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

Contacting TURNBULL'S across the world.

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**NEWSLETTER**

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It was wonderful to see an amazing celebration across the country on Anzac Day this year. There has never been anything like it in previous years – I could feel the hairs on the back of my neck standing up as I watched the March through Sydney early that morning – it was a day of Aussie pride, nor should we forget New Zealand's part in ANZAC. Maybe the threat of terror we are experiencing made the day more significant.

Still no news from the Land and Environment Court on whether our Windsor Bridge will be saved from demolition. The NSW Government was so keen to get rid of the bridge, (before it fell down) yet here we are months and years on and many more flood rises in the river and the old bridge is still upright and steady as a rock with traffic flowing freely back and forth daily. With such lies and stories used to denigrate the bridge, I hope all the mis-information will be disregarded by Land and Environment and consigned to the waste basket.

A few weeks ago I learnt the famous Tom Quilty Ride was going to be held in the Hawkesbury again. Fifty years ago the first running of the event was held in the district. It was originally a hundred mile horse ride in less than 24 hours by Tom Quilty instigated by the famous R.M. WILLIAMS. Our local horseman, Ron Males had lots to do with the running of the first event. I was excited, I was going to be a part of it, but I missed the ride when the owner of my horse, needed my horse, to replace his when his horse went lame a few days before the race. On the night I set my alarm for 1am to be sure I was awake to watch the competitors jog by. Our home was on Sackville Road which was

one of the planned routes that year. It was magic listening for the clip clop of each horse as it came closer in the dark night. It's always a strictly vetted ride and if a horse is stressed after a few miles it would be judged unfit to continue and vetted out of the race.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Tom Quilty ride and in the Hawkesbury with Ron Males involved again. It's run on the Queens Birthday week-end and no one knows the district as well as Ron and would know the best course for this Tom Quilty. Ron's a member of the group planning the course and again he is competing for the Quilty Gold Cup. It began in the Wiseman's Ferry area and wandered around roads alongside the Hawkesbury River and through the McDonald Valley and Webb's Creek roads, back to Wisemans Ferry, an unbelievably picturesque ride at any time.

The race was run on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June and the winner was from Orange in NSW, Ben Hudson riding his chestnut stallion Captain Braveheart. He completed the ride in just over 10 hours which must be close to record time. Congratulations to the winner.

I'd just begun sending out the copies of our April Newsletter when I received the sad news that IAN TURNBULL of NANANGO in QLD had died. He died on the 26th March. IAN is a younger brother of the late Douglas from Pitt Town who died in December last.

IAN and his family left the Hawkesbury (Nth Richmond) many years ago to live in Nanango where they have been happy and made many friends throughout the years. Ian was very involved with their Show Society and members of the Show formed a Guard of Honour at his funeral. A close friend wrote and dedicated a lovely poem to Ian called "Heavens Highway". IAN was called their 'show patron' because he did such a lot for their town. Ian and Marjorie were married for 56 years, but the unbelievable sadness didn't end on the day of Ian's funeral – the next day their only son Colin, passed away due to an accident. We wish Marjorie, Colin's wife and all the family the very best and our deepest sympathy at such a tragic time.

MARJORIE has just returned from a few weeks break in Yeppoon with her family and I wish her the best.

I've no idea why I never met Ian and Marjorie while they lived in North Richmond and I was in school at the same time as Ian. Old Richmond Rural was the only high school in the district, so why we never crossed paths is a mystery. I eventually got in contact with

them through the Turnbull Newsletter which began rolling out from 2009/2010, maybe one day, somehow or somewhere I'll be able to "catch up" with Marjorie.



*Remember, Cara and Andrew BEH, they married in Brisbane in May 2012.*

*Congratulations to Cara and Andrew - their son HARRY, is now almost 2 years old and they are expecting again in Oct this year.*

*Cara is the daughter of Brian and Linda Turnbull in Brisbane.*



*Taken at the wedding in May 2012.*

L TO R... Cara BEH, Rhonda Turnbull (Judy's younger sister), JUDY HAYMAN, Suzanne Berrell (Judy's middle sister), Duncan (Cara's brother). In front is TONY, Judy's husband who has been wheelchair bound since an accident years ago while building their swimming pool.

CARA and DUNCAN's parents are Brian and Linda Turnbull.

BRIAN, JUDY and their sibling's are from the George Turnbull/Louisa Chaseling line via ggggg'son Clive Stuart Turnbull and Beryl Ross.

### More DAVIS family connection's within our TURNBULL ancestry.

Our best known Davis union was the marriage of William Bligh Turnbull in 1838 to \*Sarah Davis, when a little more than a century 'down the track' in 1954 our current MP Malcolm Bligh Turnbull was introduced to the world, the son of Bruce Bligh Turnbull and Coral (Lansbury) Edwards.

THEN in 1862, Bartholomew Turnbull married Jane Davis, the daughter of John Davis and Eleanor Hawkins and like all *previous web's*, we wove we had our connection to JOHN DAVIS..... HE was the son of Joseph, brother of \*Sarah. Both Bart' and Jane were born in 1836. Bart was born on the (at the 2<sup>nd</sup> branch of the river) Hawkes-



bury river at Evan's farm. Later the farm became known as "Evansdale". The original owner was Richard Evan's, x-NSW Army Corp. He was murdered (when left alone overnight because his assistant was sent to buy more seed) on his farm around 1813, by a group of 6 or 7 Aborigines who had been living on Evans land at the time. Bart's father, George Turnbull may have eventually become the owner of Evans farm through the Chaseling connection (his wife was Louisa Chaseling) as Thomas Chaseling first bought part of the Evans property after the murder. When his father George Turnbull died in 1885 the farm Evansdale was left to Bartholomew. At the time the property was valued at about 500 pounds and consisted of around 200 acres of land.

THE very sad part of Bart and Jane Turnbull's life is that out of the 10 children borne to them, only 5 survived. They were Eva Jane 1870, Eleanor Louisa 1872, Thomas Augustus 1874, Wilfred Ernest 1876 and Raymond John 1879. It appears EVA JANE was the only one never to marry.

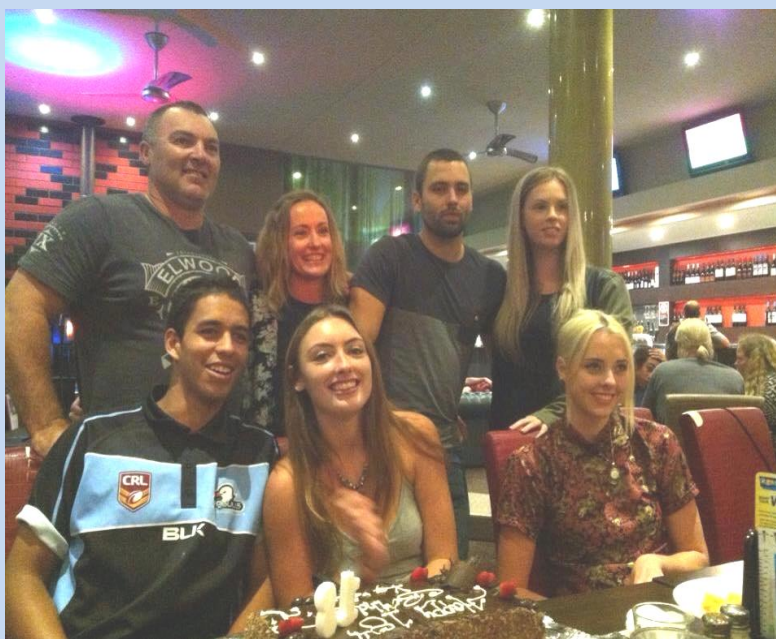
Sons... Sydney M. b 1863, Frederick W. 1867, Albert E. 1868 ..... Dau's, Selina b1865 and Edna A. 1878 all died from illness or misadventure and were buried in a small fenced plot on Evansdale, which is privately owned now.

>>>>>>> THIS WASN'T THE LAST OF THE DAVIS CONNECTIONS <<<<<<<<

Congratulations to Karas NEAN on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday – below, celebrating with her family.

KARAS NEAN (lower centre), 1<sup>st</sup> L to R....daughter of Karanne and Raymond NEAN, with her brother and friends.

Karas is the g'daughter of Tony and Judy and an 8<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of John Turnbull of Portland Head.



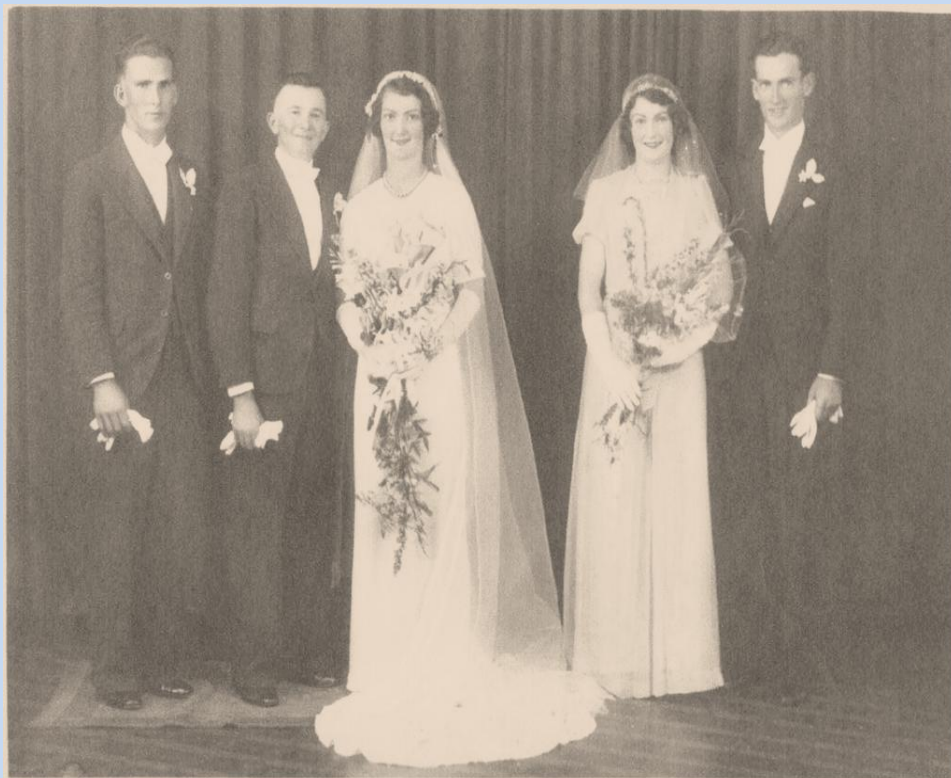
While thinking about my days at Richmond Rural school recently, I suddenly realised that from time to time names I knew from the past kept popping up as I read my local

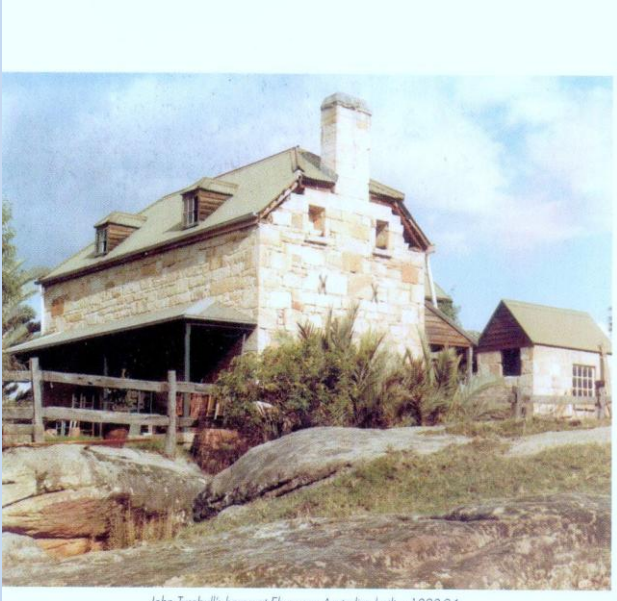
Hawkesbury Gazette. (yes after years away, I still get it delivered and I can't imagine never reading it) Once upon a time our paper was like a newsy letter, everyone bought and read it. IF YOU WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT YOU HAD TO HAVE THE GAZETTE. Today's paper is poor when compared to past GAZETTES. Where have all the local journo's gone? They knew the district like the back of their hands when it came to gathering and writing news. The district needs a good newspaper because many elderly residents who are not computer literate and quite often live way out of town, lack friendly connections locally without a good paper.

Getting back to those familiar names – naming a few by *nee*, they'll know who they are!....Dorothy Phipps (well known in theatre), Val Wilcox, Dierdre Morris, Shirley Taylor, Wilma Jones, Dell Taylor - *these girl's were not just in the same year, we were all in the same class*. It's great to know so many remained in the District.

I've received some great pictures since we began the Newsletter in 2010 and I'VE KEPT THEM ALL – some are very old and some are very new pictures and from time to time I will print one for the record. SEE PICTURE BELOW.

I to r....Magnus James Turnbull, (brother) – GROOM Victor Black.. *married in 1938...* BRIDE Dorothy (Dolly) Turnbull Ruby Turnbull (sister) – best man Aiden Turnbull (brother). The family is from the Hunter region and the children of Magnus Hallbrand Newmarsh Turnbull and Elizabeth Howard on the William Bligh and Sarah Turnbull line. When these wedding pictures were taken there was no such thing as colour photography. All colour had to be done by hand on the actual print if a colour picture was required. On this occasion the bride was all white and the bridesmaid was in light blue.





John Turnbull's home at Ebenezer, Australia, built in 1803.

### The homes of 2 John TURNBULLs

<Ebenezer c1990 - London c1796>



Many descendants of John Turnbull would not realize his old home (I believe the front part was built before 1807), still exists today. The blocks of sandstone to build the house were cut from the sandstone in the foreground of the picture.

It is now privately owned and the new owners won't allow anyone in to see the home. A few years ago I was allowed a look inside. Much later I had a long talk with Athol Kemp about the old home. Athol knew the house like the back of his hand. THE home was on Kemp land for many years before that section of land was subdivided and sold.

The house is a large two storey "L" shaped home – it appears the front section (facing the river), pictured above, was built quite some time before the other side of the L. The sandstone blocks in the other side L "to me" appear to be constructed very similarly to Ebenezer Church stonework, so maybe the same stonemason was involved. BUT I am sure the front section would have been built by Lewis Jones and maybe helped by his brother, both stonemasons and by old Johns convicts. LEWIS JONES was a witness to the marriage of Ralph TURNBULL in 1813, so it seems a close association existed between the Turnbull's and Jones – JONES had a land grant of around 100 acres near the mouth of Currency Creek at Sackville, which was later bought by Stephen Tuckerman. THE FRONT section sandstone blocks look as though they need some attention, they appear to be crumbling at the joins. There was no such thing as mortar to seal blocks in those days, so possibly crushed seashells were used between the blocks and are now helping the decay?, but I'm guessing. The smaller sandstone square building at the back of the house is now the laundry, but it was John's meat house where the pork was hung, treated and seasoned after the kill. Another amazing part to this house is the huge fireplaces at both ends of the "L", so big you can walk right in and put a big tree stump on a fire which could burn all winter. These huge fireplaces weren't only built into the Turnbull house, but were also built into the original smaller John Howe house, next door to Turnbull. I haven't been in other old Coromandel settler homes because most are now gone, but James Davisons home still exists and is said to be well looked after. Andrew Johnston's home still exists, but it isn't the original home – the current one was built around 1816/20 after the original house, built down on the flat area by the river, was flooded in 1806. The present house has been renovated several times over the years.

The house pictured in London was the home until about 1798 of the **other** John Turnbull whom I BELIEVE was the John Turnbull who bought a ship with a friend and they sailed to Australia in 1800. I know from documents found that this John moved from London's Blackheath area (picture) to a street very close to where OUR John Turnbull lived ON THE CORNER OF BERNERS MEWS and EAST CASTLE ST. in 1798. The London John Turnbull



was a partner in the shipping company of TURNBULL, MACAULAY AND GREGORY, which had financial difficulties around 1796 and split. This Company almost became the shipping company which supplied the ships transporting convicts in the 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet to Australia in 1788. Throughout my search for these John Turnbulla's, from C1790 to C1810, it seemed there was a definite connection between both men, but I can't get absolute proof.

The map I've drawn isn't to scale, but I hope I've given a good indication of exactly where to find the early grants, farms and homes situated as I remember them. I hope I haven't omitted any names or places.

All the black dots represent homes where family members lived.

No 1, 2 and 3 – Andrew Johnston, James Mein and John Johnstone.

No 4 - Elizabeth (Everingham) farm.

No 5 – Fiaschi's winery – John Turnbulla's originally then son-in-law Denis Kirwans - totalled 200 acres eventually.

No 6 – TURNBULLs since 1824 – LAMB'S originally, Turnbull bought from previous owner T. Clarkson and still owned now by the late Russell Turnbull's family.

No 6a – Thomas Chaselings grant.

No 7 – EVANSDALE property.

No 8 – Capt. Mannings stone house, now gone.

No 9 – Knight's Retreat, Everinghams – sold out of the family recently.

No 10 & 10 – John Turnbulla's original grant of 100 acres, later added the other 100 acres across Tizzana Rd.

No 11 – John Howe's original grant – in later years owned by MP Jack Lang.

No 12 – Lewis Jones, stonemasons grant – bought by S.Tuckerman c1823.

No 11 – Colo River and Ralph Turnbulla's grant he named ANDALE.

OWEN CAVANOUGHs gifted land to the church and James Davisons home next to it is marked with lilac outline on the map.

There was and is still MANY TURNBULLs and their ancestors in the areas adjoining this map, which is mostly of Ebenezer/Sackville residents. I would have to draw separate maps for each area to fit in the huge numbers involved elsewhere. I left Ebenezer in '68 and go back regularly as many of my family remain there.

The Everinghams owned several Hawkesbury homes in the 1800's in fact Matthew Everingham 2nd was rescued from the top floor of Stannix Park House in the 1867 flood, the biggest flood ever in the district. Captain George Manning's big sandstone house was on William Everinghams land. THE ORIGINAL MATTHEW EVERINGHAMS first grant (30 acres) was next to the Church of England cemetery land at Sackville Reach. The 1<sup>ST</sup> Matthew Everingham drowned on Xmas day 1817 - his son Matthew 2<sup>nd</sup> married **Ann** Chaseling, his next son William married **Jane** Chaseling - Thomas Chaseling's grant was on the opposite side of the river next to the 1800 land grant of Henry Lamb which TURNBULLs bought from Thomas Clarkson in 1824. Our GEORGE TURNBULL born in 1806 married **Louisa** Chaseling, the sister of **Ann and Jane**. I/we think about the male ancestry web of intrigue, but how much larger is this family via our web of intrigue, when including the girls.

YOU WILL FIND THE MAP ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER

I've been ancestor searching for years, but trying to write more re the web of ancestries these river families have created in a little more than 200 years is almost unbelievable. It's when I'm confronted with writing about the above maze of ancestries that I become totally bamboozled and ancestrally inept so I'll stop now.

If you've read this newsletter and intend to visit Sydney in the near future, my advice would be, do it soon. A drastic change is about to happen to SYDNEY and is already causing disruptions. People are beginning to stay away. It is going to get a lot worse before it's over. It's a totally unnecessary remake of Sydney and believe this, they intend to bring back trams. Trams didn't work for Sydney when traffic was far, far less than it is now. SO WHY would anyone be so silly as to think they will work now. IT COULD TAKE SYDNEY 20 YEARS to recover from the dramatic changes the current Government is making to our city. Seems to me some new boy in town is trying to make his mark and his name by changing our city FOR ALL THE WRONG REASONS.

WHY are we bringing ideas from around the world to Sydney or Australia for that matter, don't we have anyone smart enough in Australia to do things for us, our way – we are a unique place, unlike any other city or country in the world, so why do we need this drastic change just to make us A CLONE of the rest of the world. IT'S ALL SO WRONG.

I'll write a little more about the name PORTLAND before I end - most know how the name Portland Head came about, but I think there could be more 'to this naming' than we all realise. Why were the settlers so familiar with the Duke of Portland and his profile, that the rockie outcrop over-hanging the river, off Elizabeth farm at Sackville, looked like the Dukes profile. Some settlers did live in Portland St in London before emigrating. Thanks to David McCabe's research, I learnt London's John Turnbull was a close personal associate of the Duke of Portland, but which one? Or was it both - around 1800 one DUKE died and a new one took over. There is so many unanswerable queries about these Coromandal settlers and how they came to Australia that I doubt we will ever get answers.

ONCE AGAIN it's time to sign off and I thank all my helpers, particularly with the map, it really tried my patience. Best wishes to those not quite in the best of health at present. Judy, look after yourself after the trip to St Vincent's and for those who have had to leave their homes for a safer place, I wish all of you the very best.

Thank you for sending the stories for the current newsletter and keep them coming, please.

NEXT NEWSLETTER out late Nov. 2015. Bye for now.

In these very uncertain times, please be careful.



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