Carson

Christ Church Cemetery · St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery · Buried elsewhere · Context, or burial not confirmed

Christ Church Cemetery · Lots 5 and 6 · a doctor from Armagh, Lafayette's escort and hostess, and a firefighter lost in 1855

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m. 1806

Earlier wife (inferred)
(name not found)
Mother of the three children below, all born in County Armagh
Burial not known

Dr. Samuel Carson
(1747 – Jan 25, 1831)
Native of the city of Armagh, Ireland
Died in his 83rd year
Burial: *Christ Church, Lot 5:3 (table stone)*

Jane Hamilton Carson
(1763 – Jan 18, 1828)
Native of Belfast, Ireland
m. Nov 1806, Rev. James Muir
Burial: *Christ Church, Lot 5:3 (same stone)*

James Lawrason & Alice Levering
(Dec 2, 1753 – Apr 18, 1824; his stone reads 1823)
(Apr 25, 1756 – Apr 25, 1821)
Merchant; married June 23, 1779
Burial: *Christ Church, Lot 6 (obelisk)*

Find a Grave only

Dr. James Carson
(1773 – Sept 9, 1855)
LED LAFAYETTE'S ESCORT 1824
Native of County Armagh; died in his 82nd year
1st Lt., War of 1812; Brooke Lodge No. 47
Customs officer, magistrate, shipping merchant
Burial: *Christ Church, Lot 5:4*

Ursula Brown Carson
(c. 1782 – June 3, 1835)
Native of County Armagh
Married before May 1808
Died in her 53rd year
Burial: *Christ Church, Lot 5:4*

Nehemiah Carson
(Dec 7, 1776 – Dec 16, 1860)
Born in County Armagh
m. Rachel Bull (1787 – 1860)
Died in Howard County, Missouri
Burial: *Chariton Cemetery, Glasgow, Missouri*

Elizabeth Carson Lawrason
(Aug 1, 1791 – Apr 14, 1851)
HOSTED LAFAYETTE 1824
Born in County Armagh; m. Oct 18, 1808
As a widow, lodged Lafayette at her home, 301 South St. Asaph Street
Burial: *New Orleans; memorial, Lot 6:2*

Thomas Lawrason
(Mar 27, 1780 – June 7, 1819)
Merchant; built 301 South St. Asaph Street, the "Lafayette House," about 1815
Burial: *Christ Church, Lot 6:6 (box tomb)*

Ann Carson Greene
(b. May 4, 1808)
m. Dec 20, 1827, Edward Greene, collector of customs at Alexandria; married by Rev. Elias Harrison
Burial: *Christ Church, family plot*

Jane Carson Gahan
(Mar 9, 1810 – Aug 30, 1876)
Burial not known

Samuel B. Carson
(Feb 4, 1812 – July 1840)
Captain, Army of the Republic of Texas; died in an accident
Burial not known

Elizabeth Carson Roach
(1814 or 1820 – Feb 21, 1863)
m. 1837 James Roach
(c. 1815 – Jan 27, 1865), of Prospect Hill, beside Fort Albany
Burial: *both St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery*

John Brown Carson
(May 21, 1816 – Nov 1, 1860)
Burial not known

Elenor Virginia Carson
(Apr 14, 1819 – June 1820)
Died in infancy
Burial not known

Dr. Samuel Carson Lawrason
(c. 1809 – July 14, 1849)
Surgeon, U.S. Navy; d. Pensacola, Fla.
Burial: *Christ Church, Lot 6:5*

William Wilson Lawrason
(1814 – 1870)

George Carson Lawrason
(1816 – 1874), of New Orleans
Burials not known

Louis Edward Greene
(Oct 16, 1828 – June 23, 1871)
Burial: *Christ Church, Lot 5:2*

J. Carson Green
(c. 1829 – Nov 17, 1855)
KILLED IN THE FIRE OF 1855
Merchant; Star Fire Company; one of seven firefighters killed at 215–217 King Street
Burial: *Christ Church; presumptive grave beside his brother (radar survey, Aug 2025)*

Ursula Jane Roach
(1842 – 1864)
Burial not known

John Samuel Roach
(1849 – 1930)
Burial not known

Caroline "Carrie" Roach Sisson
(1853 – 1899)
Burial not known

Charles Henry Roach
(1860 – 1936)
Burial not known

Samuel and Jane: a Samuel Carson and Jane Hamilton were married by the Rev. James Muir in November 1806 (Old Presbyterian Meeting House records). James, Nehemiah and Elizabeth were all born in County Armagh before then, and Jane, born about 1762, was a child when the two sons were born, so an earlier wife is inferred. Find a Grave lists Jane as mother of all three; Samuel's will has not been checked.

Green and Greene: the firefighter is "Green" in the 1855 Alexandria Gazette, on the firefighters' memorial at Ivy Hill Cemetery and in the family Bible. His relatives' gravestones read "Greene."

Lot 5: Dr. Samuel Carson (5:3), Dr. James Carson (5:4) and Louis Edward Greene (5:2) lie together; the Lawrasons are in Lot 6.

Nehemiah's family: he and Rachel Bull had Ann Mariah Holladay (1812 – 1878), George (1813 – 1891), Pvt. Nehemiah (1826 – 1846) and John Richard (1828 – 1902).

Not yet placed: John Carson, who married Elizabeth Jerome on May 21, 1809 (Rev. Muir). John A. Roach (c. 1823 – Nov 17, 1855), also killed in the fire of 1855, son of John and Verlinda Roach, St. Mary's, Section D; his relationship to James Roach is not established.

Still to verify: Elizabeth Roach's birth (Mar 5, 1814, or 1820); Elizabeth Lawrason's death date (stone: Apr 14, 1851; Gazette: Apr 11); Ann Carson Greene's death date and grave; Edward Greene's parents and dates; an older Roach daughter.

Sources: Pippenger, Tombstone Inscriptions of Alexandria, Virginia, vol. 3, pp. 89 and 102, and vol. 5; Find a Grave memorials; Old Presbyterian Meeting House records; Bennett, Selected notes on the Carson family (2023); obituary of James Roach (Jan 1865).