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*Dedicated to recording and preserving the history of the Turnbull families from Ebenezer,
a peacefully beautiful riverside spot on the Hawkesbury River in New South Wales.*

Hello Clan Members, almost twelve months has gone by since the Ebenezer church celebrations of 2009 when the wonderful old church celebrated its 200 years of existence.

The preparation leading up to and the events of the day were so overwhelming and stressful that we needed time to assess all which had happened on that great day.

So, a year has gone by and I have thought long and hard about what we should do to keep the focus on the future of our Turnbull family.

I don't know whether it was me or Percy who first came to the realisation that our family needed some recognition - we needed to be recorded by communicating with members of the Turnbull families. As soon as I emailed Percy and suggested starting up a Newsletter, he agreed.....so here we are.....our very first Turnbull Newsletter.

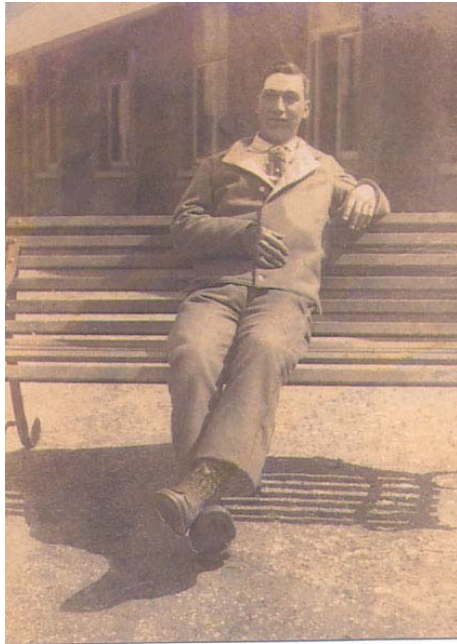
I guess many things regarding our Turnbolls have been happening all year about which we know nothing; so my first mention must be of the involvement of this family's men and women in the Forces. Whether it be Army, Navy or the Air Force, they have been part of Peace-Keeping and fighting in overseas countries for quite some time. I have no idea how many are involved, but I do know a family where the involvement extends to both the husband and his wife. Though in different areas of the Forces, they have been involved in East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. How

difficult this must be when children are involved - I "take my hat off" to the dedication shown by these men and women when it comes to helping and protecting this country. Nothing I can say could match the regard and esteem in which I hold these people who belong to us. Good Luck and safe return. You do us proud.

Recently, while talking to cousin Elizabeth, mention was made by her of First World War Medals she had found about which she knew nothing. I knew of an Uncle who had been in WW1, but that was all the information I possessed.

Out of curiosity, I contacted the War Memorial in Canberra and – surprise, surprise - found Uncle George Davis Turnbull had quite a record. He joined the 18th Battalion of the 1st Australian Infantry Force in October 1916, Service No. NX6400, was wounded a couple of times in France and returned to hospital in England. He was sent back to the frontline as soon as his injuries healed. But in June, 1918, he was so badly gassed in France that he wasn't expected to live. He recovered enough to be put on a hospital ship and sent home where he spent months recuperating in a Sydney Hospital. He was discharged medically unfit and never fully recovered his health for the remainder of his life. He received three medals for his war service in France.

George Davis Turnbull was born in 1892, Windsor and died 3rd April, 1963, Windsor.



George Davis Turnbull recuperating in a Sydney Hospital from injuries he received in the 1914 – 1918 War.

Percy is in control of the CD on which he keeps the records of our newest additions to the family. Of course, there are privacy concerns which must be strictly adhered to by law, so any information he is given is kept in secret. He would also like to hear about those in the family who have gone to that happy place in heaven - for the records.

It will be wonderful to keep these records up to date for the future - we will never know who may be looking for us in 2050 - so this is your opportunity to save our ancestry for future searchers and keep Percy updated with your family additions at email: perch@ol.com.au.

As some of you are aware, I have continued searching for proof of who our John Turnbull was before he emigrated to Australia in 1802 and settled in Ebenezer in 1803. Until recently I'd just been going over all I had previously found, in between buying CDs from a London based Genealogy shop.

So far I'd managed to buy copies of London Apprentice Tailors' records, London Merchant Tailors' records, many London Church BDMs, Westminster Church BDMs and so many more London CDs that I can't remember the names

of all of them.

Back in early April, while sorting through the new releases on the Net of what I might next buy from London, I saw the CD of the 1774 Poll List for Westminster and, though I didn't believe it was worth buying, decided to get it to fill in time waiting for the next release of CDs. It was a couple of days before I put it in the computer and a handful of pages into searching the names I came across this entry "JOHN TURNBULL, tailor, Thatched House Court." It was in St James Parish records of those listed as able to vote for members of parliament in Westminster. Immediately, I contacted two different researchers I had contact with in the UK and both came back with "Yes, it must be your John Turnbull". This John Turnbull had to be 21 years old or older to vote in 1774.

I looked at an earlier List for Westminster and John Turnbull wasn't on it in 1768, so he had turned 21 years old between 1769 and 1773. It appeared he had probably gone from Scotland to London in that period and it confirmed what we believed anyhow - that he was born between 1747-1753.

I immediately hired Patricia, a professional researcher who lived in London, and was well known to me, to search all available records in London in an effort to 'unmask' our John Turnbull.

Research has discovered he never owned his own tailoring business and he was still in Thatched House Court in 1775, but went missing afterwards.

Patricia has gone back to 1801 now and is working further backwards from that year.

Now, a Letitia Turnbull has been found in 1801 living in 14 Castle St, just 3 or 4 doors from John Turnbull and Ann Warr at No 9 Castle St or Berners St. (both No 9's are next to the Corner (no.10) of both streets).

Letitia Turnbull lived at 14 Castle St. from 1794 to 1801 but, up to the present time, it is not known what happened to her after 1801.

According to London records, Robert

Turnbull married Letitia Carroll in St Mary's Church, Marylebone in 1782 - in 1784 they had a daughter Letitia, their only child found.

Robert Turnbull was a hairdresser and a widower when he married Letitia.

Stand by for the next 'episode'.

Who was Robert Turnbull's 1st wife and what impact will Robert have on our research?

The Turnbull Picture Gallery

As a regular part of the Turnbull Newsletter we hope to include in each issue photographs of members of the Turnbull Clan. To make this a success we ask that recipients of our Newsletter, who have photographs and/or articles of interest, will forward them to either Marie Turnbull or Percy Harrison at the addresses given at the end of this issue.



James Davis Turnbull Born 21 February, 1866, at Sackville and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Anne Mitchell, born 24th February, 1951, at Sydney, relaxing after milking their cow.



The children attending Ebenezer School 1941 – 1942
Teacher : Cecil Wood. Marie Turnbull is the third child

from the right side bottom row



Archibald George Turnbull born 10th May, 1860 at Windsor, died 15th January, 1908, at Sackville. Marie Turnbull's Grandfather and Percy Harrison's Granduncle.

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