

Carswell Connection

Monumental Inscriptions - Dalbeattie Graveyard

(On Paton stone) John Whitfield Jackson Carswell died 2/11/1966. His wife Roberta Haxton Carswell 28/1/1974. Their only son Jackson, Sgt Pilot 28/4/1945 (interred in Egypt).

Henrietta Carswell, wife of Alexander Kincaid Young, died 10/12/1934, age 71

John Carswell, Barrbridge Mills 29/5/1926, age 76_His wife Annabella Gerrand Jackson 21/7/1907. Alex McKenzie Carswell, their son 5/6/1906, age 3. Ellen Elliot, their daughter 23/4/1907, age 17. William Jackson Carswell, died at Gallipoli 12/7/1915. James Carswell 15/2/1963, age 81. Kate Carswell 16/1/1961, age 69

Elizabeth Carswell 26/3/1890, age 80. Robert Carswell 28/2/189? age 78. Mary Carswell, wife of Gordon Douglas Carnley 21/10/1912, age 87

Margaret Carswell, wife of James Glendinning, 14/5/1911, age 61

John Carswell 22/4/1868, age 83. His wife Margaret Grierson 23/3/1861, age 72. Thomas Carswell 27/10/1893, age 72. His wife Henrietta Caven 21/2/1893, age 69. John, their son 1/3/1881, age 35. Helen Elizabeth, their daughter 26/9/1884, age 27

James Carswell (our diarist) 21/8/1912, age 92. (His wife) Margaret Caven Carswell 29/6/1911, age 90. (Their daughter) Elizabeth 24/11/1860, age 8. (Their daughter) Margaret G Carswell 23/10/1916, age 69.

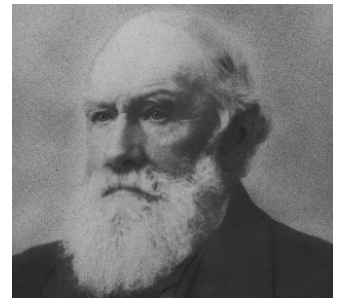
Interesting web sites

The following Free web site will be helpful for those searching in the London Middlesex areas.
www.oldbaileyonline.org - Allows you to research the Court Record Database of the cases held at the Old Bailey.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/digitalarchive> - 200 Years of Times (London) newspaper archive - digitized - Free and Online

<http://www.familysearch.org> - The LDS church now have a catalogue of their holdings that you can search by place name . Simply type in the place you are researching and you will get a list of documents the LDS hold.

James Carswell's diary, June 1847



Following is the sixth of monthly entries from the diary of James Carswell, Miller, at Dalbeattie, Kircudbrightshire.

June, 1847

- 1 Tuesday. Fine weather. We had another vessel with bones. They are delivered here at £ 4 / 7 shillings and 6 pennies per ton. We commenced to load them today – rather rough but dry.
- 2 Wednesday. Fine warm weather. Fine weather for the peats and loading bones. Few bones going away.
- 3 Thursday. Still dry. Nothing the worse of a shower to make the turnips come away.
- 4 Friday. Fine day. We finished leading bones today. There('s) about 36 tons in here. They called her the "Emma Lara"
5. Saturday. Fine day. Still few bones going away.
6. Sunday. Fine day. Mr Arthur came home last night and there is sermon today. I was not there. I was watching the bees. There is a fine young hive about Dalbeattie.
7. Monday. Fine morning but rather cold. David Burnet is commenced to cut my peats. It appears to be a shower tonight.
8. Tuesday. Fine morning but no rain. Working at the bones.
9. Wednesday. Fine morning. I was at Dumfries with two bags of meal. London market higher again. I got myself well wet before I got home, but the rain will do good.
10. Thursday. Fine morning. People will get on with their turnips. Turnip seed is selling at 11pennies per lb – both Swedish and yellow bullock.
11. Friday. Fine morning, still through at the bones. This is the night that a few neighbors is going to present Mr Cowden of Park with a watch and a purse of ten sovereigns for his usefulness and thoughtfulness about this place. There were about thirty sat at tea at the King's Arms, Dalbeattie.
12. Saturday. Still a fine morning. Still grinding bones. It came on rain in the afternoon and a very wet night.
13. Sunday. Dry but very dull. I was at church, heard Mr Arthur preach, but a thin attendance.
14. Monday. Dry day. Through grinding bones.
15. Tuesday. Fine growing weather for people getting in their turnips. I am looking for our bees' casting (swarming).
16. Wednesday. Fine warm morning. There is a young woman dead at John Shaw's very suddenly. She came from Workington four days ago, and she was poorly when she came. I (hear) news from Liverpool of a downfall in Indian corn from 60s to 50s & 5 per Quarter
- 17 Thursday. Still fine weather. Through working at the bones. Indian meal reduced one penny from 2/2d to 2/1d. Maxwell Kirkpatrick & Co commenced selling today at 2/1d (2 shillings and one penny) per stone.
- 18 Friday. Fine weather but rather damp for sewing turnips. Indian meal 2 shillings per stone.
- 19 Saturday. Fine warm day. There is news that S. Thomson of Edingham (farm) is going to get an heir. We finished yesterday with the bones till we get some more.
- 20 Sunday. Fine morning but rather cold. This is the day of Buittle sacrament. I was not at church, but a thin attendance.
- 21 Monday. Fine morning. My Father was at Castle Douglas. Sold to Mr Hunter of Leaths (farm) 600 bushels of bones at 2/6 for next year. The "Henry Brougham" is come in with bones. She won't get up till Saturday or Sunday. Delivered here from Mr Leary, Dublin, at £4.0 per ton.
- 22 Tuesday. Rather cold. We are grinding the last of our bones till we get them out of the "Henry Brougham." Indian meal (is) retailing at 1/11d per stone. Mr Leary is expected here today.
- 23 Wednesday. Fine morning. I was at Dumfries. Indian corn still falling. I saw Mr Leary at Dumfries. He won't be out before Monday. The vessel will not be up before that time.

24 Thursday. Grinding oat meal. I think we won't grind any more for some time. Oat meal is retailing at 3 S per stone.

25 Friday. Fine morning, but about eleven o'clock there was a tremendous hail shower. The hail was nearly to size of a small marble, and lasted for nearly an hour.

26 Saturday. Fine morning again. We got a few of the bones out of Palnackie, but they are all ground today.

27 Sunday. Fine morning. I am not at church. I was herding the bees. There was one of the old ones threw up a swarm and Thomas's at the same time. My sister at Kirkland got an addition to her family on Saturday – a little boy. My mother went away today to see her. The drones in the hive was down for five or six weeks before casting. The other killed a few drones about a week ago.

28 Monday. Very warm and dry. We commenced to discharge the "Henry Brougham." They are very clean dry bones.

29 Tuesday. Very warm. This is Kelton Hill fair day. Got the bones all discharged. Mrs Eliot's bees cast today, two of them. They both went into one hive. The hive has been down this four or five weeks. They both killed drones about two weeks ago.

30 Wednesday. Fine warm day. There was 38 tons 8 bushel but 2 Quarter 14 lbs of bones in the "Henry Brougham." My other old hive threw off a swarm today, and there was one came from Mrs Elliott's and lighted on my garden, and mine went in to hers. It was a very small hive. I gave her 5S for it.

Descendants of John Fell (or Fall) Carswell

Judie from the land-down-under, but now living in Maine!! - koalamoore@gmail.com - sends along the following:

1 John Fell CARSWELL b: 1794

+Eliza BUCHANAN b: Abt. 1800 b: Abt. 1800 m: 13 Sep 1817 in Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland

..... 2 Margaret CARSWELL

..... 2 Eliza CARSWELL

..... 2 John F CARSWELL

..... 2 Thomas CARSWELL b: 29 Sep 1825 in Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland

..... +Elizabeth WALLACE b: 1831 in London, England

..... 3 Mary CARSWELL b: 1847 in Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland

..... +Marmaduke Nelson RICHARDSON m: 1867

..... 4 Mary Eliza Anne RICHARDSON b: 1869 in Brighton, Vic, Australia

..... 4 Octavia Eleanor RICHARDSON b: 1871 in Brighton, Vic, Australia

..... 4 Marmaduke Ebores RICHARDSON b: 1872 in Brighton, Vic, Australia

..... 4 William Desmond RICHARDSON b: 1873 in Brighton, Vic, Australia

..... 4 Thomas Hilyard RICHARDSON b: 1875 in Oakleigh, Vic, Australia

..... 4 Anne Eborica RICHARDSON b: 1878 in Preston, Vic, Australia

..... 4 St. Barbe RICHARDSON b: 1880 in Preston, Vic, Australia

..... 4 Marmaduke Marcus RICHARDSON b: 1884 in Dandenong, Vic, Australia

..... 4 John St. Barbe RICHARDSON b: 1886 in Kew, Vic, Australia

..... *2nd Wife of Thomas CARSWELL:

..... +Bridget Ellen ROSS b: 1844 in Tipperary, Ireland m: 04 Jul 1879 in Tipperary, Vic, Australia

..... 3 Ruth Agnes Murchison CARSWELL b: 1868 in Murchison, Vic, Australia

..... +James WALKER b: 29 Dec 1865 in Parramatta, NSW, Australia m: 01 Apr 1891 in Murchison, Vic, Australia

..... 4 Eileen WALKER b: 1892 in St Kilda, Vic, Australia

..... +George Stanley JEFFERAY b: 1890 in Parramatta, NSW, Australia

..... 8 Jasmine Lisa ALI b: 26 Jan 1999 in Frankston, Vic, Australia
..... 8 Caiden Ryan ALI b: 11 Jul 2001 in Frankston, Vic, Australia
.....8 Meija Simone ALI b: 21 Jul 2003 in Frankston, Vic, Australia
.....8 Mikayla Lee ALI b: 22 Jan 2006 in Frankston, Vic,
Australia.....
8 Liam Joseph ALI b: 27 Jul 2007 in Frankston, Vic, Australia
.....7 David Paul ABSON b: 07 Jan 1985 in Mordialloc, Vic, Australia
..... *2nd Husband of Judith Anne WALKER:
..... +Dale Milton MOORE b: 18 Dec 1948 in Skowhegan, ME, U.S.A.
m: 16 May 1998 in Marshfield, ME, USA
..... 6 Susan Gail WALKER b: 05 Mar 1959 in Parramatta, NSW, Australia
+Mark James DOHERTY b: 02 Mar 1957 m: 23 Oct 1982 in St Paul's Church of England, Frankston,
Vic, Australia
7 Luke James DOHERTY b: 15 Oct 1984 in Frankston, Vic, Australia
..... 7 Matthew John DOHERTY b: 27 Dec 1985 in Frankston, Vic,
Australia
..... 7 Andrew Mark DOHERTY b: 22 Jun 1991 in Frankston, Vic,
Australia
..... 7 Michael Timothy DOHERTY b: 18 Nov 1993 in Frankston, Vic,
Australia
..... 4 Leslie James WALKER b: 1895 in Parramatta, NSW,
..... +Elsie M GRASNICK b: 1894 in St. Peters, NSW, Australia. m: 1917 in Parramatta,
NSW, Australia
..... 5 Allan James WALKER b: 1918 in Burwood, NSW,
..... 4 Charles Thomas WALKER b: 25 Sep 1897 in Parramatta, NSW,
..... +Joycelind Edith Jane ALDERTON b: 25 Apr 1909 in Riverstone, NSW, Australia
.....m: 03 Sep 1930 in Sydney, NSW, Australia
..... 5 Geoffrey Charles WALKER b: 26 Feb 1933 in Harris Park, NSW, Australia
..... +Elizabeth ?
..... 6 Kathryn WALKER b: 1961 b: 1961
..... 7 Grace ? b: 2002 b: 2002
..... 6 Andrew WALKER b: 1964 b: 1964
..... 4 Kathleen WALKER b: 1904 in Parramatta, NSW, Australia
..... +Edmund Thomas HUXLEY b: 1903 in Albion Park, NSW, Australia m: 1928
in Parramatta, NSW, Australia
..... 5 Donald HUXLEY
..... 5 Margaret HUXLEY
..... 3 Ellen CARSWELL b: 1870 in Murchison, Vic, Australia
..... +John STEN
..... 4 Thomas STEN b: 1894 in Footscray, Vic, Australia
..... 4 Mary STEN b: 1894 b: 1894
..... 4 Mari STEN b: 1896 in Footscray, Vic, Australia
..... 3 Mabel Dare CARSWELL b: 1873 in Murchison, Vic, Australia
..... 4 Mabel CARSWELL
..... +Archibald HANSFORD m: 1896
..... 3 Elizabeth Bertha CARSWELL b: 1875 in Murchison, Vic, Australia
..... +John POHL b: in Oland b: in Oland m: 1902 in Murchison, Vic, Australia
..... 4 Thomas Albert POHL b: 1903 in Murchison, Vic, Australia
..... 4 John Leslie POHL b: 1905 in Murchison, Vic,
..... 4 Ruth POHL b: 1907 in Brunswick, Vic, Australia
..... 4 Arthur POHL b: 1909 in Malvern, Vic, Australia

Buittle Kirkyard

(Names on the Obelisk)

Thomas B Carswell died Oct 1872, age 25

James Carswell (lost at sea) 1874, age 23 years

Margaret Carswell died Nov 1874, 25 years

Robert Carswell 1881, 28 years

Thomas James Carswell died Sept 1837, age 9. John Carswell died 6 April 1891, age 63. His wife

Thomasina W B Carswell Jan 1871, age 43. Jane Carswell died January 1869, age 1

Captain John Carswell died 1 Sept 1927, age 65. Mary Helen McKinnel died in South Australia 16 August 1959, age 85

James Henry died 13 December 1902, age 47. Isabella Black Carswell, his wife, died at Adelaide, Australia 31 Jan 1938, age 82. Helen Carswell, wife of Samuel Milby died 28 April, 1919, age 47. Elizabeth Henry died 15 June 1891, age 2. Thomas Henry died 17 April 1901, age 13. Jessie Henry, wife of William Gordon, died 19 November 1924, age 38

Further, the 1841 Census for nearby Palnackie confirms the Carswell sea-going tradition. Two families are listed:

James, 25 (merchant seaman), and his wife Ellen, 25, and their two children, Robert, 3, and Jannet, 1.

James, 47 (ship owner), his wife Violet, 45, and sons Robert, 17, and John, 14.

A Meeting of Dalbeattie Commissioners. An undated document in Dalbeattie miller/ merchant James Carswell's handwriting confirms a continuing involvement of Carswell men in community affairs. His father, John Carswell (1785-1868), had served as Dalbeattie's second Provost. James (1820-1912), as shown by his diary entries had involvement in several local entrepreneurial ventures and in sporting activities.

Torkirra Farm. One of the key historical locations for the Carswell line is Torkirra Farm near Kirkgunzeon. The word 'Torkirra' means 'Tory Hill.' There was a Roman watchtower here. It was part of the Terregles Estate, as was Brounhill.

About Bones

Following is an extract from a letter by Helena Oswald of Vancouver, BC.

Dear Jack, Thank you so much for the very informative newsletter. I particularly like reading James Carswell's monthly diary. Can you or any reader explain where the bones come from, and what are they used for? Thanks.

Editor's note - Can anyone provide information on the "bones" as I am not able to answer this question.

Thanks,

Jack