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CARSWELLS PLAN OBSERVANCE AT HOPEFUL CHURCH JUNE 10

Descendants of Alexander I and Isabella Browne Carswell, joined by kinsmen and friends, will gather Sunday, June 10, at Hopeful Baptist Church in Burke County. Ga., to dedicate a marker to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the couple and their six children in America.

HOPEFUL BAPTIST CHURCH

The marker will be placed on the church grounds, which is near the spot there the family settled. The dedicatory program will begin at 1:30 p.m. Program details are to be announced.

It was in November, 1772, that Alexander I and Isabella and their children—Edward, then 17; Agnes, 15; John, 12; Alexander, Jr., 10; James, 7; Matthew, 4--sailed from Belfast, Ireland, in the ship Elizabeth. They landed at Savannah.

They obtained a land grant in what is now Burke County at a spot that Is near the Richmond County line, about 12 miles northwest of Waynesboro and one mile northwest of Hopeful Church. The church is about eight miles southwest of Hephzibah, which is in neighboring Richmond County.

Ancestors of Alexander and Isabella earlier had fled strife-torn Scotland for Ireland. Isabella was a descendant in the fourth generation of Scotland's William, 4th Lord Ruthven and 1st Earl of Gowrie (?1541-1584).

The dedicatory program, although about six months after the 200th Anniversary date, comes some four years before the United States observes its 200th Birthday in 1976.

Actually, Alexander I and one or more of his sons fought with the colonial forces against the British during the Revolutionary War. Some of them were given grants of land in recognition *of* their services.

Descendants of Alexander and Isabella, most of them blessed with large families, moved early into Richmond, Jefferson, Wilkinson, Screven, Washington, Twiggs, Macon and Crawford Counties. Prior to 1850, they had scattered across Georgia and some had gone to Texas. Others soon were moving into Alabama and later into Florida, South Carolina and other states.

Descendants of the couple and their kin have numbered in the thousands, some say as many as 300,000, including some 200,000 living today, They're represented in just about every county in Georgia, most counties in Florida and many in Texas and elsewhere. They're in most states, too, including Alaska and Hawaii--and in dozens of foreign countries.

Just how many of them will be on hand for the dedication is anybody's guess, but it could provide the largest crowd in a long time--maybe ever--at Hopeful Church.

Those coming from great distances may wish to obtain overnight accommodations in nearby communities, such as Augusta or Waynesboro. Some have Indicated that they wish to attend Sunday morning worship services at Hopeful. The church is far removed from restaurant services. Individual picnic lunches are recommended for those who wish to spend the lunch hour at Hopeful. Otherwise, it might be well to have lunch In one of the neighboring towns before going to the church.

Local program arrangements are being made by a committee that includes J. H. (Jack) Carswell of Augusta, Jack Turner of Hephzibah, Porter Carswell of Waynesboro, H. G. and Lt. Col. W. D. Carswell, both of Augusta, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. (Mack and Alice) Dunagan of Hephzibah, among many others.

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TWO MEANINGFUL ANNIVERSARIES

(An Editorial)

We Carswells and our kin from across America soon will gather to observe the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of our ancestors inwhatwas then England's Georgia Colony. This observance will take place as our nation prepares to celebrate its 200th birthday, four years hence.

It is in the observance of both meaningful events that descendants of Alexander and Isabella Carswell may Justly stand straight and proud--as citizens of the oldest constitutional democracy in history, and for the part our family has played in winning and maintaining the nation's Independence.

Few descendants of this purposeful couple, thank God, are to be found today among the defeatists, the prophets of doom and disaster who are crying aut, like Chicken Little, that "the sky is falling" on our country. We're not to be found among the false Americans who seem gleefully anxious to tell the world that everything is wrong with America, and that the American dream is actually an ugly nightmare. We're not among those whose overriding concern seems to be individualized sell. Interest. We're not among those who would reject the familiar disciplines of home, school, church and community. We're not among those who proclaim that religion is irrevelant, our democracy a sham, that the tree enterprise system has failed and that our system of criminal justice is repressive.

Carswells, by and large, have been exemplary citizens. We still are. We're not among those who display negative attitudes toward existing institutions, nor are we among those holding excessively tolerant views toward personal conduct, including the disobedience to laws we ray believe to be unjust. For two centuries, descendants of Alexander and Isabella Carswell, who came to this continent in pursuit of a dream, have worked--and fought. if we had just cause--to make that dream a shining promise, to be fulfilled for generation after generation. We continue to support our time-tested system of government, our proven institutions, and our honored traditions.

Today's critics of these institutions speak with many shrill voices. They are presumptuously loud and militantly eloquent. They get an amazing amount of coverage in the press and on radio and television, which ironically are symbols of the freedoms they would destroy. Their clamoring voices, with hypnotically effective fervor, seem to have an uncannily strong influence over the purveyors of public information.

These critics have made violence commonplace. They seem determined to have their way. Far too often, they already have been successful. Far too often, through skillful use of press, radio and television propaganda, they have influenced--far out of proportion to their numbers-the course of national events--including foreign policy, domestic legislation, the conduct of military operations, the appointment of supreme court justices and the nomination of at least one Democratic Party presidential candidate.

Our nation indeed has problems, as it always has, but they're not insurmountable. We'll solve them, as we always have. We can begin by speaking clearly and unmistakably to overcome the strident voices of destructive self-criticism and despair, by checking the tide of permissiveness and by curbing reckless spending. let us hold with iron firmness to the goals of our pioneer ancestors, but without obstructing change for the common good, if such change can be achieved in the voting booths and legislative halls. Let us demand a blend of policy which will insure moderation, but one that places a high premium on social responsibility. Let us demand also that America remain militarily strong and resolute, for that provides the best assurance of the peace, prosperity and safety of our kinsmen abroad, and, indeed, for the other people of the world.

Let us celebrate the two greet anniversaries with pride in our patriotism and in being citizens of a nation dedicated to the high principles of international justice and domestic freedoms for the individual. Let us reflect upon our heritage of character, the substance from which a nation's fabric is woven, as we pay humble tribute to those who taught us by example. Let us reaffirm our faith in the dreams of our pioneer ancestors, the system of government that they helped create, in the institutions that many of our generations nurtured, and in the traditions that have proved their worth, as we begin our third century with our ideals lofty and untarnished. our faith strong and our hopes high.

EXCERPTS FROM 2 FASCINATING LETTERS

"I wonder if you might possibly have any information regarding a Carswell back in our family." writes Meridith Gibson. 241 20th Ave.. Santa Cruz, California 95040. "My 4th grandfather. John Martin Sr.. came From Ireland to America in the 1740's and settled in Georgia. He and two sons fought in the Revolutionary War. His youngest son, John Jr.. was my direct line in the family. John Sr., also had a son, James who married Martha Nutt, a son, Samuel, who died young....a daughter Sarah (Sally) Martin, who was married to a Matthew Carswell in either Jefferson or Washington County (Ga.) in the period between 1770-80.

John Jr. and family removed from Georgia to Missouri In 1804. (That was the same year. you history buffs ray recall, that members of the famed Lewis 6 Clark expedition returned to Missouri after exploring the Northwest Territory to the Pacific. And it was only three years after the U.S. acquired the vast Louisiana Territory that lay between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains. including what is now Missouri).

His youngest son, Jared Carswell Mart in. was born in a wagon on the trip. John Martin Jr. died in 1808 in Cape Girardeau County. Mo. and I have a copy of his will in which he mentions two tracts of land he left to his daughter, Margaret Jane, one of which was a tract of 150 acres in James County joining the lands of Carswell & Boys.

Inasmuch as he named a son Carswell and he mentions land adjoining Carswell & Boys, it makes me wonder if you all would know of a Matthew Carswell in that period in Georgia in your records... Checking my Martin family the name Carswell seems to have been in each generation down to my grandfather and further down in siblings of his generation, etc...

To Mr. Gibson quickly went a copy of Chronicle II. with information about his Matthew and Sara(h) being underlined. That issue, luckily for his research, included photographs of their grave markers and a copy of her will.

Mr. Gibson responded, in part:

"...Many, many interesting things to mull over In The Chronicle. I am now putting in my bid for future issues, if I may?... I have gotten so 'hooked' on family data collecting that I am proud of them all, no matter how distantly related. It is like gold fever. the more you have the more you want. You check and track and pretty soon these people seem almost as familiar as present relatives. You read their letters. Bible records. See Census, wills and accounts and it is fascinating...

"I am, like my brother, a Flag waver...We are proud of it, our country and our ancestors. We are proud they had the courage to leave homelands for new, literally untamed country, to face the hardships, Indians, wars, etc., to make a new role for themselves and future generations. I sometimes wonder what they would think of today's manners. Lack of patriotism, wars, pollutions of the earth. etc. Probably be more than glad to stay in their own "space" in time. I'll bet!"

J. H. (JACK) CARSWELL

Pictured in the Augusta Herald, along with *a* recent feature article on the Carswell Clan and its 200th Anniversary, was J, H. (Jack) Carswell. In the meantime, he has been joining kinsmen in the area in making arrangements for the historic marker that will commemorate that Anniversary. as well as its dedication.

LOOKING FOR THE YEAR 2,072

The Carswell Chronicle, Volume 1. Number 2. was among the items placed in a time capsule that was buried Dec. 31 on the Washington County Court House lawn in Chipley, Fla. Added was an editorial from Volume II. Number I, which is the current issue of The Chronicle. By coincidence. the capsule was buried on the last day of the Bicentennial year for the Carswells and their kin who are decended from Alexander I and Isabella Browne Carswell. And the Bicentennial, of course, marks the 200th year of their arrival in America. The capsule is programmed to be unearthed and opened on Dec. 31, in the year 2.072, the year in which future Carswell and their kin will be celebrating their Tri-centennial in America.

A SUMMER PROJECT

Because of the number of requests. Volume I, Number I, of The Chronicle may be republished this summer. Only 250 copies of that issue were published, and they became exhausted far too soon. They will be mailed to all those who have requested them. plus copies to the many genealogical and other libraries that are now on The Chronicle mailing list.

Furnished Expertise

David C. Carswell, who graduated from. the University of West Florida in Pensacola last spring with degrees in marketing and in management, helped furnish the expertise for establishing The Carswell Foundation, Inc. He was promptly chosen as the founding vice president.

Keeper of the Cash

Linda Sue Carswell. Route 2. Graceville, Fla. 32440, is a teacher who devotes some of her spare time to the financial records of The Carswell Foundation, Inc. She is treasurer of the newly formed non-profit corporation.

CCUSINLY COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Mary Carswell Helwig, 11574 Glaser Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44130, writes that "Sgt. Howard Carswell sent a copy of your family newsletter to my sister, Jill Carswell, who lives in Richmond, Va. All of our family enjoyed the contents of the paper. We have no idea whether we are related to the people you write about but, since our name is identical, it is possible that we are.

"My grandparents, Alexander Carswell (Oct. 21, 1848-Jan. 4, 1930) and Martha Jane Tripplett Carswell (Jan. 31, 1855-Jan 22, 1922) were from Burke County, N.C. They lived near Abingdon, Va. Their sons were William B. (May 14, 1877-Aug. 10, 1737); James Louis (Mar. 23, 1885- Mar. 10, 1944); Arthur Dula (Jan. 6. 1888--). William married Sarah (date unknown) and of their children only Viola Creager survives and lives in Abingdon, Va. James Louis married Nonie Miler. Their son, Louis, is living but I do not know his whereabouts...

"My father, Arthur Dula, married Madeline Mapp Warburton (Oct. 17. 1894) on June 26. 1923. He served as a Presbyterian minister for 40 years and she was a teacher prior to their marriage. There are seven children, as follows:

"Mary Thomas, Apr. II, 1924, Teacher, married Carl Helwig, Dec. 1955: Arthur Oula, Aug. 30, 1925, quality control specialist; Madeline Mapp, July 20, 1928, teacher; Jane Tripplett, Feb. 26. 1932, physician; John Warburton. Sept. 10, 1934, systems analyst, married Betty Melton, June 10, 1961, four sons; Virginia Hankins, June 28, 1937, pharmacist; Judith Alexander, Nov. 15, 1939, executive secretary, married Worth Woodard, Dec. 1.1956.

According to a family Bible my father owns, his father, Alexander was married prior to his marriage to Martha Jane Tripplett. Children from the first marriage were: Elizabeth, born Oct. 6, 1869: William Marcus, born Oct. 6. 1871, and Sarah Minerva, born Apr. 3. 1874... Please send my father copies of your family paper. His address is: The Rev. Arthur D. Carswell, Box 151, Providence Forge, Va. 23140. Good wishes in your efforts."

Here Is the response, in part:

"...There is a longtime legend in our family that says some of our kinsmen settled in North Carolina. One version has It that a brother or brothers of Alexander I Carswell, who settled in Burke County, Ga., settled-- by an odd coincidence-- in Burke County, N. C. Documentation, I'm sure, will be found in due time to substantiate the legends--at least to the extent that we have ancestors in common sometime just prior to coming to America. I an sending a copy of Chronicle II to your father, as you requested. I will be happy to add other members of the family to our membership and subscription lists, if you'll provide me with their names and addresses. There are no membership dues or subscription fees. The activity is supported by The Carswell Foundation, Inc.. which is in turn supported by gifts from interested members of the family..."

TWO USAF SERGEANTS ABROAD

Walter E. Carswell, Jr., 1962 Forsyth St.,Macon, Ga. 31206, has asked for The Chronicle to be sent to his two sons,
S/Sgt. Walter E. Carswell, U.S. Air Force,
CMR Box 2015, APO N.Y. 09223, and
Sgt. James D. Carswell, U.S. Air Force,
Gift Box 3845, APO N.Y. 09132.

"I have really enjoyed reading The Chronicle and will try to furnish you family information in the near future." wrote Walter E.. Jr. "Please add me to the mailing list for future copies."

200th Anniversary
CARSWELL 'CLAN' IS OLDER THAN AMERICA

by Staff Writer Don Rhodes

(Excerpts from an article in the Augusta, Ga., Herald, Sept. 8, 1972).

America will have to wait four more years before it can celebrate its 200th anniversary, but the Carswell clan is celebrating their bicentennial this year, marking the date ancestors first set out for Georgia soil.

It was Nov., 1772, that Alexander Carswell and his wile, Isabella Browne Carswell, and their children (Edward, Agnes, John, Alexander II, James and Matthew) left Belfast, Ireland, bound for Savannah, Ga., and the New World.

After disembarking, the family made their way to a place in northwestern Burke County, eight miles from Hephzibah, where they settled and where they died. Alexander died in 1808, and he and Isabella are now buried in a thicket of pine trees on the old family plantation. The site is near Hopeful Baptist Church, which is said to have six generations of Carswells buried in the cemetery.

The Carswell clan is believed to number more than 300,000 persons, with approximately two-thirds of the clan living today. Georgia was a prime state of settlement, although many Carswells ventured into Florida and Texas in large numbers.

One of the largest airfields in the world, Carswell Air Force Base in Texas, is named in honor of one of the Texas Carswells, who died during World War II...J. H. (Jack) Carswell of
Augusta has a special interest in his ancestors, for he has in his possession a walking cane that once belonged to Alexander Carswell. The cane reportedly was used by Alexander Carswell to support him on his long walk home from the Revolutionary War...

Jack Carswell notes that the cane is made of English wood and is tipped with a silver head on which is inscribed the initials, "A. C.". Carswell has the cane mounted on the wall in his family room. Displaying his collection of information on his ancestors, Carswell said the family is probably one of the closest clans In America, and are especially kept together through the efforts of The Carswell Foundation, which was founded in 1970. The purpose of the foundation states that the organization is "dedicated to gathering, preserving and disseminating data an all branches of the Carswell family."

One interesting part of the foundation is that it even publishes a newsletter called "The Carswell Chronicle," which keeps family members up to date on the latest findings and happenings of their relatives. The newsletter is published in Chipley, Fla. Carswell said the foundation is now trying to establish a location for a storehouse for information collected, about the family. The Foundation refers to the information as "Carswelliana."

Another prime goal is to establish a historical marker to commemorate the family's 200th year in America. Talk of a major clan gathering...is in the works, and a committee has been appointed to look into such a possible gathering. The Foundation even has a study of corn going with many Carswell family members trying their luck at the variety. The corn was grown on the farm of Edward Carswell in Richmond County around 1825. Carswell protected "the old field corn" over the years from inbreeding. As generations roved on, the corn was passed along the line and taken with families, yet the breed was kept basically pure. Finally, 147 years later, the corn once again found its way to Richmond County and Hephzibah, where it is being grown by Carswell descendants.

Since 1772, four years before the Declaration of Independence, the Carswell family has looked back on Alexander and Isabella with great admiration.

A PLEASANT VISIT

Mrs. Margaret Carswell Heemer, Crescent W. Ranch, Carmine, Texas 78932, took time out from a Florida vacation in August to visit The Chronicle Editor. Accompanying Mrs. Keener were Mr. Heemer and several other members of her family. Mrs. Heemer is an aunt of Jack Carswell, 1401 Crawford, Houston, Texas 77002, son of Jack Hudson Carswell and grandson of Henry Carswell.

both railway engineers. The visit was a pleasant one indeed, and Mrs. Keener has reported in the meantime having called Cousin Alice C. Dunagan in Hephzibah, Ga., while visiting in that area. They also visited in North Carolina before returning to Texas. Mrs. Heemer, upon returning home, wrote to ask for some of the seed of that "Carswell Corn." She'll get the seed.

CONNECTICUT CARSWELLS

Mrs. Evelyn Carswell Cranley, 74 Vine St., New Britain, Conn. 06062, reports that the Carswells of Connecticut are forming an Association. She asked for copies of The Carswell Chronicle and for information about this Association. She and members of her group, of course, have been invited to affiliate with this Association. "My father's name was Frederick Phiny Carswell and my grandfather, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, was Robert Carswell. He had a brother, Michael, who lived in New York. 1 haven't had time to co back into the history, but now that I am retired, I hope to do it..."

6A The Macon Telegraph and News, Sun., Aug. 27, 1972

Lizella Is Quiet Now, But Memories Linger

By ARCHIE McAye
State News Editor

LIZELLA—It's not incorprated, has very few resident and little excitement in *the* past, but Lizella is wry much a part of Bibb County history.

It was an important stop for the old L&B railroad 40 years ago and once wasl a bustling town.

Today, the streets are quiet, the big oaks make Little noise as they rustle in the wind and life goes on in Lizella as if urban Macon was not 12 miles away.

V. I. Carswell, 88, remembers when Lizella was a bustling farming town. Today. he acknowledges, there is little farming, to rail head and no industry.

Yet memories linger.

He was not eligible for World War I. He had a family. So, instead of going to the trenches in France, he worked at old Camp Wheeler near Macon.

It was here that thousands of soldiers died, not from the ballets of the "Boche", but from flu. At that time, there was no cure and Mr. Carswell remembers "boys being stacked up like cordwood at night and trucked downtown"

That rememberance of Carswell brought up another story. Ile remembered that a women's club In Macon plant-ed a pine tree and plaque for each boy that died during that time. The trees were planted on old US 41. A reporter tracing the route found the trees all the way to Barnesville. Each plaque bears the man's name, serial number and his company. Most were northern youngsters

It was something new at that time. No one knew what to do about it. The boys were dropping off left and right. I don't know how I kept from getting it since I was working there night and day with them" said Carswell.

Speaking of diseases. Carswell. despite his 88 years, has had one shot and been in the hospital just once. "I think the shot was about 25 years ago. Seems I had low blood pressure and the doctor gave me a shoe for it"

Speaking of his longevity, Carswell, who still leads an active life, said he used to smoke but " quit some years ago. I used to drink but I have never been drunk "

However, Carswell remembers that most of the areas residents used to keep some whiskey around the house for medicinal purposes.

How did Lizella get it's name?

As Carswell remembers it, there was a Mr. Eubanks who had two daughters, one named lizza and the other Ella. Combining the two, the town was named. Even with a name, it has never been incorporated "We never have any trouble here, there is no reed for a policeman anyway", Carswell told a newsman.

Carswell has lived in his present home since 1914. He was born about two miles away.

He estimates that there are about 100 families within a one mile radius. Once, the number was twice that.

Carswell Remembers

GENERAL CARSWELL'S SWORD

J. H. (Jack) Carswell, 2404 E. Vineland Road, Augusta, Ga. 30904, wrote Sept. 20, 1972, that a Mr. Woodruff in North Augusta, S. C., had called trying to identify a sword on which the name F. W. Carswell was engraved. Woodruff and his father in 1943 found the sword while tearing down a house in Dorchester, S. C. The sword, in the ruins of the old house, was in good condition. Mr. Woodruff said he still owns the sword. Although he is not related to the Carswells, Mr. Woodruff treasures the old sword and has kept it these 30 years. Jack wondered who was F. W. Carswell and how did the sword get into the old house and why was it left there.

The Chronicle speculated, thusly:

"Could that engraving on the sword read R. W., instead of F. W.?" If so, it could be the sword of Brig. Gen. Reuben Walker Carswell (Great Grandson of Edward I), who preferred using his initials, R. W.

"In the records of the War Between the States, I note that he started as 2nd. Lt. R. W. Carswell with a Jefferson County (Ga.) unit. He later became a captain and, I believe, a major and was cited in one or more of the battles in 1862 in Virginia. He later showed up in the records as a Brig. General of Georgia militia.

My information about his career is sketchy, but I recall seeing in the war records a letter from Gen. Hardee, asking the whereabouts of Carswell's Brigade. It seems that Gen. Hardee had withdrawn with his troops into South Carolina when the Confederate forces were unable to hold Savannah against Sherman. Gen. Hardee, judging from the correspondence which I read several years ago, was trying to assemble as many of the Confederate units as possible in South Carolina in order to defend that state.

Judging further from the letter, it appears that Carswell's Brigade was under Hardee's command at some level at that particular time. If so, it is only natural that the unit withdrew, perhaps fighting a delaying action toward Columbia. He might well have been in the Dorchester area when something happened to prompt him to part with the sword. Could have been captured, disintegration of his command. Maybe he hid it to keep it from falling into the hands of the enemy.

If it is his sword, it would have considerable historic value. If not his, then maybe a story in The Chronicle will help us find out who was the owner. Gen. Carswell later became something of a public figure, serving as a Judge in one of Georgia's higher courts. (I have been told that, soon after the war, he declined a nomination for Congress)".

FROM GLEN ECHO ROAD TO MOCKINGBIRD LANE

W. A. (William Albert) Carswell, 7866 Glen Echo Road, N., Jacksonville, Fla. 32211, writes that he found Chronicle II "very interesting," and added: "My information beyond my father on the Carswell family is very poor. My grandfather was H. W. Carswell. He died when I was very young. My father's name was A. P. Carswell, born July 8, 1894... He died in 1948 and is buried in Palatka, Fla. He said something about his father having been born at Hephzibah, but the details are hazy. I don't know the initial of my great grandfather. I'm in favor of anything which might improve the information on the family name."

The Chronicle tried to help by referring the questions raised in W. A.'s letter to Mrs. Mildred Bond, 3460 Mockingbird Lane. Dallas, Texas 75205. Said she:

'We think that Mr. (W. A.) Carswell's father, A. P. Carswell, may be the A. C. Pratt Carswell, b. ca 1874, shown in the 1880 Census of Montgomery County. Ga., as the son of Hudson
V. Carswell. age 34 (i.e., born ca. 1846), who may be Mr. Carswell's grandfather, H. W. Carswell.

"If these identifications are correct, we still have a problem. Is Hudson W. Carswell of Montgomery County, b. ca. 1846, the Hudson W. Carswell shown in the 1850 Census of Burke County, Ga., as the son of Matthew and Moselle Williams? We think he is, but the Census data create a doubt. In the i850 Census, Hudson W.'s age is given as 7 (i.e., he was born ca. 1843. Well, probably it is only a matter of census error (which would not be unusual) or a census reader's error...The line beyond Matthew and Moselle Williams Carswell is quite clear. Matthew. grandson of Alexander and Lady Isabella Brown..."

W. A. Carswell responded that "the Information from Mrs. Bond could be correct. My father's name was Albert Pratt Carswell. My grandfather's name was Hudson Wright Carswell, I think...". W. A. recalled that the late Rev. W. K. Carswell..."told Mrs. G. F. Pinder, 536 E. 54th St., Savannah, Ga., that her grandfather Matthew Carswell (1795-1849) was his great grandfather Alexander (1785-1848) Carswell's younger brother. Mrs. Pinder is my aunt, and the only living child of 11 children born to H. W. Carswell and Virginia Lee Wilcox... I wish you the best in this very interesting venture," added W. A. Carswell.

EXPLORING IN GEORGIA

"...We have been so happy about locating descendants of Great-Grandmother Elizabeth Carswell Gallemore's brothers and sisters," writes Mrs. Mildred Bond, 3460 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75205.

"Jack Carswell of Houston wrote that he is descended from W. J. Carswell, the son of Elizabeth's brother Alfred Brown Carswell.

"We have just returned from a three-week trip through Georgia. I have never made a trip that has meant so much to me. Mrs. Kathleen Carswell took us over the Jeffersonville area, showing us where the town was first built up, and then out to the place where Matthew and Sarah Carswell are buried.

"The three of us did some exploring there and found evidence of other graves besides the ones that have been noted before (one footstone bore the initials 'J.A.C.'), and I like to think that somewhere under the trees there my Alexander and his wife are buried.

"We saw, of course, the Turkey Creek area where they lived and traveled along the Gallemore Road and saw what little is left of the Gallemore Mill and Lake, where picknickers used to come out from Macon on the train for a holiday.

"We visited many places where our Carswells have lived and worked and worshipped--Hephzibah, the Hopeful Baptist Church, the Plantation Bellevue. In Savannah, strolling along Factors' Walk, we discovered J. W. Carswell (Porter Carswell's brother) and had a wonderful visit with him.

We also visited briefly with Porter Carswell's son, who has a shop in Savannah. Everyone we met was charming to us--which is what I had expected of Georgians in general and the Carswells in particular.

"We had the good luck in finding documents in the court houses and archives that gave us information about not only the Carswells but also the Martins, Harrisons, Olivers and even the Warnocks. I had never expected to find Information about the Warnocks, but we did..."

GREETINGS FROM BLYTHE

Mrs. R. W. Corley. Route I, Box 213, Blythe, Ga. 30805, surely must live in a community that was named by a poet. She said "it has been wonderful to read (in The Chronicle) and remember the names of my mother's people... My mother was Eugenia Carswell, daughter of Enoch and Janette McNair Carswell. My mother died in 1927 at the age 75. She really loved her "kin" and told me, with a twinkle in her eyes, of the many delightful memories of her parents--and of her girlhood pleasures as she grew up in the old colonial home that, of course, has changed hands and finally crumbled and fallen. It was a beautiful place and adjoined the place where I now reside.

Mrs. Corley, nearly 82, is a sister of Mrs. Fred (Harriet) M. Jordan.

Alexander I's Grave

This Revolutionary War Headstone marks the grave of Alexander I Carswell in the family cemetery on the old Carswell Plantation, in Northwestern Burke County, Ga. It attests that he was in the 3rd Company, Georgia Battalion, in the War for Independence. Mrs. Kathleen J. Carswell of Jeffersonville has started a movement, through the Association, to place a marker of like size on the grave of Alexander l's wife, Isabella, which has gone unmarked, presumably beside her husband. This photograph was made by S. J. Carswell of Thomaston. Ga., who reported experiencing some difficulty in finding the old cemetery.

Child's Grave

Among the more recent marked graves in the old Carswell Plantation Cemetery is this one for five-year-old Eliza A. Stubblefield, who died Aug. 12. 1850. Records readily available do not indicate her relationship, if any, to the Carswell family. --Photo by S. J. Carswell.

RANDOM NOTES

Gleaned by Mrs. Kathleen J. Carswell from sources In Washington Library in Macon, Ga.: "Marriage of Virginia, daughter of Mark Wilcox and his second wife, Sara Ann Elizabeth Coffee, b. 2-23-1828, Virginia, b. 2-23-1848. Mar. Hudson Wright Carswell, 2-1-1871."

FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

There's a legend that says the Carswells who settled in Georgia and those who settled in North Carolina were related, that they May have been brothers (or brother) of Alexander I. The legend, at any rate, has persisted. Some research has been initiated with regard to that possibility.

At least one of the Carswells of North Carolina, like several from Georgia, went to Texas in the early years. He was John Jacob Carswell, born in North Carolina in 1823, moved to Texas in 1846, the year after the Republic of Texas was annexed by the United States. He married Laura Emma Norwood in Norwood, N.C., before leaving that state. They settled in San Augustine County. Texas. Although 38 years of age when the War Between the States broke out, John Jacob Carswell went to war for the Confederacy.

John Jacob Carswell's granddaughter is Mrs. Betty Henderson. 725 Peach St., Abilene, Texas 79602. "...I would deeply appreciate reading about the North Carolina Carswells in The Carswell Chronicle." writes Mrs. Henderson. "I wish to express my sincere appreciation for The Carswell Chronicle...I have read it many times."

A GEORGIAN IN VERMONT

Edgar D. Carswell writes from West Berkshire Star Route, Richford, Vermont 05476, that "I an very pleased to receive...The Carswell Chronicle. On my last visit with my parents in Waycross, Ga., I expressed an interest in Finding out something about our family history. My father, Louis Scruggs Carswell, told me that cousin Marion Carswell was going to be in town and he would see what he could find out from her.

"I suppose he furnished you with my address. At any rate, I am glad. There was one thing that puzzled me, however, and that was the fact that Number I, Volume I, was originally sent to me at my former address in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and had been returned to you unclaimed. I can't for the life of me, figure out how you got my old address." (The first address came from the San Juan Telephone Directory, where the lone Carswell stood out like a rose in a tulip patch among the Castros, Carmonas, Cantinos and Callavas. The Chronicle has become a determined Carswell hunter).

"You can Imagine my surprise when, upon reading your first edition of The Chronicle, I found my questions...being answered by my father's brother, W. D. Carswell of Jesup, Ga. His letter to you, which you reprinted in The Chronicle, traced us right back to Alexander I and Isabella. I hope this gives you some idea of the important work you are doing for the whole Carswell Clan. Imagine my getting information from you, until now a stranger, that my own uncle knew all the time:

"My wife and I and our six children (oldest 14), David, Daniel, Kevin, Frances, James and Ruth would like to be members of the Carswell Association...We will do anything we can to further the aims of the Association..." (And the Association quickly gained eight members in The Green Mountain State).

DONNA DID THE WRITING

Mrs. Robert W. (Donna) Carswell, Marc's Mobile Manor 3, Airport Drive, Wichita Falls, Texas 76306, writes that "during a recent visit home (Hephzibah, Ga.) we were shown issues I and II of The Carswell Chronicle and would like to be placed on the mailing list.

"My husband, Robert William, is the youngest son of Charles Mallory Carswell, Sr., and Lizzie McCombs Carswell. He is a career Air Force man with 16 years service and presently stationed at Wichita Falls, Sheppard APB, Texas. We have two children, Sharon Elaine (9-29-61) and Robert William, Jr. (10-16-68).

"The material I am enclosing (a Carswell family sketch) I found while a student at lift College, Forsyth, Ga. I married Bobby at the end of my junior year in 1958 and returned to finish while he served in Japan. Please advise...of obtaining previous and future issues of The Carswell Chronicle."

COUSIN CLARA FROM LA HABRA

Mrs. Clara M. White, 261 E. Penmar, La Habra, Calif. 90631, reports that Mrs. Mildred Bond, her cousin, "wrote me about your most interesting publication. I should like very much to subscribe to your paper and become a member of the family association... Alexander Carswell was my ancestor..." Cousin Clara has been "signed up."

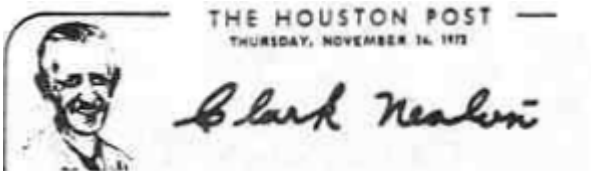
INFORMATION FOR NEW BOOK

Dr. Reba Collins, Director of Public Information, Central State University, Edmond, Okla. 73034, is publishing a family history that includes Peek and Janes lines. The Association, at Dr. Collins' request, was able to furnish some information regarding the descendants of John Hamilton and Mary Fannie Janes Carswell. She was the daughter of Dr. Thomas P. Janes, Georgia's first Commissioner of Agriculture. Dr. Collins has the guest book list, signed by several Carswell descendants who attended the dedication of an historical marker at Dr. Janes' grave, but they did not indicate what relationship nor give addresses.. The book was scheduled soon for the printers. Dr. Collins was referred to other sources, just in case more information is needed.

A MARKER FOR ISABELLA

For many years, the graves of Alexander and Isabella Carswell were identified by unmarked slabs in the family cemetery on the Old Carswell Plantation, in Burke County, Ga. Many years ago, through the efforts of Miss Hattie E. Carswell, the U.S. Government furnished a marker, bearing this inscription: "Alexander Carswell. 3rd Co., Ga. Battalion, Rev. Soldier." The grave of his good wife, Isabella, remained unmarked.

That will be corrected, thanks to an effort started by Mrs. Kathleen J. Carswell of Jeffersonville, Ga. She gave $5 to start a fund to place a modest marker over Isabella's grave. The initial gift has been matched and earmarked by the Association for that purpose. When sufficient money is available, the marker will be ordered. Hopefully, it can be installed at about the same time the Carswell 200th Anniversary marker is dedicated.



Hall of Fame doors bolt open twice in a week for Carswell

Frank Carswell was voted into two basketball Halls of Fame in the matter to seven days last week, and we couldn't agree more with his selection. First the former Jeff Davis High and Rice dead-eyed shot was notified that he had been voted into the Texas High School Hall of Fame and a few days later he learned that he would pin other Owl greats in this year's Installation dinner Saturday. Nov 25. in the Rice student center

FRANK CARSWELL

The installation in the Texas High School Hall of Fame will take place in Athens in the spring. and in that one Frank will be joining his Rice coach, Buster Brannon, and Dr. Bobby Moers, his Houston rival through junior high, high school and the Southwest Conference.

Moers unhesitatingly calls Carswell "the best shot I ever played against, and I tried to guard him in junior high, high school and college.

"The best way to guard Carswell was to keep him from getting the ball." Bobby went on. "After he got the ball, it was too late. You didn't have to worry about him breaking past you because he wasn't that fast. But he'd hit nine out of ten shots and the tenth one would scare you to death."

That's tribute from an All-American guard at Texas, and their battles in Owl-Longhorn fray, usually for the title, were as memorable as any before or since here. Texas won the SWC in 1513-39, Rice In 1939-40

Frank was the finest shot we've seen, and had the finest touch.

But there's, another thing about Carswell, historically, that we've always maintained. As one who has been keenly inerestd in the playing side of the game through the two marked eras of Dr. Naismith's invention, Carswell to us, did as much to pioneer the one-handed shot as did think Hank Luisetti of Stanford in the 80's, or Jack Gray at Texas as far as the SWC is concerned. Gray's was a little different. sort of a 'swingin' hook off the pivot he brought from the Wills Point, Martin's Mill and Ben Wheeler league.

CARSWELL AND LUISETTI were much more similar in that their one-handers were from out on the floor, delivered moving and usually jumping and off their ears, so to speak.

Perhaps you have to have played or observed in both eras of basketball to get the full impact of how the specialty of Carswell and Luisetti changed the game. Everybody does it now: in fact, the two-handed shot is practically never seen. Would you believe, that time was when a basketball player shot with one hand he was in immediate danger of being banished to the showers? It was giving the ball away, foolhardy.

But Carswell and Luisetti coming along at about the same time, and in areas far removed from each other, made a percentage shot out of it with their accuracy, gave the game an entirely new problem and now look!

Historians in the Eastern US, hotbed of basketball date the advent of the one-hander to Luisetti's first appearance in the Garden in 1936. In an area where Nat Holman or Joe Lapchiek would have caressed your forearm with an axe for a single one-handed shot, they say that countless kids were doing it and doing it well within a couple of years after Bob Luisetti's Garden exhibitions.

BUT WAIT, THOSE HISTORIANS should have had a look at Clyde Turner's backyard on the North Side of Houston several years before that. That was where the goal was, and a whole bunch of neighbourhood kids, including Carswell, and the keys to one of Roy Needham's greatest of many great Jeff Davis teams were shooting it and developing.

Besides Carswell, Needham's teams of I935-36 and 1936-37 had Placido Gomez, Bert Baker, Jack Shannon and Robert Croucher for starters, and as many complete basketball players on a high school team as we've seen. Most of them had prepped in junior high under J. D. Oaken, besides Tuner's backyard. It's a legend to remind of other years.

Carswell and Gomez went on to Rice to join with Levi Craddock, deck, 'Bat 'em' Bob Kinney, already in the Owl Hall of Fame, and Bert Selman as starters on Rice's SWC champs of 1939-40, still another memorable outfit.

IN IT'S PIONEERING, the Carswell and Luisetti type of shot changed more than one rock-hard fundamental of shooting. The launching. first, but also the trajectory. Most of Carswell's shots hit only the net, amazingly. The trajectory was much more level, sometimes almost a line drive. None of the traditional high arch and bank. Gotten away before you knew it and as feathery as any you've seen, before or since.

We've actually seen Carswell just slap at the hall going away from the basket from either side, and hit the bottom of the net. Time and again. Amazing "feathers" in his fingers and wrist.

Memories of Carswell and Needham's Davis teams also stir recollection of a golden era in Houston schoolboy basketball, notably some monumental battles between Davis, Reagan, with Moers, and San Jacinto, with Young Bussey and Bert Selman.

Keynoting and long rivalry between Carswell and Moers, the whole thing teemed to switch to the SWC in ensuing years.

WE DON'T REMEMBER THE game that Bobby and Cob, or Carswell, weren't matched head on. And the game, even in heated action would he marked by running cracks like: "Hey. you ARE that Moers from Reagan, aren't you? Carswell talking to Moers. And Moers coming back with: "Tonight's gonna be a bad night for you Jeff Davis hotshots."

'I remember,' Bobby was saying Wednesday, 'when we walked on the floor for that game they beat us 42-41 for the title in Austin. Frank asked me: 'You on me tonight, Bobby?' I told him: 'That's what (Couch) Gray said, but I don't look forward to it.'

'You know what,' came back Carswell. 'I don't either.'

'Nobody deserves to be in those Halls of Fame any more than Carswell,' Moers concluded.

Frank is a brother of Mrs. Margaret C. Heemer of Carmine, Texas, and an uncle of Jack Carswell of Houston. Frank's grandfather was Henry Carswell...

RANDOM NOTES

"Nathaniel Ashley (father of Elizabeth Ashley, wife of Alexander Carswell, son of Matthew and Sarah Martin Carswell) to Wm. Ashley, Camden Co., Ga., power of atty. Aug. 20, 1785. Empowered Wm. Ashley to settle any controversies in Camden Co. respecting his (Nathaniel's) land. In 1787 signed Articles of Agreement on 11-26-1787 Book A 184. Pages 144 and 145, relative to purchase of land for City of St. Mary's, Camden Co., Ga."-- Folks Huxford Vol I, Page 141, Genealogy Magazine.

COMMENTS FROM MATTHEW J. OF ATLANTA

Matthew Jackson (Jack) Carswell, P. O. Box 12180, Atlanta, Ga. 30305, is the son of Matthew Jordan and Esther Bailey Carswell of Waycross, Ga. He reports that his father died unexpectedly Sept. 1. Grandparents of Matthew Jackson Carswell of Atlanta were Matthew Jackson and Ellen Frances Carswell of Waycross.

"Grandfather died in Waycross in 1926, wrote Matthew J. of Atlanta. Walter (in Chronicle 1) mentioned his father Edgar who moved to Waycross with three brothers and two sisters. One of the brothers was Alexander Carswell, who was the first mayor of Waycross and for whom Carswell Ave. was named. The other brother was William James Carswell, father of Mrs. Marion (Mrs. Henry J.) Carswell, who Jack Carswell referred to (in Chronicle II) in his letter from Augusta. Cousin Marion probably has one of the largest collections of family history in existence. Her address is 1725 Heyward St., Columbia, S. C. 29205. She has a sister, Mrs. Will C. Parker, who lives in Waycross, and a brother, the Rev. W. J. Carswell, who is with the Baptist Home Mission Board.

"My grandfather Matthew Jackson was born in Hephzibah, and his father also was named Matthew Jackson. Grandfather was first married to Minnie Franklin. They had one son, Owen Kenneth, whose mother died within a short time. I believe my grandparents married when Uncle Owen was about two years old. He died in 1935 while living in Thomasville and is buried in the family lot at Waycross. Uncle Owen had a son, Kenneth, who died while still a young boy, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Kenneth C. Futch of Burgaw, N. C.

"Grandmother and grandfather had three children--Ruth (Mrs. Edwin Ruthven Carswell). now a widow living at 605 Community Drive, Waycross, having moved next door to my parents (607 Community Drive); Henry Robert Carswell, who lived in Jacksonville, Fla., and who died in 1956, (he had one son, the Rev. Robert Carswell, who is pastor of a Baptist Church in Jacksonville), and, of course, my father, Matthew Jordan. My father was a wonderful gentleman who lived for his church and his family. He was a Mason and a Shriner, being president of the local Shrine Club at his death.

"I have one sister, Esther Francis (Mrs. Bernard R. Rudisail) who lives at 604 Community Drive. Waycross. She has four sons, the eldest being another Matthew. After her husband died in 1963, she built a home across from our parents so that she could be close to the family with her four small boys...

"My family and I would be very interested in affiliating with the Association. I am convinced that, if history propels us along at its present race, the time is not too far away when the only thing our children will have is the knowledge of who they are and where they have come from...I pray this will never be the case, but it does seem that these off-beat forces are determined to have their day. For this reason, as well as my own keen interest in family history, I think the Association is a magnificent idea..."

Matthew Jackson (Jack) Carswell of Atlanta married Mary London James of Wilmington. N.C. in 1956. They have three children, Matthew Jackson (Matt). 15: Mary London (Holy), 13. and William James (Will), 9.

FROM THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER

"Thank you for the copy of The Carswell Chronicle. We appreciate receiving this publication.

"In the July 1972 issue of The Genealogical Helper we will review this publication and it will appear in the Genealogical Miscellany section under "Publications."

"We wish you success in your publication and all of your genealogical endeavors."
Valarie N. Chambers, for The Everton Publishers. Inc. P. O. Box 368, Logan, Utah 84321.

MARVIN AND THE CHRONICLE

Marvin T. Carswell, EE Division, NIPSTRAFAC, NAS, Albany, Ga. 31703, writes that his brother, Leonard, of Route 2, Graceville, Fla., had sent him copies of Chronicles I and II. "I must say they're interesting to read," he said. He asked that his son, Sgt. Donald Carswell, 5301 Birch Rd., Fayetteville, N. C. 28504, and his daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Ford, 639 Ramona Lane, Apt. 7. Orlando, Fla. 32805. be added to the Chronicle mailing list. That has been done. Marvin said he expects to retire in a couple of years with his wife and two small daughters to their home just south Of Melbourne, Fla.

A REQUEST FROM WAYCROSS

L. Scruggs Carswell, 1416 St. Mary's Drive. Waycross, Ga. 31501, identifies himself as the youngest son of Edgar Dupree and Rosa McGee Carswell and a brother of Walter D. Carswell of Easley, S. C., formerly of Jesup, Ga., mentioned in Chronicle I.

"Our cousin, Mrs. Henry J. Carswell of Columbia, S. C., is visiting here and showed us a copy of The Carswell Chronicle. We would very much like to have a copy for ourselves and one for each of our two married sons..." The sons are Edgar D. Carswell, West Berkshire, Vermont 05493, and James L. Carswell, 1524 N. E. 17th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33304. All were added to the Chronicle mailing list.

JOSEPH CARSWELL FAMILY

By Leah Wood Bingham

(Editor's Note: Joseph Carswell came to America some 57 or 58 years after Alexander and Isabella arrived. Each came from Ireland, and each landed in Savannah. It seems likely that they were related, and that Joseph (then an early teen-ager) came to Georgia because of the presence there of some of his kinsmen, possibly uncles or cousins. Indeed, it is recorded that he worked for awhile for such a person in Savannah. Perhaps the writer meant the Savannah area, which could have included a large number of Eastern Georgia counties. By that time, descendants of Alexander and Isabella were scattered over several of those counties and into Central Georgia. So, it is almost certain that Joseph knew some of them).

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Joseph Carswell was born in Down County, Ireland, Nov. II, 1814. He ran away from home at age 14 because of a cruel stepfather. He stowed away on a ship leaving Liverpool, England. and landed in Savannah, Ga. Joseph had been an apprentice In accounting and worked for a cousin or uncle in...Savannah around 1830.

He then was employed as a clerk and then manager in a plantation store In Talbot County, Ga. His ambition was to have his, own plantation. He fell in love with Priscilla Gillian Baker, the daughter of a prosperous neighboring planter, and they married over his violent objections.

By 1860. Joseph owned his own place with a store, a blacksmith shop, gin, and 30 or 40 slaves in Talbot County. In 1858, by good fortune or far-sightedness, Joseph had come to Texas at the suggestion of his brother-in-law, Allan Baker, who had migrated in 1850. He bought several hundreds acres of and in Carthage (Panola County), Texas, and returned to Georgia. (Living in nearby Crawford County at this time were members of the family of Edward Carswell II, with the distance between them being perhaps no more than 30 or 40 miles. It was about 1858, the year that Joseph went to Texas, that Robert Knight Carswell (Edward ll's son) left Crawford County for Alabama. He left several of his brothers and sisters in that area. Surely they must have been acquainted with Joseph).

Joseph and his sons, James and Oliver. were in the War Between the States. James, age 17. was killed Aug. 30, 1862, at the Second Battle of Bull Run. "He was serving with Stonewall Jackson's cavalry and was burled under a peach tree on the battlefield near a railroad embankment that served as breast works for the Confederates."

James Carswell was buried by his comrade, James Daughtry, who rode home to Talbotton, Ga., a thoroughbred Kentucky mare that young Carswell had captured from a Union major. Daughtry presented the mare to Carswell's parents. The last known offspring of that mare died in Panola County in 1938."

Joseph and Oliver, age 16, were at the seige of Atlanta with Gen. Joseph Johnston and retreated before Sherman's army during his infamous "march to the sea." After the war, Joseph sold his land and possessions and, with a number of friends, neighbors and relations, traveled by covered wagon to Panola County, Texas, in Nov., 1866. There he lived with his family at the age of 83 at Fairview Farm. Priscilla died Feb. 9, 1897. It was on the day of her death that Joseph took to his bed, to die 17 days later.

Joseph and Priscilla had 10 children.

Son Oliver, born Jan. 21, 1848 in Talbot County, went to Texas with the rest of the family in 1866. Apparently, Joseph's respect for education approached or equaled his respect for land. In 1870, he sent Oliver and his brother, Robert, to Lexington, Ky., with $300 between them and with instructions to obtain law degrees from the University of Ky. This they did by alternately going to school and teaching school to earn money. While there Oliver fell in love with one of his students, Mary Reid Bailey, and they married in 1879. Robert Emmett, Sr., was born at Babyerville, Ky., and they all came to Texas, where five girls were born to them.

Oliver never practiced law, but instead farmed Fairview, was superintendent of schools, and a member of the Texas State Legislature. He was a highly respected member of the community and died at the age of 88 in 1936 at Fairview Farm. Robert Emmett Carswell, Sr., was his only son. He attended Texas A&M about 1897-98 and was also a farmer and county agent. He died in 1963 at the age of 83. He left a daughter, Ruth, and a son. Robert, Jr. The son was a Colonel in the Air Force and died in 1967, leaving two sons, Robert III and Michael. They reside in Austin, Texas, and are the last two members of the family to carry the Carswell name, with the exception of Howard Carswell, a bachelor.

Robert Emmett I was the fourth son of Joseph and Priscilla. He was born in Georgia in 1853. He accompanied Oliver to Kentucky and also earned a law degree. Upon his return to Texas, he lived in Decatur and was a prominent attorney and judge there. He was married to Ella Trabue and they had two sons, Robert II and Trabue, and both were lawyers. Robert II married but never had children. Trabue was a bachelor and practiced in New York City. It is assumed that he was quite successful, since he left a great deal of money to several members of the family when he died in 1949. Robert I died in the early 30's at age 79 or 80.

Charles Bingley was born in 1858 and was the 5th son of Joseph and Priscilla. He was

a businessman in Terrell, Texas. and later in Dallas and Ft. Worth. He owned a great deal of property in Dallas and lost most of it in the Depression. According to the memoirs of Robert, Sr., "Uncle Charlie was still living in Dallas in 1951 at the age of 93--the last leaf." Me died several years later. Uncle Charlie left one son, Horace, who still lives in Dallas and is a bachelor.

"There are many of our family left, although we do not carry the last name of Carswell," writes Mrs. Bingham In a concluding paragraph. "I am the great great granddaughter of Joseph through Oliver. We are proud of our Carswell ancestors and continue to give the name to our children. Sarah Carswell Bingham, age 6, is the latest." --Leah Wood Bingham, 9260 8 Lincoln, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota 57706.

Note: Other children of Joseph and Priscilla were James Willis and John Julian, who died young; Ana Bella Celeste, who married out had no children; Panthea Pauline, who married but had no children; Margaret Priscilla, who married and had one daughter; Mary Eva, who married but for whom records are incomplete, and Joseph Clifton, who had no children.

OTHERS COMMUNICATE

Other descendants of Joseph and Priscilla who have communicated with The Chronicle are Mrs. Paschal Broach, Route 4, Sex 833, PB, Lufkin, Texas 75901; Mrs. Mary Ruth Carswell Henderson, Route 2, Box 27, Carthage, Texas 75633, and Mrs. Grayce Carswell Honeycutt, P. O. Box 490, Grenada. Mississippi 38901.

"Never did I dream there were so many Carswells," comments Mrs. Henderson. "For so many years, I felt that I was one of a kind." Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, who until recently had lived in San Angelo, Texas, have returned to East Texas, to build a hone *and* live "on our acreage my father left us--part of the original acres of Joseph Carswell... The old home is owned by an aunt (Mrs. Honeycutt). My spot will be called Meadowview, because it overlooks a meadow between us and Fairview, the place Joseph settled."

Writes Mrs. Honeycutt: "Until World War II, ours was the only Carswell family we ever knew or heard of in all the world.... I was thrilled when I was told that a great great niece (Mrs. Broach) had seen something in The Shreveport. La., Journal relative to The Carswell Chronicle... It is more than exciting to feel there are others of our family somewhere... Please know how eagerly I await hearing from you and how deeply interested I am in your 'project'."

ROBERT CARSWELL. J. H. Robert M. (Bob) Carswell, Jr. 54, formerly of Dothan died Wednesday night In Walter Reed hospital.

Funeral services will be Monday morning in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Carswell, retired from the Air Force after 23 years of service, was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict. He was born and reared In Dothan and was a member of the Ridgecrest Baptist Church. His father operated the old Acme Barber Shop on Foster St. here.

Survivors include two sons, Robert M. Carswell I, Gulfport Miss., and Mather Carswell, Dothan; a daughter Missy Nancy Carswell, Dothan; a brother Ray Carswell, Mobile, and two sisters.

--From the Oct. 27, 1972, issue of The Dothan, Ala., Eagle. Robert M. Sr., was the son of John Thomas and Isabelle McCorvey Carswell and grandson of Robert K. and Jane Preston Carswell,

RANDOM NOTES

From the Southern Recorder, Milledgeville, Ga.:
"Tarpley, George W. of Irwinton, Ga., and Frances C. Carswell, daughter of the late Alexander Carswell, married March 20, 1836 in Twiggs Co., by Rev. Ivey F. Stegall."

RANDOM NOTES

Christian Index Marriages, 1828-55:
"Carswell, Enoch H. of Burke Co., Ga.,& Janet McNair of Richmond Co.,Ga.,
by E. Perryman. Mar. 6-17-1851.
Published 7-12-1851.

MATTHEW A. CARSWELL

RANDOM NOTES

From the Southern Recorder, Milledgeville, Ga., Nov. 14. 1829:

"Alexander Carswell, Samuel Carswell and James A. Carswell, executors of the will of Matthew Carswell--To sell all real and personal property of the decd at his residence, including 3 lots containing about 607½ acres in 23rd Dist. of Old Wilkinson County, now Twiggs, located on Turkey Creek; also lot on Duck Creek in 23rd Dist. of present Wilkinson County, Ga.

Matthew A. Carswell was the son of Egenatas Ruthven Carswell (1822 - 1891--evidently the E. R. Carswell who built Carswell Place In Hephzibah, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Mack and Alice Donegan), and father of G. Carswell. --Photo copied by S. J. Carswell from a tintype belonging to H. G. Carswell.

FROM DR. 8. STEWART CARSWELL

"Thank you for Vol. I, Number 2, of The Carswell Chronicle...lt contains so many facts about our ancestors and relatives...) am enclosing a letter...from B. C. Yates, superintendent of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.— now retired. Mr. Yates and I were reared in Adrian, Ga., and were good friends." Mr. Yates letter:

"... I found that your grandfather (Benjamin J. Moxley) was a member of Company C, 20th Georgia Volunteers, known as the Jefferson Guards. It has a 2nd Lieutenant Reuben W. Carswell, who rose in rank to Brigadier General of Georgia Militia; also Alexander G. Carswell. who was a sergeant and surrendered at Appomattox with the regiment, being regimental musician. The 20th Georgia was in Benning's Brigade, Field's or Hood's Division of Longstreet's Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia under Lee...

Dr. Carswell, a retired chiropractor, is 76. His address is 1611 Oak Grove Road, Decatur, Ga. 30033. His sister, Dr. Hattie Carswell Stephens. P. O. Box 223. Thomaston, Ga. 30286, is 78, and his brother, Dr. John McInnis Carswell, P. O. Box 303, Thomaston, Ga., is 73.

WELCOME, MRS. BAKER

"I wish to join the Carswell Family Association and to be added to your mailing list to receive The Carswell Chronicle," writes Mrs. Virgil D. (Lucile Carswell) Baker, Jr., 1269 Womack Ave., East Point, Ga. 30344. "...Let me commend you for getting out a fine paper. The second edition is even better than the first.

"My father, Washington Kilpatrick Carswell, spent 15 years writing several books on our families. His records started with 850 A.D. and continued to the present. He would have been so proud of what you are attempting to do. It would have met with his entire approval.

"I have a complete set of his books in my home, as well as several other books that you mentioned, such as "A Lost Arcadia." He also placed Xerox copies of these books in such places as the Georgia State Archives in Atlanta, Mercer University Library in Macon, the library at Penfield, Ga., and another set with my cousin, Miss Fay Turner in Hephzibah. His books on the family are my dearest possessions."

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have a son, Virgil D. Baker III, in Decatur, and another, James Carswell Baker, in Atlanta, and two daughters, Mrs. Salih Ashour Doeuwodl of Tripoli, Libya, and Mrs. Kenneth W. Haynes of Papillion. Neb,

SANTA CLARA CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Thornton (Virginia) Hooper, 3430 Mauricia St., Santa Clara, California 95051, wants to know if The Carswell Chronicle is a publication only for the Carswells in the South. "Mine were in New York and Connecticut," she said. ''Would you let me know if you'll be including the Northern ones?"

Mrs. Hooper was quickly assured that this Association, although Southern in origin, will not be restricted to one particular branch of the family nor to one region. Carswells live nearly everywhere, and, judging from the legendary information at hand, there's a kinship--vague and remote in some cases, to be sure—stemming from some ancestors in common in the distant past.

"The Carswell Chronicle and the Association undoubtedly will have a distinctive Southern Flavor for awhile," Mrs. Hooper was told, because of the size of the tribe in the Southeastern States and Texas.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Warren S. Woodward, Executive Secretary of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 2412 Massachussetts Ave., N. W., Washington. D. C. 20008. responds thusly to receipt of Chronicle II:

"Thank you for your fine publication which is gratefully accepted for our National Library.

"Should space ever permit, would you kindly insert an invitation to members of the Carswell family who are eligible for membership in our Society? According to genealogical statistics, we can assume that practically every male member of the family has an acceptable Revolutionary ancestor. This office will be pleased to assist any Carswell who contacts us relative to SAR membership."

RANDOM NOTES

Gleaned by Mrs. Kathleen J. Carswell from sources in Washington Library in Macon, Ga.:

"Elizabeth W. Ashley, dau. of Nathaniel Ashley and Jane Williams Ashley, was the wife of Alexander Carswell, son of Matthew and Sara M. Carswell. Nathaniel Ashley lived before and during Revolutionary War in Anson Co., N. C. Then moved to South Carolina, then to Georgia--first to Washington Co. and then to Camden Co. b. 1718. He died in 1800. There is a deed in Book M. Page 248, Camden Co. signed by heirs of Nathaniel Ashley to George W. Thomas. The heirs were William Francis H. Cone, James M. Scarborough, James Boyd, Charles I. Shelton, Alexander Carswell, Ladowick Ashley and Martha Tison. Deed signed in Camden Co. 471836

Carswell Candidate For Mayor

Robert H. (Bobby) Carswell, veteran Panama City commissioner and former president or the Florida League of Cities, announced today that he will he a candidate for mayor in a city election here Feb. 27.

A native of Holmes County and a one time resident of Chipley, Carwell has been a resident of Panama City for 33 years. He has been city commissione from Ward 2 since 1963 Mr. and Mrs. Carswell (the former Miss Louise Chavers) re-side at 300 Cove Boulevard.

Carswell said he is offerin for the office at the insistance of numerous friends, representing just about all of the varied community interests found in Panama City. "I am grateful for these repeated expressions of confidence. encouragement and support," he said.

"It is not without long and serious thought, however. that I have decided to become a candidate". Carswell declared. "I am confident that I can give this city the leadership that it needs at this time.

"I have served my apprenticeship for 10 yaers in the City Commission. and for a much longer period as one active in our city's business, religious and civic life." he added. "I have done my homework. I have prepared myself to serve you in a greater capacity. and I feel ready and qualified for the task

He noted that Panama City, having nearly tripled in size in the last three decades,is no longer a small town with little problems. "This is now a vibr-. ant, thriving, ever-growing city of some 40,000 people. It is a city that seems headed for some phenomenal growth in the years just ahead".

"This is a critical period,one in which good planning. sound! judgment and good leadership is needed," he emphasized. "I propose to furnish that leadership, with the help of other city and county officials and with the help of you, the people.

"I am proud of the city in which I live" Carswe11 declared. "and I promise you, if I am elected, to work hard to make the city in which I live proud of me.

BOBBY CARSWELL

--Panama City News-Herald, Jan. 14 1973.

A son of John Robert, Robert H. is the grandson of James W. and great grandson of Robert Knight Carswell, whose father was Edward. Jr.

LETTER FROM ELLEN

"Thanks so much for sending the information about the marker," writes Mrs. Ellen Carswell Simmons (wife of Ramsey Simmons) of Bainbridge, Ga. "Our family is very interested in helping in any way... I talked with Harrold Carswell, my brother, this morning. He asked that I give you his address. He wants to participate in any way that is needed. His address: G. Harrold Carswell, P.O. BOx 546, Tallahassee. Fla. 32302.

Ellen has a sister, Mrs. Claire Carswell(Mrs Nat.) Hughes of Moultrie, Ga. Their parents were George Henry and Ethel Claire Wood Carswell. An Irwinton attorney, George Henry represented Wilkinson County in the Georgia Legislature, where he was President of the Senate. He was also Secretary of state and, as older members of the family may recall, was a candidate for Georgia governor. They're descended from Matthew (youngest son of Alexander 1 and Isabella) and Sarah Martin Carswell.

GREETINGS FROM DECATUR

Mrs. Lucile Carswell Dean, 317 Glendale Avenue, Decatur, Ga. 30030, has sent copies of the Confederate Army service record of her grandfather. Matthew W. Carswell, for the family archives. The records show that he enrolled in Capt. John F. Vinson's Co., Barkuloo's Regiment, 57th Georgia Inf. on May 3. 1862, in Savannah. He was apparently among those captured at Vicksburg, but he was subsequently exchanged or otherwise released. The 57th reorganized in Savannah on Mar. 7, 180. with Matthew W. as first sergeant of Co. F., and returned to the war. He was paroled May 16, 1865, at Macon. His brothers, William and Robert Knight, also served in the Confederate Army. Robert Knight, In Co. H. 39th Alabama Inf., was wounded and captured at Missionary Ridge. William also was wounded, but his service record is not yet available to the family archives. These three brothers, incidentally, were second cousins of Brig. Gen. Reuben Walker Carswell.

"It was good receiving the Carswell Chronicle, Vol. I, No. 2," wrote Mrs. Dean. "I enjoyed reading about our family. My father was Matthew Edward, born Feb. 27, 1862, son of Matthew W. Carswell, born about 1837..." (and Matthew W. was the son of Edward, Jr., born about 1797, and he was the son of Edward I. born 1755, the oldest child of Alexander and Isabella). "I an the ninth child of Matthew Edward and Juliette McCardle Carswell. I believe you called on our oldest brother. V. I. Carswell, Lizella, Ga. We are real proud of him. I guess he told you his age. He will be 89 in Feb., 1973. Brother Joe B. who lives near Lizella, is the 10th and youngest in our family..."

DATELINE SAVANNAH

John W. Carswell, 24 Habersham St., Savannah, Ga. 31401, writes after receiving Chronicle 11. "I have...thoroughly enjoyed reading it," he said... Porter Wilkins Carswell is my brother. My wife was Elizabeth Putnam. descended from General Israel Putnam of Revolutionary fame. We had two children and I would certainly appreciate it if you would put them on your mailing list. John Devine Carswell, 34 East 50th St., Savannah, Ga. 31405, who married Margaret Gignilliat. They have three daughters, Margaret Ravenel, Elizabeth Wright and Emily Guerrard. My daughter, Elizabeth Putnam Carswell, married Archie L. Morris, 220 East 45th St., Savannah, Ga. 31405. They also have three daughters--Elizabeth Carswell, Rebecca Putnam and Bernice Lovett..."

His brother, Porter, as many Chronicle readers already know, was a prominent member of the Georgia Legislature, a widely-known public speaker and Rotary official. He resides on Bellevue Plantation, Waynesboro, Ga. 30830,which he describes as "the oldhome place." He holds a grant from King George III. dated 1767. for the land. "The Carswells came into possession of it when my great-grandfather, Judge John Wright Carswell, married Sara Anne Devine, the owner, in I835..," he said.

TO THE SACRED CALLING

J. H. (Jack) Carswell, 2404 E. Vineland Rd., Augusta, Ga. 30904, has given The Chronicle some excerpts from the "History of the Baptist Denomination of Georgia," published in 1881, providing biographic information on five members of the. Carswell family who even then had earned prominent niches in Baptist history as ministers.

First of the five was Dr. E. R. Carswell. Sr., a medical practitioner, as well as a minister. Two of the others were his sons, E. R. Carswell, Jr. and Mirabeau Lamar Carswell. The remaining two were James Hamilton Carswell (J. H. Carswell's grandfather) and Charles M. Carswell.

"The Carswell family is a large and influential one, and has given some of its most gifted members to the sacred calling," observed the historians. (Since that observation was made nearly a century ago, it might be appropriate to note that whatever numbers and influence existed then has been multiplied many fold in the meantime).

Space considerations prevents a reproduction of these biographic sketches in this issue of The Chronicle. Hopefully, that can be done in future issues. Although undoubtedly quite rare by now, the book is available in several libraries in Georgia and Florida.

"Lorna Carswell" - A GUBERNATORIAL REVIEW

Mrs. Clara Carswell Jolly, Box 265, Oglethorpe, Ga. 31068, responded to a Chronicle invitation to review Comer L. Peck's "Lorna Carswell" by sending one written in 1903 by former Florida Governor Francis P. Fleming. The book is now apparently quite rare—so rare, in fact. that Florida State Library has its copy restricted to in-library use only. Said the former governor:

"I have read "Lorna Carswell" with much interest and pleasure. You have *been* very happy in presenting a true picture of the home life of the Southern planter and his family, and the relations and conditions of master and slave as they existed in the South, which have been so much misrepresented and misunderstood by people of the non-slave holding section. The political history and conditions, which preceded and led to the Secession of the States is admirably presented and woven into the story.

"The War period, depicting as it does, the enthusiasm and unanimity of the spirit of the South; the hopes, disappointments and suffering of her people as well as the pictures of reconstruction times, in many respects worse than war, are true to history. I congratulate you upon contributing to literature a valuable historical novel, which should accomplish much toward correcting errors which have distorted the judgment of many as to conditions which existed and the motives of the Southern people."

The author was a resident of Starke, Fla. Said the neighboring Lake Butler Star: "Lorna Carswell" is a splendid life picture of Southern life before and during the Civil War. To read it is like turning back the years as leaves of a book and revealing to us the home life of the true and noble Southern families... The story is a charming one well told..."

The novel is described as true-to-life fiction.

FROM ATHENS, TEXAS

Mrs. Ruth E. Blethen, 606 Maryland Drive, Athens, Texas 75751. reports that her sister, Mrs. Sarah Morris, 236 Estrada Avenue, St. Augustine, Fla. had expressed delight with her copy of the last Chronicle. "They said they did not put it down before they had read everything in it," reported Mrs. Blethen. (Mrs. Morris is manager of the gift shop *in* the "Oldest House" in St. Augustine). "My youngest sister, Mrs. Helen Martin, 612 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701, would like to have The Chronicle." She got it, and one was sent--at Mrs. Blethen's suggestion for the new library at Athens.

'SHARING' COUSIN KATHLEEN

Mrs. Calvin Todd. 2200 East Mallory St., Pensacola, Fla. 32501, has been kind enough to share with The Chronicle such Carswell information as she has picked up while researching her Whitaker kinsmen. Looking for some way to reciprocate, the Chronicle spokesman wrote to Mrs. Todd july 31;

"While visiting yesterday with Mrs. Kathleen J. Carswell, Jeffersonville, Ga. 31044, I noticed the Whitaker Coat-of-Arms on her living room wall. It seems she is descended from the Cowan, Jones and Whitaker lines, and she has done some work on each. I told her of your interest in Whitaker *and* asked her permission to give you her name as a possible source of information. She said she would be willing.

"Mrs. Carswell is 83 and a former county home demonstration agent. She is an alert as a 16-year-old girl, but not quite as spry. She has given me perhaps as much encouragement *and* real help as any one person. For a Carswell -by-marriage, that's pretty good. I'm offering here to "share her" a little with you and the Whitakers. She has been too wonderfully helpful for me to claim all alone." Mrs. Todd has reported that she got some equally wonderful assistance.

ANOTHER CARSWELL LEGEND

Robert E. (Bob) Carswell Distributing Co.. South Stratford Road. Winston-Salem, N. C. 27102, recalls a conversation he had several years ago with Guy Carswell (who was killed about six years ago in an automobile accident and for whom the Law School Building at Wake Forest University is named). He said Guy Carswell, whose ancestors settled in Burke County, N. C., that all Carswells are related. "I believe he told me that it was his understanding that three Carswell brothers came to this country...They were at odds with the British army... The story goes that one of them settled in Georgia, one in North Carolina, and one went on to Virginia or New York. I will look into this," Bob Carswell wrote.

AN ELEMENT OF DRAMA

When Robert Knight Carswell left Crawford County. Ga., in 185758 for Dale County, Ala, he never returned--possibly because of his service and captivity during the War Between the States and Reconstruction. He died in 1908, after establishing the family in West Florida. His children and some of his grandchildren recalled now and then that he had left some brothers and sisters in Georgia--and that there had been some correspondence *in* about 1903 with someone, possibly one of his sisters, at a "little town near Macon." No one *in* the present generations could recall her name or the name of the little town, but someone remembered that she had never married.

Mrs. Mildred Bond, who has been doing a masterful genealogical job, came through late in 1972 with some clues. Her notes show that Robert Knight was the second son of Edward, Jr. and Mahala Knight Carswell. Name of the first son, born between 1825 and 1830, is yet unknown. Robert Knight was born in 1829. His children were listed in Chronicle II.

His brother Matthew W., born about 1837, married Harriet Bryce, born in 1844. (Their children were Matthew E.. 1852: Ida, 1865; John, 1870; Sarah, 1877, and Walter, 1879).

Robert Knight and Matthew W. also had these other brothers and sisters: A sister, born between 1830 and 1835, name not known; William, 1837; a sister, born between 1835 and 1840, name not known; a sister, 1841, whose only known initial was the letter R.; a brother, whose initials were E. E., 1844; a sister, S. A. E., born about 1847.

Reaching The Chronicle office soon after Mrs. Bond's information arrived was a letter from Mrs. Kathleen J. Carswell of Jeffersonville. Ga., and Mrs. Clara Carswell Jolly of Oglethorpe, Ga., containing a clipping of a feature article about 88-year-old V. I. Carswell of Lizella, "a little town near Macon, Ga." It turned out that he was *the* son of Matthew E. and grandson of Matthew W., brother of Robert Knight. He guesses that it was his Aunt Ida (she never married) who did that writing to her Alabama-Florida relatives, about 60 or 65 years ago. She did a lot of writing and record-keeping, V. I. Carswell recalls.

The collection of information led to a visit with V. I. Carswell and his daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Ponder, of Lizella. The meeting contained some elements of drama, in that taking part were third and fourth generation descendants of two brothers (Robert Knight and Matthew W.) who had gone their separate ways 114 years earlier. V. I., an amazingly vigorous and active man at age 88, shared many of his memories, along with some records from the family Bible. V. I. has four daughters, besides Mrs. Ponder. They are Mrs. Clarice Francis, 2113 Ingleside Ave., Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Martha Mann, 4110 Houston Ave., Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Mildred Allen, 570 Janice Place, Macon, Ga., and Mrs. Ruby McGill, 8613 Hurst Ave., Savannah, Ga. His brothers and sisters include Joe B. Carswell, Lizella, and Mrs. Lucile Carswell Dean, 317 Glendale Ave., Decatur, Ga., the wife of Superior Court Judge William T. Dean. He is also a cousin of long-time Bibb County Commissioner Kenneth Carswell of Macon. (Mrs. Francis was reported in mid-January to be seriously ill).

DULY RECEIVED, HIGHLY APPRECIATED

Henry G. (for Grady) Carswell, 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta. Ga. 30904, expresses pleasure at receiving an issue of The Carswell Chronicle, which has been "duly received and highly appreciated."

He promised a follow-up communication, which came in the form of a telephone call. A senior member of the clan, Henry G. has a good memory for much information about the Carswell family.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE GIRLS

John D. and Nancy Bottoms Carswell, who married Feb. 25. 1917, became the parents of three daughters. They are Vonceil Carswell Mole, P. 0. Box 372, Lake Butler, Fla.; Mrs. Agnes Carswell Martin, 28 Cantrell, Columbus, Ga., and Mrs. Marjorie Carswell Burch, 514 W. Kansas Ave., Bonifay, Fla. They have a combined total of 12 children and 21 grandchildren.

John D., who died Mar 14. 1962, was the son of David Clark Carswell *and* grandson of Robert Knight Carswell. Mrs. Nancy Bottoms Carswell, who is blessed with 36 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, is also a resident of Bonifay, Fla.

THEY GET AROUND

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. (Ab) Carswell, 708 Camellia St., Bainbridge, Ga. 31717, do a lot of traveling. He's a retired Decatur County, Ga., agricultural agent. They have themselves a travel trailer for use in their travels--often to Canada in summer and to South Florida in winter. "Ab" reported Sept., after returning from Canada:

"We left home June 7 and returned a few days ago, after having covered about 10,000 miles. We spent more than two weeks in and around Stratford and Toronto. Mary's (she's "Ab's" wife) sister wrote to us and the letter got there a week before we did and the postman delivered it to Kenneth Carswell, 24 Rankin St., the only Carswell in Stratford.

"The letter was opened and the mistake discovered. Then the letter with an apology was sent to Mary's sister, who returned it to us according to our original instructions. We decided to visit the Kenneth Carswells, and it was a very interesting visit. He had come from England at age 10 and his wife had come from Scotland..." (A copy of The Chronicle, of course, was quickly mailed to the Kenneth Carswells, 21. Rankin St., Stratford, Ontario, Canada). "Ab" continued:

"We then went to Niagara Falls for four days and our 38th honeymoon. Then into Vermont and New Hampshire for several weeks...We spent about a week helping Franconia, N. H.. celebrate their Bi-Centennial. We spent about a week in West Willington, Conn., attending the 7th Annual Rally of the National Travelers Club, a traveling group of Masons...We then headed toward Charleston, S. C., but it was so hot that we headed back for the mountains...stayed about a month and then headed home...

"Ab" and Mary later attended a National County Agricultural Agents' Convention in Atlanta and visited their daughter and her family in Forest Park and visited his mother (Mrs. Kathleen J.) on the way home. "Ab" and Mary next headed for South Florida. but they plan to be back home for awhile, starting in early spring. He reported, by the way, that he met a young man named John Carswell (formerly of Waycross, Ga.) while in Atlanta. He said he had seen a copy of The Chronicle and seemed very much interested...So did his wife, 'Pat,' the daughter of a friend of mine from Athens, Ga..."

EXCERPTS FROM SOME LETTERS

James Neal Gallemore, 8401 North New Braunsfel, 8228, San Antonio, Texas, writes:

"...My Great Grandfather John Gallemore, born 11-16-1821, moved to Texas. Gallemore Lake in Henderson County, Texas, near the Trinity River, and south of Trinidad, Texas, was named for him. He died on his land west of the river (Gallemore Lake is East of the river) in a little community called Rural Shades, which at that time had a post office, in Navarro County. and was buried in the Wilson Cemetery which was later destroyed... His wife. Mary Elizabeth Carswell, b. 10-4-1821. in Twiggs County. Ga., was my great grandmother. She married the above Gallemore. At his death, she moved to Athens, Texas, which is county seat of Henderson County. She died there 1-13-1884 and is buried in the Athens Cemetery. There are other Carswell kin of hers buried there that I did not decend from..."

"The Editor's Response: "...After receiving your letter, I have acknowledged the possibility that I 'goofed' in The Chronicle (Vol. I. No 2) in concluding that the dates on the grave marker (on page 17) were 1841 and 1843, rather than 1811 and 1813. I fancied that I could see the crossbar of the four, but it may have been mostly imagination. I was puzzled by the time span between 1813 and 1829 (date of Matthew Carswell's death), a period of 16 years before the next grave marker was placed at the site. There may have been many unmarked graves there during the period, however. (That, indeed, has been determined in the meantime). At any rate, maybe the publication and speculation will lead to some ultimate factual information..."

BOLT-CARSWELL WEDDING

The sanctuary of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga., was the setting for the wedding of Miss Jill A'lisa Bolt and Gary Carswell Saturday, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bolt, Jr., 68 Craggy Point, Atlanta, Ga. Her grandparents are Carl Bolt, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wyatt.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Carswell of 320 South Bonita Ave. (Panama City, Fla.) Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James R. Carswell, Panama City, and Mrs. Marvin Hayes, Chattahoochee, Fla., and the late Mr. Hayes.

The couple is now at home in Tampa, Fla. The bride has completed two years of study at Auburn University, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta. She is continuing her studies at the University of Tampa. The bridegroom is a graduate of Auburn University, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He is an accountant with General Telephone and Electronics Corp.--From the Panama City, Fla., News-Herald, Aug. 1972. (The bridegroom is a great great grandson of Robert Knight Carswell, son of Edward II and grandson of Edward I, oldest son of Alexander I and Isabella.

Christian Index Marriages, 1828-55:

"William E. Douglas and Elizabeth Carswell, both of Jefferson Co., Ga., dtr. Maj. B. 5. Carswell, mar. by Rev. W. M. Verdery, 3-27-1851. Published 4-21-1851."

COMMENT FROM CONWAY

Writes Mrs. Fred Jordan (Harriette Eugenia Morris, daughter of Eugenia Harriette Carswell Morris, granddaughter of Enoch H. Carswell of Burke County, Ga.), 902 Laurel Street, Conway, S. C. 29526:

"Dear 'Cousin:' You see, we can not call each other Mr. who sits on a limb of our precious family tree. Please accept my sincere thanks for your interest and hard work in compiling all this information for our prized family tree... My children away from home would greatly appreciate The Chronicle: Mrs. Marian Pate, Box 388, Cheraw. S. C. 29520; Thomas M. Jordan, Sears Roebuck Co., Fort Payne, Ala. 35967; Mrs. James Booth, 901 Laurel St.. Conway, S.C. 29526… I hope you noticed the small monument my sister Ethel (Mrs. Corley) and 1 placed in our section at Hopeful Cemetery to our Revolutionary patriots and to our brother, a veteran of World War 1. It was a small monument to great men... If any of our people should pass through Conway, the gateway to our resort at Myrtle Beach. S.C., please stop to see me."

REPORT FROM ST. GEORGE

Mrs. A. B. Fairey (Margaret Rheney Carswell), P. O. Box 385, St. George, S.C.29477. reports that she is deeply interested in the Carswell Association and The Chronicle. She is the wife of Dr. A. B. Fairey, a retired druggist. ... "We have two daughters, Alexa Fairey Ackerman, who is teaching school in Mt. Pleasant. S.C., and Dr. Frankie Fairey Johnson, who is married to Dr. C. W. Johnson, Jr. My daughter is an anathesiologist and her husband is in internal medicine in Conway. S.C.." she writes. "Will be looking forward to hearing from you and hope I can get a copy of Number 1, Volume I." Mrs. Fairey, incidentally, is descended From Alexander II and Elizabeth Stiles Carswell. Her grandfather was Beniah Stiles Carswell, Sr. and his wife, Annie Stewart McInnes Carswell..., according to a chart that she provided. Her father's name was Alexander.

George-Carswell Vows Said In Central Church

ALBANY — MR: Frances Elizabeth Carswell and Whalen Lee George spoke their wedding vows June 7 at 3 p.m at Central Baptist Church Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carswell of Albany are the bride's parents: Dr. and Mrs. Whalen George of Blakely are the grooms's parents_

The Rev. Wiliam G. George, brother of the groom, performed the ceremony. Freddie Beverly. Vocalist. and Miss Jo Lanier. organist presented the wedding music..

FATHER GIVES BRIDE

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown. The Alencon Lace bodice was fashioned with a scooped neckline and Sata Peau bishop sleeves with satin ruffs. A wide border of lace edged the hemline of the cancelled A-line skirt which was decorated with lace medallions. Her chapel length train was attached to a Camelot cap. and she carried a cascade bouquet of pink sweatheart rosebuds and •lily of the valley centred with a white orchid.

Mrs Jane Carswell served as her sister's maid of honour: Mrs Robert McDaniel was matron of honor.

Miss Evelyn Curles, Miss Jenny Hamlett and Miss Patrice Siles were bridesmaids. Cristy Curles was the flower girl.

Best man for the gown was his father. Usher - groomsmen were Herbert McDaniel of Albany, Ronnie Jones and Joe Sheffield both of Blakely. And Ronnie Carswell of Waycross.

RECEPTION

A reception was held at the church following the ceremony Alter a brief wedding trip, the couple is residing in Radcliff. Ky. where Mr. George is stationed at Ft. Knox with the United States Army.

The bride was honored at a bridesmaids luncheon at the Holiday Innn by her aunt. Mrs. Garrett Hayes and Mrs. Ed Pullen of Athens.

--From the Dothan, Ala., Eagle, Jan. 18, 1973

ROBERT KNIGHT CARSWELL

1829-1908

Founder or the West Florida Branch of the Family

JOSEPH BROWN CARSWELL

Named for a former Georgia governor, Joseph (Joe) Brown Carswell is the youngest son of Matthew E. Carswell. Born Mar. 2, 1905, he now lives at the old home place of his father, near Lizella, Ga. His wife is Elizabeth Collier Carswell, born July 16, 1909, in Rock Hill, S.C. Their children are:

Joseph Brown Carswell, Jr., born Dec. 13 1929, in Rock Hill, S.C., where he and his wife, Gail McGwinn Carswell, still make their home. He is a rural mail carrier. They have two children, Jennifer Lynn, 16 and Joseph Brown III, 13.

Matthew Edward Carswell II, born Jan 31 1932, in Rock Hill, where he and his wife, Phyllis Griffin Carswell, still live. He is an advisor and counselor in the York County Technical School. They have two children, Claire Griffin, 9, and Matthew Edward III, 18 months.

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Janet Carswell Smith, born Jan. 15, 1935. She had her husband, Charles Smith, live in Norcross, Ga., with their four daughters, Mary Elizabeth, 16; Catherine Claire, 14; Kelley Andrews, 12, and Jennifer Marie, 4.

Juliette Elizabeth Carswell Lord, born Sept. 25, 1950. She and her daughter, Amanda, 4, live in Macon, Ga.

HOPEFUL BAPTIST CHURCH

Carswells from near and far will gather Sunday, June 10, 1973, at Hopeful Baptist Church to dedicate an historic marker to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of their ancestors in America. Alexander I and Isabella Browne Carswell and their children actually arrived late in 1772, and soon settled between the present site of the church and Briar Creek, in what is now Northwestern Burke County, Ga., and what became known as Carswell (also sometimes called Hopeful) Plantation. Alexander and Isabella were among those buried in the family cemetery there. Following establishment of the church, other Carswells-- six generations of them--were buried in it's cemetery. Many generations of the Carswell family have been closely associated with the historic church, prompting the request to church officials for permission to place the marker there. That permission has been graciously granted, making it possible for the marker to be placed on grounds to which thousands of Carswells and their kin have ties of sentiment second only to the old Carswell Plantation Cemetery, which is not easily accessible.

SMALL WORLD

Reporting from New Delhi, India, as The Chronicle is being prepared for press are Mr. and Mrs. S. L. (Onie B. Carswell) Howell, of Bonifay, Fla., and reporting from Bombay were Mr. and Mrs. Wesant (Carol Carswell) Bhide, of Jacksonville, Fla. Reporting from Bogota, Colombia, was Mrs. Howell's sister (and Mrs. Bhide's aunt), Mrs. J. Lee (Myrtle Carswell) Campbell, of Milton, Fla. Mrs. Campbell's son, Ensign Victor Campbell, is aboard the U.S.S. O'Callahan in the Gulf of Tonkin. His bride, the former Karen Gatewood, is a senior at the U. of West Florida. His brother, James Edward, is a junior accounting student at the university. His bride of a little more than a year is the former Lynn Mock of Pittsburg, Pa. The Campbell brothers have a sister, Wanda, who is 16.

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