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TURNBULL EBENEZER

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Welcome to 2013 – I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break over Xmas and New Year. If you travelled overseas and visited the Turnbull monument in Scotland during the holidays, I'd love to hear about it!

Just as I was preparing to post out our last newsletter I received a note from a man in northern England about the McGregor name – he wishes to remain anonymous so I'll refer to him as Mr. Palmer only and print exactly what he wrote in his letter to me.

He wrote: You mention there was a tradition of Turnbull descendants from Rob Roy. I can confirm that this was in fact the case. Rob Roy's son was James Drummond, his son Gregor married three times - his second wife was Margaret Tibbets. Their daughter Annabelle Drummond was bapt. on 16 July 1786 in Edinburgh. This Annabelle married lawyer John Turnbull on 13th September 1805, in Edinburgh. They had at least four children: Gregor Turnbull c1806, Annie Turnbull c1808, Elizabeth Turnbull 16 Sept 1809 and Isabella Brown Turnbull, 12 June 1811.

Mr Palmer wrote an article on Gregor Drummond which appeared in the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club in 2008

I am aware of later marriages between Turnbull's and McGregor's, but our problem goes further back than the 18th century to the mid 17th century, probably between c1604 and c1650, and after the McGregor surname was taken from them. It's known that many McGregor's, fled Scotland and were in self-exile in Europe or Ireland. Until some managed to sneak back into Scotland and assume another surname just so they could live in their homeland - as in our case some were prepared to take another name, and became known as TURNBULL'S>

A couple of Newsletters back I mentioned the death of a Phyllis Turnbull, wife of John Turnbull from Western in the Hunter Valley. At the time we heard no more about the lady – but recently, I had a call from a person concerned the info I wrote was incorrect because a relative of the lady named Phyllis had married an Alan Turnbull. It was an odd coincidence but after some research I found two Phyllis Irene's had married Turnbull's. As it turned out a Phyllis Irene {nee Rose} had married 1st, Albert Herbert then 2nd Alan Robert Turnbull WHEREAS Phyllis Irene {nee O'Neill} married John Thomas Turnbull, and both were from Western in the same Hunter Valley region. Neither Alan Robert Turnbull nor John Thomas Turnbull belong to the Coromandel Turnbull ancestry.

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I haven't previously written anything about Ann Warr, wife of our John TURNBULL because other researchers believed the name Warr may have been a derivative of the name WAUGH. I never considered it a possibility because I couldn't believe any Scot would ever change his or her name to an English name. In that era lots of nastiness was still going on between the two countries. So when I discovered their son JAMES born in London in 1798 was actually baptised JAMES WARR TURNBULL, I almost fell off my chair because I knew what it could mean in those times.

ie: It would mean there was an earlier born son named JAMES.

When another son was born to the same father, but with a different mother, and she wanted to name a son the same name as a previous son, a second christian name was added – in this instance it became JAMES WARR to distinguish him from John's first son called James...

BUT most importantly, it told me that our ANN WARR was the daughter of a JAMES WARR, and she was English.

I have searched many London parish records for a daughter Ann born or baptised to a James Warr, without success.

I'd searched about a third of London registers when research was done a different way at the Church of the Latter Day Saints Research Centre and it became too difficult to pursue the search in a way which suited me, so my idea lapsed. I didn't anticipate what I found while going through the record's in the 1774 Poll list of eligible voters in Westminster again.

In St Margaret and St John's old church was the name JAMES WARR, **schoolteacher**. Ann's signature on her marriage certificate indicates she was well educated. But how and why at a time when most English women were illiterate, unless they were of high social standing?

I've seen it written here that John and Ann's daughter JESSICA, born in London in 1800, ran a small school at Portland Head and all John and Ann's children were educated....Could it have been because James Warr the schoolteacher in Westminster was Ann's father and why our early Turnbull children could read and write?.

I have searched more London records and found nothing relating to James Warr so far.

The picture below was found by Percy Harrison in his gallery pics. Written on the back were a few words saying it was a picture of James Turnbull and Mary Ann Winton and family. Percy has no idea how he came to have this picture OR if the writing



on the reverse was correct. If anyone can verify this family actually is JAMES AND MARY we would be so grateful – as far as we know, till this picture came to light NO PICTURE of James Turnbull and Mary Ann existed. James Turnbull and Mary Ann are my g g grandparents as well as Percy’s and many others in the Hawkesbury and further afield. It isn’t all of their children in the picture, but could match the ages of some. The family appears dressed to go or come from a special event and the background of the picture is definitely like Sackville. Note the huge sandstone rock behind the group, like much of the Sackville area.

AND there was a bit of a through my old pictures seen since about 1970 – I Ann Turnbull, nee Winton. when occasionally I wore there a likeness or is it my



surprise in store for me.....while going recently. I came across a picture I hadn’t was startled by my resemblance to Mary I was about 30yo when this was taken my hair in a similar way to Mary Ann. Is imagination?

When young I often looked like. As pictures of a picture in my mind of who John may have looked like picture in my head.

wondered what old John might have older relatives began turning up, I formed I thought my ancestor, gggggrandfather and Uncle Jim always seemed to fit the

Uncle Jim was James Davis Turnbull and Elizabeth Davis. than a walk and a typical looking old T model Ford except to Windsor – it's too recall hearing the old T model taking Uncle Jim to his farm corn to feed his chooks andUncle Jim



They talk about our nose, but

There is some wonderful old and I was lucky to have this group of old pictures given to the names of all the children in school at Ebenezer that day, but the names I have give you an idea of how the pioneer families had evolved to the 1928/29 era.

MOST OF THE CHILDREN IN THE PICTURE ARE RELATED, SOMEHOW.

Row 1: George Sargent ? Errol Brown ? Russell King Allen Sargent
 Row 2: Laurence Tuckerman Bligh Johnston Maurice Tuckerman Enid Brown Jean Brown Mavis Stephens Alwyn Tuckerman Una Lockart Alex Lockart Jim Davison
 Row 3: Dorrie King Phyllis Stephens Edna Tuckerman ? Jean Sargent May Watson Sadie Turnbull Alistair Gorrard



Row 4: Bessie Turnbull Doris....? Betty Baker Winnie Tuckerman Doris Davison, Leila Sheene ? Sarah Baker.

If anyone is able to either correct or fill in missing names, please let me know so I can correct my record.

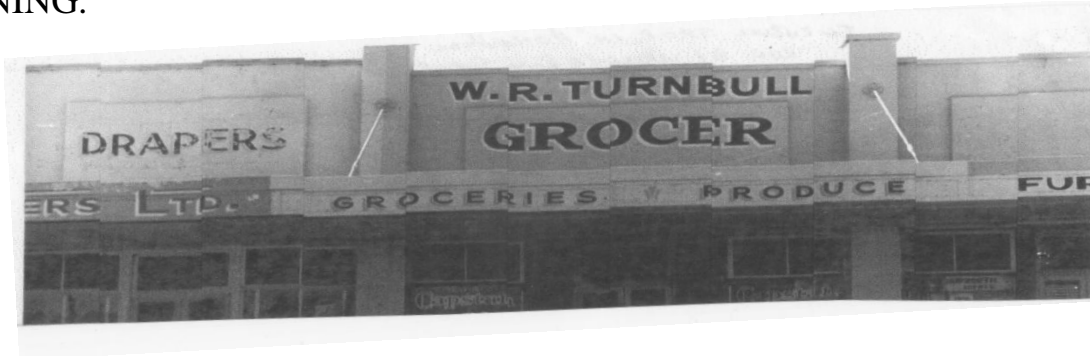
Turnbull, eldest son of Archibald He had an odd walk, more of a shuffle Turnbull nose. He had a fantastic truck which he drove everywhere, far for “the old girl” he would say. I Ford chugging along Sackville Road on Mud Island where he grew some his cattle. Turnbull.....

are the “ears” worth a mention.

pictures emerging from family albums one land in my lap recently amongst a me by a relative. I wasn't able to get

I've heard Matt, the grandson of Tony and Judy Hayman in South West Rocks has successfully passed his exams at the police academy and is now out in the big wide world helping to fight crime in the metropolitan area and still loving the job.

This is another old pic I recently received - it's the shop front of the business Wallace Roy Turnbull had at Home Hill in Queensland. Wallace was the father of the late Malcolm Roy Turnbull. Edward Ernest Turnbull was Wallace's father and belonged to the well known Sackville North (Mud Island) family of THOMAS TURNBULL and ELIZABETH MANNING.



Several Manning girls descending from Captain George Manning, an early Hawkesbury river boat captain, married into the Mud Island Turnbull families.

I've recently received a letter from Dawn Day from Mt. Gambier telling me of her problems with the internet and our goose2fly Newsletter site having a security scare attachment. So...if you need to contact me and are having trouble via the computer, there is alternative ways of getting a message to me.

Dawn and Max Day wrote of their grandson Levi, who is going places ---fast.

Levi Day has been Australia for big break recently. Last year, luckily England with Moto round of the 2012 Championship. He and was offered a 2013. The team Superstock 1000's 600's. His first race Island 2013 Classic he had a win,

South Australian Historic Roadracing Championships 2012
- 29-30 December 2012 - McNamara Park, Mount Gambier, SA

Day the record wrecker Report Danny Ahern Photos Rob Lewis



Levi Day gets the winner's treatment from his sponsor for the weekend, Michael Skeer.

With all riders having experienced the fantastic show the HACCRA puts on at Mac Park Mount Gambier each year, entry forms were being hunted down well before they were released. Participation levels were to see a new high, with 170 motorcycles entered, including 20 sidecars.

Many took the opportunity to practice on Friday as well as have their bikes and gear put through scrutineering, which made proceedings a little less stressful come Saturday morning, with a huge program of 52 events planned. The riders' briefing was held well on time and procedures got under way with all classes having 2 opportunities to post a qualifying time to gain their grid position for the weekend. Whilst everyone was happy with the weather temperature-wise (low 20's) the fine drizzly showers encountered during Saturday morning hampered some efforts in bettering times.

Riders had come from WA, Tasmania, QLD, NSW, Victoria as well as all the Adelaide riders that travelled their 5 hours to get to Mac Park. Class 'C' was this year being encouraged for the first time in SA following on from the Vic's and been South Westcoast, Shannon from Revolution timing was excited about the huge fields and was great to work with during the weekend. Fields were all fairly full, which meant most had someone to race with.

There was much anticipation to be had in the 500 P3 Classic class, with local youngsters and lifelong friends, Jack Wright and Levi Day set to put on some great racing and records were expected to be falling. Jack was riding his dad's bike, now with Summerfield Motor and 11 tool-geared and Levi was the guest rider on Michael Skeer's new 'Schmoetz Spec' McIntosh Max Norton, and the lads did not disappoint with each winning a race early on. Spectators were gobslobbered with Jack going around the outside of Levi at turn one to gain an upper hand in one race. The old record held by Levi on the Jerry Koistra Honda soon tumbled with both sides getting under the previous best time. Ultimately Levi got

5000 P4 Unlimited thousands off the line with Simon Cook (40) already making the pace.

racing his bike in awhile, but he got his

he got a ride in Breakers in the last British (motor bike) was successful there position with them in was running two and two Superstock was in the Phillip when on the Saturday setting a new lap record.

Then on Sunday he set another new 500 record, thanks to Ron Angel and Jerry Koistra who both loaned him their Hondas.

Levi left for South Africa immediately after Phillip Island where he would do two rounds of the Sunshine Superbike Series on Yamaha R6s, and got to ride a parade with the likes of Grand Prix Legends Jim REDMON, Sean EMMET and Mick GRANT.

After some terrible incidents in South Africa where two young riders were killed in separate

crashes{ one a close friend of the team}, he was happy to leave South Africa.

LEVI flew to England on the 11 Feb. He immediately began testing for Moto Breakers Racing on their new 2013 Kawasaki Superstock bike.

At the time of writing all seemed to be going nicely in England for Levi. AND we wish him every success while overseas as I'm sure all motor bike fans will do as he is in a very dangerous sport.

Dawn's Turnbull grandparents were JAMES TURNBULL and ISABELLA ORD who arrived in Australia in 1840 with the family, except their eldest son RICHARD who never came with them on the "Glen Huntley". Nothing has ever been found or known about Richard since they arrived here.

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It's great to hear from more descendants of JOSEPH HARTLEY and MARY ANN TURNBULL. Recently picture with her father, Deb's parents were John descends from James Leo from Thomas Hartley who JANE ARMSTRONG.



James Hartley was the only born in Ceylon 1817. I'm the Ceylon records in the time there.

Deb. at present is in the midst of the Queensland floods around Bundaberg, and we wish her all the best.

Deb Hartley contacted me and attached a JOHN HARTLEY.

William Hartley and Colleen Dunn. John Hartley, via James Joseph Hartley, then was the son of JAMES HARTLEY and

child of Joseph and Mary Ann Hartley, waiting for the British Archives to release hope of discovering more about Joseph's

Recently I was asked to find who Andrew Turnbull was, the builder of Windsor Bridge. With a man named Dixon, they constructed the Bridge in 1874, AS WE ALL KNOW NOW, the NSW Government wants to destroy the old bridge and replace it with a monstrosity and now I learnt THIS.....

I WAS stunned to find, when I got access recently to both sets of bridge measurements and even more amazed to read what little difference there is between the size of both bridges, SO WHAT is REALLY going on, **I ASK YOU, PREMIER O'FARRELL.**

I was lead to believe they wanted to build a bigger and higher bridge?

I knew the only Andrew belonging to the Coromandel group was Andrew Warr Turnbull and he was in the Hawkesbury area in 1874, but he was a farmer and no bridge builder. I discovered Bridge builder Andrew Turnbull arrived here in the 1860's with his brother George and settled in Emu Plains. Soon after arriving he married Elizabeth Beatson and they had several children in Emu Plains. Andrew lived in Windsor during the bridge construction, and when his wife died he moved to live in Windsor permanently with his only surviving son Alma Turnbull. Andrew died 20/1/1909 in Windsor.

Andrew Turnbull's father was born in Ireland, and moved to Scotland. At first becoming a soldier, and marrying Mary Simpson in KELSO, Scotland on 24th March 1824.

Later he became an Excise Officer in London. I can't find son Andrew's birth in Scotland so he may have been born in London c1834/5.

Mary Simpson was born in Kelso in 1794, but I haven't pursued her further, yet but I will, knowing some early Hawkesbury settlers have the Simpson name in their ancestry.

I'm currently helping Canadian Katherine find her ancestors, because she believed some may have come here. One of particular interest was named John Turnbull.

It was all very intriguing because the more we found the more it seemed likely he was connected to us here. They came from the same area of Roxburghshire and they had similar names. I'm not fully convinced our families belong to each other yet, but our search is ongoing. My tutor, Albert Turnbull in Northumberland will be pleased to know we found John Turnbull tailor, in Lillesleaf, Scotland c1750. He went to Canada, where he died in Ayr, Canada in 1843 – I hope my original teacher of Ancestry research. Albert Turnbull will read this.

I do give credit where it is due and Albert Turnbull is responsible for teaching me how to do Research.

Also... is there anyone in Australia {or another country} who has done research on an Alexander Turnbull who arrived here in about 1833 from Granada in the West Indies. If you have, please contact me – as I have a lady in Victoria who wants to know more about this Alexander Turnbull.

To all our rellies struggling with health issues at present, I hope things improve for everyone as quickly as possible, particularly for Ian in Qld and Shirley in Boambee on the north coast who have been having a rough time recently - the best of wishes to all of you.

Thank you for your stories and donation's, they are the reason our Newsletter's are being so favourably received.

The next issue, July/August, 2013 – Bye for now and Good luck to all.

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