Katherine Carey and a group of other enthusiasts formed the Hawkeye Colt Stakes Association to promote the racing industry in the Midwest. She was the Secretary/Treasurer of this group for many years. Her love for studying horse pedigrees led to her involvement with the forming of the Midwest Standardbred Sale in 1962 held annually at the Kalona Sales Barn.

Katherine had a strong reputation with her pedigrees and many sale companies employed her expertise. In 1995, Katherine was inducted into the Iowa Harness Racing Hall of Fame for her service to the industry.