



Carswell Connection

Carswell Web Site - www.carswell.com.au

Be sure to check out the Carswell website. The site hosts a database of people, documents and locations relating to family relationships. You can also browse through sub pages that contain Historical Documents, general information about Scotland, Canada, Australia, and the United States of America.

There are links to a number of web site pages pertaining to Carswell genealogy, information and current results of the Carswell DNA project, which is an investigation of the family origins. You can view past issues of the Carswell Connection. Read an article about The Carswell Mystery Hamlet in Galloway. There is also a photo gallery, plus many additional pages of interest.

Note, that you won't be able to see living persons' records unless you acquire a login from the administrator. The site is administered by Ian Carswell, - icarswell@netspace.net.au

Ian is also looking for interesting information to post on the site. So, if you have any stories, or some Carswell memorabilia, please send it along to Ian. Coming in the near future will be old copies of the Carswell Chronicle. Check on the web site periodically for details.

Miscellaneous Census Information - Duncarnock Farm

1861 census

Robert Carswell, Duncarnock Farm.

Head, married, 57, Farmer of 45 acres employing 2 labourers, born Mearns Renfrewshire.

Isabella Carswell, Wife, 42, Farmer's Wife, born Mearns Renfrewshire.

Robert Carswell son 18, unmarried

John 16 Farmers son

Isabella 14 Farmers daughter

Janet 12 scholar

William 10 scholar

Elizabeth 8 scholar

Jane 5 Farmers daughter

James 3 Farmers son

Annie 7 months, Farmers daughter

All born Mearns Parish.

Editor's note. In the 1851 census, Robert is shown as 44 years old. It appears he aged 13 years over the 10 year period.

Hugh Livingston, Unmarried, 27, Ploughman, born Mouren Argyllshire.

Christina Cowan, Unmarried, 26, Domestic Servant, born Mouren Argyllshire.

Carswell Destiny...



The current Lord Chief Justice Sir Robert Carswell and his wife, Lady Carswell, Lord Lieutenant of Belfast are two people of the extended Carswell family who have made a mark in the world. However, Sir Robert Carswell, the Lord Chief Justice was not the first to make the family proud. That honour goes to another Sir Robert Carswell (1793 – 1857), a.k.a. Dr. Carswell, Professor of Pathological Anatomy, UCL Medical School (1831 – 1840) who was born in Paisley, Scotland and studied to become a doctor at the University of Glasgow. In addition to his medical training, Carswell was also respected for being quite the artist. His skills in that department gave him an opportunity not previously available. He was soon



employed by Dr. John Thompson of Edinburgh to go abroad and make a collection of drawings illustrating morbid anatomy. In the early 1820s, Carswell found himself in France working in hospitals in both Paris and Lyon. Paris, during that period, was considered the center of excellence for pathological research. He would return to Paris to learn as much as he could and begin his work on the study and recording of pathological anatomy. In 1837, he published his life's work titled *Illustrations of the Elementary Forms of Disease*. The illustrations, taken from a collection that grew to some one thousand and twenty-five individual water-colours, became the basis of a number of new schools of anatomy that resulted from the 1832 Anatomy Act which allowed the legal use of cadavers in the event of a body being unclaimed. Suddenly a discipline that was lower than the level enjoyed by midnight body snatchers became respected and a new understanding of common diseases could easily be shown to students during their initial studies. Is it because my name is Robert Carswell and I am an artist that I am bringing this individual to your attention? Maybe so...maybe I was finally fulfilling a task set out for me to do...to perpetuate my name and those Robert Carswells that have gone before...you see, there is a reason for all this. Some 27 years ago when I was living in the old town doctor's house in the village of Claremont, Ontario, I met a genealogist in Toronto who lived on a farm in Claremont which was really located on the edge of the Village of Stouffville, Ontario, about 5 miles east of Claremont. Inviting me to drop over to the farm she lived on with her husband, I was given a rare opportunity...to see the actual surgical instruments belonging to Dr. Allen Carswell, the brother of Sir



Robert Carswell, who was also a doctor. He emigrated to Canada in the 1800s and settled near London, Ontario. I was also given the rare opportunity to see an actual medical book that once belonged to the famous Dr. Sir Robert Carswell, eventually medical advisor to the King of the Belgium. This book, now surviving a continent away from Sir Robert's home country of Scotland, and 150 plus years after his death, was a fine reminder of the many coincidences in my own life. Little did I know then that in the years ahead, I would take up the pen and begin to write. Perhaps there is a special connection for each of us in this world and living in the old town doctor's house in the Village of Claremont had a particular meaning...a step along the path that led me to the direct descendant of the brother of Dr. Sir Robert Carswell. Perhaps also, in a small way, through the instruments of my own craft, I have connected a few dots and followed my own destiny too.

Robert Carswell, Toronto 2008

Carswell Enquiry

My line as best as I know it:

Alexander Carswell

b 1727 Lancaster County or County Ayr

d 2-11-1803, Burke County, Georgia

Married - 1754 Lancaster or County Clair, Ireland to **Isabella Brown (Granddaughter of William Brown of Clonboy and Redfield, County Clare, Ireland)**

b 1733 Antrium County

d Burke County, Georgia

Migrated from Ireland to America about 1770 on the good ship named Elizabeth and settled in Georgia. They came with their children:

Edward

John C - b Jan 1760 d Mar 12, 1870 Burke County, Ga, Alexander Jr

James

Mathew

Daughter Agnes

My line extends from their child **John C Carswell, married 1787 Burke County Ga to Sara Wright b 1768 Wright County, Georgia d 1808**. Their children:

daughter **Jane C (Genny)** married James Edgar Hickey

daughter **Sara Jane Hickey** married Robert Carr Patterson

daughter **Addie Elizabeth Patterson** married James Vineyard Castleberry

daughter **Emma Mozelle Castleberry** married James Pratt Nicholson

daughter **Lula Belle Nicholson** married Smith Frederick Krupp

daughter **Martha Ann Krupp** married Robert Bell Benson - (my mom & dad).

I would like to understand the connection from Alexander Carswell & his wife Isabella to their ancestors. From what I understand my Alexander Carswell's father was a William Carswell and was the first Earl of Gowrie and the head of the House of Cassilis (line goes back to Lord Ruthven).

I would love if someone had some information on that, which could help clear up some areas for me.

Sincerely,

Betsy DeVault

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Neilston Births - Carswell

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| 1725 | Mar 28 | Allan Carswell in Watersgate had Allan. |
| 1738 | Feb 26 | Margaret dau of Allan & Margaret Carsell in Barho. |
| | Apr 9 | Robert Carsell, in Craig of Neilston had Agnes. |
| | Jun 18 | John Carsel, in Muirhead of Glanderston had Margaret. |
| | Jun 18 | Allan, lawful son of Alex Carsell, Wright in Neilston Kirk & Margaret Watt. |
| | Oct 8 | John Carswell in Craig had Janet. |
| 1739 | Jan 7 | Allan Carslaw in Lying Cross had Agnes. |
| | Mar 12 | Allan Carswell in Nether Town of Glanderston had Robert. |
| 1740 | Feb 10 | Allan Carswell in Barhouse had Elizabeth. |
| | Apr 17 | John Carsel in Muirhead of Glanderston had Alex. |
| | Jul 27 | Robert Carsell in Craig of Neilston had Jean. |
| 1741 | Apr 28 | Allen Carsell aboon the brae in Drumgrain had Agnes. |
| | May 28 | Alex Carsell, Wright, at Neilston Kirk, had John. |
| 1742 | Mar 30 | John Carsell in Muirhead of Glanderston had Janet. |
| | Apr 25 | Allan Carswell in Barhouse had Jean. |
| 1743 | May 1 | Robert Carsell, in Cloyn in Mearns, had John. |
| 1744 | May 13 | Allan Carsell, in Craig of Neilston, had Alexr. |
| | Jun 17 | Robert Carsell in Nether Town of Glanderstoun had Mary. |
| | Jun 19 | John Carsell of Craig of Neilston had Robert. |
| | Jul 29 | John Carsell in Barhouse had Robert. |
| | Aug 16 | Robert Carsell in Auchinback had Mary. |
| | Dec 7 | Alex Carsell, Wright at the Kirk had Janet. |
| 1745 | Jun 15 | Thomas Carswell in Muirhead had a child baptized about the middle of June this year named Thomas. |
| 1746 | Mar 2 | Alex Carsell at the Kirk had James. |
| | Mar 23 | Robert Carsell at the Kirk had Janet. |
| | Jun 29 | John Carsell in Barhouse had John. |
| | Aug 21 | John Carsell, Wright at the Kirk had John. |
| | Sep 7 | Allan Carsell in Craig of Neilston had Janet. |
| 1747 | Feb 15 | John Carsell in Craig of Neilston had James. |
| 1748 | Feb 11 (21?) | Margaret dau of Robt Carswell of Nethertoun & Jean Pollock. |
| | Mar 13 | David son of Thos Carswell in Muirhead of Glanderston & Agnes Pollock. |
| | Mar 27 | Elizabeth dau of Allan Carswell, Innkeeper at the Kirk, & Margaret Anderson. |
| 1749 | Jun 20 | Allan, son of John Carswell in Barho & Jane Carswell. |
| | Oct 5 | Allan, Lawful son of Allan Carswell in Craig of Neilston & Margt Carswell, bapt 8th. |
| 1750 | May 10 | Matthew son of Allan Carswell, Maltman at the Kirk & Margt Anderson. |
| | Bapt 18th | |
| | Dec 9 | John, lawful son to Thos Carswell in Murhead & Agnes Pollock bapt. Dec ? |
| 1751 | Sep 5 | Allan, l. s. of Thos Carswell in Over Auchintiber & Margt Biggart. Bapt. 8th. |
| | Nov 20 | Mary. L. d. of Allan Carswell & Margt C. in Craig of Neilston bapt. 24th. |
| 1754 | Feb 17 | Allan Carswell in Craig of Neilston had Robert. |

The names of the following 3 children of Thomas Carswell in Muirhead of Glanderston & Agnes Pollock were taken from the register of Mearns & desired to be inserted in this register: Margaret, bapt. 5 July 1736, David, bapt. 24 May 1739, Agnes, bapt. 1 July 1742.