

Carswell Connection

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Hugh Carswell

Mr. Hugh Carswell, Supervising Valuer and Representative of the Advances to Settlers Department at Invercargill, was born in the county of Bute, near Rothesay, Scotland, in 1840. He was educated in his native place, and was brought up to farming by an uncle. On arriving at Port Chalmers, in 1861, by the ship "Robert Henderson," he found employment on a farm for a time. Afterwards he went with the crowd to the Dunstan rush, but was satisfied in three months, and returned to agriculture.

In 1868 Mr. Carswell settled at Lower Blataura, and acquired a farm on which he resided for ten years. While still retaining this property he established himself in business as a stock and station agent in Invercargill in 1878, under the style of Carswell, White and Co. This business was sold to Mr. J. G. Ward (now Sir Joseph Ward) in 1894, and Mr. Carswell joined the Government service as Chief Valuer under the Advances to Settlers Department.

Mr. Carswell is an unattached member of the Masonic Order. He was one of the first members of the Toitoti Road Board, on which he served several years; for three years he was a member of the Invercargill Borough Council, and was on the Blulf Harbour Board for five years. Mr. Carswell was married, in 1874, to a daughter of the late Mr. John Anderson, of Wyndham station, and has five sons and four daughters.

Article provided by Elizabeth Thom and forwarded to the Carswell Connection by Archie Heron.

Bob from Toronto sends along an interesting web site:

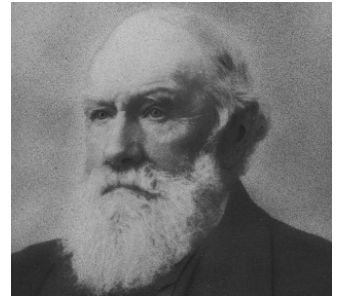
<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/cef/001042-100.01-e.php>

The site lists 35 Carswells who served in the first world war. When double clicking on the names you access a lot of very interesting information. All 35 were born in the late 1800s.

Editor's note:

I recently was asked "how many people receive the newsletter?" The answer to the question is, this issue of the Carswell Chronicle was sent to 126 people who are researching the Carswell name.

James Carswell's diary, October 1847



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

October, 1847

- 1 Friday. Still dry. Mr Lewis wanting to put in the dam again. R Gilchrist wrought last night.
- 2 Saturday. No appearance of rain. Still very dry. Through working last night with very light water for grinding Indian.
- 3 Sunday. Rather dull this morning but no rain. I am not at church. Took the lazy. Thomas was away at Crochmore (farm) shooting yesterday but I haven't heard how he came on. I have heard he shot 5 hares and 3 partridges. Mr Wilson sung at Dalbeattie church today. He has a singing school down at Colvend.
- 4 Monday. Still dry with very light water, but it appears to be some rain soon. Through at Indian corn.
- 5 Tuesday. Clear and dry this morning. Working barley and flour with very light water.
- 6 Wednesday. Dry this morning, but looks rather wet. Thomas was at Dumfries and bought 2 barrels of coal tar. Came on a very wet night – bought a new sheet for the horse.
- 7 Thursday. Tremendous wet night and the burn rising rapidly. There will be no want for the (milling?) not sure season. Dry in the afternoon.
- 8 Friday. Still showery. Through thrashing and working in the mill with plenty of water.
- 9 Saturday. Fine morning. Thrashed a rick of oats for Mr Keer (of) Richorn this morning. There was a partial eclipse of the sun this morning. Seems very fair.
- 10 Sunday. Soft morning – very dull with rain most of the day. I was not at church, at home all day.
- 11 Monday. Fine morning with plenty of water for mill purposes. Through thrashing and working in the mill.
- 12 Tuesday. Fine morning still for people getting up their potatoes. They have very fair quantity for the growth they had set, and of very good quality. Mr Templeton was at Castle Douglas singing last night.
- 13 Wednesday. Still dry. This is the day of Dalbeattie Fair and a very good day for this. My Father to Dumfries with Mr Hyslop (of) Firthead.
- 14 Thursday. Still dry. This is Dalbeattie fair day and a very poor turnout; thinner every year. Very few stands but plenty of nut stands. Some little huddling, (quarreling?) but very little of any consequence.
- 15 Friday. Fine weather again, and the water in burn falling, with east winds. Plenty of drunk people about Dalbeattie. It will take the week before they get all settled.
- 16 Saturday. Fine day still. Oat meal is falling in value. It is worth about 22d per stone retail and not worth more than 20d or 21d wholesale. Barley about 2s. My Father bought some barley yesterday – weight 55 _ lbs per bushel per 4s per bushel. Retailing Indian meal at 15s. Fine barrel flour 2s-4p per stone
- 17 Sunday. Fine day but dull looking. I went up to Porterbelly and they were all well. No sermon at kirk.
- 18 Monday. Fine morning but came on wet in the afternoon. Thomas was at Corsock Bridge with a load of Indian meal. Tuesday. Through in the mill. Thrashing near all over, but plenty of Indian meal to grind.
- 19 Wednesday. Fine morning but wet in the afternoon. Thomas and Henry was at Dumfries but well wet when they came home. Robert Carswell came home from the herring fishing last Sunday morning, but he has not been at the Barr Home yet, came up this night. I think he is not going to marry her at this time. [Is Barr a family? Need to check -probably]
- 20 Thursday. This is the day of John Newall's funeral. He has been a long time poorly. Dreping mill-stones.

21 Friday. Very wild day. Came on rain in the afternoon and was a very wild wet night. Through grinding Indian (corn).

22 Saturday. Still very wild, and the water still rising. Indian corn rather cheaper in Liverpool, down (to about 32s per Quarter. The Bank of Liverpool has stopped, but is supposed will go on again. Tremendous failures in England and a few in Scotland.

23 Sunday. Dry but very wild. Wind westerly and very cold. I think there is some snow on the mountains. I was at church, heard Mr Arthur preach.

24 Monday. Fine morning. Thomas was away at Corsock Bridge with 160 stones of Indian meal.

25 Tuesday. Rather wild this morning. Through in the mill.

26 Wednesday. Very wild morning and very wet till about 9 o'clock, and there was a good day afterwards.

27 Thursday. Good day. Thrashed one of our corn stacks which came from _Culloch_ – 33 bushels. Through in the mill.

28 Friday. Rather dull this morning. John Hannah was thrashing a rick of oats. Grinding Indian corn. It rose 1s per Quarter at last Tuesday's market in Liverpool.

29 Saturday. Fine morning. Came very wet in the afternoon, and it was a very wild night. I have got one part of the London (trade) Journal for the First (of the month?).

30 Sunday. Rather dull. I went to church. Mr Frazer was in Mr Arthur's place. There was a good many of the free church people, there being no sermon.

Neilston Banns & Marriages - Carswell

- 1742 Jun 4 John Craig in Grange & Margaret Carswell – married July 2.
- Apr 2 Robert Spence in Dumgrain & Barbara Carswell, 1.d. to John C. in Dumgrain. Married May 5. (Could be Sprence)
- Oct 7 William Shaw, Cumberland par. & Elizabeth, lawful dau to John Carswell in Dungrain
- ? Oct Nov 19 Alex Renfrew in Hole & Elspeth Carsell, there Oct 30
- 1737 May 21 Thomas Gilmor in ? Dunlop parish & Margaret Carswell. No mрге date
- 1741 Mar 23 Robt. Carswell in Braehead of Dumgrain & Janet Stinson?? Relict of the dead, John Lohead, ? in Arthurly April 22
- 1742 Apr 25 Allan Carswell in Braehead of Dumgrain & Margt. Anderson, dau to James A. of Bradilee. Marr. May 13
- 1743 Jul 16 Robert Carsell in Netherton of Glanderston & Jean Pollock in the parish of Mearns. Marr. Aug 17
- 1744 Sep 29 Thomas Carswell in Auchintiber & Mary Caldwell, l. d. to John C. in Muirhead of Caldwell. Banns only, not married
- Oct 27 Alexr Carswell in Craig of Neilston & Mary McLean in Nethertown of Glanderstown. Marr. Nov. 14
- 1745 Aug 24 John Carswel, Wright at the Kirk & Elizabeth Crawford. Marr Sept 13

- 1767 Jan 24 Andrew Gilmour, 1 s. to John G. in Condenmuir & Margt. Carswell, 1. d. to Allan C. in Craig of Neilston. No marr. Date
- 1748 Jun 16 John Barr, 1. s. to Robert B. in Murdochmoor & Agnes Carswell, 1. d. to the decd. Wm. C. in Westerbrae. (Jun 16 seems to be the date of marr.)
- Jul 30 Thos Carswell in Over Auchentiber, son to the decd. Allan C. indweller at the Kirk & Jean Thomas, 1. d. to the decd. James T. in Caldwell ?loan Marr. Aug 16
- 1749 ? 31 John Robinson, Mercht in Paisley & Agnas Carswell, 1. d. to John C. in Braehead of Dumgraine? Marr. Took place on the 19th of the following month
- Mar 11 James Pinkerton in Ducat Hall & Agnes Carswell in Lying Cross. Marr. Mar 30
- 1750 Nov 17 Thomas Carswell in Over Auchentiber, 1. s. to Allan C., indweller at the Kirk, decd. & Margaret Biggart, 1. d. to David B. in the Lochwinnoch. Marr. Dec 4
- 1751 Mar 2 John Robinson, shoemaker at Neilstone Kirk & Janet Carswell, indweller there marrd. March 27
- 1752 Mar 28 John Bigart in Coudenhall & Agnes Carswell in Noddinghead, marr. April 16
- 1753 Oct 6 James Young of Paisley & Eliz Carswell. Marrd. same month
- Nov 2 Robert Craig in Glanderstoun Dyke & Janet Carswell. Marrd. Same month
- 1761 Feb 7 David Maxwell & margt. Carswell. Marrd. 2nd March
- Apr 24 Thomas Carswell in this psh, Nether Carswell & Marion Wilson in the psh of Mearns. Marrd May 11
- 1765 May 18 Robert Howie ?junior, in Arthurly & Jean Carswell, 1. d. to Allan C. in Craig of Neilston. No marr. Date given.
- 1767 Jan 24 Andrew Gilmour, 1 s. to John G. in Condenmuir & Margt. Carswell, 1. d. to Allan C. in Craig of Neilston. No marr. Date
- 1768 Nov 18 Andrew Kerr, Wright in Glasgow & Margaret Carswell in Glanderston Dyke
- 1769 Jan 26 John Carswell, 1. s. to John C., late in Craig of Neilston, now decd, & Janet Craig in High Cowmore, 1. d. to David Craig, late in Hawkhead of Dunlop, now decd. ? Marr. Date
- 1770 Apr 24 Alxr Carswell, farmer in Muirhead of Dumgrain & Elizabeth 1. d. to Allan Carswell in Craig of Neilston
- 1772 May 30 Robert Carswell in Barrhouse & Margt Craig, 1. d. to Nicholas C. Wriaths. Marr. June 25
- 1775 Apr 28 John Carswell in Glanderstoun Dyke & Margt. Carswell, 1. d. to Allan C. in Craig of Neilston
- 1776 Jun 1 John Carswell, 1. s. t John C. in Barhouse & Annabell Craig in the psh of Mearns
- 1778 Jul 31 Allan Carswell and Nance Howie in this parish (Neilston)