

I have found some information listed on most all family trees connected to mine to be inaccurate. What I have found thus far is what I believe to be the accurate information. I will research more, and update, but to anyone who has George Melville Swinton married to Elizabeth Bogue Brodie please see below. I have provided the sources as to why I believe it to be inaccurate and the sources to why I believe the information I have found so far to be accurate.

After the "Accurate Information" which lists the children, their parents, and parents' parents, I first list the people we have/had in our family trees and the sources as to why they may be inaccurate, then are the sources and reasons why I believe the information I list is accurate.

Accurate Information:

Children:

George Swinton: b. abt. 1850 in Scotland

Elizabeth Swinton: b. abt. 1853

William Swinton: b. abt. 1855

James Ingalls Swinton: b. 6 Dec 1855 d. 21 May 1929

Walter Thomas Swinton: b. 3 Mar 1857 in Wisconsin, d. 27 Aug 1929 in Kansas

Mary Swinton: b. abt. 1862

Cora Ethel Swinton: b. abt. 1872

George E. Swinton: b. abt. 1874

Parents of the above children are:

George Swinton b. 30 Jan 1826 in Berwickshire, Scotland d. 31 Mar 1900 in Kansas, USA

Elizabeth Brodie b. 6 Jul 1829 in or around Berwickshire, Scotland (baptized 6 Aug 1829 in Earlston, Berwick, Scotland) d. 21 Apr 1909 in Kansas, USA

Parents of George Swinton b. 30 Jan 1826 in Berwickshire, Scotland d. 31 Mar 1900 in Kansas, USA:

George Swinton: b. abt. 1790

Mary: b. abt. 1790

Children other than the aforementioned George Swinton are:

Elizabeth Swinton b. abt 1827

Mary Swinton b. abt 1834

Parents of Elizabeth Brodie b. 6 Jul 1829 in or around Berwickshire, Scotland (baptized 6 Aug 1829 in Earlston, Berwick, Scotland) d. 21 Apr 1909 in Kansas, USA

William Brodie: b. ? d. bef. 1851

Elizabeth Hogg: b. abt 1797 in Gordon, Berwickshire, Scotland

Married: 3 Apr 1818 in Earlston, Berwick, Scotland

Children other than the aforementioned Elizabeth Brodie are:

Alison Brodie: b. abt. 1820

John Brodie: b. abt. 1822

William Brodie: b. abt. 1824

Walter Brodie: b. abt. 1831

Thomas Brodie: b. abt. 1833

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Incorrect family genealogy regarding George Melville Swinton:

Reasons :( see sources below)

1) Born the wrong date

2) Married wrong person

3) Only had one child - a daughter - who never married or had children - so Swinton name couldn't carry over to anyone

Sources:

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Swinton of that ilk and their Cadets

By: Archibald Campbell Swinton

Published: 1883

Page 99 to 104 - Swinton's now of Swinton

\*\*\*page 102 mentions the three sons (excluding the one who died in infancy) served "in the civil or military service of the East India Company"\*\*\*

Samuel Swinton (son of John Swinton and Mary Semple) was a captain in the Royal Navy. He married Felicite Jean le Febre and had four sons, and two daughters.

1. Archibald Francis William
2. Samuel
3. John
4. Richard
5. Felicite Jean
6. Charlotte

Samuel Swinton (son of Samuel Swinton and Felicite Jean le Febre) born 1773, married Isabella Routledge, and had four sons, five daughters.

1. Died in infancy
2. John Moncton
3. Unnamed in book
4. Unnamed in book
5. Anne Elizabeth
6. Mary
7. Eliza

8. Isabella

9. Jessie Bebb

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A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland, Enjoying Territorial Possessions Or High Official Rank: But Uninvested with Heritable Honours, Volume 3

By: John Burke

Published: 1836

Page 486 (lineage is 486-489) - Swinton, of Swinton

\*\*\*page 486 mentions Samuel Swinton served "for 34 years in India, as a civil servant"\*\*\*

Samuel Swinton (born 28 Aug 1773) married Isabella Routledge and had the following children

1. George Melville - born 24 Aug 1815
2. John Monckton - born 4 Apr 1819
3. Samuel Charles Alston - born 22 Sep 1820
4. Anne Elizabeth
5. Mary
6. Elizabeth Charlotte
7. Isabella
8. Jessie Bebb

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Memorials of the Earl of Stirling and of the House of Alexander, Volume 1

By: Charles Rogers

Published: 1877

Page 224 - Chapter IX

\*\*\*page 224 mentions "George Melville, eldest son of Samuel Swinton of Swinton, held office in the East India Company's service"\*\*\*

"George Melville, eldest son of Samuel Swinton of Swinton..... By his wife, Mary Prendergast, he had a daughter, who died unmarried"

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India, Select Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947

Name: George Melville Swinton

Mother: Isabella

Father: Samuel Swinton

Birth: 24 Aug 1815

Baptism: 18 Nov 1815 Calcutta, Bengal, India

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India, Select Marriages, 1792-1948

Name: George Melville Swinton

Gender: Male

Marriage Date: 17 Sep 1840

Marriage Place: Madras, Madras, India

Spouse: Mary Prendergast

FHL Film Number: 521840

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England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

Name: Henrietta Amy Swinton  
Gender: Female  
Baptism Date: 24 Jun 1846  
Baptism Place: Chapel Royal, Brighton, Sussex, England  
Father: George Melville Swinton  
Mother: Mary  
FHL Film Number: 1067103

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UK, Registers of Employees of the East India Company and the India Office, 1746-1939

Name: George Melville Swinton  
Gender: Male  
Record Type: Death  
Death Date: 24 Oct 1853  
Death Place: Cape of Good Hope

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England, Andrews Newspaper Index Cards, 1790-1976

Name: George Melville Swinton  
Father's name: Samuel Swinton  
Death Date: 24 Oct 1853  
Death Place: Madras Civil Service

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Global, Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current

Name: George Melville Swinton

Death Date: 21 Oct 1853

Death Place: Cape Town, City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality, Western Cape, South Africa

Cemetery: Maitland Cemetery

Burial or Cremation Place: Maitland, City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality, Western Cape, South Africa

Has Bio?: Y

\*\*\*Death date on overview states the 21st, however there is a photo attached, which lists the death date as the 24th. The photo also states he is the son of Samuel Swinton of Swinton\*\*\*

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Incorrect family genealogy regarding Elizabeth Bogue Brodie:

Reasons: (see sources below)

- 1) Born the wrong date
- 2) Married wrong person

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Sources:

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Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950

Name: Elizabeth Bogue Brodie

Gender: Female

Baptism Date: 13 Sep 1831

Baptism Place: Edinburgh Parish, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland

Father: George Brodie

Mother: Rachell Robertson

FHL Film Number: 1066691

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Scotland, Select Marriages, 1561-1910

Name: Elizabeth Bogue Brodie

Gender: Female

Marriage Date: 31 Oct 1852

Marriage Place: Fetteresso, Kincardine, Scotland

Spouse: James Augustus Erskine

FHL Film Number: 993315

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CORRECT INFO (as I have found so far)

Reasons:

George Swinton:

Censuses. All the DOB match up, and parents/children match. (give or take 2 years as all dates on census's are approximate - depending on what month the census was taken and when the birth date of the person was it could be up to a 2 year difference)

(Posting the census's out of order - as I first had to start with Walter Thomas Swinton)



(Also - on each and every record I combed through regarding the George Swinton I believe to be my correct ancestor, there has never been a mention or document stating "Melville" as his middle name

1) My family line is connected to Walter Thomas Swinton - b. 3 Mar 1857 in Wisconsin, d. 27 Aug 1929 in Kansas

His siblings- as listed on censuses include:

George Swinton (b. abt 1850 in Scotland)

Elizabeth Swinton (b. abt. 1853)

William Swinton (b. abt. 1855)

James Ingalls Swinton (b. abt 1857)

Mary Swinton (b. abt 1862)

Cora Ethel Swinton (b. abt. 1872)

George E. Swinton (b. abt. 1874)

His Parents listed on the census's state:

George Swinton (b. abt. 1826)

Elizabeth Swinton (b. abt. 1829)

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Sources:

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1885 Census - Kansas

Walter Swinton (approx. 28 yrs. old)

Cora M. Swinton (approx. 21 yrs. old)

---on the same page of the census in a different household lists:

George Swinton (approx. 58 yrs. old)

Elizabeth Swinton (approx. 56 yrs. old)

Cora E Swinton (approx. 12 yrs. old)

George E Swinton (approx. 10 yrs. old)

---on the same page of the census in a different household lists:

William Swinton (approx. 30 yrs. old)

and his family

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1880 Census - Kansas

George Swinton (53)

Elizabeth Swinton (52)

Walter Swinton (23) - (married Cora 2 years later)

Cora Swinton (7)

George E. Swinton (5)

---on the same page of the census in a different household lists:

William Swinton (25)

and his family

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1875 Census - Kansas

George Swinton (45)

E. Swinton (46)

W. Swinton (18)

Mary Swinton (13)

Cora (although listed as Cory) (3)

George Swinton (3- [Assuming it means about 3 months])

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1870 Census - Iowa

George Swinton - (43) - listed as born in Scotland

Elizabeth Swinton (39) - listed as born in Scotland

George Swinton (19) - listed as born in Scotland

Elizabeth Swinton (17)

William Swinton (15)

James Swinton (13)

Walter Swinton (13)

Mary Swinton (8)

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1895 Census - Kansas

George Swinton (69) - place of birth lists Berwickshire

Elizabeth Swinton (6\* - last number was smudged)

George E. Swinton (20)

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\*Searched Berwickshire census for a George Swinton, Elizabeth Swinton, and baby George Swinton - only got one match as listed below\*

1851 Census - Scotland

Name: George Swinton

Age: 26

Estimated birth year: abt 1825

Relationship: Son

Spouse: Elizabeth Swinton

Father: George Swinton

Gender: Male

Where born: Duns, berwicksh

Parish Number: 755

Civil Parish: Swinton

Phillimore Ecclesiastical Parish Maps:

[View related Ecclesiastical Parish](#)

County: Berwickshire

Address: No 2

Occupation: Ag Labourer

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Household schedule number: 3

Line: 15

Roll: CSSCT1851\_197

Household Members:

Name Age

George Swinton 61 - Head

Mary Swinton 17 - Daughter

George Swinton 26 - Son

Elizabeth Swinton 21 - Daughter-In-Law

Elizabeth Swinton 54 - Sons Mother-In-Law

George Swinton 7 Mo - Grandson

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1841 Census - Newcastle Upon Tyne

George Swinton (50)

Mary Swinton (50)

Elizabeth Swinton (14)

Mary Swinton (7)

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1900 Census - Kansas

George Swinton (26 - Head)

Belle Swinton (21 - wife)

Elizabeth Swinton (69 - Mother)

\*\*\*Census was taken in June 1900 - Elizabeth's husband, Walter Swinton died 2-3 months prior\*\*\*

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Reasons:

Elizabeth Brodie:

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Sources:

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1900 Census (see above) asked for Month and Year of Birth as opposed to the usual "how old will you be this calendar year"

Under Elizabeth Swinton she listed July, of 1829

1851 Census (see above) lists Elizabeth Swinton's mothers name as Brodie

James Ingalls Death Certificate - son of George Swinton and Elizabeth Brodie - Lists his mother's maiden name as Broadie

On the 1875, 1880, 1885, 1890 Kansas Census's (see above) there on the same page number as the Swinton's were listed, their neighbors name was Walter Brodie, born a few years after Elizabeth Brodie-Swinton and from Berwickshire too. Possibly her brother?

Old Parish Records from Scotland between 1828-1829: lists two possible matches for Elizabeth Brodie:

1) Elizabeth Brodie born (or baptized) to Andrew Brodie and Elizabeth Wilson on 30 Aug, 1829

2) Elizabeth Brodie born to William Brodie and Elizabeth Hogg on 6 Jul 1829. Born to the same parents (William Brodie and Elizabeth Hogg) is a Walter Brodie, who was born a few years after Elizabeth in 1831. Family "lore" also states Elizabeth was married to George Swinton on her birthday on 6 Jul 1849, and Findagrave states she was born on 6 Jul 1829. I'm not one to go on something without proof but as of now this seems likely. Will update when more research is done.