Boswell was active in promoting and developing the area. He was a member of the colonial Legislative Council, Warden of the Council and the District of Newcastle and the first People's Warden for St. Peter's Church.

He and his wife Catherine established a prolific family that for generations was prominent in the affairs of the town and the province. Their children's marriages illustrate the small pool of eligible spouses and the complex relationships that were formed in these early years.



Beech Grove Farm

John married Mary Ann Sowden, daughter of half-pay officer William Sowden. Walter married Fannie Spilsbury, daughter of half-pay officer Francis Spilsbury. William married Eliza Graveley.

George married Minerva (Mary) Ann Perry, daughter of Ebenezer Perry.

Catherine married half-pay officer Capt Archibald Macdonald.

Eliza married her first cousin, Edward Boswell.

Margaret married William Graveley, brother of Eliza.

Ann married Roland Macdonald, nephew of Archibald Macdonald.

Roland's sister Magdalen married George Perry, brother of above mentioned Mary Ann Perry Boswell.

