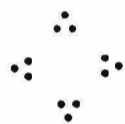


A GENEALOGY
OF THE
NESBIT, ROSS, PORTER,
TAGGART FAMILIES

OF
PENNSYLVANIA

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APPENDIX A

An interesting line of descent of the Erskine-Carson family from the ancient Earls of Mar is shown in table 21, page 188.

The Rev. Henry Erskine, son of Ralph Erskine, a cadet of the noble house of Mar, born in 1624, at Dryburg, was educated at Edinburgh University, and ejected for non-conformity to prelacy in 1662. After some years spent in London he returned to Dryburg where he wrote "Theologia Ostium," and other compositions. In 1682 he was banished and fined 5000 merks, and repeatedly imprisoned. After the passage of the Act of Indemnity he was restored to liberty and preached at Churnside from 1688 to Aug. 10, 1696, the date of his death. His wife, Margaret Halcro, received the following certificate when she left the island of Evie May 27, 1666.

"At the Kirk of Evie, to all and sundry into whose hands these presents shall come, be it known, that the bearer thereof, Margaret Halcro, daughter to the deceased Hugh Halcro in the Isle of Weir and Margaret Stewart, his spouse, hath lived in the parish of Evie from her infancy in good fame and report, is a descreet godly young woman and to our certain knowledge, free of all scandal reproach or blame.

"As also that she is descended of her father of the house of Halcro which is a very ancient and honorable family in the Orkneys—the noble and potent Earl of Early and Lairds of Dun in Angus; and by her mother, of the Laird of Burscobe in Galloway.

"In witness whereof, we the minister and clerk have subscribed these presents at Evie, day, month, year of God and place aforesaid and give way to all other noblemen, gentlemen and ministers to do the same."

signed

MR. MORISON, Minister of Evie
GEO. BALLENTINE
JAMES TRAIL
WM. BALLENDEN"

Margaret Halcro survived her husband nearly thirty years, residing with her son Ebenezer Erskine at Portmoak, until her death, Jan. 14, 1725.

The Rev. Henry and Margaret Halcro Erskine, his second wife, had with other children, the two celebrated divines, the Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, the founder of the Secession Church, and Ralph Erskine, author of the "Sonnets."

Rev. Ebenezer Erskine married Alison, daughter of Mr. Alexander Turpie, a writer in Leven, Fifeshire, Feb. 2, 1704.

They had ten children, of whom three sons and a daughter died in childhood:

Ebenezer, died abroad, a young man

David, died in 1800

Jean, the eldest daughter, married the Rev. James Fisher, latterly of Glasgow, author of Fisher's Catechism

Alison, the youngest daughter, married the Rev. James Scott of Gate-shaw. She died Jan. 13, 1814, aged 94 years and 6 months.

Anne, who married Mr. James Jaffray of Stirling

Margaret, who married Mr. James Wardlaw of Dunfermline

Ralph

Alexander } three sons all died in 1713.

Henry }

The Rev. James Fisher, born at Barr, Jan. 23, 1697, was given a unanimous call to the Secession Church of Greyfriars, Glasgow in 1741, was moderator of the first Burgher Synod in 1747, succeeded Ebenezer Erskine as professor of Theology in the Burgher School, and was the author of several pamphlets. He died Sept. 28, 1775.

Reid's "History of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland" says that the Rev. James Fisher of Glasgow, son-in-law of Ebenezer Erskine, visited Ireland and preached at Ballynahinch, near Banbridge, and several other places. So great was his popularity that persons had been known to go from Ireland to Kinclaven, the little Scottish parish where he was originally settled, to attend his communion. (See also McKerrow, page 833.)

His daughter, Jean Fisher, married the Rev. James Oliver of Scotland, who was also called to be pastor of the Secession Church in Ireland. One of their daughters, Jean, married Mr. David Carson of Ireland and from this union sprang the Hon. James Oliver Carson of Mercersburg, Pa., father of Mr. David Carson, killed in the Civil War, the progenitor of the John Lind Carsons of Buffalo; and of "several eminent divines and preachers," the most noted of whom were:

The Rev. David Carson, D.D., born Oct. 25, 1799 at Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa., who was brought up under the ministry of the Rev. John Lind. Rev. David Carson was pastor of several churches in eastern Tennessee, and professor of Hebrew and Church History at the Canonsburg (Pa.) Theological Seminary. He had two sons born at Maryville, Tenn.: The Rev. David Walker Carson, born Oct. 21, 1830, moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in 1881, and the Rev. James Gillespey Carson, born Feb. 11, 1833, professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology at Xenia Theological Seminary of the United Presbyterian Church.

Others of the Carson family to enter the ministry were the Rev. Ernest Houston Carson, born at Baltimore, Apr. 14, 1871, the Rev. Ralph Erskine Carson, born at Baltimore, Dec. 19, 1868, who graduated from Johns Hopkins in 1890 and from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary of the United Presbyterian Church. He was a missionary to Assiut, Egypt from 1895 to 1902. Also the Rev. David Gibson Carson and the Rev. James C. Carson of the Presbyterian Church.

Erskine of Mar

Robert Bruce V Lord Annandale

Hamilton

Christian = Grantney XI E. Mar

Elene of Mar = Sir John Menteith

Christian Menteith = Sir Ed. Keith

Janet Keith = Sir Thos. Erskine

Sir Robert Erskine

Sir Thomas, I Lord Erskine

Sir Alex. II Lord Erskine, I Earl Mar of the Erskine line

Sir James III Erskine, II Earl Mar

Sir John IV Erskine

Robert, master of Erskine, killed at Pinkie, 1547

Robert Erskine, his son

Henry Erskine, cadet of Mar

Ralph Erskine, cadet of the House of Mar

The Reverend Henry = - - - - - Margaret Halcro

Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, Scottish Reformer = Alison, dau. of Alex. Turpie, writer in Leven

Reverend Ralph of The Sonnets

Jean = The Rev. James Fisher

Jean Fisher = The Rev. Jas. Oliver

Jean Oliver = David Carson, progenitor of the Rev. Carsons of the U. P. Church of the U. S. of A.

James Oliver Carson = Rosanna White

Ellen J. Carson = Jas. D. McNaughten
Eliz. = Thos. Clarkson Grove
John Lind Carson, Sr. = Mary Masters

Jas. White Carson, Esq. = Rebecca Darrah
David Carson = Mary E. Patterson

James Oliver Carson, 1864-7
John Lind Carson, Jr.
Rosanna Carson
Mary Marshall Carson = Hamilton Bowman Rollins

Rosanna = Jas. H. Riddle

Harry Carson Riddle, Judge of Denver Courts
Mary Carson Riddle, Denver, Colo. = Wilbur McEldowney
George Ross Riddle
Rebecca M. Riddle
Lind Patterson Riddle

Rosemary Rollins

James Oliver Carson
Thos. Patterson Carson = Lillie P.
Mary Jane Erskine Carson
John Lind Carson = - - - - -

Dale Bradford Carson = Laura Ellsworth Cook

Eleanor Lucile Carson

John Lind Carson, Jr. = Nancy Gardner

Elizabeth Ellsworth Carson, N. Y. City

John Lind Carson III, Buffalo, N. Y.

Robert Bruce = Marjory of Carrick

Robert Bruce, 1st of Scotland = Isabel of Mar

Marjory Bruce = 1315, Robert VI H. S. of Scotland, 1st of Scot., d. 1316

Robert II = Isabel More

Robert III = Annabel Drummond

James S. I = Joan Beaufort

James S. = Mary of Guelders

James S. = Marg. of Denmark

James S. = Marg. of England

James S. = Euphemia Elphinstone

Robert S. Earl of Orkney = Janet Kennedy

Henry Halcro = Lady Barbara S.

Henry Halcro of Orkney

Hugh Halcro

Matilda or Maud = Hugh, IV Earl of Ross = 2nd Marg. Graham

William of the Makintagart line, V Earl of Ross

Margaret Ross = Sir David Hamilton

Sir David Hamilton, III Lord Cadzow = Johannetta Keith

Sir John Hamilton, IV Lord Cadzow = Jacoba or Janet Douglass

Sir James Hamilton, V Lord Cadzow = Janet Livingston

- 1. Sir James, I Lord Hamilton
- 2. Gavin = Janet Muirhead

John Hamilton, I Lord Orbiston = Jean Hamilton

Gavin Hamilton, II Lord Orbiston = Helen Hamilton

John Hamilton, III Lord Orbiston = Margaret H. of Hags

Marg. Hamilton = Alexander Cleland

William Cleland = Mary Somerville

Alexander Cleland = Miss Hamilton

Patrick Cleland = Janet Blackwood

John Cleland = Mary Taggart

Mary Cleland = John Taggart

John Taggart IV = Eliza Agnes

Andrew Taggart = Sarah Wilson

John Taggart = Jane Porter

- 1. Eliza Ann Taggart
- 2. Andrew Conley Taggart
- 3. Sarah Agnes Taggart
- 4. Jane Maria Taggart
- 5. John (twin) Taggart, d. y.
- 6. John Taggart, Jr.
- 7. Joseph Taggart
- 8. Robert Taggart = Angeline Smith

Alex of Silverton Hill

James H. =

John of Newton = (---) Somerville

Margaret H. = Archibald Hamilton

Ellen Thompson Taggart