

According to the general opinion of my family, and the  
evidence of my uncle, William Neal, who states  
that he was present, and was Godfather, I was  
christened at St. Martin's in the Fields, but  
no such entry can be found in the books  
of the <sup>said</sup> parish. — It appears, my parents could  
not obtain my certificate, for, on my entrance  
into Shelton's School, ~~no~~ document  
was furnished, of which the following is a  
copy: —

"This is to certify that Wm Carpenter, son of James and  
Sarah Carpenter, of Moor's Yard, was born September 27<sup>th</sup>,  
1809, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11 o'clock at night,

(signed) J. Carpenter  
Father of the said William.

as sworn before me  
the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818  
(signed) R. Binnic

The above is strictly true  
(signed) Tho<sup>s</sup>. Morris  
Mar Midwife Dr. Chancery Street  
Gov. Garden

This document was, with the other Papers connected with the  
School, in the possession of J. Endell Tyler, Rector of St. Giles  
Bedford-square, Returned to him, June 24; but, by  
permission of the Treasurer, I was allowed to keep possession of it