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.....a peacefully beautiful spot on the Hawkesbury River in N.S.W.....

.....NOW including all TURNBULL families in Australia.....

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TURNBULL NEWSLETTER

Nov/Dec 2014.

Another year is about to end again and it has been such a busy one. It seems like it was just yesterday I was trying to write the first newsletter of 2014. I appreciate the great stories which came our way in the past year, they have been amazing and I hope it continues because it's absolutely wonderful to learn about so many other Turnbull people living in different part's of the world.

My anguish all year has been Windsor Council and the Liberal Party because of their wish to pull down the bridge. It has just had another birthday, 140 years old on August 20TH - built in 1874.

In 1870 Andrew Turnbull and his partner Dixon won the tender to build the bridge. It's an amazing bridge which has withstood 140 years of flooding and the worst nature could throw at it. I remember the times when floodwaters were so deep over

the bridge and along Wilberforce Road that not even the top of electricity poles could be seen above the flood water, yet the bridge has survived.

I wonder if any new bridge built to-day would withstand what this bridge has been through in 140 years. So why is the State Liberal Party so determined to pull it down, just to replace it with another two lane modern cement structure which may never be as good or last as long as this old bridge? A huge effort is being made by many people in the district to prevent the Government from destroying the bridge. The **only** responsible thing to do is repair the bridge and build another one across the river in another place which will create a bypass for heavy traffic and vehicles going further afield than Windsor. It must be the priority to maintain and protect the historic town of Windsor.

In recent weeks it appears I've almost had a direct line to Scotland. Within days of the Newsletter going out, I received a letter from Julie in Tamworth about her

friend who had emigrated from Scotland to NSW fairly recently. Julie wrote to tell me her friend had kept her subscription going for a Scottish magazine called SCOTTISH MEMORIES.

As it happens at present our Aussie diggers from WW1 here and others around the world are being remembered and talked about. By coincidence, a recent 'Scottish Memories' ran a story about a young Scot named JAMES YOUNG TURNBULL. Because of

his bravery in the Battle of the Somme on 1st Jan 1916, JAMES was awarded a VC. There is a lot more to his war story and others in the magazine, which can be read about on the Net, www.celebrate-scotland.co.uk I thank the Managing Editor, Matthew Hill for allowing me to write about his magazine.

Of course many of our men, including our Turnbulls who went to WW1, didn't come home. Luckily, my uncle George Davis Turnbull did, but because of what happened to him in France he was unwell for the rest of his life. Uncle George was a member of the AIF's 18th Battalion and was gassed three times during the war. On the 3rd occasion he was so badly gassed in France that he spent time in a Lon-



don hospital before being sent home just before the end of the war. He never fully recovered from the gassing and died in 1963 – I was lucky enough to have known him.

Still in Scotland.....A few readers of this Newsletter know I joined the Scottish Genealogy Society many years ago and consequently have been a recipient of their quarterly journal for years. Many good stories have been written over the years, but one which really attracted my interest recently was the story about DNA and red headed people. I'm still trying to get permission to write a little of that story from the journal's editor, but on the internet a very comprehensive story about DNA testing can be found on scotlandsdna.com particularly if your interested in getting your DNA tested.

Around the same time as I received Julie's letter I also received one from Michael Turnbull in Roxburgshire, Scotland. Michael asked about a Turnbull family in Rox'shire which I couldn't remember much of because my research was done about 25 years ago. Stephenson was one of the names in the family and I could remember they were high profile because of their military service. I hadn't pursued them further after I realized they were not my Turnbolls. But Michael's persistence in questioning me, worked and I did finally trawl through pre-computer records to find what I had done. After some non-productive searches, on one last look I opened up to the exact page. It was the ancestry of THOMAS TURNBULL and MARY BEATIE in East Middle in Kirkton Parish, Roxburghshire, between 1825 and 1839. Their first son I found was named Archibald Oliver Turnbull, who would have been named after Thomas's father, IF he had no earlier sons, but it was the 3rd son Michael had so adamantly been asking about and his name was JAMES DOUGLASS TURNBULL.

Remember the photo I found in Bellinghen's old P/O, many years ago, where a man in the photo looked like my dad, BUT wasn't my dad – the James Douglass Turnbull born in East Middle in KIRKTON PARISH in 1833 came to Australia in the 1850's and was the progenitor of the EBOR, TURNBULL family in Australia.

NOW, the big question is, why such a similarity between my father's appearance and the man belonging to this Ebor family of James Douglass Turnbull. I'll need to research back from Thomas Turnbull's family to look for a relationship. At least I

know I'm searching in the right area because the JAMES TURNBULL I believe to be the father of our John Turnbull {1802}, came from the same area. I'm hoping the book by Robyn Crossle, a descendant of JAMES DOUGLASS TURNBULL, about the Ebor Turnbull family may help when I get time to do the research.

Scotland recently had their referendum and voted the right way, I believe. They will stay in the union with Great Britain.

In the last Newsletter I made errors when writing about Ian Turnbull's history. So I must correct his history - following is how it should read:

Ian Turnbull's ggg'grandfather Alexander Turnbull born in Edinburgh Sc., 1798 had a brother named Robert, a doctor born in 1791. ROBERT'S family emigrated to Sydney c1832. The next generation, James Thomson Turnbull born in 1830 was the eldest son of Alexander and emigrated to Adelaide SA, c1858 and his brother George Mathieson Turnbull, born in Edinburgh in 1840 followed him in 1863 and he was IAN'S g'grandfather. This wasn't the only connection Ian had in the new colony, his ggggg'grandfather Capt. James Campbell was Gov. Macquarie's father-in-law. Macquarie's Aide de Camp, Capt John Cliffe Watt was Ian's ggg'grandfather.

When Macquarie left Australia Capt Watts also returned to England. Watts later married Elizabeth Macquarie's niece (nee Campbell) and resigned from his position in the 73rd Regiment and remained in private life for some time. Later when he returned to Australia he was appointed, replacing his brother Henry, as Post Master General in South Australia for the next 20 years. Later while in NSW as Aide de Camp, John Watts was responsible for the design of some of our early buildings... ie the Lancer Barracks in Parramatta – the Old Military Hospital, now Headquarters of the National Trust in the Rocks – two spires added to St Johns Church in Parramatta and extensions to the old Government House in Parramatta. Ian was born in Adelaide in 1941, but has lived in several States before settling in Tasmania a few years ago.



It's a pleasure to welcome new Tasmanian reader Sue Hansen to our Newsletter. Sue descends from Ann Turnbull who arrived in the colony about 1849. All Ann's

family emmigrated to Australia around the same time and mostly they settled around the Marshall Mt. area of Wollongong, but Ann went on to Tasmania where she married and remained for the rest of her life.

Our *expat* Aussie, David McCabe the London Architect who has been so helpful to me in researching the two John Turnbulls, 1801 and 1802 (we believe the 1801 John was an associate of Francesco de Miranda from Caracas) had hoped to visit Sydney in October. I was looking forward to meeting David and his wife, Honor, but unfortunately they had to put the trip off until next year. David's wife has been awarded an MBE for her services to tennis and was retiring from her place of work – and where that was, is a pleasant surprise.

As far as I know, there's no relationship between McCabes and Turnbulls here, but maybe some *external ESP is going on*, leading some Aussies in the same job direction because Turnbulls have been associated with tennis and pursued many other sporting interests over the years. Well....Honor Godfrey, David's wife is the retiring curator of the Wimbledon Tennis Museum in London. I'm sure some of our players and visitors to Wimbledon would have met her and not been aware her husband is Aussie born, David McCabe..... Congratulations Mrs. Honor McCabe.

In our Aussie family of Turnbulls, Rebecca is curator of the Hawkesbury Museum and Emma has been working in the Wollongong Tennis Centre since she left school. If you know others in our family working in similar situations, please tell us about them!

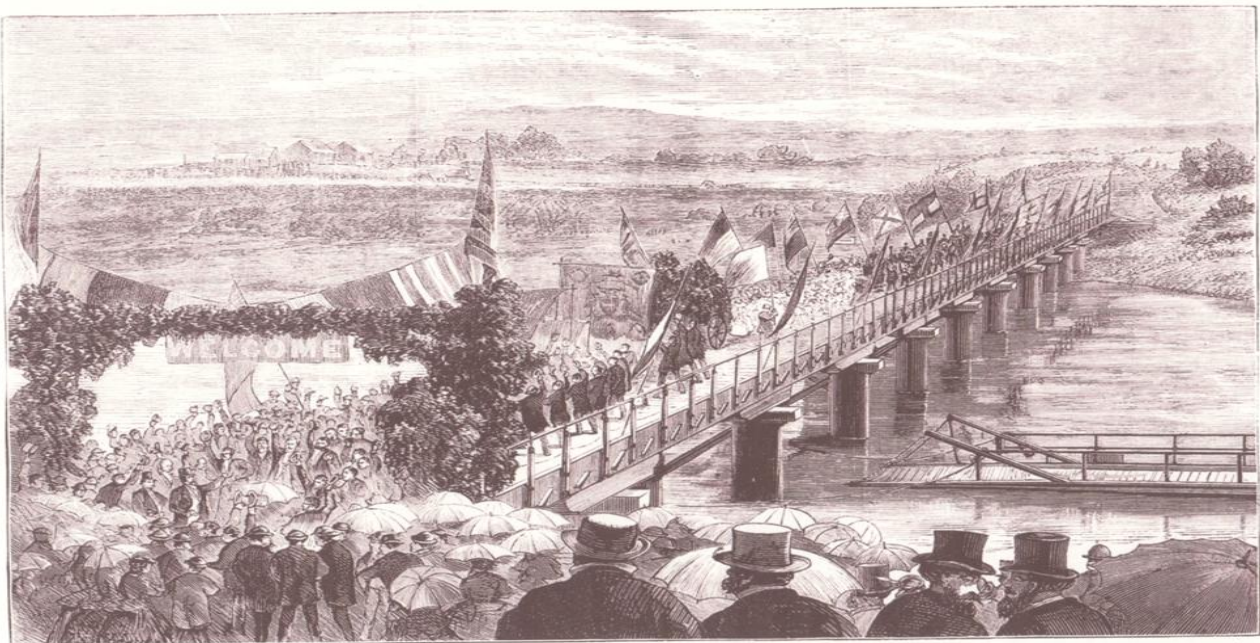


I received a lovely letter from Bev and John McIntosh a few weeks ago. They have down sized their living arrangements and moved further north towards the Qld border. Their BIG news is.....a new g'son. He was born on 28th April 2014 and his name is ANDRE LEVI MCINTOSH.

Andre Levi McIntosh - about 4 months old.

It is disappointing that I've only ever had one query about Breaker MORANT. I wrote many details, (I believe correct) about his past in an earlier Newsletter and had hoped someone else would have responded. From all I was told by past uncles and an old whip handle I still have, which has his name etched on it, WILLIAM HARRY MORANT, it's disappointing to now learn from the Net that it was known Morant had the whip with the engraving on it when he married Daisy Bates,so, it beggers belief, why this info was dismissed as an insignificant lead to his past. I've also found Morant had many connections to Scotland which were also dismissed. For instance, to know and sing the exact words of the Scottish song "Maggie Lauder", he had to have spent a lot of time in Scotland. That song would never have been sung in Britain. To be such an accomplished horseman he had to have a good horse and teacher – from his horse exploits in Australia it seems he did. I haven't written this previously, but the whip handle has an engraving with the maker's name included, which says, 'HE WAS WHIP MAKER TO THE QUEEN'. At that time it was Queen Victoria. There is more to my search about the Breaker which I will continue writing of occasionally and hope to get more response.

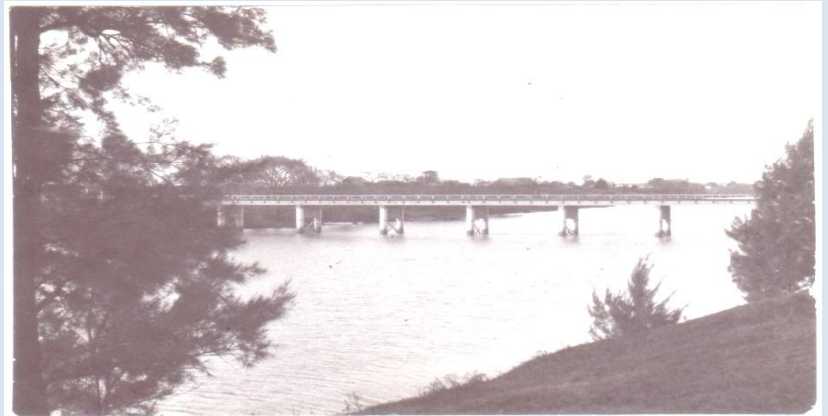
Most readers outside of Sydney and the Hawkesbury would not have seen the marvellous etching below, done at the time of the Windsor Bridge opening in 1874. I thank the State Library of Victoria for allowing me to reproduce this.



OPENING OF THE NEW BRIDGE OVER THE HAWKESBURY, AT WINDSOR, N. S. W.

It first appeared in the *Illustrated Australian News*, 4th Nov 1874 {publisher *Ebenezer and David Syme*}. The road in the etching, exiting the other end of the bridge appears to be *pretty much* as it is today. Those background buildings do not exist now – they were replaced much later, probably by buildings belonging to the picnic area which is now called Macquarie Park and the riverside sandy beach in front of the buildings is a popular place for swimmers in summer.(very dangerous, because of the shifting sand)

This is WINDSOR BRIDGE taken c1970 from about 500 meters down stream of the bridge. It's exactly the same to-day as it was in 1874. Photo by.....Val Tuckerman.



Since I last heard from Daphne Daifas in Canada I have searched through every record I know of in Scotland for more on her family, but have found nothing which could help her. It is known that the slave wives of both Alexander and Gordon Turnbull and all their children were set free and therefore were able to inherit the lands and valuables of both their fathers – it's marvellous to learn their descendants have now spread to many parts of the world, including Australia and New Zealand.

In the last Newsletter I stated I would write about our Aboriginals and Stephen Tuckerman and son Prosper, and their connection with indigenous people in the Hawkesbury. Stephen Tuckerman and his wife Sarah Beasley nearly created an Aussie dynasty. It's known the Tuckermans AND Turnbolls were powerful families along the river in the 19th century and intermarriage occurred, but it was when their son Prosper married Mariah Fleming that a powerful intermarriage relationship occurred.

Cyril Tuckerman married Emma Turnbull, James Tuckerman married Ella Turnbull, Florence Tuckerman married Archibald Turnbull and her young sister Annie Maria married James Davis Turnbull. Three others in the same "T" generation families married into the Jones, Walker and Johnston families - all pioneer families, some

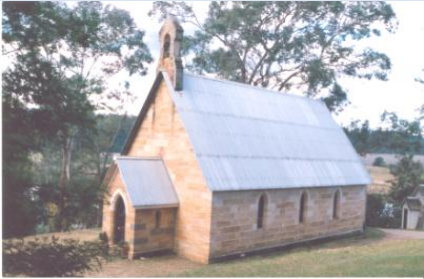
already related from earlier unions to either of the main 'T' families. ***Oh what a web of ancestral intrigue we've woven in a couple of generations.***

Stephen Tuckerman died on 1st Feby 1875, 73yo. He owned hundreds of acres, from the river almost to the tiny village of Ebenezer when he died. All his children inherited land within those hundreds of acres. Stephen's very successful farming was aided by convicts, but also by many aboriginals from the Sackville/Ebenezer tribe. He knew them and accepted them living on his land and gave them work,

specifically they were a big help when ST THOMAS' church was being built on land Stephen donated for the church.

Because of misdeed, the church is no longer in Tuckerman hands.

.X - St. Thomas' Church at Sackville Reach - built 1874.



The original church, c1860, next to where the old cemetery is today, was washed away in the record 1867 flood. He treated his Aboriginals so well some tried to change their name to Tuckerman, but it mostly became "Tuckernog" or similar because of language difficulties. The third son, Prosper inherited a hundred acres which eventually came to my dad (Pros Turnbull). Prosper had a young Aboriginal friend from his early years who accompanied him on some of his excursions up and down the east coast – Prosper was a prolific writer and several stories about his travels and his interaction with Aboriginal people he met along the way are to be found in early Hawkesbury and Sydney papers. Sometime between the age of 18 and 20yo, *no one is sure of his age at that time*, Prosper and his Aboriginal friend rowed a boat down the river to map the *Hawkesbury River from North Richmond to Broken Bay*. The map and the compass they used still remain in the family.

My dear old Uncle BILL was my informant, he once told me his grandfather STEPHEN believed raids on indigenous people by authorities in the early 1800's killed hundreds. One particular raid was said to be in response to the spearing to death of a settler in the Richmond Hill area. I believe no record of that atrocity may exist because of the difficulty in getting the truth other than via *the bush telegraph, (word of mouth)* in those days.

The Myall Creek murders in 1838 and ancestor Fleming's involvement is difficult to understand, knowing the families religious beliefs. Prosper Tuckerman and his family had a close association with John Fleming and his wife Charlotte (Dunstan), after 1838 and they cared for Charlotte when John Henry died. Charlotte was god-mother to most of the Tuckerman children and four of her godson's were pall bearers at her funeral in 1908. The Dunstan/Dunstons were another pioneer family inter-married with Turnbolls and other pioneer families.

The story of Dr Thomas Fiaschi and his association with the Ebenezer tribe is almost legendary in pioneer river families. Many of the tribe lived on his land, they worked on his winery and he treated all his workers the same way. My father and his mother had been living at the winery for years at that time and I know this is true. If any workers became ill, Dr. Fiaschi treated them as he did all his patients. So enamoured with the doctor were his indigenous workers that many became Christians.

At least a dozen of the Barber related families are buried in the Sackville Reach cemetery - their burial and headstones all recorded and paid for by Dr Fiaschi. The last time I visited the cemetery only one Headstone remained, but I will remember where they are buried when the headstones have gone. My grandmother attended St Thomas' Church when a regular Minister was available and remembered the last full blooded member of the tribe, MARTHA EVERINGHAM always present on Sundays, seated in the back of the church. Martha was well respected and liked by all European and aboriginal families. They all believed she had a special magic touch with sick children. Martha lived and died at Dr Fiaschi's. Her burial and her headstone were paid for by Dr Fiaschi in Sackville Reach Cemetery. Some members of the tribe were still camping near Fiaschi's land in the 1940's. A Reserve was set aside for them further down river, but old customs wouldn't die and they wandered back and forth between the Reserve and Ebenezer frequently. The well respected Andy Barber had a house on the Reserve and had worked for several settler families. He remained close to the Hall and Turnbull families until his death in 1943. Authorities believed he was 104 yo, but research confirmed he was actually 93yo. He was buried in St Matthews C. of E. in Windsor.



Andy Barber and his part dingo dog, c1938 – this photo was taken on James Davis Turnbolls farm, on Sackville Rd. Ebenezer by my aunt Annie Turnbull.

Writing about Ebenezer always makes me envious and a bit homesick for the past. They were days of escape and careless freedom, unlike the pitfalls in todays society - unless you fell out of a tree, off your horse or bike and almost drowned in a favourite swimming spot,

there wasn't a lot of trouble kids could get into.

A few days ago I received a call from a delightful 90 year old lady, Dorothy Jones of Winmalee. Dorothy explained she was ok now, but actually she was calling to tell me her husband of 68 years, Walter Bede Jones died on the 18th of May 2014, age 91 years. With sadness, we extend our deepest sympathy to Dorothy and the Jones family in the Blue Mountains.

Bede Jones had been a participant in the Turnbull Newsletter from the beginning. He's a son of the large prolific family line of George Turnbull 2nd and Maria Greentree, via their g'son Walter George Jones and his wife Rebecca Astill.

Congratulations to Toby and Angalea Turnbull in Canberra on the birth of son number four, JETT THOMAS LLOYD TURNBULL born on the 10th of October 2014. Both Angalea and baby are doing fine and Toby is going okay too - he was the most seriously injured person in the Canberra bridge crash a few years ago.

I spent several days around Windsor in Sept/Oct and I was very disappointed by all I saw. Turf is the big earner for the area (I heard on the grape vine a relative in Windsor discovered/produced the best buffalo grass ever known, for lawns) and there appears to be a small return to some traditional agricultural produce along the river flats, but little else. I must say it's great to see horses back bigger than ever in the district. The towns appear stuck in a timewarp. An outdated Mall stops Windsor from progressing and Richmond is slowly being killed off by overcrowding and unstoppable traffic trundling through the town from daylight till dark. Windsor doesn't fare much better in the traffic situation. Someone with a brilliant mind and ideas on how to update the

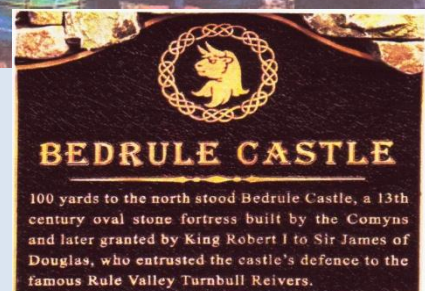
twin towns while retaining their historical and heritage significance is desperately needed.

I wonder how Abbott's Government believes it's going to build the airport at Badgery's Creek. I had a slow drive home from Windsor each time I was there **because of heavy fogs** in Sept. and Oct. Fogs hung around until well past Luddenham each morning. One morning I left Windsor in thick fog at 9am, and had thick fog rolling in and out all the way to Appin. Born and bred in the Hawkesbury I'm very familiar with fogs and how the RAAF Base handled the airstrip during fogs. Planes could be grounded from 9-10pm till 9-10am next day in heavy fogs and it's still happening. Good luck to Badgery's Creek, they are going to need it.

Recently from the 19th to 21st July the TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION visited the Border area of Scotland to celebrate their heritage and to dedicate the Bedrule Castle Cairn. The Cairn was built with donations from members of the Clan and is located in the Bedrule Kirkyard to commemorate the importance of the Castle to the history of the TURNBULLS in Scotland. Following are some pictures for our readers.....*Below Left: Robyn Trimble at Fatlips Castle — restored and open for the public.*



Above...L to R: Betty Turnbull, Myra Turnbull, THE CAIRN, Wally Turnbull, Gemma Barnard and Rev Douglas Nicol.





Up TOP on FATLIPS.

L to R: Jane Turnbull, Gemma, Theresa Turnbull, Janet and Stuart Helms, discussing its history.

The President of the Turnbull Clan Assoc. is WALLY TURNBULL and his wife BETTY is the Editor of their Newsletter BULLSEYE. Visitors to the gathering came from eight different countries, including Australia and New Zealand. *Thanks to GEMMA BARNARD's persistence and her love for the old pele castle is the reason FATLIPS was restored.*



RECENTLY during contact with RICHARD TURNBULL I learnt he had a facial feature in his family which is a much talked about and very prominent feature in our Ebenezer line of Turnbulls {a bent nose}. I have not found it in any other Turnbull family in Australia or elsewhere until now.

I'm trying not to become excited until more information is known, but Richard has very kindly forwarded some pictures of his family – on the left is a picture of his g'father, born in Madras in the 1800's and sent home to Edinburgh at a young age.

NOTE his g'fathers nose.

..... updated as new info becomes available.....

Remember our story which came via the Turnbull Clan Association about Douglass Fraser Turnbull and written of in our Nov/Dec 2013 Issue.....

A few nights ago at midnight on 2/3 Nov 2014, Douglass Fraser Turnbull died, aged 86yo. He had not been in the best of health for some time.

We send our condolences and our deepest sympathy to his wife Olga and all his family. Doug lived in Pitt Town for many years and he would have been well

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 Isabel GARDINER
b.22/8/1902 d. 1985

m. c.1924
Singleton NSW Australia

known by many people. Doug descends from the William Bligh Turnbull/Sarah Davis line - the eldest son of Roy Carlton Turnbull and Mary Isabelle White.

Before I close, I wish to thank everyone for their assistance with this Issue, it has been difficult. I also thank those who willingly gave me permission to use their name, pictures and information and I hope I have used all of them to your satisfaction. THANK YOU.

Best wishes to those with health issues, I hope all is going well and I thank Carolyn for her expertise in editing.

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AND ALL THE BEST IN 2015.

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