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Biographical Research



The Carscallen mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery consists of eight catacombs, five of which are occupied. Marie L. Carscallen, wife of Charles S. Carscallen first commissioned the mausoleum in November of 1923, following the death of her granddaughter, Marie L Carscallen 2nd. The architects,

Farrington, Gould & Hoagland, were in contact with Woodlawn and Marie for the following two years until the mausoleum was completed in 1925. All documents, checks, and letters pertaining to the construct are in her name.¹

Charles S. Carscallen was born in Jersey City in 1863 to John and Martha Carscallen. John was a decedent of an English army officer living in New York who fled to Canada during the Revolution. John moved to Jersey City in 1852 and started working for a James Warner in the flour and grain business. By 1857 he was made partner in the business that became Warner & Carscallen. In 1872 the company was incorporated under the name Carscallen & Cassidy and “grew to become one of the largest hay, grain, and flour concerns in the country.”² John continued to build his enterprise into the Jersey City Milling Company, Jersey City Elevator, and was later elected on the New Jersey State Assembly. He spent most of his later life involved in banking, insurance, and politics and died of pneumonia in 1906.³ Charles was the only boy of four children born to John and Martha. Charles attended private school and went on to West Point Military Academy in 1892. After two years there Charles went back to Jersey City to join his father’s business. He was also a member of the Jersey City Milling Company, and Jersey City Elevator.⁴ Just like his father he became involved with banking and went on to become president of the Fifth Ward Savings Bank of Jersey City as well as president and director of Carscallen & Cassidy.⁵

Marie L. Carscallen was the daughter of David and Marie Louderback, decedents of an old Holland and Dutch family with Revolutionary War antecedents. ⁶ She was the second child of three born to David and Marie, in Manhattan in 1870.

City Records show that Marie L. Carscallen and Charles S. Carscallen were married in Manhattan in 1894. They split time between their apartment in the Plaza Hotel and their residence in Jersey City. They also spent time at their summer home in Nyack, NY, which had once been occupied by Charles’s father. John D. Carscallen 2nd was born in that summer home in 1897, three years after Marie and Charles were married. Charles continued to build his career, but was also Secretary of the Country Club

¹ Carscallen Family Records. *Woodlaw Cemetary Archives* Box #3, Folder 54 (Avery Art History Library)

² Arthur Sidney Tompkins. (1902). *Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York*. Nyack, N.Y.: Van Deusen & Joyce. 183-184

³ (1906). *The Memorial Cyclopedia of the Twentieth Century: Comprising Memoirs of Men and Women Who Have Been Instrumental in the Progress of the Industries, Professions, Arts, Literature, Legislation, Society and Charities of the United States*. New York: Publishing Society of New York. 406-408

⁴ Arthur Sidney Tompkins. (1902). *Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York*. Nyack, N.Y.: Van Deusen & Joyce. 183-184

⁵ "C.S. Carscallen, 75, Jersey City Banker: President Of Grain Merchants Firm There Is Dead." *New York Times (1923-Current File)*, Jun 30, 1939. <http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/102804131?accountid=10226>.

⁶ Tompkins, *Historical Record*, 183-184

in Jersey City and co-hosted many events with his wife at the Plaza. Most records pertaining to Marie are from newspaper articles that reference her teas and gatherings at the Plaza Hotel where they lived.

John D Carscallen 2nd went on to fight for the French in World War I, graduate from Harvard and marry Ella Floyd-Jones Carpender.⁸ According to city records they were married in Manhattan in 1919. John was a stock exchange broker and heavily involved in the boating community. He was a member of multiple yacht clubs and competed in many regattas, particularly in the town of Babylon where they summered.⁹ John and Ella had a daughter, Marie L Carscallen 2nd in 1922. She died in August 1923¹⁰ and was the first to be laid to rest in the Carscallen Mausoleum.

John D Carscallen the 2nd was the next to pass and occupy a catacomb in the mausoleum. He died of pneumonia at the age of 35 in 1932 at their summer home in Babylon.¹¹ His wife, Ella, came from a prominent family in Massapequa, NY, and survived him by 44 years. She never remarried and was buried in the Floyd- Jones Cemetery when she passed in 1976.

Marie L. Carscallen was the third to occupy a catacomb at the Carscallen Mausoleum. She passed suddenly in their apartment at the Plaza Hotel in 1937.¹² After her passing, an estate appraisal was posted which stated that her assets were to be split evenly between her husband, Charles, and her younger brother, Jacob Hays Louderback.¹³

⁸ Special to The New York Times. "J. D. Carscallen 2d Dies Of Pneumonia: Noted Independent Stock Ex- Change Broker Here Was Served With France In War." *New York Times (1923-Current File)*, Oct 08, 1932.
<http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/100472065?accountid=10226>.

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<http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/100472065?accountid=10226>.

¹⁰ "Obituary 1 -- no Title." *New York Times (1923-Current File)*, Aug 20, 1923.
<http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/103196902?accountid=10226>.

¹¹ Special to The New York Times. "J. D. Carscallen 2d Dies Of Pneumonia: Noted Independent Stock Ex- Change Broker Here Was Served With France In War." *New York Times (1923-Current File)*, Oct 08, 1932.
<http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/100472065?accountid=10226>.

¹² "Deaths (3)." *New York Herald Tribune (1926-1962)*, Nov 11, 1937.
<http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/1223326120?accountid=10226>.

¹³ "Estates Appraised." *New York Times (1923-Current File)*, Apr 19, 1938.
<http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/102607453?accountid=10226>.

Two years later, Charles Carscallen lost his battle with an illness he had been fighting for seven months and passed at the Lenox Hill Hospital in 1939.¹⁴ Survived by only two sisters, Charles's inheritance from his father John was taken to court in 1945¹⁵ and that was the end of his line.

The fifth and final catacomb in the Carscallen mausoleum is occupied by Jacob Hays Louderback. He resided at the New York Athletic Club on Seventh Avenue and West 59th Steet and had been an agency manager with JP Morgan for 40 years before he retired in 1940. He passed in his apartment in 1945 and had "no immediate relatives" so was put to rest with the sister who he inherited assets from.¹⁶

¹⁴ "C.S. Carscallen, 75, Jersey City Banker: President Of Grain Merchants Firm There Is Dead." *New York Times (1923-Current File)*, Jun 30, 1939. <http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/102804131?accountid=10226>.

¹⁵ Lockwood vs. Clarke, Court of Chancery (1945)

¹⁶ "Jacob H. Louderback." *New York Herald Tribune (1926-1962)*, Nov 22, 1945.

<http://ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/docview/1291117695?accountid=10226>.