



Hello! My name is Hallie! I am a food justice intern at Cultivate Charlottesville. Food justice interns are teenagers that care about the environment, food, farming, and the community. The main point of food justice is to learn more information about food insecurities and economic issues that stop people from having a good meal. We then try to share that information so more people know about the issue. To me, food justice is making sure that a meal is being served to our community each and every day. Being a food justice intern can really change your perspective about food and its meaning to people.

As interns every Thursday afternoon we talked about food justice and dived deep into the concept. We have met with farmers and discussed what struggles there are. We have also talked about how we get our meals and the number of people that don't get meals. Not having food can affect our bodies and mood. Before we took this trip I had been to the farm and a couple of other interns had too. We all read a little about the Carr family and their experience before going. I personally, had never known the history of the land.

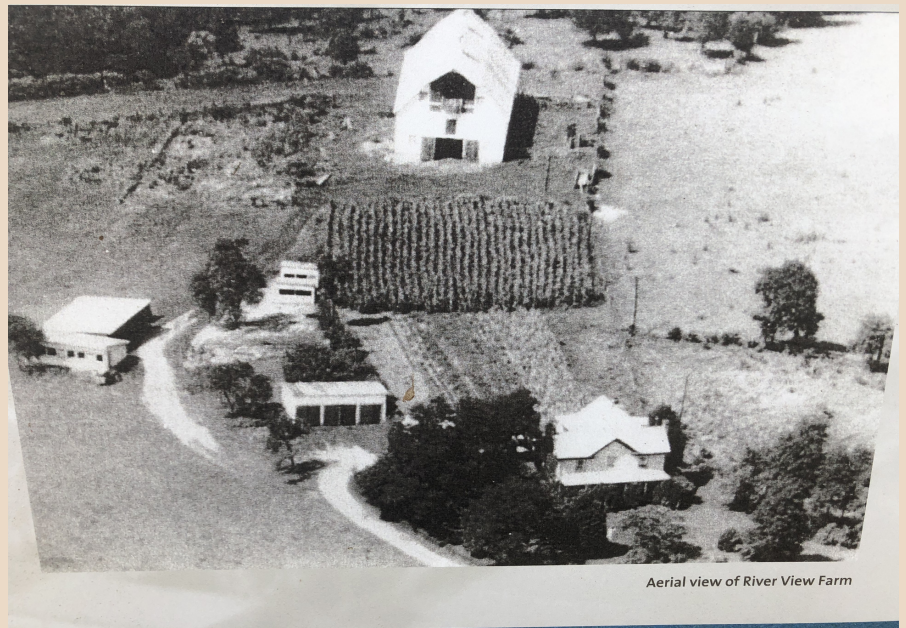






Ivy Creek is a beautiful place to go. It is also referred to as Riverview farm. Riverview Farm was the original name of the farm picked by the Carr family. The land is now a place to learn about the history and go on a trail walk to enjoy nature and the land the family owned. The Ivy Creek Foundation has tried its best to keep the farm true to the original form by keeping the house, barn, and other objects on the land as authentic as possible. Hugh Carr was the owner of the farm. He was born into slavery between 1840 and 1843 in Virginia. Hugh Carr could neither read nor write in his life. In 1865 after the end of the war, Hugh gained freedom. Soon after he married his first wife, Florence Lee, on Christmas day. She was 18 years old when they wed.

Hugh Carr worked on local farms and usually got a share of crops in payment. One place that Hugh worked is A.A. Sutherlands farm and working there he received a share of wheat, oats, corn, tobacco, hay, food for cattle or livestock, and potatoes. Hugh later got a new job with J.R. Wingfield in 1875. He received a house with a garden for himself and his mother, and he received 150 dollars as salary.



Aerial view of River View Farm

While Hugh was working, he would often purchase small parts of land in the Ivy Creek area. He bought 58 acres in 1870 and would soon be living on that land with his second wife, Texie Mae Hawkins. They then had seven children on that land, and by 1890 he owned a total of 125 acres. Though Hugh could not read nor write, his highest priority was the education of his children. When Hugh passed, Mary Louise Carr Greer took over the farm with her husband Conly Greer.

