

99 Charter Biography File

Maiden Name: Frances "Frankie" Carter

Married Name(s): Harrell; Marsalis

Date of birth: December 26, 1900

Birthplace: Del Rio, Texas

Date of death: August 5, 1934

Death place: Centerville, Mississippi

Occupation(s): pilot

License(s): 7346

Known stats:

1. All-Women Air Shows 1931
2. Flew aerobatic exhibitions in the New Orleans Air Show 1931
3. Won the 1932 Annette Gipson Trophy Race
4. Set a new record for women in-air refueling flight 1932 – 8 days, 4 hours, 5 minutes
5. Set a new record with Helen Richey 1933 – 9 days, 21 hours, 42 minutes
6. Airplane crash resulting in fatality 1934

Publications:

1. "Noted woman flyer's death ends air meet." Unknown publisher. Aug. 4, 1934
2. Obituary. Literary Digest. Aug. 5, 1934
3. Wedding announcement to Marsalis. Women in Aviation. Jan. 12, 1930
4. "First Women's National Air Meet." Unknown publisher/date.
5. "Women's Air Race Marred by Hair Pulling Encounter." Unknown publisher. June 1934.
6. "Ladybirds set new record." Unknown publisher. Dec. 1933
7. Thomas, Joan. "The Aero-Sportswomen." Aug. 1933
8. "The Vice President and the Secretary." Allentown, PA. June 26, 1932
9. "Frances Harrell Joins Curtiss-Wright Exhibition Team." Women in Aviation. May 1930
10. "Women flyers aiding the N.R.A. Campaign here." New York Herald Tribune. Sept. 12, 1933
11. "All Women's Air Carnival at Lynchburg, VA." Southern Aviation. Feb. 1932
12. "Gipson Women's Air Race Won by Henrietta Sumner." Unknown publisher/date
13. Adams, Jean, and Margaret Kimball. "Elinor Smith, Frances Harrell Marsalis, and Helen Richey." *Heroines of the Sky*. Doubleday: Doran & Co. Inc. 1942.

Award(s): None found

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Miscellaneous information:

1. Married George Murray Harrell (1893-1962) in 1917; divorced 1925; one son, Eugene C. Harrell (1922-2007)
2. Married Lt. Colonel William Iverson Marsalis, Jr. (1904-1964) in 1930
3. As Frances Harrell, she was one of the four signers of the call-to-organize letters
4. Her flight instructor was Bill Winston, who also instructed Colonel Charles Lindbergh.

File contents:

1. Two photos of Frances and Louise Thaden in Curtiss Thrush airplane
2. One photo of the 1933 air race: Viola Gentry, Gladys O'Donnell, Florence Klingensmith, Frank Phillips, Edith Foltz, and Frances.
3. One photo of Fay Gillis, Clara Trenchmann, Moth Tusch, and Frances
4. Six small photos of Frances
5. One small photo of Frances in airplane
6. Two large photos of Frances
7. One large photo of Frances standing next to airplane with writing: "Woman's World Refueling Endurance Record 196 hours."