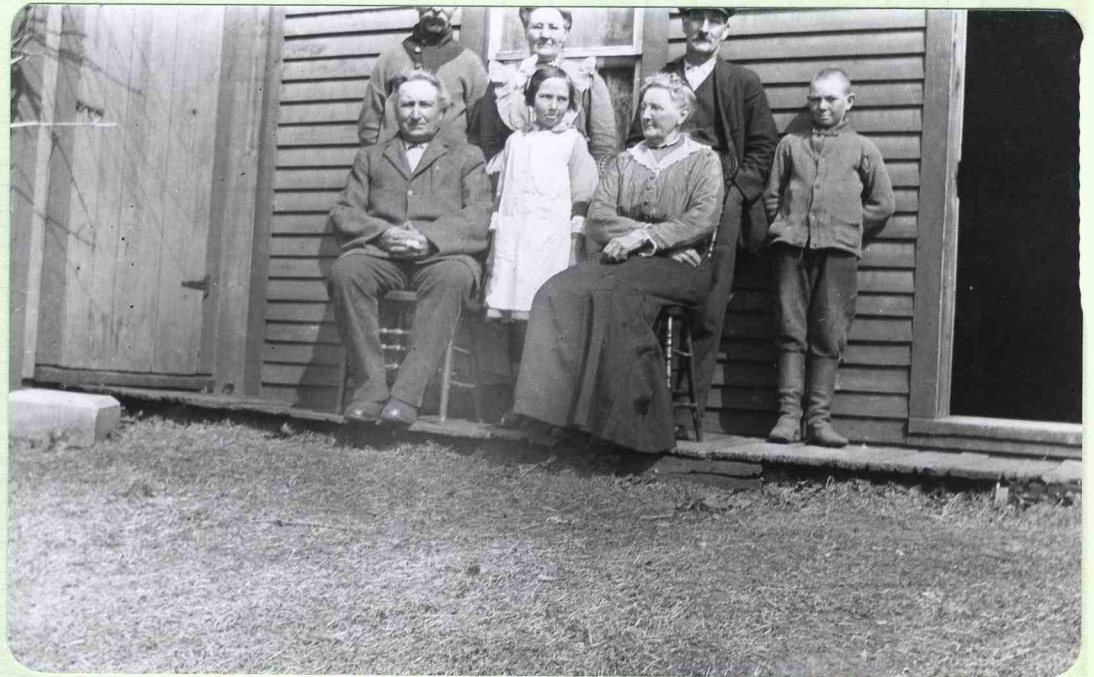




SILAS + ALICE BURWELL



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THE BURWELL FAMILY

Among the pioneers of Eden district was Joseph Norton. He was born in Boston, Mass., and came as a young man, after the death of his parents, to these parts and lived with the Dobbies for some time. From them, he bought land which he cleared and built up into the homestead on which his great-grandson, Wilford Burwell, now resides, west of Eden about 2 miles.

He married a young Highland Scottish maiden named Mary Younglove who was at Simcoe. He, taking among other provisions for the journey, bread baked by Mrs. Dobbie and going by ox-team and sled down the Talbot road which had been surveyed out by Col. Thomas Talbot and Col. Mahlon Burwell, travelled to Simcoe. He brought his bride back to this farm home and farmed successfully for many years. He died in 1895, at the age of 90, being pre-deceased by his wife in 1888.

The couple had two daughters, Melissa Jane and Ada Ann. Melissa married William David Stilwell. To this union were born four children, Joseph Norton Stilwell, Mary Helen, Agnes and Rachel. The first two died very young. Agnes married Charles Moore and Rachel died suddenly and was buried on her 18th birthday.

Across the road from the Nortons lived Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnston, the latter nee Maria Burwell, whose brother, Hercules, while visiting them, became acquainted with Ada Ann Norton. And in course of time the two married, he being the son of Lewis Mahlon Burwell and Levonia Williams, sister of the Thomas Williams who founded the Thomas Williams Home in St. Thomas. Lewis Mahlon was first cousin to the above mentioned Col. Mahlon Burwell.

To Hercules and Ada were born James Silas, Ada Larreau, Levonia (Mrs. Chancy Clark) Lewis Mahlon, Charles Hercules, Merritt Lee, Frederick William (Wilford's father), Wilson Gadfield, Peter Dwight and a baby not named. Ada Larreau, Lewis Mahlon and the baby died very young.

Their parents settled on a farm about a mile west of Eden, in fact, next farm west of the Fred Chandler place. They cleared it and built buildings and set out fruit trees, making it into a nice, comfortable home. Then when the great influenza swept the country in 1890 he died of pneumonia on Feb. 14th at the age of 41, leaving his wife with five young children to raise alone. This she faithfully did, and when the boys were grown, they decided to move the buildings out to the front of the place. They had been back on the side-road before, and the place never looked so homey afterward. Their mother died from diabetes in July, 1912, in her 64th year. This family of 8 children are now all passed on.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnston lived many years on the farm across from the Nortons or where Grover Ketchabaw lives now. They sold it to Silas Burwell, who was then a young man. They moved to Fingal where Mr. Howard Johnston died. Then Mrs. Johnston came back to Eden again and lived with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Allemand, south of Eden, until her death in her 103rd year.

Clipping Tillsonburg News Nov. 8, 1956

Oct. 24, 1935 - News item

Little David Hercules McAllister, son of Mr. and Mrs. McAllister (nee Emily Burwell) was presented with two pairs of hand-knit socks on Sunday by Mrs. Maria Johnson (nee Burwell, his great-great aunt, who celebrated her 100th birthday on June 26th last.)

Caswell Family

Robert b. 1719 C. married Hannah children were:
Robert Jr., John b. prior 1755, Reuben b. prior 1755, Amey b. 1747 C.
Nathan and James.
Robert b. 1719 C d. 1800c(after)

Reuben b. prior 1755 m. Jane who was b. Aug.11, 1767 d.Sept.20,1824
(Eden)
Amey b. 1747 C. m. Israel Thomas (his 2nd wife)

Nathan b. 1774 C. m. 1790 C. Mary b. 1773 C. d.1860C.
sons Jerothman b. 1784 C. dau. b. 1784 C.
Daniel b. 1791 C. 1860 -----

A James served Revolutionary cause & father was fined.)

James b. 1771 C(prior) married Elizabeth A.
b. Mar. 10, 1763 d. Sept. 20,1846 (Eden) b. Aug.11,1771 d.Sept.25
1825 (Eden)
children Robert b. 1791 C., son, son, dau., James b. 1804 C
Liza b. 1800 C. married1837 J.W. Bascom, Matthes b. 1807
Ambrose b. 1808 C. d. 1872 d.1887 (Eden)
married Eleanor
b. 1806 d. 1873

Matthew Caswell b. 1807 c. 1887 Married Diantha b. 1809 d.1852
2nd Margaret b.1820 d. 1881
Children: Alvin b. 1832, Mary b. 1836, Nehemiah b.1835 d.1810,
Philander b. 1840, Henry b. 1843, Ira b. 1846, Electa Elizabeth,
Fanny b. 1842 - d. 1919.

Nehemiah's son was a cheesemaker , married Jane of Simcoe
b.1835 - d1918

Mary, Alvin, Henry and Ira went to the U.S.A.
Fanny married Othniel Phelps (see Phelps family)
1842-1919 1838-1904

Electa Elizabeth married William Carty - children Melinda & William
remarried Clinton Phelps b. 1827 - 7 children (see Phelps)

Daniel Casweell b. 1791-d.1860 moved to Canada in 1810 -(in 1842 census)
married Elizabeth (had lived in Canada 32 years)
b. 1797 d.1881 (Eden)

Children Seth, Warren, Andrew b. 1834, Maranda, Sybil, Harvey b.1829
(Lot 18 s $\frac{1}{2}$ 1867)
Andrew b. 1834 d.1895 married Mary H. Brown b. 1844 d. 1897
Sybil married John Pygall
Harvey b. 1829 married Jane Stilwell b. 1834 - 1 child Ira b. 1873

Ira born 1873 married Agnes Backhouse - 1 child Blake b. 1899

Blake Caswell married Jessie Herron - 2 - Kenneth Lloyd married Shirley
b. 1899 McQuiggan
Marie married Albert Schulz - 1 dau
Esther

Note: Daniel was on Lot #172 in 1853 on the Talbot Road.
s $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 12 - 1829 # 17 1835, # 18, 1840 # 19 1840.

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September 3, 1979

Miss. Margaret Craven
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Dear Miss. Craven:

Attached are sheets on the Caswells which cover all the information I have been able to gather on the family starting with 1740 when I am first able to pick them up. As you can see there are some guesses but most is pretty well documented even though I haven't been able to get some of the information I'd like.

Believe you have the later information which I have such as Census, Land Records etc. which I have not been too interested in as I only go thru where my generation takes off. Noticed however from what my wife took off from your copy of 1851 Census you were missing the name of Daniel's daughter listed as age 20. Her name is Sybil and she married someone whose last name starts with "P". Sybil is buried in the Church Cemetery at Eden. Have information someplace but cannot seem to find it. Her husband's name was Pigot or something like that. Am sure you can find it now that you know what you are looking for.

Don't know whether you have them or not but there are several Deeds in Court House in St. Thomas on early Caswell listed under Lot 12- 8 Cons.; Lot 17, 8 Cons.; Lot 19- Conc. 8; and Lot 20 - Conc. 8

Good luck on your endeavor and if you come across anything that may add to my information please advise.

Sincerely,

Ray Johnston

Caswell Information - My Line

Earliest record is of Robert Caswell b. 1719 or before as he shows up in Dutchess County, NY in 1740. Not able to determine where he came from but have all but eliminated as emigrant ancestors Thomas of Taunton, Mathew of Charlestown and seriously doubt William of Boston to be correct. The only Robert Caswell's born prior to 1750 I have been able to find are in the NH area. Robert Caswell accompanied the infamous Rev. Stephen Batchelder to Hampton, NH ca. 1638 (NH Colonial Records - V3 p.318). Robert Caswells (Kerswell) show up in records of Portsmouth, NH; Gosport, NH; and Isle of Shoals, NH starting ca. 1700. Prior to this date records are very scarce in this area and these Caswells do not appear to have descended from any of the above mentioned Caswell lines with the exception of Robert who seems to have disappeared after 1638. (He did receive a Land Grant 1639 in Hampton - Hampton Town History). In the January 1979 issue of Yankee Magazine there is an article on Isle of Shoals in which the Caswell Cemetery is mentioned but have never been able to get any information re tombstones there.

- 1) Robert¹ b. before 1719 prob. earlier (to be on Tax Lists 1740)
m. prob. Hannah_____ He d. prob. after 1800 Washington or Oneida Co, NY
Dutchess County Records.- 1740-42 Fishkill Tax Lists; Beekman Tax Lists 1748 -69 then to Pawling Tax Lists 1770-78; Listed in accounts store of Daniel Marritt on Quaker Hill in 1771 including sons and daughter as follows: Robert Caswell, Sr.; Robert Caswell Jr.; John Caswell, Reuben Caswell, Amey Caswell, and Nathan Caswell.
The Caswell family seems to have been very Tory minded and may account for many of their later migrations. Following is a list of events concerning Robert and his sons:
Reference - "Minutes of the Committee for Detecting Conspiracies in the State of New York" - vol. 57 & 58, Collections of New York Hist. Soc. 57:288-305. Reuben Kiswell, Nathan Burdick and Benjamin Buffington were taken prisoner, according to information received from Lt. Comfort Shaw on 15 May 1777 at Poughkeepsie. Buffington testified that he was at Reuben Kiswell's house at beginning of last month. About three days later he went to Salem with several others, including Reuben and Nathan Kiswell, their intension being to "go to the enemy". Among several persons in that part of the country "privy and knowing to the above party's going off" was Robert Kiswell Sr. Reuben Kiswell's lot is mentioned as a place where Tory conspirators met at one time. However, on 24 May 1777,

Reuben Kiswell appeared before the committee, voluntarily took the oath of allegiance, and was discharged.

58:328 Capt. Phineas Woodward and Lt. Comfort Shaw reported that by warrant from the Committee of Pawlings Precinct they had apprehended and taken prisoner John Casewell, Reuben Casewell and 9 others suspected of killing Lt. Ephraim Nichols at the house of John Casewell.

58:329 Elisha West testified 4 July 1777 that on Monday evening last, when Lt. Ephraim Nichols was shot, Elisha was lodging at John Casewell's house where the shooting occurred. When he retired for the night, there had been nobody in the house but John Casewell and his family. He learned the next morning that a party of Tories had been concealed in back of the Casewell house, in the woods.

58:339 Ruben Caswell testified 19 July 1777 that he had a conversation with Peleg Sissell when Sissell was confined in jail about a cache of Tory weapons. Elias Prosser, a Quaker, confirmed Caswell's testimony. Caswell was permitted by the committee to return home on parole.

58:354 On 9 August 1777, John Casewell and 10 others were ordered sent to Esopus (Kingston) to be confined on board the Fleet Prison there.

58:392 John Caswell admitted to parole at Kingston and permitted to return home.

In the "Public Papers of George Clinton" - at Pawling - Robert Caswell was assessed 30 Dec 1780 for having a son "gone to or joined the Enemy" (There was no clue as to which one)

It is very odd the only son of Robert listed above was James who is listed in the DAR "Patriots Index" and on DAR Papers #50730 is listed as serving as a Private in Third Regt., Dutchess County Militia (Capt. Wm. Pearce's Company and Col. John Field's Regiment - Robert's NY in Rev. p.241)
- This source is headed "Land Bounty Rights"

2) Robert² b.
Possibly stayed in Dutchess County

3) Amey² b. ca. 1747 Dutchess County m. 1791 Israel Thomas (his 2nd wife) in Washington County. He b. 1741 Collhasset, Conn. Received deeds in Queensbury Patent, Washington County in 1791 from Hannah Caswell of 17 acres, Lot 8; and 1792 and additional 17 acres from Hannah. Israel Thomas bought 29 acres from Reuben Caswell in Lot 8.

Note: There is no proof that Amy is daughter of Robert or Hannah was Amey's mother but everything seems to point to this.

4) Reuben² b. before 1755 m. Jane _____ b. 11 Aug 1767 d. 20 Sept 1824 - Jane may be second wife and listed as Reuben's wife on tombstone - Ridge Road Cemetry in Eden, Ontario
In addition to above on Reuben he is listed on Acient Doc. of Dutchess County as of Pawling 2 Mar 1787
- 1790 Census - Washington Co.- Queensbury
1 male over 16 and one female
- 1800 Census - Washington County - Queensbury
2 males 45 and up; 2 females 26-45; 1 female 45 and up
- 1810 Census - Oneida County - No Twp. given but strongly suspect in Holland Patent area.
p. 97 R. Caswell 1 male 45 and up; 2 females 45 and up
- In addition to Deed under Amey above - Lot 1 Queensbury consisting of 250 acres was mortgaged to Reuben Caswell for 500 pounds on 1 June 1786 (Washington Deed, B-1:241)
- Listed on manuscript assessment roll of Queensbury dated 1805.
- Overseer of highways at Queensbury in 1792, suscriber for a union church near Four Corners 4 Mar 1803 (Holden's History of Town of Queensbury p. 90 & 207)
- It appears from the above census Reuben did not have any children and since I did not see his grave in Canada do not know when he d.

5) John² b. before 1755 Dutchess County, NY m.
- In addition to above Lot 1 of Queensbury Patent (South Queensbury) was mortgaged to John Caswell of Queensbury for \$750.00 on 26 Oct 1801 (Washington Co. Deed F:103)
- Listed on manuscript assessment roll of Queensbury 1805.
- John Carswell was a constable of Queensbury 1785 (Holden's Hist)
- 1800 Census - Washington County- Queensbury
1 male under 10; 1 male 45 & up; 1 female under 10; 1 female 10-16 and 1 female 26-45