

SALLY CARPENTER'S DOCUMENTARY TRAIL

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FINDING

Sally Carpenter, a Black domestic worker born around 1902, survives in five records — a 1930 census line and four Nashville directory entries through 1935 — only as a servant in Holt Bean's household, the lone exception the Green Hills covenant allowed to its bar on African descent.

SUPPORTS IN THE ARTICLE

- *the fact of the matter lived in the basement and her name was Sally Carpenter*
- *documented in four city-directory records through 1935*

ABSTRACT

Five records preserve Sally Carpenter — one census line and four Nashville city-directory entries — every one generated by the household she served, not by her. They show a Black domestic worker, born around 1902 in Tennessee, enumerated in Holt Bean's household at 1612 North Observatory in 1930 and traceable in the city directories through 1935, after which she leaves the record entirely. The Green Hills covenant barred persons of African blood or descent from the subdivision, then opened one exception: such persons could be present in the capacity of servants. Carpenter was that exception — admitted under the same clause that barred her from ownership, and recorded only insofar as she served. She is recoverable now only because the Bean household was documented so exhaustively; a household that left fewer traces would have left her none.

METHODOLOGY

Census record. The 1930 enumeration of the Bean household (Fifteenth Census, Davidson County, Enumeration District 19-220, Sheet 7A) was verified against the census image. The street-label column was read directly from the image and confirmed as "Observatory Drive." The Carpenter entry at line 18, dwelling 129, family 135, was transcribed verbatim from the image.

City directory search. Nashville city directories were searched on Ancestry HeritageQuest (U.S., City Directories, 1822–1995, Collection 2469) under the name variants "Sally Carpenter," "Sallie Carpenter," "Sallie P Carpenter," and "Sally P Carpenter," filtered to Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. The search returned four unique entries, for 1930, 1931, 1933, and 1935. Each entry's indexed metadata — year, address, occupation, Ancestry record ID — was captured. Where the index carried OCR corruption ("507 Hardinc" for "1507 Harding"), the address was corrected against the source scan, not the index.

Negative search and exclusion. One earlier candidate was investigated and ruled out. A “Sallie Pearl Carpenter,” born about January 1897 in Belfast, Marshall County, surfaced in the 1920 census; Belfast is roughly ten miles from Lewisburg, where Holt Bean held property before his 1927 Nashville move. But her trail runs the wrong way: by 1950 she is in Warsaw, Sumter County, Alabama, married, and she dies there in January 1985. Three independent enumerations and the Social Security Death Index put her birth in 1897; the Bean-household census puts Carpenter’s in 1902. The five-year gap holds across every record, and the Belfast woman is a different person.

Coverage gaps. Ancestry HeritageQuest’s digitized Nashville directory collection is not complete for every year between 1930 and 1940. The absence of a Carpenter entry after 1935 may mean she left the directory record or may mean the surviving volumes have a hole; the two cannot be distinguished without a direct check against extant R.L. Polk & Co. Nashville directories for 1936–1940.

SOURCES

Primary documents

- 1930 U.S. Census (Fifteenth Census of the United States). Tennessee, Davidson County, Civil District No. 7 (Part). Enumeration District 19-220, Sheet 7A. Enumerated April 7, 1930, by Leo L. Boles, Enumerator. Supervisor’s District No. 4. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Record Group 29; digitized by FamilySearch.
- Nashville City Directory, 1930. Ancestry HeritageQuest, U.S., City Directories, 1822–1995, Collection 2469, Record 13264456. Entry: “Sally P Carpenter.” Nashville City Directory, 1930.
- Nashville City Directory, 1931. Ancestry HeritageQuest, Collection 2469. Entry: “Sallie Carpenter.” Nashville City Directory, 1931.
- Nashville City Directory, 1933. Ancestry HeritageQuest, Collection 2469, Record 14634460 (image 14634460). Entry: “Sallie P Carpenter, 1507 Harding.” Nashville City Directory, 1933.
- Nashville City Directory, 1935. Ancestry HeritageQuest, Collection 2469, Record 14124956 (image 14124956). Entry: “Sallie P Carpenter, rear ns Observatory 3 w Belmont blvd.” Nashville City Directory, 1935.

Supporting primary documents

- 1930 U.S. Census, Holt Bean household, verbatim entry. The full 1920–1950 run of Bean-household enumerations is set out in [Holt Bean: A Life](#).
- Plat 1, Covenant 4, Green Hills Subdivision (1927). The deed covenant restricting occupancy by “persons of African blood or descent ... except in the capacity of servants.” See [Plat 1, Covenant 4: The Racial Covenant in the Green Hills Deeds](#).

FINDINGS

SALLY CARPENTER WAS ENUMERATED IN THE BEAN HOUSEHOLD IN APRIL 1930 AS A LIVE-IN SERVANT

The 1930 census (ED 19-220, Sheet 7A, dwelling 129, family 135, line 18) records her as: name “Carpenter, Sally”; relation to head “Servant”; race “Negro”; sex “F”; age 28; marital status “Single”; birthplace “Tennessee”; occupation “Maid”; industry “Private Home.” Born, then, around 1902, in the state where she still worked. The household around her on that sheet was Holt Bean (head, white, age 39, Insurance Agent), Salome Bean (wife), Jack Bean (son, age 7), and Carpenter — three names that recur across thirty years of records, and one that does not.

The image shows a detailed 1930 U.S. Census Population Schedule for Davidson County, Tennessee, Enumeration District 19-220, Sheet 7A. The document is a grid with columns for household members, including their names, relationships to the head of household, sex, age, race, marital status, birthplace, and occupation. The household is headed by Holt Bean, an insurance agent. Sally Carpenter is listed on line 18 as a live-in servant, born around 1902 in Tennessee. Other household members include Salome Bean (wife) and Jack Bean (son). The document also includes a section for 'PLACE OF BIRTH' and 'OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY'.

1930 U.S. Census, Davidson County, Tennessee, Enumeration District 19-220, sheet 7A – the Bean household; Sally Carpenter is enumerated on the servant line. (National Archives, Record Group 29.)

THE ARRANGEMENT WAS ALREADY RUNNING WELL BEFORE THE 1930 CENSUS CAUGHT IT

The Tennessean’s 1927 architectural coverage of the Model Home specified “a servant’s room and shower” in the basement. The 1930 census places Carpenter in that room — or in the domestic-labor arrangement it was built to house — within three years of the Beans’ purchase. The census fixes no

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 Carol Ada B voice tchr r1401 Douglas av E
 Caruthers see also Caruthers and Caruthers
 Alex (c; Jonnie) porter h1413 12th av S
 Andrew G (Fannie) older h1903 Elmwood av
 Blanche bkpr Mass Mut Life Ins Co r
 Claude J (Nettie) steward r1311 McKennic
 av
 J Harry br mtr Nashville Laundry Co r
 1403 Elmwood av
 Jas C Jr (Bessie C) acct h2504 Blakemore av
 Melba A (R Lester) Caruthers
 R Lester (Mary L) psldg Williams Prtg
 Co h st Park av e Whites Creek rd
 Roy S lithog Brandau-Crais-Dickerson
 Co r1403 Elmwood av
 W Hedrick r1101 12th av N
 Wm H dentist 119 7th av N R1002 r1011
 17th av S
 Carpenter Alma (c) cook 1414 Ordway rd
 Andrew (Marj) mkr lawyer 313 Church
 1891 r Hendersonville Tenn
 Clarence linen boy Sam Davis Hotel r
 1816 scovel
 Fannie r1711 18th av S apt B1
 Forrest L r1412 Garland av S
 Frances E (c) monotone opr African M
 E S S Union 9521 Edgemoil av
 Geo K (Ida) phvs 700 Church R811 h
 3222 Richardson av
 Geo P (Ada S) h207 Wilson av
 Margaret (c) maid r1816 Scovel
 Harry J (Marion) h1221 16th av S
 Herman (c; Mamie) farmer h2412 Chandler
 av
 Jack (c) lab r425 10th av N
 Jas student r2115 Pierce av
 John O formn Grav & Dudley r207 Wil-
 son av
 John T h1711 Russell
 Joe W (Ezra) sismn Taylor Roofing Co
 r1411 Stratton av
 Leonard (Clara B) acct Independent Life
 Ins Co h322 Valeria
 Letha Mrs h1816 Scovel
 Louise Mrs (c) dom h45 Lincoln av
 Maret (c) maid r1816 Scovel
 Mary B Mrs h2800 Harding rd apt 2
 Mary E (wid Wm) h250 McDillan av
 Neal r1412 Garland av
 Ollie (c) r17 Maury
 Orsana clk O Bryan Bros Inc r813
 Russell
 Ous (c) Gladys) h1006 Patherland
 Reed L student r207 Wilson av
 Ruby r1593 18th av S
 S Kelly (Estimate) mtrnm Tenn Elec
 Power Co h2210 Trevecca av
 Sallie P (c) maid Holt Bean r1507 Hard-
 ing
 Saml chet r1717 Broadway
 Saml (c) janitor r1294 Cedar
 Sarah (wid Robt M) beavpr opr h1129
 Greenleaf av
 Thos W (Rosie G) slsmn h1707 Acklen
 st apt 22
 Vina (c) Indrs h428 10th av N
 Vord (Annie) ins slsmn h100 Peachtree
 Wm (c) lab r428 10th av N
 Wm F (Verna) Goodpasture & Carpen-
 ters h2694 Bellwood dr
 Carpenters Union No 507 John E Gatlin
 sec meets at Labor Temple
 Carter Jas W (Dorothy M) vnm Fletcher-
 Wilson Coffee Co h208 Fox av

Carr see also Carr and Kerr
 Aubrey L (Georgia B) slsmn Keith-Sim-
 mons Co h185 Kenner av
 Benj J (c; Lella B) slsmn h1624 Jeffers-
 on
 Byrd R (Ethel I) mtr whse Bradford
 Wheel Firm Mfg Co h111 Dakota av
 Carl E. Eva baker h2009 Tennessee av
 Chas F (Kate) lab r313 3d av S
 Dorothy G shoemkr Jarman Shoe Co
 Edw C (c) ero 9 South Hill h do
 Edw S (Myrtle) bldr mtr Warner bldr
 h1064 3d av S apt 3A2
 Edwin R (Ethel) smtr h1009 Russell
 Eliz O student r1105 Douglas av
 Ethel bkpr Baptist Sunday Sch Bd r118
 7th av N apt 701
 Filling Station-Frank R Carr) 509
 Broadway and 438 3d av N
 Frank H (Lucy) custodian police Park
 Commrs h1907 East Side av
 Frank E (Gertrude) Carr Filling Station
 h1105 Douglas av
 Garnett (Mary) caser Jarman Shoe Co
 h1211 Boscebel
 Gladys (c) nurse 3401 West End av apt
 25 r1790 Jefferson
 Greenville student r145 5th av N
 Helen (c) tchr r1612 16th av N
 Henry (c) farmer h ns Powell av 3 e
 Hamilton rd
 Herbert E (Eliza) eng h2610 Valley Vista
 rd
 Hiram V (Ethel M) candv mkr h1005
 Pennock av
 Hurlen (c; Pearlina) lab h1818 Scovel
 1st 2 apt 907 Peabody College r2118
 Capers av
 J B ns Harding rd 2 e White Bridge rd
 apt B4
 J Ethel (c) maid r1711 State
 Jas r252 Hermlize av
 Jesse (c) clk r1711 State
 John M (Sallie L) mtrnm h307 Gatewood
 Terrace
 Laura N (wid Sidney) h210 Boscebel
 Lela mach opr Washington Mfg Co r131
 5th av N
 Mamie (c) mtr Clifton Sch h1703 Hel-
 man
 Mark A (Cath) plmbr Jas M Gallagher
 Co r312 N 2d
 Martha G sec Natl Life & Acctd Ins Co
 r1103 Douglas st
 Mary (c) Indrs h1624 6th av N
 Mary mach opr Inman Mfg Co r4809
 Tennessee av
 Mavis Mrs r1217 Stiegl
 Nancy M (c) tchr City Schools r1703
 Helman
 Noho (c; Gladys) driver h224 Jefferson
 Nowa (Hester) mtrm Pennington Hand
 Inc r1308 Woodland
 Paris M (Mary) washer Inman Mfg Co
 r4809 Tennessee av
 Raymond L (Mary L) ptr h1116 Brick
 Church rd
 Shelton S clk Pizely Wenzel Stores r310
 Boscebel
 Ruby (c) r1711 State
 W Devis Inman Tenn Electric Power
 Co h1816 9th av N
 Wm clk Natl Life & Acctd Ins Co r1105
 Douglas av
 Wm H (c; Susie) lab h2809 12th av N
 Wm M (Mary) comm'r h ns Mocking
 Bird rd 3 e Harding rd
 Wm M (Mary) ptr ren Conn Mutual Life
 Ins Co r Cherokee rd
 Wm M Jr ins r Wm M Carr
 Willie (wid Wm) h1211 Boscebel
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 Bob (Thelma) surverv h40 Rutledge
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 Jesse C (Myrtle W) slsmn h1610 2nd av
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 Co h1313 Whites Creek rd
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 Wm B (Ethel L) slsmn h1313 Whites
 Creek rd
 Carrithers Albert (c) lab h200 N 3d
 Carroll Ada B tchr Trevecca College r do
 Alonzo M (Sarah L) slsmn h141 Ken-
 ner av
 Chas E (c) restr 329 3th av N r714
 Cedar
 Cedars student r2117 Highland av
 Elbert F (Glenn) br mtr St Bernard
 Coal Co h2510 Westwood dr
 Ella (wid Michl) h1514 Hayes
 Edie Mrs nurse 971 Ardington av
 Emma (wid Jacob) h311 44th av N
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 Co r Madison Tenn
 Ezra W (Lucy A) sec-treas Hill Elec-
 tric Co and Wooden Products Co Inc
 h108 Rosebank av
 Frances 1919 Crawford
 Frances h616 7th av N
 Frances M (wid W J) r2504 Trevecca av
 Frank C (c) hldr r308 N 8th
 Geo E (Louise J) embolmer M S Combs
 Co h1816 Boscebel
 Geo P (Hazel) chemist Victor Chemical
 Wks h304 Nevada av
 Harry T (Mary M) engr Serv Engraving
 Co r Madison Tenn
 Harvey (George) lab h1539 Delta
 Herald lab h1539 Delta
 Jas (Nancy E) lab h1922 4th av N
 Jas A (Tennie) clk Rv Edo Acety h709
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 Jas W (Lillie) ero h ns Riverside bldg
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 John B (Ope L) filling sta 2823 Nolens-
 ville rd h313 Antioch rd
 John D cement wkr r26 21st av N
 John F (Corra) h2914 Davis
 John M (Mary C) h208 37th av N
 Joe (c; Christine) lab h2122 Herman
 Josie h497 Main
 Kathryn clk N C & St L Rv r207 Reid-
 burst av
 Kirk 4811 44th av N
 Louise hng Davis Cabinet Co r RD 3
 Brick Church rd
 Mai E bkpr r1314 Hayes
 Marry 1st enr 2809 37th av N
 Martha mus tchr 1915 8th av N r2803
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 Mary A (wid Alonzo M) h3803 Central
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 Neil r110 30th av N apt 3
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 Richd B (Clara) hatterm h209 4th av
 S
 Richd W r1206 Dallas av
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 rd
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 Thos Jr student r207 Reidhurst av
 V R (c; Chas E) Bryon ins 170 4th av
 N R1014
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 256 21st av N apt 3
 Wm F city plumbing inspr City Hall r
 256 21st av N
 Carruth Jennie (c) r1312 Phillips
 Caruthers see also Caruthers and Caru-
 thers
 Edw (c) caddie r1909 Herman
 Edw (c; Hattie) hsemn h622 4th av S
 Eliz (c) h203 7th av S
 Emmet (c) chf r1909 Herman
 Hulda (c) Indrs r120 Green
 L A (c; Lettia) driver Tenn Biscuit Co
 h1263 2d av S
 Leonard (c) lab h173 Pettis rd
 Robt M (c; Annie) mtr r1809 Herman
 Wm (c) del boy Auto Beatlines & Parts
 Co r16 7th av S
 Carson Benj P (Lucy B) clk PO h2540
 Blair bldg
 Bradford r212 8th av S
 Chas A (Annie) mtr h206 5th av S
 Clara Mrs slsmn Caster-Dry Gds
 Co h212 8th av S
 Clara E Mrs (c) h1611 State
 Claude c barber 2686 Collins r Minnie
 Stephens
 Edna sisters O'Bryan Bros Inc r Mrs
 Lillie T Carson
 Eddie (c) h2222 14th av N
 Edna B shoemkr Jarman Shoe Co r Mrs
 Lillie T Carson
 Ethel H (wid N Dan) h204 Scott av
 Frank R (Hettie) sup'r Natl Life & Acctd
 Ins Co h2514 Ashwood av
 Fred C (Alina) stkr metalwkr h3550
 Charlotte av
 Fred (Mattie L) broomkr r403 42d av
 N
 Gertrude manufacturer Hotel Hermitage
 Barber Shop r1300 Stratton av
 Helen L slsmn F W Woolworth Co r
 2117 12th av S
 Ida B sup'r Nashv Gent Hoer
 Irvin W (Mary D) sup'r Standard Sanit-
 ary Mfg Co h1308 N 4th
 Jas (c; Eleanor) hsemn Thos H Proctor
 Jos E (Jennie L) clk r1214 Ashwood av
 Kath clk N C & St L Rv r2312 N 1st
 Lillie T (wid Lloyd) smtr O'Bryan
 Bros Inc h ns Fern av 1 w Brick Ch-
 urch rd
 Lillie T slsmn Sears Roebuck & Co r
 Mrs Lillie T Carson
 Lillie B student 294 Scott av
 Lucy R Mrs clk PO h2340 Blair bldg
 Marj r1308 N 4th
 Mary E r Mrs Lillie T Carson
 Naomi R shoe opr Jarman Shoe Co r
 Mrs Lillie T Carson
 Oscar F clk N C & St L Rv r1214 Ash-
 wood av
 Pauline (c; Minnie L) clk N C & St L Rv
 r RD 1 Antioch Tenn
 Pauline cash Cain-Sloan Co r112 Chal-
 borne
 Raymond T (Malissa) hldr Dresslar-
 White Co h112 Chuburne
 Thos E barber Vauxhall Barber Shop
 h2084 12th av S
 Virginia L r2124 Ashwood av
 Virginia L student r2540 Blair bldg
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Nashville City Directory, 1933 - the "Sallie P. Carpenter" entry.



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 - Thos W (Rose) stnm h1912 18th av S
 - Vaid W (Anna M) ant Life & Casualty Ins Co h108 Peachtree
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 - Leslie W emp Phillips & Barteroff Mfg Co r Antioch
 - Mary M (wid John L) r471 Utah av Carr see also Kerr and Kerr
 - Albert A r107 Eastland av
 - Aubrey L (Georgia B) dept mar Keith-Simmons Co h185 Kenner av
 - Benl J (c) h1624 Jefferson
 - Byrl R (Edith) mgr Bradford Whol Furn Mfg Co h4608 Elkins av
 - Carl F slmnn Montgomery Ward & Co r4906 Indiana av
 - Chas F (Kate) h14 2d av S
 - Edw C (c. Jessie) ero 1263 1st av S h1261 Co
 - Edw X (Myrtle) mar Warner Bldg h 31st Wnd End av apt 2A
 - Edw (Frank R Carr & Daughters) r1105 Douglas av
 - Ethel (c) cook r1711 State
 - Ethel (c) maid 2801 Acklen av
 - Foster Kasee h24 2d av S
 - Frank H (Lucy) city police h1807 East Side av
 - Frank R (Gertrude; Frank R Carr & Daughters) h1105 Douglas av
 - Frank R & Daughters (Frank R. Frankie R. Willie F and Edna) hllne sta 31-3 Broadway
 - Garnett shoewkr r1211 Boscobel
 - Harold fetwkr r207 Gatewood av
 - Hattie (wid Dewey) h1911 10th av N
 - Helen (c) maid r1824 Jefferson
 - Herbert B (Elna) slmn h2610 Valley Vista rd
 - Hiram (Effie) candwkrk h1903 Penneck
 - Hiram Jf candy mkr r1000 Penneck av
 - Hurlan (c) Peaslee lab h1818 Sovel
 - Ida Z asst mtr Geo Peabody College for Tchrs r do
 - J B h3010 West End av apt TC
 - Jas E r119 Claborne
 - Jas H (Mabel C) mgr C D Kenny Co h 3005 Brightonwood av
 - Jesse (c. Nettie) porter Woodward P Watts h1828 Patterson
 - John M (Sallie) h207 Gatewood av
 - Leo C asst clk State Senate r2610 Oakland av
 - Kate Mrs (Carr & Slevy) h315 3d av S
 - Kenneth C (Mae V) mldr h413 Gay
 - Laura (wid Sil F) Slevy Eastland av
 - Mamie (c) schr h1703 Helman
 - Mary A r2908 Brookwood av
 - Mark A (Galt) plmbr Jas M Gallagher Co h212 N 2d
 - Merv (c) h391 Warren

CARR
 - Mary H (ynis) Tenn Emergency Relief Admn r2210 Oakland av W
 - Nancy M (c) tchr Cameron Jr Hish Sch 2193 Helman
 - Nora C (Hester L) emp Remington Road Inc h1905 8th av S
 - Parris M (Mary) cit h4908 Indiana av
 - Raymond L (Mary L) lab h1118 Brack Church rd
 - Shelton S slmn Pugh-Wingey Stores Inc (br) r1017 Eastland av W
 - Thos E r155 Kenner
 - Wadlen fetwkr r1807 East Side av
 - Wm (Deroyal) clk h1602 Shelby av
 - Wm (c. Malle) lab City Waterworks Dept h1303 4th av S
 - Wm H (c. Susie) h2909 12th av N
 - Wm M (Mary M) spd rep Conn Mutual Life Ins Co h208 Mocking Bird rd
 - Wm M jr dep clk Circuit Court r208 Mockingbird rd
 - Willie (wid J Wesley) alteration work Montgomery Ward & Co h1211 Boscobel
 - Willie P clk Natl Life & Accdt Ins Co r1105 Douglas av
 - & Slevy (Mrs Kate Carr, Mrs Susie Slevy) r205 315 3d av S
 - Wm (c. Estel) h2222 4th av N
 - Carruthers Nannie r206 Edwin av
 - Carraway Fern V (c) r1913 11th av N
 - Carrie Mabel V (wid Henry B) h2101 Belmont bldg apt 2A
 - Carrer see also Carther
 - Earl F Butler r211 Capers av
 - Howard A (Marri) h1013 Elvira
 - Hester B (Irene B) car servise apt TCry Co h2011 Capers av
 - Ralph E clk TCry Co r2011 Capers av
 - Carrigan see also Kerrigan
 - Chas W r210 2nd av N
 - Claude E (Irene D) axmn County Hwy Dep r192 2nd av S
 - Horace (Ivie) lab r2423 Kilne av
 - Jesse C (Mervie W) h1910 2nd av N
 - Jesse W (Thelma) rdmn County Hwy Dep r1910 2nd av N
 - Wm R (Ruth) formn h1215 White's Creek rd
 - Carrithers Albert (c: Fannie) lab h200 N 2d
 - Carroll Ada B tchr Trevecca Jr College r 401 Russell
 - Alice (c) waiter Hettie Ray's Coffee Shop r10 North Hill
 - Alice (c) wid Henry) Indrs h810 8th av S
 - Berne L (Corr) h229 1st av N
 - Carrie B r1922 4th av N
 - Chas E (c) r229 2nd 8th av N r1744 Cedar
 - Clara Mrs h60 Hermitage av
 - Clara M sten Equitable Life Assurance Society r2902 27th av E
 - E B (Alice M) clk State Hwy Dept h310 Telfers ls
 - Edmund F clk Ot A & P Tea Co r310 Telfers ls
 - Elbert F (Glenn) br mgr StBernard Coal Co h2610 Westwood dr
 - Elise Mrs h221 Archington av
 - Ella (wid Mabel J) h114 Hayes
 - Emma (wid Jacob) h331 44th av N

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 - Frank (c) chauff r426 3th av N
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 - Geo J (Mae) emp Victor Chemical Wks h3104 Nevada av
 - Harry J (Maudie) photo engr Service Engraving Co r 151 Madison Tenn
 - Harvey L (Georgia) firemn W G Bush & Co h1823 Delta
 - Heatie M r251 44th av N
 - Herschel M (Thelma) lab h1822 Delta
 - Irene smntrs S Lowenstein & Bro h1055 20th
 - Jas (Nancy) h1922 4th av N
 - Jas W (Lillie M) h ws Riverside bld 1 E Eastland av
 - Janie M (c) waiter Hettie Ray's Coffee Shop r10 North Hill
 - John (c) driver Kossie Gardner r1511 Jefferson
 - John B (Ovie L) filling sta 2833 Nolensville rd h315 Antioch rd
 - John D r226 21st av N
 - John F (Corr) h2914 Davis
 - John F lab r1822 Delta
 - John M (Mary C) h209 37th av N
 - Joe (c. Christine) h212 Herman
 - Josie h407 Main
 - Kathryn clk NC&SLRy r207 Reidhurst Kirk P lab r281 44th av N
 - Lorraine tchr Martha O'Bryan Settlement House r209 10th av N
 - Louise Mrs r1217 9th av N
 - Ma B (Igor Warner) Druse Co r1514 Hayes Martz r208 37th av N
CARROLL, MARTHA, Music Teacher (Vib- lina) 1915 8th av N, Tel 6-3419, h3803 Central av, Tel 7-1397
 - Martin V (Maudie) carp hb Dickerson
 - Mary A (wid John M) h3803 Central av
 - Mary A (wid Paik F) r229 21st av N
 - Mattie (c) beauty cor Estelle Beauty Shoppe r1419 Phillips
 - Mort (Maudie) lab r1912 44th av N
 - Morton C (Marguerite) litho Brandau-Graef-Dickerson Co r2218 8th av S
 - Nancy (wid John F) r1823 Delta
 - Nell r11 39th N Main St
 - Paik J (Lillie B) loco eng h1305 18th av S
 - Paik J jr r1305 18th av S
 - Richd auto mech r401 6th av S
 - Robt (Alice) lab r9 Dickerson
 - Robt L (Corr) h229 1st av N
 - Street Methodist Episcopal Church Rev Wm T Beardard pastor 61 Carroll
 - Sylvanus emnswkr h202 Park av
 - Tonia (wid Jas A) h709 Galhain rd
 - Thos (c) porter Waller C Melton
 - Thos C (Madeline) driver h219 Woodland
 - Thos J (Rose) cash PO h207 Reidhurst
 - Thos J jr student 207 Reidhurst av
 - Vernon H (Jean G) supt Cosmopolitan Life Ins Co r 1st Treu
 - Wm M (Clara) h1102 Pope av
 - Wm h111 8th av N apt
 - Wm T city plmbr inspr r26 21st av N
 - Wm T (c) lab h112 Phillips
 - Jennie L (c) wid Chester) r1512 Phillips
 - Thos C (c) barber Golden Crown Barber Shop

Carruthers see also Caruthers and Caruthers
 - Clyde L (Louie) court officer h409 22d av N
 - Edw (c) Hattie M) lab h1103 10th av S
 - Ellis (c) cook r212 17th av N
 - Frank (c) lab r1108 State
 - Ora (c) maid 200 Elmington av r1026 Cole av
 - Robt (c. Dorra) lab r1909 Herman
 - Wm (c. Hettie) porter Brandon Auto Spring Inc h406 7th av S
Carroll, Benl F (Lacy R) real est h2540 Bradford 21st 8th av S
 - Blais 311 P
 - C H atty U S Dist of Investigation r Sam Davis Hotel
 - Clara (wid Itra C) slavn Gastner Knott Co h212 8th av S
 - Clara F (c) cook h1611 State
 - Claude C teacher Sam Davis Hotel Barber Shop r1610 Division
 - Doris E smntrs O'Brien Bros Inc r Mrs Lillie T Carson
 - Edna (c) maid h220 14th av N
 - Edna B fetwkr r Mrs Lillie T Carson
 - Elish (c) lab r54 Mill
 - Ethel H (wid N Danl) h304 Scott av
 - Frank B (Ruth) apt Natl Life & Accdt Ins Co h3303 12th av S
 - Geo (Louise) lab h133 8th av S
 - Gerald L (Mattie) broom mkr r3318 Robert
 - Ida B nurse r72 Hermitage av
 - Irene W (Marx D) wise supt Standard Sanitary Mfg Co h1308 N 4th
 - Jess (Dennis) clk h2124 Ashwood av
 - Kath clk NC&SLRy r2222 Winsate av
 - Lillian butter wrapper Swift & Co r404 N 16th
 - Lillie T (wid Lloyd T) h Fern av
 - Lloyd slmn r Mrs Lillie T Carson
 - Louise M student r2303 Birch av
 - Lucy R Mrs clk PG h2549 Blair bld
 - Marlan (wid Rco) h2708 Linden av
 - Olivia J clk NC&SLRy r1214 Ashwood
 - Oscar B (Minnie) clk NC&SLRy h3222 Winsate av
 - Raymond K (Malissa) mech Crown Tent & Awning Co h112 Claborne
 - Saml (Mary) reporter Tenn Pub Co h 307 Wellington av
 - Saml C home office rep Aetna Life Ins Co r204 West End av
 - Virginia L student r2540 Blair bld
 - W M clk Tenn Emergency Relief Admn r144 7th av N
 - Carl (Gilbert) (Ota B) clk The Ot A & P Tea Co h2029 Indiana av
 - Carter A N apt Great Northern Life Ins Acry r E Nashville
 - Albert student 2606 Garland av
 - Albert L (wid) r1718 12th av N
 - Alf (c. Jennie B) linkmn h512 Troost
 - Alice L h1707 Hillside av
 - Andrew L (Irene) auto mech h2106 Buchanan
 - Anna L Mrs (c) Indrs h505 Back
 - Annie L (c) maid r909 Shankland
 - Athene beauty cor h732 10th av S apt 202
 - Ardie (c) h141 Hamilton
 - Burtum mach r1718 12th av N
 - Best C (Birdie B) clk Tenn Central Ry Co r1910 Electric av
 - Thos C (c) barber Golden Crown Barber Shop
 - Bertina r1309 Forrest av

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Nashville City Directory, 1935 - the "Sallie P. Carpenter" entry.

HER ADDRESS MOVES ACROSS THE FOUR RECORDS

The 1930 and 1931 entries carry no address of her own; she is indexed under Bean's. By 1933 she is listed at 1507 Harding, an address that is not his. By 1935 she is back at "rear ns Observatory 3 w Belmont bld," the rear of the Bean lot, an outbuilding behind the main house, no longer the basement servant's quarters inside it. Main house to her own room to a structure out back: the arc is consistent with the informal, shifting residence of live-in domestic labor in segregated Nashville, where the line between living where you worked and living near it was drawn by the employer and redrawn at will.

SHE DOES NOT APPEAR IN ANY RECORD AFTER 1935

The 1940 census of the Bean household (ED 19-264, Sheet 3A) lists only Holt, Salome, and Jack — no servant. No Sally or Sallie Carpenter appears in any Nashville directory consulted after 1935, nor in any other Nashville source examined.

THE SILENCE AROUND HER IS STRUCTURAL

Eight live-in servants are documented across the five target streets of Green Hills East in the 1930 and 1940 censuses: Carpenter, Floyd, Walker, Hamm, Crittenden, Mitchell, McReynolds, Tatum. Not one of the eight appears by name in the Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission’s 2025 *Short History* of the neighborhood, a document built from city directories, property records, and accounts that take the homeowner as their subject. The directories indexed the householder; the deeds named the owner; the history followed both. Carpenter is recoverable only because the Bean household was documented so exhaustively. In a household that had left fewer traces, she would have left none.

The post-1935 trail is open. Marriage under another surname would end her appearances under “Carpenter” and would square with her 1930 status — single at twenty-eight, and so thirty-three by 1935 — while death, departure from Nashville, or a move to work outside the indexed neighborhood fit the record equally well; no death record, no marriage record, and no out-of-state enumeration matching her was found, and Davidson County marriage records for 1935–1945 and Tennessee death records of the same span remain unsearched under her name. The 1940 Bean sheet (ED 19-264, Sheet 3A) records no servant, but domestic workers were enumerated inconsistently in this period, and a live-in servant absent on the enumeration date would not appear; the blank line establishes no departure. The Marshall County lead — the Belfast woman ten miles from Bean’s Lewisburg property — was investigated and ruled out: the birth-year gap of 1897 against 1902 holds across four independent records, and her trail runs to Alabama, where she married and died.

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