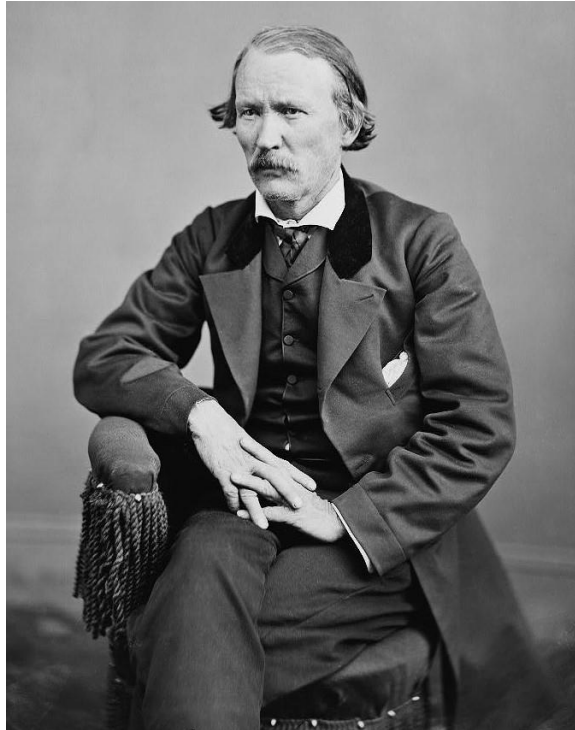


# Relatives of Kit Carson

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Christopher Houston (Kit) Carson (1809-1868)



A Glimpse At Historic Madison County and Richmond, Kentucky, Jonathan Truman Dorris (Richmond, KY, The Richmond Daily Register Co., 1934), pp32-33:

## KIT CARSON

Christopher Carson, the famous hunter, Indian fighter, scout, pathfinder, and soldier, better known as Kit Carson, first saw the light of day, December 24, 1809, on Tate's Creek pike in Madison County within three miles of Richmond. Soon after Kit's birth his father moved to Missouri, where the son grew to manhood.

At seventeen Kit Carson began his adventuresome career on the Sante Fe Trail. From 1826 to 1842 he was associated with such noted hunters and fur traders as Ewing Young, Peter Ogden, Bent, and St. Vrain. Perhaps he is better known for his valuable services to John C. Fremont in his three great expeditions through the West in 1842 to 1846, the last of which culminated in the conquest of California, in which he played an interesting part.

In 1847 Kit carried dispatches from California to the authorities at Washington, a distance of nearly four thousand miles, and in 1853 he drove 6,500 sheep over the mountains to California. A little later he was appointed Indian agent in New Mexico, where during the following years he rendered valuable service to the Indians and the Federal Government. He was brevetted Brigadier-General for meritorious service during the War Between the States. After the War he remained in the Indian service until his death on May 23, 1868. His grave is at Taos, New Mexico, which was his home the greater part of his life.

Kit Carson's picturesque career rivals that of either Daniel Boone or David Crockett. In many respects it is more deserving of honor. Carson City, the capital of Nevada, was named for him, and imposing monuments commemorate his life. Perhaps the most magnificent was erected at Denver, Colorado, in 1911. Surely Madison County should at least mark the place of his birth.



Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, 5 July 1942, p8A:

**Tribute Paid  
Kit Carson  
In Madison**

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**Monument Dedicated  
At His Birthplace**

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Richmond, Ky., July 4 (AP)—Tribute was paid today to the memory of Christopher "Kit" Carson, Madison County-born scout, hunter and soldier, with dedication of a monument marking his birthplace as part of Madison's celebration of the 150th anniversary of Kentucky's admission to the union.

Approximately 200 persons assembled at the Arnold Hanger

farm near here, where Carson was born in 1809, to honor the Indian fighter who died seventy-four years ago in Colorado after an adventurous life on the western plains.

**Carson's Grandson Present.**

Garbed in Indian regalia, Dr. James Carson, 80, Calhoun, Ga., practicing physician and grandson of Kit Carson, performed a ceremonial dance as part of the program.

Madison County Commonwealth's Attorney John Noland accepted the marker from Dr. Carson on behalf of the county. James Park, Lexington, a native of Madison and Fayette County's commonwealth's attorney, delivered the principal address.

Earlier today several hundred persons attended exercises on the court house lawn and heard patriotic addresses by William L. Wallace, Lexington attorney and also a native of Madison, and Joe P. Chanault, Richmond attorney.



Glimpses of Historic Madison County, Kentucky, Jonathan Truman Dorris & Maud Weaver Dorris (Nashville, TN, Williams Printing Company, 1955), pp179-180:

About fifteen years ago a grandson of Kit and a physician of Calhoun, Georgia, had a monument erected on the site of the old Scout's birthplace on a hill overlooking Tate's Creek Pike near Richmond (see map). In 1953, the Kentucky Historical Markers Committee had a metal [sic - metal] marker placed on the Pike near the monument in honor of the famous scout. At Taos, New Mexico, a park and museum are being prepared in memory of Carson, and an effort is being made in Taos and Madison County to cause the United States postal authorities to issue a postage stamp in his honor.



Kentucky Historical Highway Marker erected in Madison County, KY in 1978 by the Kentucky Historical Society and Kentucky Department of Highways



US Postage Stamp issued on 18 October 1994



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 25 June 1890, p3:

### ABOUT KIT CARSON

Some of the People Related to the Famous Scout and Hunter.

(Jas. F. Carson in Courier-Journal.)

HARTFORD, Ky., June 8 — In the Courier-Journal of May 5, an article appeared, written by William Henry Perrin, with regard to Christopher Carson, commonly known as "Kit" Carson.

Kit Carson was born in Madison county, Ky., and was a son of Lindsay Carson, who was born in the North of Ireland, and who was of Scotch descent. His grandfather emigrated from Ireland when his son Robert was an infant, and settled in Ierdell county, North, Carolina. Kit's father, Lindsay, married a lady whose maiden name was Robinson. This lady was of Irish and Welsh descent. Kit's mother had eight sisters. One of them first married a man named McMullin, and had a son, James McMullin; she afterward married Robert Carson, who settled in Shelby county, Ky., about six miles from Shelbyville; another sister married Benjamin Midkiff, whose descendants, many of them, live in Ohio county, among them two remarkable ladies, living in Hartford — Mrs. Caleb Crowe and Mrs. Jas. F. Collins. Another sister married a man named Sawyers; another a man named John Fuqua, who is the father of Albert Fuqua, a tobacconist, in Owensboro, Ky. Two others married men named Gillespie, one of them the father of George Gillespie, formerly a member of Congress from Iowa. The ninth I can not now give any account of. I forgot to mention that the mother of the Robinson ladies was a Miss Duff.

Lindsay Carson and his brother Robert moved from North Carolina soon after the Revolutionary war, Robert having enlisted under Gen. Marion at the age of fourteen years, and serving until he was twenty-one years of age. His only pay for service during that period was a negro boy and a British bridle. One buckle of the bridle my father, Lindsay Robinson Carson, kept until the day of his death, which was in the year 1875. He was in the seventy-first year of his age.

Lindsay Carson, the father of Kit, moved to Howard county, Mo., in the year 1814. He left two sons, Kit and Moses; a daughter by the name of Matilda married a man I think, by the name of McKee, and was living, the last account that I had, in Saline county, Missouri. Moses Carson went to California in an early day, and I am told by men who were acquainted with him that he was about as noted in California as Kit was through the great West.

Robert Carson left four sons and two daughters. William settled near Crawfordsville, Ind., George settled in Oldham county, Ky., and left two children. Lindsay R., who settled in Ohio county, Ky., married Elizabeth Stevens, and raised a large family—ten sons and three daughters — nine of whom are now living. Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Carson, married Augustus Harris, of Shelby county, Ky., and has descendants in Ohio County, Ky., and in Missouri. Sarah, another daughter, married Joseph J. Bennett, of Ohio county, Ky., who was formerly one of the leading farmers of the county. His wife, Aunt Sally, as she is commonly known, is yet living, but at the point of death, in the eighty-eighth year of her age. She is a double cousin of Kit Carson. She was a very remarkable lady. Andrew another son of Robert, was never married. He followed steamboating mostly on the Tennessee river, owned land in Ohio county, Ky.; Lindsay, another brother of Kit Carson, settled in California, afterwards moved to Texas and died, leaving a wife and several children.

Kit Carson died at Fort Lyon, Colorado from the rupture of a blood vessel

[Note by Jerry Long – the preceding article followed the publication of a biographical article by William Henry Perrin entitled “Kit Carson, A Famous Kentuckian Who Has Figured in the Romance of Border History” that was published in the Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY, 5 May 1890, p4). The Courier-Journal article discussed Kit’s illustrious career and other than naming his father reported no other relatives of Kit Carson. The facts presented in the Hartford article were related by Judge James Franklin Carson (1835-1908), son of Lindsey Robinson Carson & Elizabeth Stevens.]



Lindsey Carson was born 1754-1761. He was the son of William Carson & Eleanor McDuff. His father died 1761-1776 Iredell County, NC. Lindsey was a resident of Rowan County, NC in 1780. Lindsey Carson married Lucy Bradley, c1785; the daughter of Moses Bradley, she died 1793-1794 in Madison County, KY. Lindsey Carson married 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Robinson, 11 February 1796, in Madison County, KY. Rebecca was born 16 September 1778 in Virginia. Her father, James Robinson, signed his consent for Rebecca to marry. Rebecca Carson was named as a daughter in the will of James Robinson recorded in Shelby County, KY in 1805. Lindsey & Rebecca were married by Christopher Clark, whose entry on their marriage is the third from the bottom in the following list:

Madison County, KY Marriage Book 1, p48 –  
Lindsay Carson to Rebecca Robinson, 11 February 1796

I do hereby certify that I joined together in the holy state of Matrimony the under named persons by virtue of Licence and in the order of their several states (Viz)

- George Finley and Nancy Hoagins the first day of October 1795
- Thomas Campbell and Elnor Black the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1795
- Francis Travis and Nancy Shuly the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1795
- Samuel Black and Polly Gordon the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1796
- James Cox and Lucy Richardson the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1796
- Lindsay Carson and Rebecca Robinson the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1796
- Solomon Bond and Anna Allen the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1796
- Joshua Finney and Nancy Richardson the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1796

Christopher Clark

Know all unto by this present that  
 we Lindsey Carson & Peter Rush are both  
 of vintly bound unto Isaac Shelby Esquire  
 Governor of the Commonwealth of  
 Kentucky in the last Office sum  
 of fifty pounds to which payment will  
 shortly be made to the said Governor  
 or his Successors we bind our selves  
 our heirs Executors & Admors jointly by these  
 presents sealed with our seals & dated  
 this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1796.

The Condition of the Above Oblig-  
 ation is such that whereas there is  
 a Marriage shortly intended to be had  
 solemnized between the Above bound  
 Lindsey Carson & Rebecca Robinson both  
 of Madison County if there be  
 no Lawful Cause to obstruct the  
 same then the Above Obligation to  
 be void other wise to remain in  
 full full force Power & Virtue  
 Signed Seal & Del<sup>d</sup>  
 In presence of } Lindsey Carson (Red)  
 his }  
 Peter Rush (Red)  
 mark

This is to Certify that I have given my Consent  
 for Lindsey Carson to get lawful License to Marry  
 My Daughter Rebecca William Erven Clerk  
 of Madison  
 February 11<sup>th</sup> 1796  
 James Robinson  
 Peter <sup>has</sup> Rush Andrew Larson  
 George Gamble

Lindsey Carson moved to Kentucky during 1790-1792. He is listed in the Madison County, KY 1792-1811 tax lists and 1810 federal census. On 25 November 1801 he purchased from John Barry a tract of 115 acres on Tate's Creek in Madison County, KY. The 1802-1809 tax lists report that he was assessed taxes on 115 acres on Tate's Creek. He also was the owner of

three slaves. In 1811 Lindsey Carson moved his family to Howard County, Missouri. He and his son, Moses, were enrolled in the home guard during the War of 1812. He is listed in the 1817 tax list of Howard County. He died in 1818. In Howard County Will Book A it is recorded that on 18 November 1818 Rebecca Carson and Charles Canole were appointed administrators of the estate of Lindsay Carson, deceased, securities on their bond were by Thomas Hickman and Price Prewitt; appraisers of his estate were James Hickman, William Monroe, and Thomas Burris. In two early accounts it was reported that Lindsey Carson was killed by the falling of a limb from a tree that he was cutting down – sketch of Lindsey Carson in book, A History of the Pioneer Families of Missouri, William S. Bryan & Robert Rose (St. Louis, MO, 1876, p247) and biography of Hamilton Carson (1808-1887) in the book, History of Howard and Cooper Counties, Missouri (St. Louis, MO, National Historical Company, 1883, pp529-530).

A History of the Pioneer Families of Missouri, William S. Bryan & Robert Rose (St. Louis, MO, 1876), Montgomery County section, p247:

CARSON.— Lindsay Carson came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1810, with Col. Hale Talbott, who had partly raised and educated him. He settled on Loutre Island, but the following year he sold out to Colonel Talbott, and moved to the Boone's Lick country, where he was killed in 1819, by the falling of a limb from a burning tree that he was cutting down. Mr. Carson was married twice. By his first wife he had—William, Anderson, Moses B., and a daughter who remained in Kentucky. By his second wife he had—Robert, Hamilton, Christopher, and four daughters. Christopher Carson, called "Kit," became famous as an Indian fighter, scout, and army officer. He was named for Colonel Hale Talbott's eldest son.

History of Howard and Cooper Counties, Missouri (St. Louis, MO, National Historical Company, 1883), Boone Lick Township, Howard County section, pp529-530:

HAMILTON CARSON, farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Carson was the second of a family of six children reared by Lindsey Carson and wife, previously Miss Rebecca Roberson, and was born in Madison county, Kentucky, January 18th, 1808. His mother was a native of the same state, but his father was originally from South Carolina. The names of the children are as follows: Robert, Hamilton, Christopher, Lindsey, Elizabeth, Matilda, Nancy and Mary. The family was among the earliest settlers in Howard county, having come here as early as 1811. They spent three years in Fort Cooper, as most of the settlers of that early day had "fort" themselves, as it was then expressed, for protection and security from the possible outbreaks of Indians. Seven years after their arrival in this county the father was killed by a falling limb from a tree, and four years later the mother married again, Mr. Joseph Martin becoming her second husband. One son, who lives in California, is the only living representative of this marriage. Mr. Carson, the subject of this sketch, was brought up in the pioneer days of the country and is one of the oldest residents, if not the oldest, in the county, having lived here continuously seventy-two years. In 1846 he was married to Miss Ann Smith, the date of their marriage being the 23d of January, and three children followed: Stephen, Dudley and Charles William, but one of whom, however, Dudley, is now living, and is a resident of Howard county. The mother of three died, February 17, 1856, and Mrs. Rachel Cook, a widow lady, became Mr. Carson's second wife in 1859. By the last marriage four children have been born, all of whom are now living: Joseph, born December 13, 1861; Evaline, born January 15, 1865; Fanny, born May 5, 1866; and Hamilton, born December 6, 1867. Mr. C. is a member of the Christian church and a well respected citizen.

Mrs. Rebecca Robinson Carson married Joseph Martin in Howard County, Missouri on 11 October 1821. Rebecca died during 1840-1842. Joseph Martin married 2nd to Nancy Smith in Howard County, Missouri on 15 May 1842.

Lindsey Carson and his first wife, Lucy Bradley, were the parents of:

1. William Carson born 19 May 1786 NC. He married Mildred Boone (c1788-1810), 1809 and Cassandra Boone (c1796-c1863), 24 November 1816 Shelby County, KY. William died in 1853. His wives were sisters and great-nieces of Daniel Boone.
2. Sarah Carson was born 11 June 1788 NC. She married John G. Peyton (c1785-1829), 11 December 1810 Madison County, KY. She died 1818-1850.
3. Andrew Carson was born 15 August 1790 NC. He married Sarah Amick, 22 December 1833 Howard County, MO. He died 7 April 1851 Grundy County, MO.
4. Moses Bradley was born 12 September 1792 Madison County, KY. He died 1 January 1868 Eagle Flat, El Paso County, TX.
5. Sophia Carson was born 8 November 1794 Madison County, KY. She married John M. Flanagan. She died 5 August 1877 Denver, Denver County, CO.

Lindsey Carson and his second wife, Rebecca Robinson, were the parents of:

1. Elizabeth Carson was born 29 November 1797 Madison County, KY. She married Robert Cooper, 17 August 1813 St. Charles County, MO.
2. Nancy Ann Carson was born 28 August 1801 Madison County, KY. She married Robert Washington Briggs, 11 April 1819 Howard County, MO. In 1860 she lived Howard County, MO.
3. Robert Carson was born 10 November 1803 Madison County, KY. He married Harriet Calloway, 19 March 1829 Howard County, MO. He died 27 September 1873 Saline County, MO.
4. Matilda Carson was born 4 November 1805 Madison County, KY. She married Walter Adams (1795-1868), 7 December 1820 Howard County, MO. She died 16 December 1849 Howard County, MO.
5. Hamilton Carson was born 18 January 1808 Madison County, KY. He married Ann Smith, 23 February 1847 Howard County, MO and Mrs. Rachel (Campbell) Cook, 20 March 1860 Howard County, MO. He died 15 May 1887 Howard County, MO.
6. Christopher Houston Carson, 'Kit', was born 24 December 1809 Madison County, KY. He married three times – Waa-nibe, Arapahoe Indian, 1836-1838; Making out road, Cherokee Indian, c1840; and Maria Josefa Jaramillo, 6 February 1843 Taos, Taos County, NM. He died 23 May 1868 Fort Lyon, Bent County, CO. On his baptismal record into the Catholic Church preceding his marriage to a Spanish woman his parent's names were recorded as Lindsey Carson & Rebecca Roberson.
7. Hampton B. Carson was born 23 May 1812 Howard County, MO. He married Arminta Cruse, 4 January 1838 Howard County, MO.
8. Mary Ann Carson was born 23 May 1815 Howard County, MO. She married Henry N. Rubey, 15 October 1839 Cooper County, MO. She died 25 October 1899 Johnson County, MO.



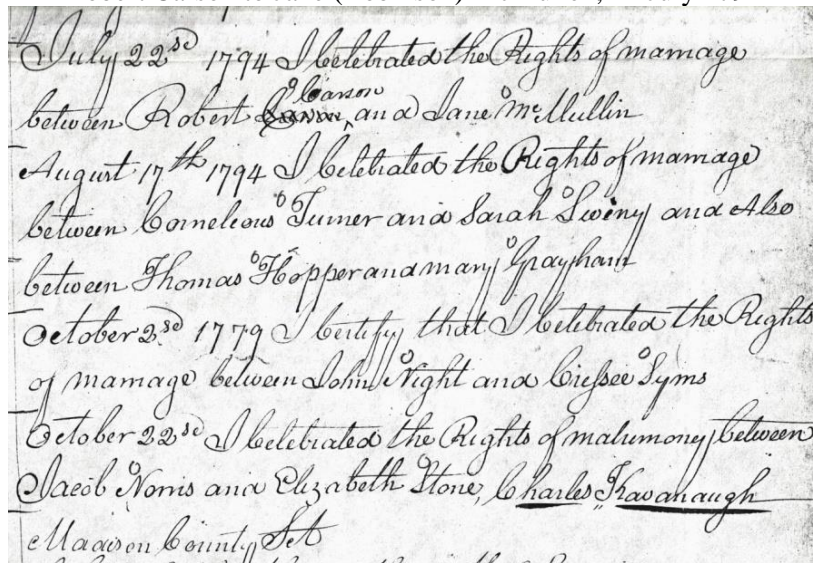
9. Sashwell Cooper Carson was born 16 June 1816 Howard County, MO. He married Catherine W. Amick, c1837. He was shot and killed by a marauder on 20 May 1864 in Howard County, MO.
10. Lindsey Carson, Jr. was born 11 September 1818 Howard County, MO. He married America (Monk) Rounds, c1844 and Mrs. Maria Louise (Gordon) Williams, 27 June 1850 Sonoma County, CA. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War. He died 26 January 1886 Lampasas County, TX.

For more history on the family of Lindsey Carson, Sr. and his descendants see books: Carson – Bent – Boggs Genealogy, Quantrille D. McClung (Denver, CO, Denver Public Library, 1962). And Carson – Bent – Boggs Genealogy Supplement, Quantrille D. McClung (Denver, CO, Denver Public Library, 1973).



The DAR Patriot Index reports that Robert Carson was born 20 July 1759 Rowan County, NC and died 22 November 1810 Shelby County, KY. His burial site is unknown. He was the son of William Carson & Eleanor McDuff. He joined the Continental Army at the age of 14, he served as a scout. He later served as a private in Captain John Reed's company, Light Troops Dragoons. He also served in Lieutenant in Hampton Wade's Regiment and General Sumter's South Carolina troops. He served three months short of seven years in the Continental Army. He married Mrs. Jane (Robinson) McMullen in Madison County, KY on 22 July 1794.

Madison County, KY Marriage Book 1, p66 –  
Robert Carson to Jane (Robinson) McMullen, 22 July 1794



In the same county Robert's brother, Lindsey Carson, married Jane's sister, Rebecca Carson on 11 February 1796. Near Richmond in Madison County on 24 December 1809 a son, Christopher Houston ('Kit') Carson was born to Lindsey & Rebecca. Robert Carson's wife, Jane Robinson, was the daughter of James & Elizabeth (?Fulton) Robinson and was born about 1770 in Virginia. Her father left a will naming her as a daughter in Shelby County, KY in 1805.

Abstract of Shelby County, KY Will Book B 1804-1811- James ROBINSON, written on 23 May 1805. Wife: Elizabeth. Sons: George & John. Daughters: Sarah Sawyer, Mary Gillespy, Jean Carson, Elizabeth Metcalf, Rebecca Carson, Peggy Robinson, Nancy Allen, Minty Robinson, and Charlotte Robinson. Grandson: Joseph Metcalf. Granddaughter: Elizabeth Fulton Gillsepy. Executors: Wife, John Sawyer & Stephen Allen. Also refers to Benjamin Metcalf, John Sawyers and Stephen Allen but does not state relationship [they were son-in-laws]. Probated in August 1805.

Jane Robinson married first James McMullen in Botetourt County, VA on 15 March 1788. They were cousins. James, was born c1760 Virginia. He was the son of Edward McMullen (c1735-1788) & Sarah Robinson (married 16 May 1759 Augusta County, VA and grandson of James & Jane Robinson. About two years after their marriage James & Jane McMullen moved to Madison County, KY. He was killed in an Indian attack during 1793. In Madison County, KY Will Book A, p76 is an appraisal of his estate, made on 6 December 1793 & recorded 4 November 1794, and on p78 a settlement of his estate was examined & recorded on 3 March 1795. In Madison County, KY Order Book B, p240 it is recorded that Haile Talbott, Stephen Hancock & Gabriel Mullins were appointed to settle the accounts of James McMullens, deceased, in 1793 and on p260 it is recorded that the above, who were appointed to settle the accounts with Jean [a variation of the name Jane] McMullen, administrator of James McMullen, dec'd, returned their settlement & it was recorded 3 March 1795.

Jane Robinson by her marriage to James McMullen had two children, John (died infancy) & James, Jr. James McMullen, Jr. was born 12 April 1792 KY. James, Jr. married Martha Ann Vancleave, 3 October 1811 Shelby County, KY. Martha, daughter of John Vancleave & Marjorie Kerns, was born 28 November 1796 KY. James McMullen is listed in the 1812-1827 tax lists and 1820 census of Shelby County, KY and 1830 & 1840 censuses of Montgomery County, IN. James died 29 September 1846 Montgomery County, IN, where he was buried in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery. His wife, Martha, died 1 March 1864 in Montgomery County, IN. James & Martha had 14 children – Anna (1815-c1834, married Jesse Vancleave), Emily (1817-1879, married Benjamin H. Brown), John (1819-1843, married Clarissa Watkins), Benjamin (1820-1854, married Sarah Elizabeth Vancleave), Joseph (1820-1901, married Mary Susan Elrod & Mrs. Lucinda Hardee Elrod Williams), William (1823-1900, married Catherine H. Coons), Lindsey C. (1824-after 1860 & before 1864, married Elizabeth Frances Clark), Marjorie Jane (1826-1905, married John Peyton Vancleave), James Madison (1828-after 1848), Andrew Jackson (1830-1922, married Margaret Jane Clark), Edward Robinson (1832-c1883, married Margaret Ann Douglas), Francis Marion (1834-1914, married Matilda Jane Clark), Lemuel Washington (1837-1902, married Maria Louise Redenbaugh) and Sarah Elizabeth (1844-1908, married Joshua A. Vancleave & William Perry Johnson).

Robert Carson appears in the Madison County, KY tax lists from 1790 through 1797. Robert then moved his family to Shelby County, KY, where he is found in the tax lists of 1799-1809 and the 1810 census. In the 1810 census in addition to himself there were five males living in his home, four of these were his sons and the other was probably his stepson, James McMullen; also in his home were his wife and two females under the age of ten. The 1801-1809 tax lists show him being taxed on 115 acres on Bullskin Creek. He died in Shelby County on 22 November 1810 and was buried there. The administrator of his estate was his brother-in-law, Stephen Allen (wife Nancy Robinson). Robert Carson's widow, Jane, appears in the 1811 &

1812 Shelby tax lists; both lists show her being assessed taxes on 115 acres on Bullskin Creek. In the following year, 1813, her son, George Carson, was taxed on the same tract. In the 1817 Shelby County tax list the same tract of 115 acres was listed under the name of Robert & Jane's son, William Carson, who was not yet 21. The 1825 Shelby tax list shows that William Carson guardian for Robert Carson's heirs still owned 60 acres of the Bullskin tract.

Jane (Robinson) Carson married a third time. She married John Gay Moore in Shelby County, KY on 18 July 1814. John Gay, son of James Francis Moore & Hannah Willmott, was born 8 March 1761 Baltimore County, MD. He married Averilla Allender, 5 August 1785 Baltimore County, MD. By his former marriage he had several children, including James, Elizabeth (Stephens), Eleanor (Quick), Rachel, Cassandra (Miller) and Nancy. His son, Rev. James Moore (1789-1869), was a noted Methodist minister of Hancock County, KY. By 1789 John G. Moore was a resident of Jefferson County, KY. He is listed in the 1810 census of Jefferson County, KY, 1819-1828 tax lists & 1820 censuses of Shelby County, KY and in the 1830 census of Ohio County, KY. During 1828-1829 John G. & Jane moved to Ohio County and settled in the No Creek community. Three of her Carson children (Lindsey Robinson, Sarah & Elizabeth) also made Ohio County their home. Three of Jane's sisters and their families also moved to Ohio County, KY – Elizabeth (Robinson), wife of Benjamin Midkff, Charlotte (Robinson), wife of John Fuqua, and Arminta (Robinson), wife of William Gillespie. John G. Moore died 22 March 1836 in Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in the Carson Cemetery. John Gay Moore "of No Creek" wrote his will on 11 September 1835 and it was recorded in Ohio County in May 1836.

Abstract of Ohio County, KY Will Book B, p75:

Will of JOHN GAY MOORE, of No Creek, Ohio County, gives, after lawful debts are paid, to his beloved wife, Jane Moore, his bay horse named Whig, and \$20.00, and whereas he had received with his said wife sundry articles, a list of which has been given to Mr. Stephen Allen of Shelby County, Administrator of Robert Carson, dec'd, he thereby wills that such of the said articles as are remaining in his hands shall remain the property of the wife, along with all the clothes she made since marriage, and shall not be claimed by any of his heirs. To said wife, all the hogs, the produce of a sow given by Joseph Bennett to he and his wife. And he disclaims all right, title or interest in certain lands lying on Rough, Creek in Ohio County, the property of said wife Jane. To son James Moore 6 volumes of Fletcher's Checks, and as he has heretofore given to his daughters Elizabeth Moore and Elenor and Rachel, he now gives them \$1.00 more. To daughter Cassandra Miller, \$50.00. To daughter Nancy the plantation I now live on, containing 108 acres, provided she pays her sister Cassandra the \$50 named above. Also to daughter Nancy, all the rest of my property. Appoints son James Moore of Hancock County, KY Executor. Written September 11, 1835. Witnesses Stephen D. Woodward, James H. Woodward and John Bennett, Sr. Probated May Court 1836. James Moore qualified as executor and entered into bond of \$600 with Linsy R. Carson as his surety.

After the death of her husband, John G. Moore, Jane Robinson Carson went to live with a son, James McMullen, Jr. (1792-1846), in Montgomery County, Indiana. Another son, William Carson, and a sister, Nancy Robinson Allen, were also residing there. Jane's great-grandson, James William Van Cleave (1845-1925) wrote a history of the family. A copy of his history of the Van Cleave, McMullen & Taylor families was placed in the Kentucky Historical Society Library, in Frankfort, KY by his nephew, Errett Van Cleave, in 1948. On page 10 of his section

on the McMullen family he wrote: "James McMullen's [Jr.] mother, after the death of her third husband, came to live with him and died at his house." He goes on to relate several stories about the circumstances surrounding her death. He does not give the exact date of her death or place of burial. Her death occurred sometime during 1836-1846. Since her death was in Montgomery County, IN it is logical to conclude that she was buried there. Due to the great distance from her former home in Ohio County, KY and the difficulty in traveling in those days it is highly improbable that she would not have been buried with her many relatives in Montgomery County, Indiana.

About 1990 a monument was erected in the Carson Cemetery in Ohio County, KY in memory of Jane (Robinson) Carson (1778-1836) and her husband, Pvt. Robert Carson (1758-1810). This monument is a memorial marker and this pioneer couple was not actually buried here. The monument is also misleading because it contains several errors in dates. The monument was included in a listing of the Carson Cemetery included in the book, Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume V (Ohio County Historical Society, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1994, p31).

In recent times the elder statesman of the Carson family in Ohio County, William Robinson Carson (1901-2001), believed that his great-great-grandmother, Jane Robinson Carson, died in Ohio County and was buried in the Carson Cemetery with her son, Lindsey Robinson Carson (1805-1876). William R. Carson had the above gravestone for her and her husband, Robert Carson, erected in the Carson Cemetery about 1990. Mr. Carson had no knowledge of what his much older cousin, James William Van Cleave, had written many years previously and did not know of the existence of the family history until I told members of his family about it. Mr. Carson is further removed in time from the event and I have generally found that the closer a source is to an event the more likely it is to be true. Also the rich details of James William Van Cleave's account help to establish its validity. Due to the existence of the monument to Robert & Jane (Robinson) Carson in the Carson Cemetery many future family researchers will unfortunately assume that they were buried there.



Memorial monument in Carson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY

On 25 June 1890 an article, "About Kit Carson: Some of the People Related to the Famous Scout and Hunter" was published in the Hartford, KY newspaper, Hartford Herald. In this article it is stated that Robert Carson (uncle to Kit) married a Miss Robinson, and left six

children - William ("settled near Crawfordsville, Ind."), George, Lindsay R., Sarah, Elizabeth & Andrew. There are several documents recorded in Shelby & Ohio Counties., KY regarding the settlement of Robert Carson's estate. Several of these list the same six heirs. At the time Robert Carson's death he owned 120 acres on Bullskin Creek in Shelby County. Each of his six children received a one-sixth interest (20 acres). In Shelby County in October 1816 William Carson was appointed guardian of George, Sally, Lindsay and Betsy Carson infant orphans of Robert Carson, deceased. In January 1817 William was appointed guardian of Andrew Carson. William Carson in Shelby County filed several reports of his accounts as guardian of George, Andrew, Sally, Lindsey & Elizabeth Carson, infant heirs of Robert Carson, deceased. On 15 August 1825 he returned his accounts as guardian for Lindsey & Elizabeth Carson, infant heirs of Robert Carson, deceased. William at this time requested to be released as guardian of Elizabeth since she has married Augustus Harris. Augustus Harris in November 1825 requested a division of the lands and slaves in Shelby County that Robert Carson, deceased had owned (Shelby County, KY Probate Records 1824-1832, pp65 & 126). A sale bill of the estate was made on 17 April 1826 (Shelby County, KY Will Book 7, p427).

Robert Carson and Jane Robinson were parents of:

1. William Carson was born 20 June 1795 Madison County, KY. He married Lucy Kearns, 12 March 1818 Shelby County, KY. Lucy, daughter of Peter Kearns & Anna Jordan, was born 11 December 1794 KY. William appears in the Shelby County, KY tax lists in 1817, 1821, 1825 & 1826. In April 1817 William Carson recorded a deed of manumission (freeing a slave) to his negro Abraham (Shelby County, KY Order Book 1815-1818, p262). Abraham had been in the family for a long time and was one of the slaves that had been owned by Robert Carson. Tax lists during 1792-1809 consistently record that Robert Carson owned one slave. William Carson & wife, Lucy, of Shelby County, KY on 9 June 1827 sold a tract of 20 acres on Bullskin Creek to John G. Moore for \$100; the tract had been owned by Robert Carson at the time of his death (Shelby County, KY Deed Book W, p43). William Carson moved to Montgomery County, Indiana during 1827-1830. In an obituary of his son, Joseph Carson, it was reported he "was born Shelby county, Ken., January 2, 1825 and moved with his parents to Montgomery County, Ind. when two years of age" (Edgar Post, Edgar, NE, 15 December 1899, p4). In a family history his half-brother, James McMullen, Jr. was reported to have moved to Montgomery county, IN in 1829. Several inter-related families including members of the Allen, Kearns, Taylor and Vancleave families also moved about the same time from Shelby County, KY to Montgomery County, IN. In 1834 William Carson acquired land in Montgomery County, IN. He is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Montgomery County, IN. In the 1850 census his occupation was given as farmer and in 1860 as clerk. He served as a justice of the peace in Montgomery County. William Carson died 16 June 1876 Montgomery County, IN. His wife, Lucy, died on 11 September 1857. William & Lucy were buried Indiana Creek Hill Cemetery, Montgomery County, IN; two of their children, Jane & Nancy, were also buried in the same cemetery. Children of William Carson and Lucy Kearns were – Cassandra (1819-1896, married John Conner), Jane (1822-1863, married Josiah Davis), Robert (1824-1891, single), Joseph (1825-1899, married Susan Burns, he was a Baptist minister), Sarah A. (1827-1881, married James Wilson Canine), Nancy (1830-1861, single) and William (c1831—after 1853, in a family history after his name it was entered "went West").

2. George Robinson Carson was born 1796-1798. He married Lucy E. McAllister, 29 April 1819 Shelby County, KY. Lucy, daughter of Daniel McAllister & Susannah Woodward, was born 1794-1795 VA. In 1818 George sold his interest in land owned by Robert Carson, deceased (Shelby County, KY Deed Book V, p245). He is listed as a household head in the 1820 census of Shelby County, KY and appears in the 1819-1821 tax lists of Shelby County, KY. In Shelby County, KY the will of George R. Carson was produced in court in December 1821 and was requested to be filed. In January 1822 William & Andrew Carson qualified as the executors of his estate; bond was by John G. Moore & James Young. An estate inventory and estate sale of George R. Carson, deceased was recorded in Shelby County in March 1822 (Shelby County, KY Order Book 1821-1831, pp76, 82, 85, 102, 291).

Shelby County, KY Will Book 5, page 266: In the name of God amen I George R. Carson of the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky do make this my Last Will & Testament in manner following (to wit) It is my desire that the contract existing between my self & Benjamin Metcalf should be void if he should agree to it & that the bond he has of mine should be given up to my Executors and the lot in the town of New Castle No. 101 I wish to be sold at a Reasonable Credit or deposed of by my executors here in after named and that with all my estate of what ever kind I wish used to the best advantages and its produce to be applied to the benefit of my wife and children leaving my loving wife Lucy Carson and my dear children (to wit) Edmond W. Carson and Jane E. Carson to the Care of my Father in law Daniel McAllister. 2<sup>nd</sup> Item I appoint my two Brothers, to wit, William Carson & Andrew Carson Executors to this my last Will & Testament desiring them to do the best they can for my wife & Children In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this twenty seventh day of October one thousand Eight hundred & twenty one. George R. Carson (seal); Signed in presence of Stephen H. Maddox, John Gathright, Nancy Harris. Recorded Shelby County, KY court in January 1822

Lucy E. Carson, widow of George R. Carson, is listed in the 1860 census of Oldham County, KY. George R. was survived by two children - Edmund Waller (c1819-after 1880, married Mary Ellis, lived Oldham County, KY) and Jane E. (c1821-1890, married Andrew Mitchell Ragsdale, lived Oldham County, KY and Johnson County, IN).

3. Andrew R. Carson was born 1800-1810 KY. He was never married. He was a river man operating flatboats on the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers. Andrew R. Carson of Kanawha County, VA on 3 October 1828 sold to his stepfather, John G. Moore, of Shelby County, KY, for \$100, a tract of 20 acres on Bullskin Creek in Shelby County, KY it being all of his interest in 120 acres which Robert Carson owned at his death (Shelby County, KY Deed Book X, p348). Andrew R. Carson owned lands in Ohio County, KY. He was joint owner with his brother, George Carson, & Owen Gathright in a tract of 500 acres on Rough River in Ohio County, KY. Benjamin Midkiff & wife, Elizabeth, of Ohio County, KY in November 1820 sold the 500 acres to George R. & Andrew Carson, of Shelby County, KY; it being the lower corner of Midkiff's 5,000 acre tract (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E, p193). A suit was filed in the Ohio County Circuit Court in regards to this land. Owen Gathright acquired the interests of brothers, George & William Carson, in the land. Gathright because of an unpaid note filed the suit on 29 March 1862 in the Ohio County Circuit Court against the other heirs of Andrew

Carson's, who still retained an interest in the land. The three heirs (siblings) of Andrew Carson, deceased, were named as – Lindsay R. Carson, Sarah & her husband, Joseph B. Bennett, and Elizabeth & her husband, Augustus Harris (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #1276).

4. Sarah Carson, 'Sallie', was born 29 December 1803 Shelby County, KY. She married Joseph Benton Bennett, 22 October 1829 Ohio County, KY. Joseph, 'Joe Jeff', son of Jeffries Bennett & Eleanor Benton, was born 11 June 1806 No Creek, Ohio County, KY. Joseph is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer and had owned several hundred acres in Ohio County on No Creek and Rough Creek. Sarah Bennett died 12 June 1891 Ohio County, KY. He died on 26 February 1894 of paralysis at his home near the No Creek Church, Ohio County, KY. He had lengthy obituaries in the counties' newspapers ("Uncle Joe Jeff Bennett Dead", Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, 28 February 1894, p2 and "An Old Citizen Gone", Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 2 March 1894, p3). Joseph & Sarah were buried Carson Cemetery, No Creek, Ohio County, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY  
Wednesday, 30 September 1885, p3:

**An Aged Lady.**

Mrs. Sallie Bennett, wife of Jo. B. Bennett, of No Creek, visited her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Patton, last week. We visited her while there, and learned that she was born in Shelby county, Ky., in 1802, where she lived until nearly grown, when she came to this county, married a year or so afterwards and has lived here ever since. Her maiden name was Carson. She was a sister to Lindsay R. Carson, who was well known in this county. She and Uncle Jo. have raised twelve children, six girls and six boys, five of whom, four daughters and one son, are still living. Mrs. Bennett is tolerably stout and healthy for one of her age. She has not taken a dose of medicine for five years. May she live to be a centenarian, is the wish of the HERALD.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY  
Wednesday, 18 June 1890, p3:

**BEDA, KY.**

JUNE 16, 1890.—Aunt Sallie Bennett, wife of Mr. Joe Jeff Bennett, departed this life Thursday morning, June 12, 1890, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight. Her remains were interred in the Carson graveyard Friday morning, in the presence of a large number of friends.

Rev. J. B. Wagner preached at this place Saturday night, and Rev. W. S. Winkler filled his regular appointment Sunday.

To Sarah Carson and Joseph B. Bennett 12 children were born, eight of whom lived to be grown (Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 2 March 1894, p3). They were – Tabitha Ann (1834-1920, married Samuel Lynn Baird), Rebecca Carson (1835-1880, married Isaac Shown), Sarah E. (1837-1903, married John Franklin Coleman, John Wesley Stevens, Richard A. Patton & Lewis Frederick Woerner), Sarilda C. (1839-1905, married Henry T. Stevens), Mary Ellen (c1833-1893, married John M. D. Hughes & J. T. Jones), Fielding L. (1841-1861, single, died of typhoid fever), Hardin Dock (1842-1912, married Sallie Ann Stevens & Mrs. Mildred Atherton Woodward), Joseph W. (1848-1862), and three sons & one daughter died infancy.

5. Elizabeth Carson was born c1804 Shelby County, KY and died after 1860. She married Austin Augustus Harris, 27 February 1825 Shelby County, KY. Augustus, was born c1794 KY. He is listed in the 1830 census of Henry County, KY, 1840 census of Putnam County, IN, 1850 census of Shelby County, KY, 1860 census of Ohio County, KY & 1870 census of Shelby County, KY. He was a farmer. In 1860 Elizabeth Carson Harris was living in Ohio County, KY. Children included – William (c1826-after 1870, married Sally Ann Stevens, 1870 lived Ohio County, KY), George (c1829-after 1870, married Mrs. Phebe A. Crawford, his marriage license records that he was born in Shelby County, KY, 1870 lived Ohio County, KY), Sarah (c1833-after 1860), Nancy A. (1836-1900, married Asberry Anderson Bryant), Jordan (c1840-after 1870, married Josephine Kirkendall, his marriage license records that he was born in Putnam County, IN, 1870 lived Ohio County, KY), Elizabeth (c1845-after 1860), Winfield S. (c1848-after 1875, married Mrs. Louisa Likens Dennison), others?

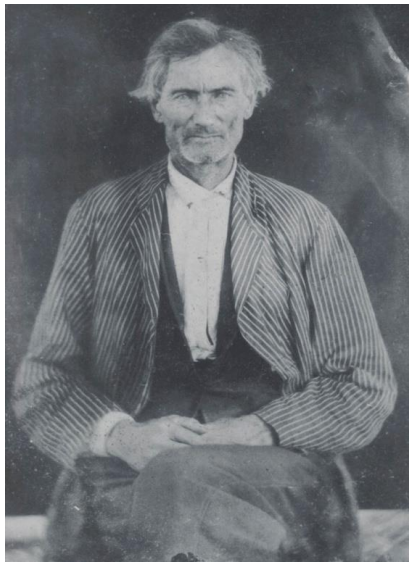
Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section):

ASBERRY ANDERSON BRYANT, Ohio County, was born April 25, 1833, in Warren County, Ky., where he grew to manhood, and in 1858, located in Ohio County, where he has since resided. He was married December 13, 1860, to Nancy, daughter of Austin and Elizabeth (Carson) Harris, of Ohio County, born November 23, 1836, and to them have been born John M., Joyce E. (Acton), Cicero A., Mary L. (Miller), Alonzo C., Sylvester, Sarah S. (deceased), Edmouia (deceased), and Nancy A. (deceased). In early manhood Mr. Bryant engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes, which he followed until married, when he commenced farming, his present calling, now owning 300 acres of fair land in good condition, well improved, and in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Bryant is a worthy example of what may be accomplished by industry, perseverance and economy. He is an active Methodist, and is identified with the Democratic party.

6. Lindsey Robinson Carson was born 25 June 1805 Shelby County, KY. At the age of 21 he married Elizabeth Stevens, 24 October 1826 Ohio County, KY. They were married by Rev. William Hart, a Methodist minister. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Stevens & Nancy Warfield, was born 23 August 1805 No Creek, Ohio County, KY. Lindsey is first found in the Ohio County tax lists in 1827. The 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY give Lindsey's occupation as a farmer. He owned almost 1,000 acres by 1842. He was also a carpenter, specializing in furniture. A number of his pieces, such as chairs, rockers and bureaus are heirlooms in the family today ("Lindsey Robinson Carson", Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 19 August 1976). On 14 February 1862 Lindsey Carson's wife, Elizabeth, died 14 February 1862 at No Creek in Ohio County, KY. She was buried in the Carson Cemetery near their home. Lindsey R. Carson married Mrs. Lydia Dorsey (Benton) Bennett, 7 April 1864 Ohio County, KY. On his marriage bond it was reported that it was his second marriage, he was age 58 on 25 June 1863, he was born Shelby County, KY, his father born in North Carolina and his mother in Virginia (Ohio County, KY Marriage Book H, p472). Lydia, daughter of Benjamin Benton & Altha Chapman, was born 20 August 1807 Ohio County, KY. Lydia married first George Plummer Bennett (1807-1855), 14 December 1826 Ohio County, KY. Lydia (Benton) Carson died 17 July 1871 and was buried Benton-Chapman Cemetery, No Creek, Ohio County, KY. Lindsey R. Carson died on 14 June 1876 No Creek, Ohio



County, where he was buried in the Carson Cemetery. The Carson Cemetery is located on the east side of the Johnson School Road, about one-fourth mile from the intersection of that road with the Hartford-Livermore Road (Highway 136). It was originally the Stevens burying ground. Thomas Stevens (1771-1839) owned the farm on which the cemetery was located. The first burial was made there in August 1807 when Susan, the six-year-old daughter of Thomas & Nancy (Warfield) Stevens, died on 3 August 1807. Mrs. Lydia (Garner) Stevens, grandmother of Elizabeth (Stevens) Carson, was the head of the Stevens family when they came to Ohio County in 1801, she died 7 June 1829, in her 89<sup>th</sup> year and is also buried in the Carson Cemetery. Nine of the thirteen children of Lindsey & Elizabeth Carson were buried in the Carson Cemetery.



Lindsey Robinson Carson (1805-1876)  
Grave at Carson Cemetery, No Creek, Ohio County, KY

History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky, Harry D. Tinsley  
(Frankfort, KY: Roberts Printing Company, 1953) p35:



The Thomas Stevens home later the Lindsey R. Carson home. Lindsey R. & Elizabeth (Stevens) Carson owned and resided on the Aunt Ann Kerns place between No Creek and Beda; they purchased the 162-acre farm in 1828 from Hezekiah Ward & his wife, Eleanor. Eight of their thirteen children were born here. They lived there until 1839 when they upon the death of her father they bought her father's farm, located just east of the Carson Cemetery. They purchased the interest of her only sister, Charlotte, wife of Joseph B. Barnett. On 11 December 1839 they sold their former place to Mildred Tinsley.

### Carson Family Bible

From Carson family vertical file, Kentucky Historical Society Library, Frankfort, KY. Bible owned by Mr. Tony Johnson, Hartford, KY. Transcription of bible copied from volume entitled "Bible Records" found in the library of Western State College, Bowling Green, Ky. [Note by Jerry Long: Tony Johnson (1902-1963), of Hartford, KY was the son of John Albert Johnson & Emmer Caroline Carson, grandson of Lindsey A. W. Carson & Lucy Seraphean Bennett and great-grandson of Lindsey Robinson Carson & Elizabeth Stevens.]

Lindsey R. Carson born September 10, 1827 died June 14, 1876  
 Elizabeth Stevens, wife of L. Carson born 23 August 185 died February 14, 1862  
 They were married October 24, 1826  
 John S. Carson born September 10, 1827  
 Thomas Henry Carson born December 7, 1828  
 Vitula Margaret Carson born January 6, 1830  
 Sara Jane Carson born January 8, 1831  
 William Allen Carson born Juno 29, 1833  
 James Franklin Carson born February 22, 1835  
 Joseph Linthicum Carson horn November 10, 1836  
 George Robinson Carson born September 11, 1839  
 Nancy Charlotte Carson born October 14, 1840  
 Oliver Perry Carson born April 12, 1842 died January 22, 1862  
 Robert Belt Carson born March 1, 1844  
 Lindsey Alexander W. Carson born May 5, 1846  
 Christopher Taylor Carson born 5 May 1848 (date in transcription should be born December 15, 1848)

Thomas H. Carson	– Delily V. Bennett	December 25, 1850
John S. Carson	– Judith H. Woodward	February 13, 1855
William Carson	– Martha A. Brown	January 1, 1857
	she died 1860	
Vetila M. Carson	– Hamden A. Rock	October 21, 1857
James F. Carson	– Dorcus C. Austin	February 25, 1858
William Foster	– Sara Carson	December 1861
George R. Carson	– Mary E. Barnett	January 21, 1864
William A. Carson	– Sara Brown	1865 [should be 1863]
Lindsey A. W. Carson	– Lucy S. Bennett	October 31, 1867

Lindsey Robinson Carson & Elizabeth Stevens had 13 children; all 13 are listed in their home in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY. Their children were – John Stevens (1827-1875, married Judith Helen Woodward), Thomas Henry (1828-1899, married Delilah

Vitula Bennett), Vitula Margaret (1830-1880, married Hamden Asbury/Aubury Rock), Sarah Jane (1831-1901, married William Foster), William Allen (1833-1902, married Martha Ann Brown, Sarah Josephine Brown, Margaret Amanda Kell & Mrs. Alice Salina Harrell Daniel), James Franklin (1835-1908, married Dorcas Caroline Austin), Joseph Linthicum (1836-1908, married Esther Ann Bennett), George Robinson (1839-1923, married Mary Elizabeth Barnett & Margaret Ellen Johnson), Nancy Charlotte (1840-1910, married Isaac Foster), Oliver Perry (1842-1862, single), Robert Belt (1844-1865, single), Lindsey Alexander Warfield ('Alex', 1846-1921, married Lucy Seraphean Bennett) and Christopher Taylor ('Kit', 1848-1899, married Jennie Christine Schmidt). For more on the descendants of Robert Carson & Jane Robinson see books: Carson – Bent – Boggs Genealogy, Quantrille D. McClung (Denver, CO, Denver Public Library, 1962). And Carson – Bent – Boggs Genealogy Supplement, Quantrille D. McClung (Denver, CO, Denver Public Library, 1973); these books contain several errors about the residences and deaths of Robert Carson & his wife, Jane Robinson.



Five children of Lindsey Robinson Carson & Elizabeth Stevens: Top left to right – William Allen Carson (1833-1902), James Franklin Carson (1835-1908) & Joseph Linthicum Carson (1836-1908). Bottom left to right – George Robinson Carson (1839-1923), Nancy Charlotte Carson (1840-1910) & her husband, Dr. Isaac Foster (1825-1902)



## Correspondence and notes

**Letter : From Sharon Peery, 2704 Kensington Ave. Apt. 4, Richmond, VA 23220-3351, 1 April 2004:**

Responded to a query I had posted on the Carson family of Montgomery Co., IN several years ago. She is a great-great-granddaughter of William Carson & Lucy Kearns. A first cousin to my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandmother, Rebecca Midkiff Pate.

**e-mail to Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 9 April 2004:**

Ms. Peery:

Your letter on the Carson family found me. I would be very interested in comparing some notes.

I have that William Carson, son of Robert Carson & Jane Robinson, was born 20 June 1795 in Madison Co., KY & died 16 June 1876 in Montgomery Co., IN. I believe he was buried at the Old Union Cemetery, at Waveland, Montgomery Co., IN. However, another source gives his burial place as Indian Creek Hill in the same county. He married Lucy Kearns / Kerns, 12 March 1818 Shelby Co., KY. I have their children as: Cassandra (b. 1819, married John Conner, 24 Dec 1838 Montgomery Co., IN), Robert (b. c1820, married ?Elizabeth Eddlemon, 13 July 1837 Montgomery Co., IN), Jane (b. c1821, married Josiah Harris, when & where?), Joseph (b. 1820-1825?), Sarah A. (b. 1827, married James W. Canine, 3 Dec 1843 Montgomery Co., IN), Nancy (b. 1830, died single), and William (b. 1830-1835?, married?).

Was Joseph Carson's wife name Susan Burns and did they marry on 6 Nov 1845 in Montgomery Co., IN? One source lists her last name as Burrus. I would be interesting in learning more about the children of Joseph & Susan (names, dates & places of their births, deaths & marriages, and cemeteries).

I believe we would be 5th cousins once removed. My 4th great-grandmother, Elizabeth (Robinson) Midkiff, was a sister of Jane (Robinson) Carson. Even though I am not a Carson descendant I have done quite a lot of work on the early generations of our Carson relatives.

Hope to hear from you. Best wishes,  
Jerry Long

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 9 April 2004:**

Hello! I am delighted to hear from you and will be glad to tell you what I know about my line. It will take me a day or two to dig them out -- I've been working on a terrible family on my father's side. The Carsons, at least, had the virtue of sticking to one spelling of their name. Sharon

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 12 April 2004:**

Good morning, Jerry,

First, I'm very happy to have found a fifth cousin once removed who is interested in genealogy. This has been quite a problem with this particular family. Second, my sources: I had a little from my grandfather, who gave his father as George Wesley Carson, b. 1858 IN (actually IL), and his grandfather as Joseph Carson, b. IN (actually KY). The rest is from census and other online sources. The family story that Joseph's father was a first cousin of Kit Carson's actually provided a little help, although I never quite believed it; but if Robert Carson is the brother of Lindsey Carson, it is actually true.

From Montgomery Co., IN cemetery readings, Indian Creek Cemetery: William Carson, June 20, 1795-June 16, 1876. Lucy wife of William d. Sept. 11, 1857, 62y9m. Nancy daughter of William and Lucy March 12, 1861 30y5m2d. Indian Creek is a Baptist cemetery, and my grandfather stated that his father's family were Baptists.

From Indiana Marriages Before 1850 (WPA transcriptions done in the 1930's): Joseph Carson m. Susan Burns Nov. 6, 1845 Montgomery Co., IN. (This certainly could be a transcription error, and the name really is Burrus; but there is a family of Burns in Brown Twp., Montgomery Co., in the 1840 census with a daughter whose age matches that of Susan.) I find the James Canine- Susan Carson marriage Dec. 3, 1843; but Jane Carson's marriage is to Josiah Davis June 8, 1847. This couple are in the 1850 Montgomery Co., IN, Brown Twp. census, as follows: Josiah Davis, 27, b. KY [DOB Nov. 15, 1822]; Jane Davis, 25, b. KY [DOB Aug. 19, 1823]; Sarah J., 5, b. IN; Lucy A., 3, b. IN; and Isaac T., 1, b. IN. Living in this household in 1850 is Robert Carson, 25, b. KY. [I had assumed this was William and Lucy's son Robert, but if he were married to Elizabeth Eddlemon in 1837, either Elizabeth died or it is a different Robert Carson.] Jane Carson Davis died Sept. 18, 1863 (I have a burial record for her but can't find it just now -- will send it when I do).

There are other Carson marriages in Montgomery Co. in the same time period I am wondering about: Elijah Carson to Mary Bolser Oct. 22, 1840; Huston Carson to Mary Lane, Dec.31, 1843; and Elizabeth Carson to Samuel M. Hays Nov. 25, 1848. I haven't yet found out who any of these people were.

The nearest DOB I can get for Joseph Carson is from the census info: 1825, in KY. He died in Nebraska, 1900-1910 (again, census info; probably Nuckolls Co., but haven't yet found a burial record). Susan Burns Carson was b. Oct. 1830 in IN; no death record yet.

Children of Joseph and Susan: Susan C., d. Sept. 16, 1852, a. 10m5d, buried Hallett Cemetery, Brown Twp., Montgomery Co., IN; Sarah J., b. 1845-47 [the divergent birthdates are from census information], IN; James W., b. 1848 IN; Joseph W., b. 1854-55 IN; Robert L., b. ca. 1854 IL; George Wesley, b. April 1858, Clark Co., IL; and Mary E., b. ca. 1861 IL. Joseph W. Carson m. Ellen J. ?, b. ca. 1851 OH. Known children: Grace E., b. IA 1876; Lula M., b. 1876-1878 NE; Harry b. May 1885 NE. Robert L. m. Rachael L. Henkins Dec. 13, 1881 in Nuckolls Co., NE. George Wesley Carson [my great-grandfather], b. April 1858 Clark Co., IL, m. Isa Fidelia

("Delia")Kline, b. Logan Co., IL 1860, d/o Samuel Kline and Burinsa Allen [I have a lot of info on these people you probably won't want, but let me know]. Marriage was July 23, 1880 in Nuckolls Co., NE. George W. d. 1925 in Hall Co., NE and is buried in the Grand Island Cemetery. He was a blacksmith.

Children of George W. and Isa Fidelia Kline Carson: Ivy M., b. 1881 NE, m. ? Labrie; Clarence S., b. 1883 NE; Susan I., b. 1886 NE; Joseph W., b. 1888 NE; Floyd Grover Carson, b. July 1890 NE [my grandfather]. Floyd G. Carson m. Cora Augusta White b. Oct. 20, 1888, Franklin Co., OH in Dec. 1914 "in the exact middle of the United States" [we haven't been able to figure out what this means; they both worked for the railroad]. They were divorced in 1934. Floyd remarried, and I'll have to send you that data later -- I can't find his sheet right now.

Children of Floyd G. Carson and Cora White: Helen Marguerite Carson b. Aug. 5, 1916 Fremont, Dodge Co., NE; m. Herbert Shuman Siens b. May 1, 1916 Guernsey Co., OH; and Virginia Grace Carson b. Oct. 1919 Columbus, OH, m. R. Richard Howard. Helen Carson Siens [my mother] d. Sept. 18, 1994 in Worthington, Franklin Co., OH and was cremated (no burial site). So far as I know Virginia is still alive (this is the original dysfunctional family).

I'll send the rest of Floyd's stuff when it turns up, including date of death and burial. Don't know if you want the children of his daughters' marriages (he had five daughters and no sons, in all). I'll get back to hunting down these Nebraska Carsons sooner or later -- it's obvious from the census data that siblings of George W. Carson also moved to Nebraska, because of repeating Christian names. This is probably more than enough for now, anyway!

Do you have dates for Robert Carson? And a burial place? (I keep finding these online citations for burials in a Swamp Cemetery in OH!) Was Jane Robinson first married to a McMullen? Is she connected to the Rebecca Robinson who married Lindsey Carson? Where was the Robinson family from? Any and all info on these people will be most gratefully received!

Fifth Cousin Once-Removed  
Sharon

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 12 April 2004:**

Okay, a couple of corrections already:

1) Joseph Carson b. KY ca. 1825 died in NE, probably Nuckolls Co., 1890-1900, not 1900-1910 as I said earlier. His widow Susan is shown in the 1900 Nuckolls Co. census living with her son Robert L., age 44, b. Feb. 1856, and a nephew Lewis Pryor b. June 1890 NE (I have no idea who he is). Robert is the one who married Rachael Henkins in Nuckolls Co. in 1881, so I don't know what happened to her.

2) Note Robert L. Carson's birth date, per the 1900 census, is Feb. 1856.

3) Re Floyd G. Carson, s/o Joseph Carson: DOB July 6, 1889 [not 1890]. Second marriage: Annabelle Nora Heskett March 27, 1937. Died Oct. 1968 Columbus, Ohio. Buried New Albany, Ohio (will try to get name of cemetery). Three daughters of this marriage: Delia Ann, Patricia Jean and Betty Lou (do you want dates etc.?)

Sharon

**e-mail to Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 12 April 2004:**

Sharon:

Thanks for the information that you sent. Any other data William & Lucy (Kerns) Carson and their descendants would be greatly appreciated.

Several sources (including DAR Patriot Index) report that Robert Carson was born 20 July 1759 Rowan Co., NC and died 22 Nov 1810 Shelby Co., KY. His burial site is unknown. He was the son of William Carson & Eleanor McDuff. Robert married Jane (Robinson) McMullen in Madison Co., KY on 22 July 1794. Jane was the daughter of James & Elizabeth Robinson. Her father left a will naming her as a daughter in Shelby Co., KY in 1805. Jane married first James McMullen in Botetourt Co., VA on 14 March 1788. He was killed by Indians in 1793, they were then living in Madison Co., KY. By this marriage she had two children, John (died infancy) & James, Jr. (1792-1846), who moved to Montgomery Co., IN.

I found Robert Carson listed in the Madison Co., KY tax lists of 1790-1797, Shelby Co., KY tax lists of 1799-1809) and 1810 census of Shelby Co., KY. His widow, Jane, appears in the 1811 & 1812 Shelby tax lists. There are several documents recorded in Shelby & Ohio Cos., KY regarding the settlement of Robert Carson's estate. Several of these list his heirs as William, George R., Lindsey, Andrew, Sarah & Elizabeth.

Jane (Robinson) Carson married third John Gay Moore in Shelby Co., KY on 18 July 1814. In the late 1820's she, her husband, and three of her children (Lindsey R., Sarah & Elizabeth) moved to Ohio Co., KY. Jane was living in Ohio County in 1836 when her husband died and left a will. She subsequently went to live with her son, James McMullen, Jr. in Montgomery Co., IN, where she died between 1836-1846.

In 1890 an article by William Henry Perrin (a noted KY historian, who wrote & edited several books) published an article about some of the relatives of Kit Carson in the Louisville, KY newspaper, "Courier-Journal". A few weeks later it was reprinted in the Hartford, Ohio County, KY newspaper, "Hartford Herald". I learned of this article when it was reprinted in the Ohio County paper in 1982. In this article it is stated that Robert Carson (uncle to Kit) married a Miss Robinson, and left six children - William ("settled near Crawfordsville, Ind."), George, Lindsay R., Sarah, Elizabeth & Andrew.

Another major source of info on the Carson family is the book, "Carson -Bent -Boggs Genealogy", by Quantrille D. McClung in 1962 (microfiche copy can be obtained through local LDS Church family history centers located at many of their churches. This book lists the same

six children for Robert & Jane (Robinson) Carson. It has one page (p50) on your ancestor, William Carson. It miss-identifies his wife as Susan Van Cleve but does give a correct listing of his children - Sarah (married James Canine), Robert (never married), William (states he married a Kemes or Kunes, I believed this entry is confused with his father, who married a "Kerns"), Cassandra (married John Comer), Joseph (married a Burns), Nancy (died infancy) & Jane (married Josiah Davis).

I am now convinced that Joseph Carson married Susan "Burns" not "Burrus"; his sister, Jane married Josiah Davis; and brother, Robert, never married (definitely is not the Robert, who married Elizabeth Eddlemon in 1837). Several sources give Susan's maiden name as Burns including a 1969 book on Montgomery County, IN will and marriage records by Mabel Shanklin. Have you ever run across any sources that show that Joseph Carson became a minister?

Bye for now and thanks again for sharing with me!

Jerry Long

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 12 April 2004:**

Jerry, I can't thank you enough for the information. It is most satisfying to get some of this clear, and I will look at the sources you mention.

I forgot to mention another source in Montgomery Co. I found: the Patten/Davis Family Bible, from which the following is quoted: Josiah Davis was born Nov 15, 1822/ Jane Carson was born Aug 19, 1823 [then it gives dates of birth of their children; let me know if you want these]/Jane Davis, wife of Josiah Davis died Sept 18, 1863, aged 41 years 29 days.

I was interested to read of the Ohio Co. connection. Not knowing, when I started, where I was looking in either Indiana or Kentucky, I looked more or less everywhere and found those Ohio Co. Carsons, including Lindsey Robinson. Wasn't there another Carson family in Ohio Co., Thomas, I think, from southwest Virginia? Are they connected?

This has given me new energy to pursue Joseph's siblings, and I'll let you know what I find.

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 21 April 2004:**

Hello, Jerry, I realized you asked a question about Joseph I didn't answer. I have never heard anything about his being a Baptist minister. 1850 census, Montgomery Co., IN: farmer. 1860 census, Clark Co., IL: farmer. 1870 census, Guthrie Co., IA: carpenter. 1880 census, Clay Co., NE: rancher. Of course, given the way some of the Baptists operate, with an unpaid ministry, this doesn't mean much. I will ask other family members and see if there is anything to be found in Nebraska. It's hard, remembering my grandfather, to imagine any ministers of any sort in that family, but then religious families are often the ones that produce the most religiously flippant people. I'm married to one.

Sharon

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 25 April 2004:**



Jerry, I'm forwarding a reply I got to the question about Joseph being a minister. This is from a daughter of my grandfather Floyd Carson's second marriage. His father, George Wesley Carson, was certainly a blacksmith; but I imagine the minister part refers to Joseph. I'll see if I can find anything else. (Floyd, in his notes to my parents, refers to his father George W. as a Baptist but not as a minister.) Sharon

>From: [Wschckptty@aol.com](mailto:Wschckptty@aol.com) >To: [peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:peery18@hotmail.com) Subject: Re: Carson minister??!  
Date: Sun, 25 Apr 2004 12:41:13 EDT >Sharon, Yes, I do recall Dad talking about his father - I do believe he was a blacksmith and a Baptist minister; if all else fails, he could have been talking about his grandfather; also, there might be some Sioux Indian in the woodpile somewhere. Can you come up with anything about Johnny Carson... Keep them messages coming. Thanks. Aunt Patty

**e-mail to Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 26 April 2004:**

Sharon:

I also have found no proof that Joseph Carson was a minister. One person wrote this but provided no source.

Would you mind exchanging mailing addresses? I was wondering if we could share a few pages. You mentioned having found a bible record on the family of Jane (Carson) Davis. I was wondering if you could send xerox copies from the book with the book's title page if you have them? Also I would be interested in a family group sheet for Joseph Carson & Susan Burns. I could send you copies of several articles and pages from the Carson-Bent-Boggs book I mentioned earlier. My address is: Jerry Long, 2906 Redford Dr., Owensboro, KY 42303.

The article below was published in the book, "Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries Update, 1982-2002" (Ohio County Genealogical Society, 2002, pages 477-478):

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 2 May 2004:**

Jerry, I really appreciate the info you sent. I got the family Bible info from the Montgomery Co., IN GenWeb site, unfortunately; if there are any family Bibles around in my part of the Carson family, I have never heard about them. I've e-mailed people in Nebraska who are obviously closely related but never gotten anything back from them. I'll send you copies of the information from the Patten-Davis family Bible I found, plus a family sheet for Joseph and Susan (which I still have to create). Someone in Nebraska is looking up Carson marriage info for me. I hope that will give me an angle to work, in terms of possible siblings of Joseph, and I'll send it on when I get it. Sharon

**e-mail to Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 8 May 2004:**

Sharon: I have attached two items. One is a very interesting article about the relatives of Kit Carson that was published in the Ohio County, KY newspaper in 1890. It mentions your

ancestor, William Carson, of Montgomery County, IN. Thanks for your help and best wishes,  
Jerry Long

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 9 May 2004:**

Good morning, Jerry, and thanks for the items. The one labeled "Kit Carson relatives" came out as an article of 1992 from the Hartford paper about Kit Carson's autobiography; very interesting, but if you can put your hands on the 1890 article also, I would be very glad to see it. I was also glad to get the chart of your family's connection to the Carsons -- I gathered the Midkiff descendants stayed in Kentucky? Or at least your line of them? Still working on what I want to send to you -- one realizes all the holes and confusions when one starts to put something together for someone else. I think the information is out there, but some of it is very hard to find.  
Sharon

**e-mail to Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 10 May 2004:**

Sharon:

Sorry I sent the wrong article. Both were from the same newspaper and looked alike. I believe I have attached the correct one this time. It is from the 28 January 1982 issue of the "Ohio County Times-News" (Hartford, KY). It is a reprint of an article that originally appeared in the "Hartford Herald" newspaper on 25 June 1890.

Best wishes,  
Jerry Long

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 12 May 2004:**

Jerry, thanks very, very much for this interesting article. One question: do you think that the wife of James Robinson was really a Duff, or has he confused her with the wife of the first William Carson, Eleanor McDuff?

I will send the copies from the Patten-Davis Bible out tomorrow. I'm still working on the family sheets -- I am slowly but painfully picking up a few more things, although I'm getting nowhere on Joseph Carson's siblings. They seem to have just dropped out of sight.  
Sharon

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 14 May 2004:**

Jerry, I sent off the Patten-Davis Bible info today, but I came across something else I thought would interest you too. I mentioned that Joseph Carson was in the 1870 census in Guthrie Co., Iowa. On the Guthrie Co., IA GenWeb site I found the following: South Coon River Baptist-Missionary Baptists, Penn Twp. Organized 1876 with Elder Joseph Carson as pastor. And also: Missionary Baptists, Jackson Twp. Organized 1868. Listed among the ministers is Joseph Carson. There are other Carsons in Guthrie Co., but no other Josephs, so I guess what you were told was true.  
Sharon

**Letter from Sharon Peery, 2704 Kensington Ave, Apt 4, Richmond, VA 23220-3351, 17 May 2004:**

Sent copy of Josiah & Jane (Carson) Davis bible record from the Montgomery County, IN GenWeb Internet site.

**e-mail to Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 26 May 2004:**

Sharon:

I received the Davis bible record. Thanks for sending it. I have never found proof of the maiden name of James Robinson's wife, Elizabeth. In the 1890 newspaper article it said she was a Duff but like you I suspicion they have this confused with the McDuff ancestry on the Carson side of the family.

In the past week I have been searching for Joseph Carson and his children in the US census records on Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest site. I have had pretty good luck.

You told me that Joseph's wife, Susan (Burns) was in the 1900 census of Nuckolls County, NE. I also found them in the 1910 census. She was a resident of the town of Oak Village – Susan A. Carson, head of household, age 79, widowed. Living with her was a “grandson” Lewis Pryor, age 18, single, born Nebraska. Lewis was also living with her in 1900 was mistakenly identified as being her nephew.

Joseph & Susan Carson's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, married William Pryor, in Furnas County, NE on 17 Nov 1879 (Book 1, p89). William (24, born IL) & Mary E. (19, born IL) are listed five households after her brother, Joseph W. Carson (Jr.) in the 1880 census of Furnas County, NE. Apparently, Mary E., died between 1890 & 1900. Her husband, William Pryor (born March 1856 IL) is listed as being a widower in the 1900 census of Franklin County, NE. He is in the 1910 census of Nuckolls County, NE in the same town (Oak Village) as his mother-in-law, Susan Carson. About 1907 he married a second time to a Martha.

On Ancestry.com they have an 1885 state census of Nebraska. On 1 June 1885 were listed Joseph Carson (60, born KY) in Nuckolls County, Superior Village. With him were Susan (55, IN) & Mary (5, Neb). In Furnas County, NE were listed:

Carson, G. W.	27	ILL	
Issa	25	ILL	
Iva	4	Neb	
Clarence S.	1	Neb	
Carson, Joseph	31	Ind	
Ellen	34	Ohio	
Lula M.	10	Iowa	
Grace	7	Neb	
Harry	1/12	Neb	
Peger, William	29	ILL	[I am convinced this should be “Pryor”]
Mary	24	ILL	

Jonna                    3                    Neb    [1900 census lists this child as "Oscar"]  
Jesse W.                    8/12                    Neb

[I did not find Joseph & Susan's other sons, James W. & Robert L.]

I searched for but have not found any cemetery listings for Nuckolls County, NE on the Internet. Possibly there are some published books on cemeteries of Nuckolls County at a library in that county.

Thanks again for all of the great help. If you learn anymore about Joseph & Susan Carson and their children I would greatly appreciate it if you kept me in mind.

Best wishes,  
Jerry Long

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 28 May 2004:**

Jerry, thanks so much for the info! And I can add to it: Joseph and Susan Burns Carson's son Joseph also married a Pryor, J. Ellen Pryor, in Guthrie Co., IA. I will send you particulars as soon as I can dig them back out. I had spent quite a bit of time trying to figure out who Lewis Pryor was, and I'm very glad to get that straightened out.

James W. Carson is a bit of a nuisance, census-wise. He shows up in one census as W.J. Carson. I have a first name for his wife -- "Adalia" -- but no marriage record yet. I'll send what I have on him also, by tomorrow at the latest. (I just got back from a genealogy trip to MD.)

I have a contact in Nuckolls Co. who has searched the published cemetery records there and been unable to find any Carson burials so far. "Issa" and "G.W." are George Wesley Carson and Isa Fidelia Kline Carson, my great-grandparents. She found several Kline burials.

More later --                    Sharon

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 30 May 2004:**

Jerry, what I have so far:

Joseph W. Carson (s/o Joseph and Susan Burns Carson) married J. Ellen Pryor b. Feb. 1851 in Guthrie Co., IA Sep. 13, 1874. She was the daughter of Thomas Pryor b. June 30, 1821 in Ohio m. Nancy J. Lanam b. Feb. 28, 1820 Monroe Co., OH. Marriage was Apr. 20, 1845 Morgan Co., OH.

James W. Carson is in the 1880 census in Edgar, Clay Co., NE as W.J. Carson (right next door to Joseph and Susan Carson). He is listed as a watch repairman, b. IN, parents born KY and IN, wife Adelia age 28, b. IA, daughter Alice age 3 mos., b. NE. In the 1920 census he is still in Edgar, Clay Co., wife Adalia M.

I am 99% certain that I have the parentage of Susan Burns Carson. She is the daughter of James Burns and Dica Deer, also of Brown Twp., Montgomery Co., IN. James is the only Burns in

Montgomery Co. in the 1840 census, there is one female in the household age 10-14 (Susan was b. 1830), James Burns was b. MD and Dica Deer VA, which corresponds with Susan's 1880 census information, and probably James W. Carson, Susan's eldest son, was named for her father. You might know more about these people, as they were married in KY and were apparently part of the KY influx into Montgomery Co. Sharon

Jerry, a bit more on James W. Carson: 1900 census, Edgar, Clay Co., NE [the images on Ancestry.com are very poor quality]: William J. Carson b. Feb. 1848, Adelia M. b. Nov. 1851 IA, Margaret b. ? 1879 NE daughter [this must be the "Alice" of the 1880 , census]  
Clyde [? middle initial] b. Feb. [?] 1889 NE son, Guy S. b. Aug. 1892 NE son, ? [looks like Bob] Masterson b. ? 1881 NE relationship illegible. 1910 census, Edgar, Ward 2, Clay Co., NE, J.W. Carson age 62, Adalia age 69 [sic] Sharon

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 31 May 2004:**

Jerry, I've been looking back at the Furnas Co. stuff and noticed again that, in addition to Joseph and J. Ellen Pryor Carson, and William and Mary Elizabeth Carson Pryor, there is another whole family of Carsons in Lyndon, Furnas Co.: Mitchell A. Carson, b. OH ca. 1824, wife Sarah E., b. IN ca. 1837, ch. William H., 16, b. IA; Arthur E., 19, b. IA; Edwin C., 15, b. IA; Ann H., 10, b. IA.

I spent quite a bit of time trying to figure out just who Mitchell A. Carson was, without much luck; do you have any line on him? I also struggled quite a bit with Huston Carson, also b. OH, in Montgomery Co., IN, without any luck. The "Huston" suggests to me he must be closely related.

Interestingly, the William Pryor Mary E. Carson married is not a brother of J. Ellen Pryor, although she had a brother William. The Pryors look as though they are going to be difficult (in the 1880 census William's parents are both b. KY; in 1920 they are both b. IL).

Sharon

**e-mail to Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 1 June 2004:**

In addition to the census listings for James William Carson (1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920), George W. Carson (1900, 1910 & 1920), William Pryor (1880, 1900 & 1910) I have also found the following: William Pryor (1920 Nuckolls Co., NE), Joseph W. Carson (1900, 1910 & 1920 Guthrie Co., Iowa) and Robert L. Carson (1910, 1920 & 1930 Mitchell Co., KS). If you do not already have these and need any more details I can send.

Like you said the entry for William J. Carson in the 1900 Clay Co., NE was very hard to read. We interpreted the entries for sons, Clyde (I thought his middle initial might be "W.") and Guy S. the same. I thought their daughter may be "Mary A." (born ?Nov 1879). On William J. I thought the birth month may be "Dec" 1848 and Adelia M.'s birth I believe is Nov 1861 (age 38). I will go back and look at the listing again.

Have you found the marriage of James William Carson to Adelia/Adeline (circa 1879)? Apparently Joseph & Susan (Burns) Carson's oldest child, Sarah J., died between 1860-1900. In the 1900 census her mother, Susan, is reported as having 8 children, 4 of whom were still alive (these would have been the 4 boys).

Thanks again and best wishes, Jerry Long

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 1 June 2004:**

Hello, Jerry, this is great work. Finding Robert Carson in Kansas is quite a coup. I will recheck the 1900 Clay Co. census again for those names and dates.

There is a Nuckolls Co. marriage, in 1879, I think, for L.W. Carson and Adela Smith. I am wondering if this is really "J.W. Carson" and "Adelia". (There is also a marriage for Robert L. Carson and Rachael Henkins in the same time period.) I had someone in Nuckolls Co. who was going to look these up, but I seem to have lost her along the way. I will write for the records and let you know what I come up with.

I should have noticed the 1900 census info re the 8 children. This seems to mean that they lost another daughter along the way: I have Susan, d. age 10 mos. in Montgomery Co., IN, Sarah J. and Mary Elizabeth.

Thanks again! --- Sharon

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 28 February 2008:**

Hello, Jerry –

Don't know if you are still tracking Carsons. You were very helpful to me a few years back in tying my Carsons into the William-Robert-William line and expressed an interest in any further information I might come up with on descendants of William. My gg-grandfather was Joseph Carson, son of William, who married Susan Burns in Montgomery Co., IN in 1846.

I'm forwarding to you a message I just got from the Nuckolls Co., NE clerk on Joseph Carson. I have the death certificate of Joseph's widow Susan Burns Carson (d. Furnas Co., NE 1914), of my g-grandfather George Wesley Carson etc. and will be happy to send you copies if you are interested. I'm requesting copies of Joseph Carson's will and anything else they find in Nuckolls Co.

I hope all is well with you.  
Best wishes,  
Sharon Peery  
Richmond, Virginia

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jackie L Kassebaum

**To:** Sharon Peery

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 12:47 PM

**Subject:** Re: Death record sought

Sharon,

Our office does not have copies of Death Records on file. Those are all recorded at the State of Nebraska, Vital Records. However in researching our Real Estate Records I did find a Will that is recorded for Joseph Carson. It appears his death occurred on or about December 6, 1899. His Will is dated March 7, 1885 and the date of the Probate in Nuckolls County Court is May 14, 1901. It appears that his widow is Susan Carson of Oak NE. His children are James William Carson of Edgar NE, Robert L Carson of Glen Elder Kansas, George W Carson of Hastings NE, Mary E (Carson) Pryor or Prior(spelled both ways)-deceased. The children of Mary Pryor are; Oscar Prior, Jesse Prior, Fred Prior, Britten Prior and Lewis Prior, all minor children at the time of this Will & Probate, of Oak NE.

If you would like more information regarding Joseph Carson and his family just let me know. We can check with school census records and we have more information regarding the real estate also.

I did make copies of the Will of Joseph Carson. If you would like the copies of his Will and Probate that is recorded in this office, the fees are .25 cents per page, it has three pages, and also an additional .75 cents for postage. Please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jackie L Kassebaum,  
Nuckolls County Clerk  
P.O. Box 366  
150 S Main  
Nelson, NE 68961  
(402)225-4361  
clerk@nuckolls.nacone.org

-----Original Message-----

From: "Sharon Peery" <landspeery@verizon.net>

Sent 2/25/2008 5:39:59 AM

To: clerk@nuckolls.nacone.org

Subject: Death record sought

Hello --

I am looking for a record of the death of my gg-grandfather Joseph Carson b. ca. 1825 KY. I last find him in Nuckolls Co. in the 1885 Nebraska census, and his widow Susan Burns Carson is still living in Nuckolls in the 1900 and 1910 censuses. Presumably his date of death is between 1885 and 1900.

Any assistance you can provide will be very gratefully received. Please let me know if there is a fee for the search, and I will send it right away.

Best wishes,

Sharon Peery  
Richmond, Virginia

**e-mail to Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 1 March 2008:**

Sharon,

Thanks for keeping me in mind. I am still interested in my Carson cousins. Since we corresponded last I have not learned anything new on the family of Joseph Carson & Susan Burns. I have attached data on the families of two of Joseph Carson's sisters, Cassandra & Sarah. It is from a Personal Ancestral File of the LDS Church.

I would be interested in having a copy of the death certificate of Susan (Burns) Carson or any of her children, including George Wesley's.

Best wishes and thanks for writing,

Jerry Long

2906 Redford Dr.

Owensboro, KY 42303-1642

**e-mail from Sharon Peery ( [Peery18@hotmail.com](mailto:Peery18@hotmail.com) ), 3 March 2008:**

Jerry -- Good to hear from you. I've scanned the death certificates for George Wesley Carson and Susan Burns Carson and sent them to you. They're coming through a different e-mail address ([landspeery@verizon.net](mailto:landspeery@verizon.net)), in case you're running a spam filter. If you have any trouble downloading or seeing them let me know, and I'll send them snail mail. Thank you for the Sarah and Cassandra information -- good to have that. When I get more on Joseph Carson from Nebraska I'll send it on. Best wishes, Sharon

[Rather strange death certificates -- George's says he is a female, and Susan's names her as Susan Carson Carson, but quite clearly she was a Burns. I think her mother's name was Dica Deer, not Susan -- Dica Deer's mother was Susanna Delph, and Susan's son got this mixed up.]

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### **Carson family Genforum:**

Posted by Scott Carson ( [carson59@telepath.com](mailto:carson59@telepath.com) ) 24 July 2003:

CARSON, LINDSEY (Lindsey Carson, Jr. or Lindsey Carson, II)

Son of Lindsey Carson and Rebecca Robinson—full brother of Christopher Houston Carson (Kit Carson)

Born: September 11, 1818 one week after his father's death in Missouri (Estergreen)

“Lindsey Carson, a large man around six feet tall, living 40 miles north of Sonora, Napa County, California and in 1861 returned to Texas where he entered the Confederate Army. After the War he returned to California via Mazatlan, Lower California and died in Lampasses, Texas 1883.”



(Carson-Bent-Boggs Genealogy)

Great Register of Lake County, California.

Carson, Lindsey

Age 48

Occupation- Dairyman

Nativity – MO.

P. O. Box Address—Lakeport

Date of Registration 12 April 1867

1870 Census of Lake County, California.

281. Carson, Lindsey 51 Mo.

Mary L. 39 Mo.

Mitilda 18 Cal.

Mary A. 17 Cal.

Benjamin H. 17 Cal.

Lurlilla 12 Cal.

Ida M. 10 Cal.

Jennie 8 Tex.

Louisa A. 3 Cal.

Lindsey L. 1 Cal.

Mauldin's Lake County History (Manuscript) (Lakeport Museum)

March 14, 1948 --- By Dan Sylar:

“Lindsey Carson, a brother of Kit Carson, and grandfather of Linsey (Kit) Puett, of Lakeport, bought what is now known as the Levi Ranch which centered between section 8 & 17 (T13N-R9W) from a party by the name of Childs (Chiles?). About 30 acres of this was claimed by a man called Daly, (Dalie, Dalley?). Daly threatened Carson several times about what he would do and also told others. One day Carson was sharpening pickets under an oak tree about 200 yards south of Clarence Davidsons house on the N. W. qt. of the N.E. qt. of section 8, and on the edge of a slough or gully. Daly came to Carson, and as Carson feared what Daly might do, he told Daly, three times to halt. Upon Daly failing to halt, Carson shot him twice, in the chest, with a shotgun. Daly fell dead in the gully. The law took no action, but Carson soon left for Texas saying he would never kill another man even if it was for all of California.”

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Killing of William Daily. He was killed by Lindsey Carson in Big Valley Township, March 26, 1868. .... Mr. Carson had this land in his possession for a long time, and Daily came along and “jumped” it. On the day of the killing, Carson, in company with five or six others, went to build a fence around the disputed tract. When they had commenced work, Daily ordered them to quit, intimating that if they did not, he would use violence. They paid no heed to his request, and he went away, being absent about three hours. He then returned and passing by the other men went up to where Carson was at work, a distance of about one hundred yards from the other men. When he got to within thirty paces of Carson, he ordered him to stop work. He continued to advance upon Carson, having his hand under his coat, as if about to draw a weapon, and making

the same threats of violence. Carson then fired upon him with a shotgun, but the first shot did not fall Daily to the ground. A second shot was fired, from which he fell, and died in about three hours. Carson had his preliminary trial before Justice Allen of Big Valley Township, who discharged him.

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## GENEALOGY OF LINDSEY CARSON II

By Doris (Puett) Machado

Granddaughter of Lindsey Carson II now a Resident of Lakeport.

“Alexander Carson emigrated from West Scotland to Ireland and came to America in the 1700's, probably with George Boone, Sr., who came to America with him was William Carson, who moved to Pennsylvania before 1740, then to North Carolina with the Boones and others. William Carson's eldest son was Lindsey Carson I, who was born August 1, 1754. Another son was Kit Carson.” (Note: Kit Carson was the son of Lindsey Carson I, grandson of William Carson).

“Lindsey Carson, I moved to South Carolina in 1784; Kentucky in 1792 and Missouri 1811. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1818, the same year his youngest son Lindsey Carson II was born on September 11, in Howard County, Missouri.

“In 1842 he was hunting and trapping with his brother Kit, and about 1845 came to California via Los Angeles with Colonel Fremont. Three years later he spent some months traveling the plains with Kit Carson and on May 15, 1849 he arrived in Sonoma County, California. June 27, 1850 he was married to Maria Louisa Gordon in Sonoma County and resided there for several years on a ranch in the Russian River. In 1853 he was selected as the Democratic Candidate for the California State Assembly along with General Jo Hooker and another opponent. Carson was elected, and Hooker and the opponent tied; in run-off the opponent won, and Lindsey Carson resigned rather than serve with a “Whig”. It was also this year that Lindsey visited with his brother Kit for the last time.

“In 1861 he moved to Texas, going overland at the outbreak of the Civil War and settled near San Antonio on a ranch. In 1865 he returned to California – overland from Texas to Mazatlan, Mexico, with family, where they took a steamer to San Francisco. The trip from Texas to Mazatlan was made by burro train with pack saddles over which saddle bags were hung with a child in each one (8 children, the youngest an infant born January 20, 1865, and the eldest 13-14)” (Note, according to the 1870 Census of Lake County the 2 youngest children were born in California after 1865). “Three years old daughter Jennie was stricken with fever and Lindsey carried his small daughter on a pillow in his arms, burro pack, all the way to Mazatlan. Shortly after reaching California, the Carson family moved to Lake County where he bought a large ranch (the old Levi ranch) in Big Valley. Here the last two children were born; Louise Antoinette and Lindsey III.

“Lindsey Carson II was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge in Lakeport, and a charter member and elder of the Christian Church, also in Lakeport. He helped organize and was the second president of the Farmers Savings Bank, the first bank in Lakeport. He was a civic-minded

man, with a strong character and deep religious and political beliefs. He was absolutely devoted to his family, who all adored him, and his home was always open to friends and relatives.

“In 1879 the Lake County property was sold and the family moved to Eugene City, Oregon, returning to California the following year, where Mr. Carson bought a large stock ranch, “Hermitage” about 12 miles north of Cloverdale. About two years later he suffered a stroke from which he partially recovered. After this illness he sold his property and lived a few months in Cloverdale, and in 1883 he returned to Texas and bought a large stock ranch in Lampasas County. On January 25, 1886 at 4 a.m. Lindsey Carson died of another stroke at his home in Lampasas County at the age of 67.

Maria Louise Gordon, the wife of Lindsey Carson II was born April 17, 1831 in Jackson County, Missouri. She was the 5th of 10 children of Joseph and Matilda Henderson Gordon. She crossed the California Trail by covered wagon in 1846 at the age of 15, with her family. The Gordons left Independence, Missouri with the party of emigrants of which the Donners were members. Family records indicate that the Gordons traveled the trail by way of Salt Lake, therefore they must have been with the first group who crossed the Hastings Cutoff, since they were not with the Donner part at the time. Family records do not reveal whom they traveled with during that part of the journey, but since Joseph Gordon was mentioned in the memoirs of Samuel Young who took the Hastings Cutoff before the Donners, it is possible the Gordons were with the group.

On June 17, 1847 she was married to John S. Williams in Sonoma County who had come to California in 1845. Their first and only child, John, was born December 14, 1848 and referred to by Sonoma County newspaper as “the first white child born in Sonoma County”. On May 19, 1848, Maria Gordon’s husband John S. Williams died. The following year she married Lindsey Carson II. In addition to traveling from Missouri to California in 1845 by covered wagon, Maria traveled from California to Texas and back twice during a time when travel was difficult and hazardous.

After the death of her husband in 1886 in Texas, she returned to California and lived in Sonoma County until her death.

About 1889 Maria Gordon Carson’s youngest son, Lindsey Carson III disappeared when he was about 20 years old. He was enroute to San Francisco and did not arrive at his destination, and no word of him was ever again heard. My mother, Louise Antoinette Carson, his sister, exhausted every possible resource looking for him all of her life, to no avail.

On January 1, 1907 death took Maria Gordon Carson, who has been described by her children as a courageous, extraordinarily strong character, womanly---dainty and gentle. She was devoted to her family and they to her.

**Posted on Carson Genforum by Scott Carson, 23 Dec 2002:**

Lindsay CARSON, b. 1 August 1761 NC, d. Aug. 1818 MO, m. (1) --- Bradley, (2) 11 Jan. 1796 Rebecca Robinson. Patriot Service NC [Ref. DAR Patriot Index]

Andrew CARSON, b. 1 March 1756 NC, d. 29 January 1841 NC, m. 19 September 1783 Temperance Young [b. 31 January 1767, d. 29 October 1831] Pvt NC Pensioner. [DAR Patriot Index]

They are buried in the Young-Houston Cemetery, Iredell Co., NC. Located near the present-day

town of Houstonville, NC.

Robert CARSON , b. 20 June 1759 NC, d. 22 Nov. 1810 KY, m. 22 July 1794 Jane Robinson McCullen Soldier NC. [Ref. DAR Patriot Index]

These birthdates don't seem correct since the following Rowan Co., NC Deed record states Lindsay was the eldest son. I also wonder if they were actually born in North Carolina. Since the earliest record for William Carson is the 1761 land grant. Perhaps they were born in Pennsylvania???

Deed Book 10, page 160: 1 June 1784, Lindsay CARSON, eldest son and heir to William CARSON, deceased, to James McCullom for £100, 310 acres on Third Creek adjoining Wm. Morrison, part of 692 acres granted by Granville to said Wm. CARSON, deceased 21 Dec. 1761. Saml Harris, James Morrison, Thomas Morrison. Prvd. Feb. court 1785.

'Abstracts of Early Kentucky Wills and Inventories' by J. Estelle Stewart King:  
Shelby Co., Book B 1804-1811

ROBINSON, James. May 23, 1805. Probated August 1805. Wife: Elizabeth. Sons: George, John. Daus: Sarah Sawyer, Mary Gillespy, Jean [Jane] Carson, Elizabeth Metcalf, Rebecca Carson, Gr. Dau: Elizabeth Fulton Metcalf. Executors: Wife, John Sawyer, Stephen Allen.

[My Note, SBC] Lindsay and Robert were married to sisters.

Madison Co., KY Marriages: Lindsay CARSON m. Rebecca Robinson 11 Jan. 1796; Robert Carson m. Jane (Robinson) McMullin 22 July 1794.

1810 U. S. Census, Madison Co., KY, page 204 - Lindsey CARSON

1810 U. S. Census, Shelby Co., KY, page 218 - Robert and William CARSON

'A History of Pioneer Families of Missouri' by Wm. S. Bryan and Robert Rose published 1876, Brand & Co., St. Louis, MO, p.247

"CARSON – Lindsay Carson came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1810, with Col. Hale Talbott, who had partly raised and educated him. He settled on Loutre Island, but the following year he sold out to colonel Talbott, and moved to the Boone's Lick country, where he was killed in 1818, by the falling of a limb from a burning tree that he was cutting down. Mr. Carson was married twice. By his first wife he had – William, Anderson, Moses B., and a daughter who remained in Kentucky. By his second wife he had – Robert, Hamilton, Christopher, and four daughters. Christopher Carson called "Kit", became famous as an Indian fighter, scout, and army officer. He was named for Colonel Hale Talbott's eldest son."

Question: Who was Hale Talbott?

I assume that Col. Talbott's son was named Kit???

I have always though he was named after Christopher Houston of Rowan/Iredell, NC.

'Dear Old Kit': The Historical Christopher Carson published by the U. of Oklahoma press 1968

"Lindsey Carson had settled at Boon's Lick, Howard County, Missouri, probably in 1811.

During the War of 1812, he and his sons, Andrew and Moses, rendered militia service at Fort Kinkead. The family may have "forted up" there or at Fort Cooper, and apparently they farmed

their land while keeping a close watch against hostile Indians. Lindsey Carson died in 1818 from the effects of having been struck by a falling tree. His widow married Joseph Martin in 1821.” [Howard Co., MO Marriages Joseph Martin m. Rebecca Carson 12 Oct. 1821]

‘Will Records 1818 – 1836 of Howard County, Missouri’ Compiled and Published by Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry, 1958.

Will Book A Rebecca Carson and Charles Canole adm. On the estate of Lindsay Carson, decd, Securities: Thomas Hickman and Price Prewitt. Appraisers: James Hickman, William Monroe, and Thomas Burris. 18 Nov. 1818.

I have copies of pages 6 & 7 of these records. There are no heirs mentioned, only the letters of administration and bond.

Yes indeed the marriage record you mention is my 3X great grandparents. Three children of William and Mary (McClure) Gaston married CARSON siblings in Christian Co., Ky. Robert Gaston m. Ann Carson, Elizabeth Gaston m. Andrew Carson, John Rankin Gaston m. Elizabeth Carson. They were children of John Carson and his wife Jane Willson who migrated from Lincoln Co., NC to Kentucky in 1802. John was the son of Andrew Carson who died 1799, buried in Pisgah Churchyard in Gaston Co., N. C.

**Posted by Scott Carson on Carson Genforum, 26 January 2003:**

From Lake County Genealogy Library and Museum, Lakeport, Lake Co., CA.

MAULDIN'S LAKE COUNTY HISTORY (MANUSCRIPT) p. 2978.

Entry of 6/23/1959 copied from the Quarterly of the California Historical Society, Vol. 1, 1920-23, page 150.

The Carson Family genealogy recorded by Sabin in his book, "Kit Carson Days".

"Several relatives of Kit Carson established themselves in California in an early day. At least three of his brothers found their way here. 'Mose', Kit's half brother, described by Peters (M.S., 1856) as 'a man weighing over 200--60 years old - over 6 feet high with one eye out and minus several fingers--rough and weather beaten from a life on the frontier', came with Young's second party in 1831 and was employed at the time of the Bear Flag revolt as foreman on the Fitch Rancho then on the extreme Northwestern Mexican frontier in Sonoma County. He returned to Santa Fe in January, 1856. Lindsay, a younger brother, settled in the Russian River country in 1847. Hamilton, slightly older than Kit was in the Sierras early in the gold rush days."

Moses Carson is noted in Napa Valley California, 8-22-1847. (Calif. Hist. Soc. Quar., Vol. 20, p. 151)

Moses Carson was in command of 19 men in "Preparation to meet the Walla Walla Invasion - 1847." (Calif. Hist. Soc. Quar., Vol. 21, p. 13)

Latter two references from Carson-Bent-Boggs Supplement compiled by Mrs. Q. McClung, page 23.

