacco farm at Warren's Grove, he was the third son of seven children of William Warren Wrenn and Jeanette Pleasants Wrenn. He was educated in a one room log cabin which was on his father's land and where Warren's Grove Church now stands. One of James's interest was music which was taught in the school. On Wednesday and Sunday nights a group would get together and James would teach them music, he also would ride horseback to Milton to teach music. On one of his music trips he met Martha Bowers Berry; after about a year of courtship they were married December 26, 1894 at Clement Church by Rev. G.T. Watkins.

James was a Presbyterian and was a member of the Presbyterian church on Lamar Street in Roxboro. He also was initiated into the

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Masonic Lodge No. 113 in Roxboro on March 9, 1908.

Martha Bowers Berry was born in Orange County; her parents were John Arthur Berry and Lucy Brown Berry. At the age of seven, both her parents were dead and she was raised by J.W. Denny of Person County. She attended school at Roseville. She was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church.

In the first year of James and Martha's marriage they had to cook on a fireplace in a one room log cabin that they rented, also their first child was born there. A couple of years later they bought a sixty-six acre farm approximately one-half mile from Paynes Tavern. There they raised tobacco, cotton, corn, vegetables, fruit trees and many other things for their survival.

Their children are: Walter Edward 1895-1963, Ira Samuel (Jack) 1897-1948, Arthur Thomas 1899-1900, Ralph Ellison 1901-1974, Victor Arthur 1902-Unknown, Clarence Boardman 1905-1972, Talmadge Dean (Tom) 1907-1978, Ruth Jeanette 1909, James Caroway, Jr. 1911-1968, and Sadie Katherine 1914-1977. *Pick*

After the children grew up, only one child, (Ralph Wrenn) lived in Roxboro (Person County); he bought his father's farm and followed in his footsteps.

— Mrs. Ruth Wrenn Crow