

who traced the Osler family, which included two professional geneologists, found so few people in Scotland under that name that they came to the conclusion that those Oslers receiving documented mention over the years were likely to be inter-related.

Where the Oslers came from before they moved into Eassie parish is not known but the traditional story has it that some at least, lived in the nearby Newtyle District. This is a county town and district only a short distance from the parish of Eassie. There was a David Oiselario who was one of the witnesses to a gift of land at Newtyle to the monks of Lindores about 1200. Lindores is about 25 miles removed from Newtyle. It is likely that the Osler name in most of Scotland traces to the French word le Oiselor which translated means bird raiser, both wild and tame.

The oldest record of an Oastler in Dundee is an Andrew Oistlar, mariner, in 1583. In the old Eassie church yard there is a whole row of Osler headstones, one going back to 1645 which has not been traced. It is considered that the Ingliston farm in Eassie parish was the home of the Oslers for many generations. When William Henderson, grandson of Andrew Oastler, Oastler Lake, Parry Sound District, Ontario, visited the old Eassie church yard in 1943 he was told that the Oslers had come to the area around the parishes of Glamis and Eassie from Holland. This has not been proven. (Letter from David Couper Thomson, 1948).

It was previously mentioned that the Osler family can be traced from father to son back to James Osler, born around 1690. For the sake of clarity this will be called the first generation. James had a large family. His son Robert moved over from the home Castleton farm to the Over Middleton farm in the Glen of Ogilvy, Parish of Glamis. It was

Robert's branch on the family tree that eventually married into the wealthy Thomson family that pushed Winston Churchill politically out of Scotland.

James was the fourth son of James of the first generation. He had a son Robert, born 1765 who married his first cousin Janet Osler who was born in 1777. Both were members of the third generation. It was this marriage that led to grandchildren who, for the first time, spelled their name Oastler. Mention should be made to this first cousin marriage. It was the horseback age and farmers could only go short distances to court.

Going back to Robert Osler of the second generation he married Susan Fenton (born 1751). She belonged to an ancient Scottish family long connected with Angus County. The surname is said to be derived from the Lands of Fenton, an old barony in East Lothian. The Fentons are a race who for centuries occupied prominent positions as agriculturists on the Airlie estates. Two served in Lord Ogilvy's Highland regiment in 1745-6. (Highland rebellion in 1745).

The marriage between Robert Osler and Susan Fenton produced Janet Osler (Born 1782). She married Alexander Couper. The Coupers claimed to have been tenants in Dryburns, Glen of Ogilvy, for over 200 years before 1882. The town of Couper Angus in Angus County may be traced to this family. This marriage resulted in David Couper (born 1808) who married Isobel Sinclair.

Isobel Sinclair's grandfather, Archibald Sinclair, went with the British army to America in 1780 and was never heard from again. His son Archibald Sinclair was the father of the previously mentioned Isobel. He