

The story of the Baroness of Carini



This is a sad and dramatic story talking about the Baroness of Carini. She was murdered by her husband and her father because they had caught her in the very act with her lover. A popular tradition gave origin to a legend and Sicilian story-tellers, through their ballads, popularized it, everywhere, in Sicily.

The legend



There is a fascinating legend about ghosts which tells us about a famous baroness who lived in Carini in 1500 whose name was Laura Lanza and who at the age of 14 was forced by her father to marry the baron of Carini, a village in the province of Palermo. After some time she

was disappointed because she thought to live happily with the baron. On the contrary, he left her alone most of the day to take care of his lands. So, she fell in love with Ludovico Vernagallo and she became his lover. Her husband discovered the love story of the baroness and he killed her and Ludovico with the help of her father. The room of the murder, which was in the west side of the castle of Carini, nowadays is totally destroyed but it is said that on a wall there was the blood-stained hand-print of the baroness. All what remains of the legend is: the ghost of Laura, who it is said that goes around inside the castle and a particular mystery... somewhere in the main tower of the castle in the area of the west side there is a hand sculptured on the wall.