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Recently I've become aware of a nice activity being created by this Newsletter. We are re-connecting long lost family members and friends. Our most recent reconnection, after 50 years, is Beverly of Winda Woppa in NSW and Ian and Marjorie of Nanango in Qld. Quite a distance in 50 years.

The HAWKESBURY is changing and now a wonderfully diverse place, different, yet still very similar in many ways to the place where I grew up. So it was a shock to be reminded in mid September this year, it was the same Hawkesbury I knew and loved because what was happening had happened back in about 1959. A small fire started around 1pm in the scrub below Lapstone in the lower blue mountains and by dark (no daylight saving then) had reached the Hawkesbury river at Ebenezer. It was stopped by the river, but for awhile the danger was it was so fierce a fire it would jump the river and race on through Cattai. SO in September this year the Hawkesbury was again under threat from fire, when from the vicinity of Marsden Park to the lower blue mountains the Hawkesbury seemed to be alight. TV bulletins showed how dire the situation was as I sat watching and scanning faces on the screen looking for people and family I knew hoping none would appear. In recent years many family members have moved to the higher Glenbrook/Winmalee areas of the Hawkesbury and thankfully all appear to have escaped this fire. AS WONDERFUL AN AREA AS THE HAWKESBURY IS, the moveable DANGER OF LIVING THERE must be remembered and heeded because if the floods don't get you the fires might..

Another wonderful feature in to-day's Hawkesbury is the return of the horse. In the early days horses were very valuable for the future of the area. Horses helped do everything the car and truck does to-day – horse racing began in the district around 1812 or so. I remember being told about the first great racehorse, Jorrocks, though that great horse probably died before my 'storytelling' great Uncle's were born.

We had the remains of a race track on our land, but I doubt it was ever used, it was flooded for most of the 1940's and 50's. The "race track" land grew beautiful watermelons and corn when not flooded. The great Shire and Clydesdale draught horse was around for a long time after the area became motorised. The Turnbull twins, Ralph and William, were born down Macdonald river way in 1846 and were highly involved with the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association and Show and donated a DRAUGHT HORSE CUP as first prize for the champion draught horse of the Hawkesbury Show for years. The prize ceased not too long after the last twin, William died in 1940. The Cup is on display in the Hawkesbury Museum. By the time I was old enough to learn to ride very few people in the district rode horses for pleasure. Alan Johnston had a small stud farm at Ebenezer and a couple of smaller studs like Navua still existed around North Richmond and the famous racehorse stud, Hobartville was still in action, but in decline. As far as riding for fun, there was just a handful of young locals riding horses in Ebenezer. NOW HORSES ARE BACK, BIGTIME IN THE HAWKESBURY, where they belong. The Hawkesbury Race Club is again a huge success with new trainers moving in around Clarendon. There is a good Polo Club and Pony Club's in the area. Areas around Windsor and Richmond are now home to horse trainers and the Internationally regarded racing group, Darley has set up in Agnes Banks. THE renowned race caller Johnny Tapp has established a fine stable of Pacers/Trotters in Ebenezer on the old Mund property, if you're a horse person, the Hawkesbury is a great place to be right now.

In the latest Clan Newsletter "BULLSEYE" from the USA, a lovely baby picture {below} with a query about who and where the baby's family were, was printed – it was no surprise really - he belonged to our Ebenezer Clan family and lived in Pitt Town, on the opposite side of the Hawkesbury river from Wilberforce. Pitt Town Uniting Church is closely associated with our famous church at Ebenezer.

Many of us have known Doug for years. Doug and his wife Olga have

Do You Know Douglas Fraser Turnbull?

The granddaughter of the Rev. Victor Clark-Duff of the Hunter Valley Region of NSW Australia (1910-1930s) found this photograph among her late grandfather's things. She would love to pass the photo along to heirs of Douglas Fraser Turnbull.

Her grandfather was well known in the area and later became the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in NSW.


If you are either part of the family or know the heirs, please contact editor@turnbullclan.com

Douglas Fraser TURNBULL
Aged 7 months

Fa: Roy Carlton TURNBULL
b.17/2/1901 d. 1/12/1945

Mo: Mary Isobel GARDINER
b.22/8/1902 d. 1985

m. c1924
Singleton NSW Australia



lived in Pitt Town for many years. Doug descends from the William Bligh Turnbull and Sarah Davis line via his grand parents, Henry Warr Turnbull and Margaret Caterson who married in 1871 in the Macdonald River area and lived in Singleton for most of their lives. Doug hasn't been experiencing the best of health recently, so we wish Doug and Olga all the best. NOTE *the incorrect dates for his parents deaths..*

Many thanks to the Editor of "BULLSEYE", Betty Turnbull for the story. – Thank you.

I must correct Articles on the Net linking our Ebenezer Turnbull's to the American, Dr Andrew Turnbull in New Smyrna. Dr. Andrew Turnbull's FATHER NICOL TURNBULL is written to be the link. No doubt Dr Andrew was the son of NICOL TURNBULL and JANET JOHNSTON who died in ANNAN in 1756, but there's only one possible way he could be related to us. BECAUSE - With the former secretary of BULLSEYE, Janet in Texas, we spent many hours researching the family, (Dr Andrew's family is well known in USA) and believe we have found the correct confusing ancestries in Scotland – I'll explain as simply as possible so readers will understand:===

GO BACK TO 1650 = when William Turnbull and Janet Merton married in MELROSE. Their 3rd child, ANDREW born 1655, 1st married about 1680, (wife unknown) had sons (1)NICOL in 1682 and (2)JOHN in 1685, then the mother appears to have died ...because in the early 1690's....Andrew re-married Marion Laidlaw {b 1663 to Robert Laidlaw in Melrose} and when Marion was 35yo they had daughter (3)JENNET in 1698. Marion also died and in about 1701 ...Andrew married again to...*Elizabeth Schlaiter* (b Dec 1679 in Melrose to Robert Schlaiter) their marriage also not found,...and...their 1st son (4)ANDREW was born 1703 in Melrose, then (5)MARGARET, born in 1704, (6)ROBERT, in 1706,(7)ELIZABETH, in 1708 and (8)MARION, in 1711, ** then in 1713 twins (9)JAMES and (9)WILLIAM were born 4 months after their father, (original ANDREW b 1655) at age 58yo died.

RECORDS in the OLD PAROCHIAL REGISTERS reveal where most of his children could be found in the 18th century: *as follows.....*

1ST son NICOL b.1682 mrd Janet Johnston c1710-15 – only son found, Andrew {the DR in New Smyrna, USA.}

2nd son JOHN born in 1685, had a son named NICOL in Hawick 1701 with Jean Dunlape – however in 1703 he married HELEN LANDS in Hawick and had more children. ALL his childrens baptisms were witnessed by brother NICOL and a PETER MITCHELL (?? mrd a sister of John & Nicol). Nicol may have lived in Hawick before moving to ANNAN where he died in 1756.

3rd child JENNET born 1698, dau of Marion LAIDLAW, no record found after her birth..

4th child, ANDREW born 1703 married MARY LAMB in Wilton, moved back to Melrose....got into financial difficulties and his mother bailed him out in late 1720's.

5th child, MARGARET 1704 married and stayed in Melrose.

6th child, ROBERT 1706, 7th child ELIZABETH 1708, and 8th child MARION 1711, have not been researched.BUT

9th children, Twins:...WILLIAM married MARGARET JOHNSTONE and his 1st and maybe ONLY son Andrew died, (no son mentioned in his father William's Will in 1780)....AND the other twin....JAMES...hasn't been identified? As of now it appears JAMES maybe one of the James Turnbull's who married in HOWNAM, MOREBATTLE or LINTON between 1733 and 1760's, including the Minister, REV. JAMES TURNBULL of Linton parish. ODDLY *WILLIAM died in Annan in 1780 and Rev. JAMES died in Linton in 1780, 2 months before WILLIAM.

(Nicol Turnbuls Headstone says *William was his son, but I believe he was NICOL's youngest brother). Other evidence via *William's dau JANET FOREST, in the naming of her children, also suggest NICOL was not her grandfather. (maybe her uncle).

All the son's, (but JAMES), of ANDREW TURNBULL, b 1655, were masons.

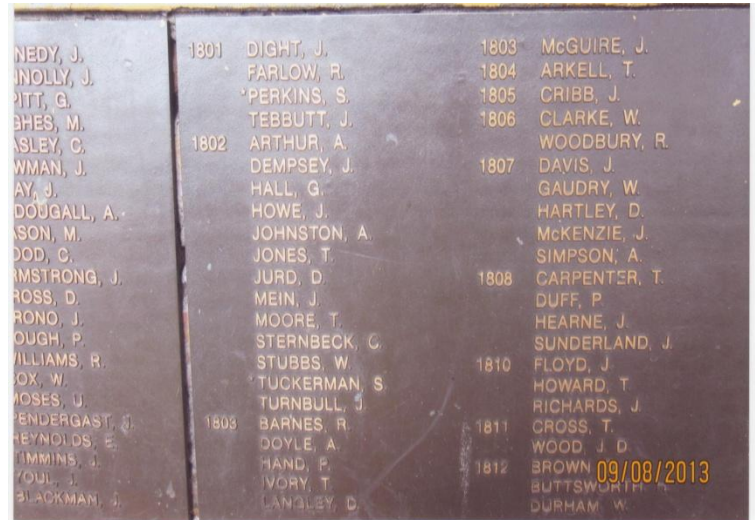
IF one of the JAMES in the Morebattle area turns out to be THE twin son of ANDREW AND OUR John Turnbuls father, IT'S the only possible connection the Ebenezer Turnbull's can have with NICOL and Dr. Andrew Turnbull of New Smyrna, USA.

The other baptism witness in Hawick to John Turnbull's(b1685) children, Peter Mitchell, was a goldsmith who died in Edinburgh in 1736, where it states in the burial register that his wife was a Turnbull/Amos. IF he's related it can only mean, ONE OF the earlier WIVES of ANDREW TURNBULL born in 1655 was an AMOS. Research is ongoing.

I HAD A QUERY recently from a man named Trumble, in Australia. I've been a little slack in not mentioning the various pronunciation/spellings of Turnbull previously because I believed all our Turnbull's would know about the TRUMBLE variants. Another name variant not usually mentioned is TEMPLE. Years ago while pursuing JOHN TURNBULL in Cumbria, the Cumbria Record Office in Carlisle informed me the name Temple was also a variant of TRUMBLE/TURNBULL.

Descendants of an early pioneer family living near me recently did a day trip, {6 hours UP and BACK} by train to Windsor, to learn about the Bridge fiasco. They spent hours in Windsor and a couple in Thompsons Square. They were so disillusioned by the number of B-double's and semi trailers crossing the bridge and trundling through the Square and can't understand the stubbornness of the O'Farrell Government in refusing to look at another

crossing site but the ONE THEY WANT... THEY SIGNED THE PETITION IN THE SQUARE and got back on the train to Wollongong. COME ON MR O'FARRELL DO THE RIGHT THING - send in the Engineers to FIX the current bridge while you investigate building the bridge crossing up on the corner of the river, the right place for a new bridge. IT MAY COST LOTS LESS THAN THE CURRENT PLAN BY YOUR GOVERNMENT. *or are you Mr O'FARRELL afraid of finding it will cost a lot less than your plan.?*



Looking across the street from Thompsons Sq. The pioneer settler names of the Hawkesbury on the plaque under the ANCHOR in Thompsons's Square.. Taken during the visit to Windsor on the 9th August.

The picture of Mervyn Turnbull that appeared in the last Newsletter, has raised questions by his family on how or why Mervyn was in Wollongong NRMA when he lived in Leichhardt. Recently I visited the huge Motor Museum in Dapto to talk to the Curator Wendy Muddell while looking for answers about Mervyn's time in the NRMA . As a first time visitor I was astounded by the size of the Museum – it's an amazing place and well worth a look. IT'S THE SECOND LARGEST MOTORING MUSEUM IN AUSTRALIA and a credit to Wendy. A retired Road Serviceman in the area is now looking into any records which may still exist about Mervyn's time in the NRMA.

A new book has been released by the Cavanough family and it's called simply, "GRACE AND RALPH". Of course "Ralph" in the title is Ralph Turnbull, Grace Cavanough's husband. If your a collector of Turnbull books or belong to this family connection you maybe interested in acquiring a copy. This book is A4 size and over 600 pages, it contains new stories and new pictures. THERE IS ALSO SEVERAL NEW BOOKS in the pipeline, though no date has yet been set for their release. Please contact Sandra for details at the following:=

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It's understandable that our Turnbull's are adventurers, " we" did get on a ship to sail cross the seas in 1802 – but what a couple from a current family did recently for adventure is

mind-boggling. I've sent out email Newsletters for years without knowing where most recipients live, so when I suddenly had a reply message from one, saying "we'll be home in a month etc etc". I was curious and replied asking, "where have you been?" thinking they'd been on holidays. Back came the surprising reply, "no, we've been living in Thailand".

Bev and John McIntosh have been home for awhile now and I've learnt all about their adventure.....THEY bought a scoupon voucher to Mangosteen Resort and Spa in Rawai, Phuket, 7 days for two people and they thought it was a bargain. They had never been to Thailand before and flew there in July 2011.. Bev said = "It was a magic spot away from busy Phuket and on the non tsunami side. The resort had a holiday club and we decided to join. Members received a free week each year and it was close to other Asian countries we wanted to visit. Soon after arriving John was asked if he would like to sell for the club and help with customer service". = THEY FLEW HOME IMMEDIATELY, told the kids they were going, packed, got their visas, including Johns work visa and headed back in September. = "JOHN worked 6 days a week at the resort. I was very homesick and knew no one, nor the language, so bought myself a small green frog festiva car and hit the roads". Bev said they met people from all around the world, ate different and unusual meals and lived to tell the tale – they became friends with a lovely thai couple who helped them adjust, even got an opportunity to visit China and Japan. BEV SAYS IT WAS A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE . and believe it, They are already planning their next adventure in 2 years time.

BEV descends from Ralph and Amelia Turnbull, via their daughter Vera.

Bev's dad was Ronald Griffiths Turnbull, her mum was Margaret Isaac. Ron and Margaret worked share farming before buying their own later selling later selling Macquarie. and moving to Port



Bev and John under

the cherry tree in Japan.

Since the Windsor bridge debacle began I've received correspondence from family members who knew relatives who have been involved in bridge building. So a few weeks ago when I received a note from Bev Oakley in Hawk's Nest to record the passing of her cousin Lawrence Roy Browne, who was very involved with bridge building, I had to tell his bridge story. Bev wrote... "Laurie lived in Turramurra for most of his adult life. He was an engineer at the DMR and for some time was 2 IC and later 1 IC for the roads and bridging department. He was instrumental in designing the Gladesville bridge where the single span technology travelled the world. He was also instrumental in the design of the Mooni Mooni bridge on the F3 Pacific Highway on the Central Coast". (I'm sure Laurie would have known what to do with Windsor bridge)

Laurie was born in Cessnock on 4th March 1925, his mother was Linda Irene Turnbull, and his grand parents were Harper Augustus Turnbull and Edith Alberta Gosper. Laurie passed away on the 16th July, 2013.

It's wonderful to hear from parents about the new addition to their families and in recent weeks we welcome the following young lads into the big wide world of turnbull.



CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and grandparents.

Remember ELISE from hot seat!

On the 11th of August 2013, a son named JACK ALAN WARTERS was born to ELISE and SCOTT WARTERS of Melbourne. – this lucky boy is a 9th generation descendant of two pioneer sons, , RALPH and GEORGE TURNBULL.....ELISE is the daughter of JUDY and BRENDAN O'NEILL, Melbourne, Victoria



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On the 15th of October 2013, a son named HARRY ROBERT BEH was born to ANDREW and CARA BEH in Brisbane, QLD.

CARA is the daughter of BRIAN and LINDA TURNBULL in Brisbane Qld. – also a 9th generation son.of GEORGE TURNBULL born in 1806..

I've no idea why I wrote earlier of the fire danger in the Hawkesbury, maybe because I'd remembered 40 odd years ago when Winmalee Ridge was developed and fire would have been a major threat. The threat became a reality last month when in a few hours, around

200 homes in the Winmalee and Yellow Rock area of the blue mountains were burnt to the ground by an unstoppable bush fire. Homes of members of this clan are among the losses.

The undergrowth and the steep rough terrain of the lower blue mountain's was so bad I couldn't believe anyone would develop it let alone build homes up there. I could see no way a home on that ridge would be saved from bush fires unless the ridge was totally denuded of trees and undergrowth. (with the green attitude of some in this country, that was never going to happen) AND now many people have lost everything. I'm very sorry for those people.

When that ridge was being developed people in high places at every level only saw dollar signs and weren't listening to othersit can be said they are off the hook scot free, in this disaster. Housing on those ridges should have been planned far differently OR never planned at all. Some one who knows the do's and don't's of living in the Hawkesbury/Blue mountain areas is desperately needed for planning in NSW. OTHERWISE HISTORY IS GOING TO REPEAT ITSELF OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

WE can't STOP BUSH FIRES, we just need to understand them - Australia is unusual in that we need fire to regenerate our wonderful unique AUSTRALIAN bush flora.

I SEND with Sincerity our Deepest Sympathy to the following members of our family.

To Trevor Martin and his family in Singleton for the loss of his beloved daughter DIANE PORRILL, who died after a long illness in Queen Elizabeth 2, Hospital in BRISBANE QLD on 22 JULY 2013 – age 64 years.

To the Turnbull family of Sackville after a long illness, JUDITH BETTINA TURNBULL, {nee Downie} wife of (dec) Ellis Ivan Turnbull, died on 24 AUGUST 2013 and was buried in Ebenezer. The family has been with Ebenezer Church since 1809.

To the family in Vincentia {formerly of Wilberforce} of STEPHEN RODNEY TUCKERMAN and the son of (dec) Alwyn, and Val Tuckerman of Ebenezer go our sympathy for the sudden death of their beloved, in Sydney on the 13 October, 2013.

Stephen was buried in Ebenezer - the family has a long history and association with Ebenezer Church, the oldest church in Australia.

In the last Newsletter I wrote I would reveal BREAKER MORANTS correct name under certain circumstances. NO ONE has come forward to claim the whip handle so this was his name =.William Harry Morant = it's etched on the whip handle and I have no doubt it was his real name. The whip makers name is also etched on the handle.

The butt of the whip is small and more likely it was part of a child's whip - he probably acquired it when he was around the age of 12-14 yrs. It must have meant a lot to him, for he brought it to Australia in 1882 AND kept it, until he was about to go back to England.

I've done lots of research on his name on the Net and believe I know who he was. SO ANY Research guru's wishing to do their own search, should start looking in the 1861 census for UK and Scotland. I BELIEVE HE WAS BORN IN 1859. I never could understand why he married DAISY BATES when only about 18 years of age IF he was Edwin Henry Murrant. I think the workhouse matron Catherine Murrant was his aunt, not his mother, but more research has to be done, going beyond the census's for personal info..

Congratulations to Elgin and Andy Sales of North Richmond for winning their section of the Hawkesbury Garden Competition recently. They won the RESIDENTIAL SECTION and I believe Ebenezer Church won the NON RESIDENTIAL section. Happy gardening to all.

Elgin is the daughter of Dulcie Dunstan TURNBULL and Ronald A. Basil HALL who married in Wilberforce in 1916. They are from the prolific Wilberforce line of Ralph Turnbull and Sarah Reynolds.

It is good to hear that many of our rellies who had health problems recently are now well and truly on the mend – but for those still struggling with illness and health issues, all the best of possible wishes to all of you for a good outcome.

MANY thank's to everyone for their help and support and the stories which keep this Newsletter viable. WITHOUT YOU, I'D HAVE NOTHING TO WRITE ABOUT.

IT'S just a few short weeks until we will celebrate once again

MERRY XMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR in 2014.



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OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MARCH/APRIL IN 2014.