Carter was born May 28, 1921 in Omagh, County Tyrone, about seventy-five miles from Belfast.

Carter attended Loretto Convent School until the eighth grade and then she apprenticed to a dress maker.

About 1942 Carter went to work in an ammunition factory near Warrington, England.

She there married Sacramento soldier Nick Carter. He was then shipped to France. Pregnant, she returned to Ireland.

After the war, she and baby Particia followed her husband back to the U.S. on a ship carrying other war brides.

The ship left Southampton and, after a rough five day crossing, arrived in New York. The war brides cheered at the sight of the Statue of Liberty. [Carter grandchild is in the background]

Photographers met the boat and photographed all the brides' babies.

Arriving in Sacramento on April 5, 1946 by train, Carter was scared about meeting her mother-in-law and being in a big city.

The Carters lived with his parents on 22nd Avenue for a year.

Nick Carter work in the Quality Control Section at McClellan A.F.B.

Mary Carter eventually made a few Irish friends in Sacramento.

Carter still cooks in the Irish style, with less seasoning. She still serves potatoes, corned beef, soda bread, and tea.

She has stayed in touch with numerous Irish relatives. She first returned to Ireland in 1971.

A nun sent her the Irish Herald for many years. For a while she subscribed to the magazine Welcome to the Irish.
Carter still listens to Irish music [and has a large record collection of it].

She voted for Kennedy in part because he was Catholic.

She has belonged for about twelve years to the American British Club, which has English, Irish, Scots, and Canadian members. They meet for social purposes once a month. Some one hundred people belong.

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