

Carswell Connection

Rev. James Carswell

Born 1849

This entry is in memory of a man I never knew. Believed to have been born in Glasgow, Scotland, James Carswell attended university there and completed a Masters degree in 1875. In the following year he received his calling to the clergy and received an appointment to a church in Newcastle Upon Tyne. He married Sarah Elizabeth Jobson, more than likely related to Jane Jobson, the wife of Sir Walter Scott II, and daughter-in-law to the famous writer. Although I am still trying to confirm this connection, the existence of a family story supported by evidence, confirms this connection without actual physical proof. It was known that Sir Walter Scott, the writer, wanted to perpetuate the name Scott but neither of his two sons had male offsprings. My aunt tells the story passed on to her by my great aunt that the name Scott came down through our family of Carswells after the Reverend's generation because it travelled through the Jobson line from the beginning. The story goes that it was decided the middle name of the eldest daughter of the eldest son would be Scott. My aunt is Lois Scott Braidwood, nee Carswell. My great aunt Peg, as she was called, was actually Margaret Scott Carswell and her mother was Sarah Elizabeth Jobson. Great Aunt Peg told Aunt Lois that the money left as the incentive to carry on the name ran out with her aunt. Therefore I suspect I will find a sister to my great grandmother who carried the Scott name. Someday, I hope to make the connection right back to Sir Walter Scott. In the event that this does not occur, perhaps someone will someday come across this memorial and find the important information it contains. Rev. James Carswell retired from the church due to ill health in 1890. Where they went from there in retirement, is not yet known but will someday come to light. Rev. Carswell had two children, William and Margaret Scott who died a spinster. William Carswell moved to Canada in 1908 and became a very successful businessman in Montreal. He married Edna Mary McKinley of Ottawa and they lived most of their lives in Montreal. They had three surviving sons, all of whom went to war and returned, and one daughter who went to McGill University in Montreal. Like my grandfather, I was also born in England whereas my father and son were born in Canada. Such are the perils of marrying an English girl. My father's generation largely remained in Montreal until the threat of Quebec separation from Canada began to force English Canadians to move out of the province of Quebec. Since then, only one cousin of mine remains there. Other than him, there are Carswell descendants in Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., Whitby, Ontario, North York, Ontario, Waterloo, Ontario, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Port Royal, Virginia, USA, Germantown, Tennessee, USA, Hamilton, Bermuda, and Apeldoorn in the Netherlands. Reverend Carswell was one of the last to carry the Carswell name and his only son brought it to Canada. Today (1997) there are 4 male Carswells under age 20 to carry the name far into the twenty-first century. Hopefully, before I die, I will be able to make that final genealogical connection to verify the story that has followed our family right down to this generation. I am the eldest son to have a daughter but I only learned about the Scott legacy numerous years after my daughter had been named. Since she should have carried the name, it should be her brother's eldest daughter, should he ever have one, that should carry the Scott middle name to the next generation. Rev. Carswell was the last of the Glasgow

Carswell family to live his entire life in the U.K. Now there are no more. The name however lives on strongly in Canada where the only male Carswell line has progressed. These are the last descendants of one of the major builders of Glasgow between 1800 and 1850. Hopefully, this memorial will someday cause him to be remembered once again. Bob Carswell, North York, Ontario, Canada
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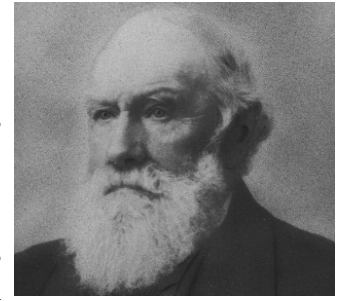
Scottish Wills - Carswell

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Various Details from Scottish Wills – Part Four (76 - 100)

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| 76 Carswell, Robert | Shoemaker in Greenock docs processed 30/08/1852 Paisley |
| 77 Carswell, Margaret | alias Morris, wife of Alexander Carswell, wright in Largs, docs processed 8/01/1867 |
| 78 Carswell, Marion | alias Fife, residing at 95 Saint James Road, Glasgow, widow of William Carswell, builder in Glasgow, docs processed 04/10/1854 |
| 79 Carswell, Mary or Bannerman, | wife of Neil Carswell, Sheepburn Road, Uddingston, d. 16/04/1898 at Uddingston, |
| 80 Carswell, Mary, Mrs. | Alias Cuthbertson Relict of Reverend William Carswell, Minister at Eaglesham, docs processed 06/02/1850 |
| 81 Carswell, Robert | Grocer, Palnackie, d. 21/04/1885 at Palnackie, |
| 82 Carswell, Robert | Grocer at Barrhead, docs processed 07/10/1873 |
| 83 Carswell, Robert | Residing at Shortroads in the Burgh of Paisley, docs processed 12/06/1838 |
| 84 Carswell, Robert | Shipbuilder, sometime at Dowanayr, Troon, thereafter at 107 Eldon Street, Greenock, d. 07/02/1901 at Jamestown near Maybole |
| 85 Carswell, Robert | 1 Craignair Street, Dalbeattie, d. 03/03/1891 at Dalbeattie, |
| 86 Carswell, Agnes | 2 Bank Street, Hillhead, Glasgow, d. 12/07/1876 at Glasgow, |
| 87 Carswell, Alexander | Grocer and Wine and Spirit Merchant, Largs, residing at 107 Main Street there, d. 15/01/1900 at Largs |
| 88 Carswell, Margaret Adam or Boyd, | widow of John Carswell, Timber Measurer and Shipowner, Greenock, d. 21/07/1894 at Greenock |
| 89 Carswell, William | blacksmith, Baillieston, d. 02/02/1899 at Baillieston, spouse of Agnes Davie Hyslop or Carswell |
| 90 Carswell, James | cabinet maker and builder in Glasgow, father of Helen and Barbara Carswell, died 1954, docs processed 10/09/1857 |
| 91 Carswell, Robert | residing in Paisley, docs processed 07/06/1858 |
| 92 Carswell, Thomas | Farmer, sometime at Neilstonside, thereafter at Wraes, Parish of Neilston, d. 16/02/1879 at |
| 93 Carswell, Robert | Cabinet Maker in Pollokshaws, docs processed 31/12/1874 |
| 94 Carswell, Thomas Palmer C.E., | residing at Alderwood, St Andrew's Street, Ayr, d. 06/12/1900 at Edinburgh, |
| 95 Carswell, James | residing in Graem Street, Glasgow, uncle of David Carswell, Docs processed 02/11/1849 |
| 96 Carswell, Helen | Hillend Farm, Parish of Shotts, d. 23/11/1885 at Hillend |
| 97 Carswell, Margaret Wilson | late of Killingworth House, County of Northumberland, widow, d. 18/04/1891 at Killingworth House |
| 98 Carswell, Janet or Stirrat, | 10 Ancaster Drive, Glasgow, d. 24/12/1899 at Glasgow |
| 99 Carswell, Allan | 17 Shamrock Street, Glasgow, d. 10/04/1895 at Glasgow, |
| 100 Carswell, Barbara | 21 Lansdowne Crescent, Glasgow, d. 10/01/1894 at |

James Carswell's diary, 1866



Following is the fourth of monthly entries from the 1866 diary of James Carswell, Miller, at Dalbeattie, Kircudbrightshire.

April, 1866

1 Sunday. Dry in the morning but some frost and some slight showers through the day. No place from home. Cold and wet at night. Wind from the north east.

2 Monday. Cold but dry. Wind from the north. Continued so all day with some slight showers. None at Castle Douglas today.

3 Tuesday. Dry and mild this morning and continued so all day. Farmers all getting in their seed. Still grinding bones. The lads are getting in my garden.

4 Wednesday. Some little frost this morning and cold wind from the south west. There were a general meeting of our bowling green members last night, when Mr Hudson was elected President and Robt Clerk Vice ditto, William Jardine Secy & Treasurer, and other six members of Committee, and other business done. Thomas not come home from Liverpool as yet.

5 Thursday. Some little frost this morning and bask. Wind from the east. Commenced to discharge bones today. She got up yesterday. Thomas not come home yet. I had a ____ of Adam Corrie today. I hear today that ____ Richardson has got the Post Office here.

6 Friday. Cold and bask this morning, and wind from the east. Thomas came home yesterday. We are still discharging bones. Mr Elliot got an addition to his family this morning – a little girl, and all well. The "Express" is now ready for sea. Going to Liverpool with wood for Gilbert Maxwell.

7 Saturday. Still cold and wild and some little frost in the morning. Still leading bones but will get them all out today. The masons has nearly got finished at Elliot's. They are going to commence one (a house) right opposite our place for John Kirkpatrick.

8 Sunday. Still cold and the wind from the noreast. I went out in the afternoon to Craignair and saw a new steam crane that the Newalls are putting up. Two or three days will make it ready for work.

9 Monday. Still rather cold but not so bask. The "Express" went off to Liverpool on Saturday last, and I suppose will be there very (soon). Thomas at Castle Douglas. Still grinding bones but few going away. Farmers all through getting in their seeds.

10 Tuesday. Still dry and more mild today. Still grinding at bones. Thomas getting his corn put in.

11 Wednesday. Dull and mild in the morning but came on soft about 10 o'clock and wet the most of the day afterwards. I sowed my oats today. 5 bushels on the little field _____ to Mrs _____. Thomas at Dumfries.

12 Thursday. Rather showery this morning but turned out a good day. This is Dalbeattie fair day. Nothing doing at the mill. There was a very thin attendance at fair. I went down after 6 o'clock. All passed off pretty quiet.

13 Friday. Rather showery this morning but turned out a good day. Discharging bone ash & _____ out of the "Heart of Oak." Grinding bones. John Elliot has got the roof on his new forge. The Newalls has got the steam crane aworking.

14 Saturday. Mild and dry but has been some rain through the night. Still getting out bone ash & _____ - and likewise sending away bones to the station. I hear that W Clerk has come home again from Liverpool and is at Culmain.

15 Sunday. Dull and rather soft looking in the morning but came on a very wet afternoon. No place from home.

16 Monday. Dry in the morning but wild looking. Still getting out some bone ash, but has the _____ nearly all out. Still sending away a few bones. I saw some swallows today for the first (time) this season. Got the bones out & _____ out at night, and the vessal cleared.

17 Tuesday. Wild and showery. Wind from the southwest. John Elliot has a vessal come up with scrap today. She is from McGill, Belfast. They are now debating the different _____ of the supposed .

Reform Bill, and there is expected a _____ on it this week about Thursday or Friday.

18 Wednesday. Mild and dry with some very slight showers of rain. Commenced to dissolve today again. No bones went away today. Thomas at Dumfries. Elliot discharging his scrap

19 Thursday. Wet morning and this is a kind of fast day belonging to the Low Church. If it had been dry, it would have been very badly kept. I had James Stuart up today about his house again, but I told him distinctly that he could not get it, as I gave him notice before to the same effect.

20 Friday. Dry and mild in the morning but some slight showers through the day. Some few bones went away today. Still grinding and dissolving. Elliot still leading scrap. My lads has nearly got the garden finished. There were a meeting of Road Trustees at Dalbeattie but I have not heard the results. I hear last night that a vessal load(ed) with dissolved bones for Thomson (Barr) sank at the foot of the Water of Urr. The bones will be greatly damaged. The vessal had got on the bar coming into the river and damaged her bottom.

21 Saturday. Mild and dry and warm through the day. Still dissolving bones. No bones went away today. We are going to get another cargo from Webb, Dublin. I have William Butters cutting some stones to clear the hollow as it is the only rough place in the fields.

22 Sunday. Dry and mild – the finest day we have had this season. I was up at Barclosh in the afternoon and are all well. His ewes are lambing very well.

23 Monday. Dry and rather bask. Wind from the east. The “Express” is now ready at Liverpool and will sail today for Shetland. Very bask through the day.

24 Tuesday. Dry and very bask. Wind from the east. Still grinding bones and a few going away. We commenced to prepare our bowling green last night for the season. It will be good this season.

25 Wednesday. Still dry and very bask. Wind still from the north east and blowing hard. Thomas at Dumfries. Some few bones going away. Mr Elliot has commenced to get up his chimney and likewise getting his house slated. They are all getting on pretty well.

26 Thursday. Dry and warm and the wind more from the south. Still grinding bones and a few going away. Thomas bought a horse today at McAdam’s (____) - £24. Thomas is likewise getting in his potatoes today at Flatts.

27 Friday. Mild and warm today. Thomas still getting in his potatoes and has got them all in. We have got our new horse home today and tried him at putting in potatoes and he does very well.

28 Saturday. Dry and rather bask again. I am getting in my potatoes today. I went off to Kirkcudbright this afternoon alongst with three others to play at draughts when we came off victorious. We won 13 games and our opponents 4 games.

29 Sunday. Dry and rather bask and some very slight sleet showers. No place from home. Rather on the sickly list; has got the cold.

30 Monday. Bask and dry with some frost in the morning. I am still getting in my potatoes, but will get them all in today. Thomas at Castle Douglas.

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