

## Heirs of Martha Carson

Chancery Court Minutes, 1860 - 1870, Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee; Case # 1036:

D. H. Carson and wife Elizabeth Carson,  
John Kinser and wife Nancy Ann Carson

vs.

Harmon McCaslin and wife Sarah Carson, and  
Heirs of Martha (Glass) Carson, deceased.

Martha Carson died intestate about June 20, 1866, Bradley County, TN and left \$143.00 to settle her estate. Because D. H. Carson (David Hamilton Carson) was appointed administrator of this estate these papers for Martha Carson's estate were filed in the above named court as Case # 1036.

In 1840 and 1842, property had been conveyed to a John Carmichael to be held in trust for Martha's use until her death, at which time these lands would transfer to her heirs. This land was sold at Martha's death and distributed among the heirs. Description of this land is as follows:

"NW 1/4 of Section 27 being 160 acres, and N 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 27, both being in Township one (1) and Range one (1) East of the Basis Line, Ocoee District, Bradley County, Tennessee".

Part of Section 27 was located North of the Duck Town Road on the Pre-Civil War Map by the Bradley County, TN Genealogy Society. Also on this map was the name John Carson as owning land in section 27 before 1860. The 2003 Bradley County Map has a Highway that is near this old road East of Cleveland, TN, with numbers 74, 64 and 40.

The heirs of Martha Carson are listed in this document:

- 1) The children of W. E. Carson deceased and the grandchildren of Martha Carson, deceased. All children being non residents of TN.
  - a) John Carson,
  - b) Nancy Carson,
  - c) Emily Carson,
  - d) Amarantha Carson.
- 2) Children of Polly Lay, deceased, (Mary Ann Carson who married David A. Lay, he d. bef. 1866), and grandchildren of Martha Carson, deceased. The children who are listed below were non residents of TN.
  - a) [Mary] Jane Lay, m. [Thomas] Martin Burch.
  - b) Susan Lay, m. J. [James] C. Camp.
  - c) William Lay.
  - d) John B. [Blair] Lay.
  - e) Jemima Lay, m. John [Lee] Camp.
  - f) Mary A. [Ann] Lay.

- g) Martha Lay, m. Thomas Brown.
- 3) L. Carson a resident of Tennessee. (Not sure of this person's identity, it could be Lincoln Collen Carson, son of Martha Carson, but Lincoln Carson was supposed to be in Illinois when this document was written in 1869. On the fourth page of this document there is a notation, "To L. Carson by note dated in the year 1864 for Seventy (\$70.00) dollars ....". If this is Lincoln Carson, then that would mean that he traveled to Tennessee from his home in Illinois, before going to Missouri in 1872.)
  - 4) Sarah Carson, m. Harman McCaslin [McCasland], who are both citizens of Bradley County, Tennessee. [Sarah Carson was the daughter of Martha Carson].
  - 5) Children of John B. Carson, deceased, and grandchildren of Martha Carson, deceased, and citizens of Bradley County, Tennessee.
    - a) Clementine Carson, m. Creed Brown, he being a non resident of Tennessee and she a resident of said state.
    - b) China [Chaney] Carson.
    - c) Larland [Laurel N.] Carson.
    - d) Siloma Jane Carson.
    - e) John Carson [II].
  - 6) John Carmichael, This is the person who held property in trust for Martha Carson. He received the deed in trust from a Mr. Robert Johnson and Mr. Harmon McCaslin ;[McCasland]. [One Harmon McCasland was reported to have married Sarah Carson, daughter of Martha Carson deceased].
  - 7) Children of Susan Carson, who is listed as Susan Allen in this document. [No mention of a spouse for Susan (Carson) Allen.] Members of this family were non residents of Tennessee.
    - a) Millard Allen [John Millard Allen]
    - b) Elizabeth Allen [Mary Elizabeth Allen]
    - c) Douglas Allen [Hiram Douglas Allen]
    - d) Malinda Allen [Lincoln (or Lynn) Millard Allen]

This document was signed by D. H. Carson and his wife, Elizabeth Carson, before the Clerk of Court, Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee, in the year 1869. [The rest of the date could not be read].

NOTE: Square brackets added for clarification. This document provides a record of the children and grandchildren of Martha Carson. This is the same person who was formerly known as Martha Glass who married Absalom Carson. According to other records there are more grandchildren to Martha Carson who are not listed in this document.