

Carswell Connection

Carswell Queries

Elizabeth from Cumbria, England is trying to trace the ancestors of Agnes Carswell of Paisley who married Thomas Legat in the parish of Abbey on 21 April 1774. Can anyone help?
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Thanks
Elizabeth

Marion Catherine Rodd Telling sends along the following:

John Carswell (married to Marion Colquhoun) son also John, was married to my grandmother Marion. John Jr. Died in a boating accident off Toward Point while bringing a boat, the Senora, to put it up for the winter.

I have the original newspaper clipping which states:

"Sad case of drowning off Toward - Information was received in Paisley yesterday of the drowning of Mr. John Carswell, jun., lithographer, aged 24, son of Mr. John Carswell, the well-known Freemason and curling secretary. Mr. Carswell was on board the Senora with some friends, which they were bringing round from Rothesay to put up in Gourock for the winter. About noon on Sunday the cable of the small-boat snapped, and Mr. Carswell jumped off the yacht into it with the intention of securing it. When he leaped the small-boat turned over and he was thrown into the water, and though an excellent swimmer he was never seen to rise. Much sympathy I felt for Mr. Carswell, sen., and Mrs. Carswell, who very abruptly learned the sad news on their arrival in town yesterday afternoon. They had received a telegram at Largs stating something had gone wrong with the yacht, but giving no idea of the melancholy fate of their only son."

Extract of Entry of Birth (Also have the original extract) Under Section 37 of 17 and 18 Viet.cap.80.
John Carswell, Son of John Carswell, Lithographer, and Marion Colquhoun, his wife, was born at 9h A.M. On the 28 day of January, in the year 1855, at 46 Moss Street Paisley.

Entry No.22 dated February 1855 Parish of Middle Church in the Burgh of Paisley.
Date of Extract: 10th February, 1855
James Reid, Registrar

Monument stone (photo - location?) inscribed:

In loving memory of my father John Carswell who died at Bridge of Allan on January, 1897, age 75. Also his wife, Marion Colquhoun who died 18th November, 1895, age 71. Also their son John, who was accidentally drowned off Toward Point 15th of September 1878, age 23.

After John jr. Death, Marion, his wife, married John McIsaac. She died Sept. 25th, 1933 in Windsor, ON, Canada. Age 82 years. Marion and John had 6 children:

Marion (Minnie) (Never married, lived in Windsor ON), Jessie(")Bella, Robert (Bob) - wife Nellie (lived in Windsor ON), William (Will) - wife Pearl (lived in Chatham ON), Norah Catherine (my mother) married LeRoy Garnet Rodd Barrister (lived in Windsor) 4 children.

They all came to Canada and settled in Southwestern ON except for Bella who married Walter Ormiston and lived in Detroit MI USA.

I would like to know Marion Carswell McIsaac's maiden name, parents, etc. Also John Carswell Sr. Parents as well as Marion Colquhoun. Apparently John Sr. Had a brother Robert who married Marion's sister Mary.

Marion can be reached at - mariontelling@hotmail.com

A query from Jim, who is looking for information on his Carswell search:

I believe my John Carswell was the son of William Carswell who I have read came from Stewarton and married in the Monklands area in the same week as his brother James in 1794. John Carswell had 12 children born in the Airdrie / Coatbridge area between his two marriages to Janet Steel and Margaret Black. I also believe my Carswells have links to the Durham Carswell branch as John Carswell b1854 son of John b1807 married a Sarah Wright in Stockton ,County Durham in 1890. I believe I am related to the majority of Carswells in the Airdrie / Coatbridge area.

Any additional information would be most appreciated.

Thanks,

Jim - scaramuzza.jim@googlemail.com

I am a New Zealander and my mother was a Carswell, a granddaughter of Hugh Carswell who came here from the Isle of Bute, Scotland in 1861. At the moment I am trying to do a little research on my gt grandfather.

Many thanks,

Sue richards-rs@xtra.co.nz

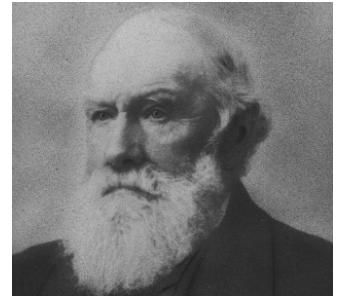
Scottish 1881 census

Thanks to John Searle, who sends us information that the 1881 Scottish census records are now available for viewing on Scotland's People web site:

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=554&399>

James Carswell's diary, September 1847

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



September, 1847

11 Wednesday. Still dry. We commenced to thrash this day to Hugh Keer at Little Richorn for the first time this year.

2 Thursday. Still dry but very wild. Stooks lying all down with scarcely any standing. There was some light showers in the afternoon.

3 Friday. Still wild with some showers which will cut off the loading. Through thrashing. Mr Heron has a horse killed in a well. It was a blind one.

4 Saturday. Dry with a fine breeze of wind and people all leading Corn, nearly all cut here.

5 Sunday. Fine morning. I was at church and heard Mr Arthur preach but thin attendance.

6 Monday. Dry with a fine breeze of wind. I sent away a letter to N. Caven on Saturday last, posted it at Dalbeattie. Through thrashing corn.

7 Tuesday. Rather dull this morning and in the afternoon came on rain but cleared off towards evening. The old millwright got a sore toe when lifting our old bed (bottom) millstone. Mr. Alexander Broadfoot got married last night to a Miss Milligan of Kirkpatrick Durham [?Small village].

8 Wednesday. Fine morning but rather dull for loading corn. Thomas was away at the Kirkland ___ last night. Mrs McWilliam presented her husband with a daughter last Thursday morning.

9 Thursday. Rather dull with some showers. Through thrashing.

10 Friday. Fine morning, but towards evening got dull and there was a very heavy shower at night. I continued to grind Indian corn on our new Burro, but are rather slow as yet.

11 Saturday. Fine morning but a white rhind. I went up to Mr Heron's stooks and shot two grouse. Met Heron, gave both to a little child this morning – it is a daughter of our friend, R Carswell. It will be a compliment when he comes home from herring fishing. It came on a very wet afternoon. Thomas was away with the millwrights.

12 Sunday. Very wild day. I was not at church. No word of our other sloop coming in with the corn nor Baker Thomson's. It is a good time since they left Liverpool.

13 Monday. Fine morning. Through grinding corn and drying. We have our stores all full, but we will soon work through them if all well.

14 Tuesday. Grinding Indian corn and drying and thrashing.

15 Wednesday. My Father was at Dumfries, went with Mr Louden. My Father, Mr Louden & Mr W Laurin was settling some disputes between the late Cowans and Mr McMillan. They settled in favour of Mc Millan for the sum of four pounds on Tuesday night.

16 Thursday. Very wet night last night but the corn is mostly all in here with very few exceptions. I was at the Barnbarroch Roub and there was a great deal of old trumpery sold – and everything went very dear. My Father bought the large brown horse for £18 / 8s.

17 Friday. Rather showery. James McAdam and Mary & family came here this day and is going to stay till Sunday.

18 Saturday. Fine day. We had a game at cards last night but I lost 14s. My wife took very bad with a cold and is very poorly.

19 Sunday. Very wild and showery. I was not at church. Mr Rosmond was preaching in the Free Church and there was a very good attendance.

20 Monday. Still rather wild. My Father was at Castle Douglas. Very dull cattle market and a little cheaper.

21 Tuesday. Still soft. Through grinding oat meal and indian (corn). Likewise through thrashing.

22 Wednesday. Very mild in the morning. The "Mary Page" came in with Indian corn for Baker Thomson. It is all stored with us. We have about 430 Quarters here just now. It has risen a few

shillings since my Father bought it.

23 Thursday. Rather dull morning. We commenced to discharge the corn this morning and likewise the Baker's.

24 Friday. Fine morning. Unloading Indian corn. Got it all out this night and likewise the Baker's. Our share is a very heavy load – heavier load than ever there were 25 Saturday. Fine day. Through working in the mill and drying.

26 Sunday. Fine morning. They pulled out the dam about the middle of the week. It has been in for nearly 3 months and at this time the burn is as light as ever. I was at church, heard Mr Arthur preach, pretty good attendance.

27 Monday. Dry weather again. Indian corn a little dearer, and all other kinds of grain being processed through in the mill. Scarcely know what to do first.

28 Tuesday. Saturday was Castle Douglas horse and hiring fair. Horses and servants both back down in price and a great deal unsold and unhired – and some people losing their money by pick-pockets.

29 Wednesday. Fine morning. I went away to Dumfries fair this morning. There was a very large attendance of both people and horses. Horses still lower than at Castle Douglas – and servants cheaper. Plenty of good men servants (at) about £7.0 to £8.0, and still some people losing their money.

30 Thursday. Fine dry weather and very light water in the burn with no appearance of rain. Robert Gilchrist wrought (upset) last night. Can not get on for the want of water. We are better off than the most of mills as great many can almost work none.

The Descendants of Bishop Carswell

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "OBAN TIMES."]

17th July, 1920.

Sir, - I have been much interested by Major Carswell's letter on this subject in, your issue of to-day, and am very grateful to him for, the information it contains. I had not known of the continuous residence of the family of Carswells in the parishes of Kilmartin and Kilmichael-Glassary, nor of the records of them engraven on the tombstones there. Had I known, I should certainly have visited both kirkyards, when occasionally on holiday in the district. It still remains possible, however, that one or more individuals of the family may have migrated southward.

A week or two ago I was introduced to a gentleman of the name of Carswell, living at Bishopton; and upon comparing notes found that his forbears hailed from a district in the south adjacent to Mearns where mine had their home. He also was conversant with the Bishop's history and knew what the Major tells us about the exceptional height of the race. He himself is a handsome, well-built gentleman of more than average height.

A cousin of my father's, named Allan Carswell who served with the Royal Hussars in India at the time of the Burmese Wars, was also an exceptionally tall soldier.

Miss Isabel Ml. Carswell, authoress of two little volumes of dainty child-poems, "My Nursery Window" and "Marjory May," whose father, Dr. John Carswell, Edinburgh is H.M. Commissioner-General, Board of Control, Scotland, told me also that their family sprang from the West Highlands. (This lady was married last year to Dr. N. M. Smart, R.N.)

One of my own father's ancestral relatives was Sir Robert Carswell, Physician to King Leopold I. of Belgium. He was a native of Paisley where he was born in 1793, and studied medicine in Glasgow. He became greatly distinguished for his skill in drawing. He was employed to make a collection of drawings in morbid anatomy and for this purpose spent two years in the hospitals of

Lyons and Paris, and after graduating as M.D. at Aberdeen, was appointed Professor of Pathological Anatomy in London College. Later he became Physician, as already stated, to King Leopold I., and, later still, .to Louis Philippe, the exiled King of France. It was in recognition of his medical services to the latter that he was knighted by Queen Victoria.

Trusting I have not trespassed too much upon your space, I am, etc., .

Allan.B.Carswell, Brierbank , Potterhill, Paisley.

Carswell Chronicle

Copies of the original Carswell newsletter, The Carswell Chronicle, are now available to view and/or download in a searchable text (pdf) format.

The Carswell Chronicle was produced by The Carswell Foundation in the '70s and '80s, edited by E. W. Carswell.

Many thanks go out to Ian Carswell of Australia for the numerous hours he spent digitizing the newsletter pages.

Ian reports that "It has taken 11 months of consistent work and it is a good feeling to be finished. I have tried to keep the same feel and format as the original documents. Thanks to Jack Carswell of Canada for the original scans. I hope this will provide interesting reading for many and an increasingly valuable resource for everyone as time goes by. I was very impressed by E. W. Carswells commitment to detail in his editing, and I read every word more than once! It was very evident that he started using a different (new?) typewriter by Volume 8 and my only regret is that he didn't buy it a couple of volumes earlier. He probably thought so too!"

You can access the Chronicle at: www.carswell.com.au/resources/carswell-chronicle

Jack

Interesting web sites

Bob in Toronto sends us the following links to an interesting Carswell with famous parents:

http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/J._P._Carswell

and a site of interest to those tracing their Irish heritage:

<http://home.alphalink.com.au/~datatree/index.htm>

Editor's note

To new recipients of the Newsletter. - If you would like to see previous issues of the Carswell Connection, you can go to:

www.carswell.com.au - scroll down the right hand column and under the heading "pages" there is the title Carswell Connection. There you will find all previous editions. -

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