



Mechanical Engineering
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Carol Lister Orr

Charter Member

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Petroleum Engineering
Gulf Sulphur Company

The son of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Orr and Ellen Irene Currie Orr, Carol was first listed in the 1900 Federal Census, age 4, living in Frio County, Texas. Ten years later his family had moved to Val Verde County, Texas, where his father continued his medical practice.

Carol was a senior at The University of Texas at Austin in 1918, the same year he registered for the draft, at age 21. His death certificate stated he was a veteran of WWI. In the 1920 census, he is listed as single and as a self-employed mechanical engineer, living in Val Verde County, Texas once again.

The 1930 census shows he was now living in Wharton County, Texas, and had by this time

married Abigail "Abbie" Harris. Their first daughter, Jane Lister Orr, was born 20 September 1930 in Newgulf, Wharton, Texas. In 1933 they had another daughter, Anne Carol Orr, born 24 July.

The 1940 census showed Carol as the manager of a power plant in Newgulf, Texas. Two years later Carol registered for the draft, still living in Newgulf, Texas.

At the time of his death, his residence was in Brackettville, Kinney, Texas, but he passed away at Val Verde Memorial Hospital in Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas at the age of 81. His wife, Abigail Harris Orr (1897-1984), was the informant on his death certificate. She said he had been employed as a petroleum engineer at the Gulf Sulphur Company.