

ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY MARCH 29



Elsie Davis, Fannie Cobb Carter, and Ruth Norman, at a celebration honoring Carter's 100th birthday.

On March 29, 1973, African-American educator Fannie Cobb Carter died at the age of 100.

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Investigate the Document: (Charleston Daily Mail, March 3, 1973; Proclamation for Fannie Cobb Carter Day)

Document 1

1. What is significant about the college from which Fannie Carter graduated in 1891?
2. List *three* positions Carter held during her educational career? Does the article fairly reflect her contribution to education in West Virginia?

Document 2

3. What body was honoring Carter for her contribution to educational and humanitarian accomplishments?
4. Who was the signatory of the proclamation that established "Fannie Cobb Carter Day" on June 11, 1977?

Think Critically: What changes to African American education do you think Fannie Carter witnessed over her 100 years of life? What were the conditions of the schools that African Americans attended before *Brown v. Board of Education*?

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CITY OF CHARLESTON

PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor

WHEREAS: Mrs. Fannie Cobb Carter grew up in Charleston, West Virginia in the 1880's; and

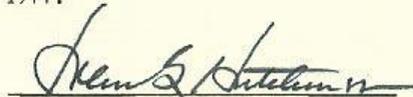
WHEREAS: Mrs. Fannie Cobb Carter made a significant contribution to her Black American heritage and became an educator and humanitarian; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. Fannie Cobb Carter will be honored by The Association for the study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc. by having a plaque placed in the Science and Culture Center for her distinguished service to mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John G. Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim June 11, 1977, as "Fannie Cobb Carter Day". I ask the people of this community to join me in honoring her memory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Charleston to be affixed this 11th day of June, 1977.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "John G. Hutchinson", is written over a horizontal line.

Mrs. Fannie Carter, Educator, Dies At 100

A Charleston woman who celebrated her 100th birthday last Sept. 30, and was widely known in educational circles, died Thursday night at St. Francis Hospital following a long illness.

Mrs. Fannie Cobb Carter graduated from Storer College in Harpers Ferry in 1891, and later attended Oberlin College, Ohio State University, Columbia University and several other institutions.

Mrs. Carter traveled in the United States and abroad for education purposes.

Mrs. Carter, who was born in 1872, the year before the first train came through Charleston, kept abreast of current news.

She was against strip mining and last year, during an interview, explained:

"I would rather see little children playing on the hillsides. And I like to see cows and horses there."

An early riser, she always voted before breakfast and confided that she "used to be a staunch Republican but found out all the devils aren't on the Democratic side. Sometimes I



MRS. FANNY CARTER

vote the other way now."

She didn't like the idea of calling Negroes "blacks." She preferred to talk about "just people" instead of blacks and whites.

Mrs. Carter never met Gov. Moore but she remembers when George Wesley Atkinson was governor in 1899.

"He invited Booker T. Washington back to West Virginia and had him go all over the state," she said.

She danced at a reception honoring the prominent Negro educator.

She was born in a house on Dickinson Street, between Quarrier and Lee streets.

She was superintendent of the first West Virginia Industrial School for Colored Girls in Huntington, dean of women for 17 years in the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls in Washington, D.C., and taught elementary school in Charleston.

Mrs. Carter in 1909 instituted the teacher training department at West Virginia State College, then known as West Virginia Collegiate Institute where she worked several years.

She later returned to private business in Charleston where she became a charter member of the Women's Improvement League.

There are no immediate survivors.

The body is at Preston Funeral Home.

Mayor Baronick Of Pomeroy Dies

William G. Baronick, mayor of Pomeroy, Ohio, since January, died Wednesday at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Pomeroy after a short illness. He was a former resident of Winfield.

Surviving: wife, Betty Jean; brothers, Stephen of Pittsburgh, Pa., John of Connellsville, Pa., Joseph of Mount Pleasant, Pa., Edward of Fairmont, Anthony of West Mifflin, Pa.; sisters, Mildred O'Brien of Washington, D. C., Sophie Baronick of Scottsdale, Pa., Margaret Baronick of New York City, Helen Kukawka of Garfield Heights, Ohio.

Mass will be Saturday at 10 a. m. at Sacred Heart Church in Pomeroy. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Rosary will be said at 7 p. m. Friday at the Ewing Funeral Home in Pomeroy.