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The SWINNEY Family

The Swinney name comes into my ancestry in the 4th generation with my GG-Grandmother on my mother's side. She was **Mary Ann Swinney**, who was born in 1837 in Hull, Yorkshire.

My earliest known Swinney ancestor was

James Swinney (b.circa 1770)

James Swinney was my GGGG-Grandfather. Unfortunately, I know very little about him. I do not know where he was born or even when he was born. The date of birth is just an estimate from the birth of his child. I do know that he married someone called **Mary**. They probably had more than one child, but the only one that I'm aware of is

John Swinney (b.1798)

John Swinney was my GGG-Grandfather and was born on 4-Sep-1798 in Gibraltar and was baptised in Lisbon, Portugal. He became a mariner and on 29th October 1820, he married **Ann Wilson** in Hull, Yorkshire. Ann must have died at some time between 1851 and 1861, as John is listed as a widower in the 1861 census:-

1851 - Regents Square, Lower Union Street, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

John SWINNEY	Head	M 55	Mariner	Gibraltar (Brit.Subject)
Ann SWINNEY	Wife	M 50		Goxhill, Lincolnshire
Margaret SWINNEY	Dau	U 15	Hair Seating Manufacturer	Hull, Yorkshire

1861 - Victoria Alms House, Junction Dock Street, Lowgate, Hull, Yorkshire

John SWINNEY	W 65	Almsman (Mariner)	Gibraltar (Brit.Subject)
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John & Ann had 6 children:-

John Swinney	b.circa 1822	in Hull, Yorkshire
George Swinney	b.circa 1826	in Hull, Yorkshire
Charles Swinney	b.circa 1830	in Hull, Yorkshire
Theresa Swinney	b.circa 1833	in Hull, Yorkshire
Margaret Swinney	b.circa 1835	in Hull, Yorkshire
Mary Ann Swinney	b.circa 1837	in Hull, Yorkshire

There is no further information available on **John Swinney (b.circa 1822)** so he may have died as a young child.

George Swinney (b.circa 1826) became a stone mason. He appears in the census records as follows:-

1851 - Lower Union Street, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

George SWINNEY	Head	M 24	Stone Mason	Hull, Yorkshire
Fanny SWINNEY	Wife	M 24		Brigg, Lincolnshire

1861 - 5 Burton Street, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

George SWINNEY	Head	M 34	Stone Mason	Hull, Yorkshire
Fanny SWINNEY	Wife	M 34		Brigg, Lincolnshire

Charles Swinney (b.circa 1830) appears in the census records as follows:-

1861 - 11 St. Thomas Place, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

Charles SWINNEY	Head	M 31	Cork Cutter	Hull, Yorkshire
Elizabeth SWINNEY	Wife	M 28		London
Charles Henry SWINNEY	Son		Scholar	Hull, Yorkshire
Theresa SWINNEY	Dau	2		Hull, Yorkshire
Mary Ann SWINNEY	Dau	4m		Hull, Yorkshire

Theresa Swinney (b.circa 1833) remained unmarried. Initially, she worked as a dressmaker. However, after that she went to work for her aunt, Letitia Cross (nee Wilson), as a grocer's assistant, living with her at 17 Lower Union Street, Hull.

Margaret Swinney (b.circa 1835) was living with her parents in 1851 and working as a hair seating manufacturer. However, I have no further information on her after this.

Mary Ann Swinney (b.circa 1837) was my GG-Grandmother (see further details below)

Ann Wilson (wife of our GGG-Grandfather, John Swinney) was the daughter of **Mary Wilson** and was born in 1800 in Goxhill, Lincolnshire. Mary was a daughter of **John Wilson** and **Mary** and had been born in Goxhill in 1780.

As no father was mentioned on Ann Wilson's baptism, it is likely that she was illegitimate. She had a sister called **Letitia Wilson** (b.circa 1812) in Aldbrough, East Yorkshire. Both Ann and Letitia moved to live in Hull and were established there by the time of the 1841 census.

Letitia Wilson married **Tom Cross**, although her husband seems to have died fairly quickly after the birth of a son (Tom Cross b.circa 1846) as she appears as a widow in the 1851 census. Letitia appears in the census records throughout the 19th century as follows:-

1841 - Marys Square, Lower Union Street, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

Letitia CROSS	U 25	Milliner	Yorkshire
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1851 - 17 Lower Union Street, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

Letitia CROSS	Head	W 38	Grocer	Aldbrough, Yorkshire
Tom CROSS	Son	5		Hull, Yorkshire
Thereza SWINNEY	Neice	U 17	Dressmaker	Hull, Yorkshire

1861 - 17 Lower Union Street, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

Letitia CROSS	Head	W 48	Grocer	Aldbrough, Yorkshire
Tom CROSS	Son	U 15	Scholar	Hull, Yorkshire
Theresa SWINNEY	Neice	U 27	Visitor	Hull, Yorkshire
Mary Ann SWINNEY	Neice	U 26	Visitor	Hull, Yorkshire

1871 - 17 Lower Union Street, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

Letitia CROSS	Head	W 58	Grocer	Aldbrough, Yorkshire
Tom CROSS	Son	U 25	Plumber & Gas Fitter	Hull, Yorkshire

Theresa SWINNEY Neice U 37 Grocer's Assistant Hull, Yorkshire

1881 - 17 Lower Union Street, Myton, Hull, Yorkshire

Leatitia CROSS	Head	W 68	Female Missionary	Aldbrough, Yorkshire
Teresa SWINNEY	Neice	U 47	Grocer	Hull, Yorkshire

Mary Ann Swinney (b.circa 1837)

Mary Swinney was my GG-Grandmother and was the youngest child of **John Swinney** and **Ann** (nee Wilson). In 1862, she married my GG-Grandfather, William Patterson (b.circa 1836 in Hull, Yorkshire).

They had two children:-

Ada Ann Patterson	b.circa 1865	in Hull, Yorkshire
Tom Cross Patterson	b.circa 1866	in Hull, Yorkshire

It is interesting that Mary & William named their only son as Tom Cross Patterson as one would have expected a first son to be named after the father or grandfather of either the father or mother. Tom Cross was actually the name of Mary Ann's cousin, so this suggests that the families were very close. We know that they lived in the same area, around Lower Union Street in Hull.

For further information on the above, see the Chapter on the PATTERSON family.