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Visit Scott County and the A.P. Carter Museum

Born Alvin Pleasant Carter, A.P. Carter was born to love music. A skilled violinist, fiddler to homefolk, he, his wife Sara, brother Ezra and sister-in-law Maybelle formed the Carter Family band. Carter Family grew famous with hits like “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” and “Keep On the Sunny Side.” A.P. spent much of his time traveling to find musical inspiration, and the Carter Family band remains a legend of country music today.



A.P. Carter’s old general store has been converted into a museum that houses the collections of A.P. Carter, his wife Sara and her cousin Maybelle were the pioneers of what was to become country music. Artifacts include photos, books, and musical instruments, show clothes, 78rpm recordings and many other memorabilia, such as items donated by family members June and Johnny Cash.

Located next door to the museum, is the old log cabin where A.P. was born. Recently restored, it showcases life in southwest Virginia during the early 1900’s and includes many family antiques and collectibles.

The Carter Family Fold is also home to the Carter Family Memorial Music Center and it’s a happening place every Saturday night! Jannette Carter, one of A.P.’s three children, along with Sara Carter established the Fold to honor A.P.’s memory. Old-time and Bluegrass music!

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