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I am so pleased I can continue writing the Newsletters. For a while it appeared I may have to remain silent and that life events to interfere with my writing, but here I am – with such an upside down and dangerous world we live in at present, I feel it is imperative that I keep writing and recording this family's memories and history, for our future generations.

So please keep your stories coming.

At present Newsletters are only distributed within families, but recently I 'toyed' with the idea of going public, via the web and I did discuss this with relative GEOFF, but for now I will produce the Newsletters specifically for our families – or until the world settles down, hopefully sooner rather than later.

With deep sympathy and sorrow for the family, I received a note from Geoff in February last, telling me his father had passed away.

BRIAN WILLIAM TURNBULL passed away on the 22nd JANUARY, 2017 and was buried in French's Forest Bushland Cemetery on the 30th of January. He is the father of GEOFF, JOHN and ANDREW and Grandpa to Geoff's children Katie and Robbie.

I was saddened by Brian's death as he was one of our originals. When Percy and I began writing the news we had just 50 recipients and Brian is one who received our News from the beginning.

It has been such a very wet late summer, specifically in northern NSW and south/west Queensland and I've been expecting letters of misfortune from relatives in flooded areas, but not one letter has arrived so maybe all have escaped the floods.

Considering the fact that any relative caught in floods may have moved north from the Hawkesbury area once upon a time and would be well equipped to handle floods. If you did get caught please let us know how you got along.

At times, I receive letters which shock, sadden or astound me and it's at these times when I get a genuine idea of just how far we've spread in a couple of hundred years and how big a family we have become.

It's with sadness I have to report another of our recent family losses did occur on the

31st January 2017. Thomas Phillips died at 30 years of age. His unfortunate passing was one of "those" which are happening far too frequently, lately. Tom was the son of Darryl and Mary PHILLIPS. Mary is the Turnbull sister of the late Doug, Ian, Colin and John. So much sadness for this family once again and we extend our deepest sympathy to them.

Most of us are just ordinary hard-working folk, happy to be called Australians, but we are a mixture of 'doers' and 'thinkers' in varied occupations.

Few would have known retired politician Phil Ruddock, but his sister is married to Cliff Johnston, {the 1802 pioneer Johnston's} and his grandmother other was a Turnbull, yes one of our mob.

Right across this country we have family who descend from JOHN and ANN TURNBULL, {arr. Ebenezer 1802} in every level of education, law, politics and every other occupation imaginable.

Many know their Turnbull ancestry and many are still searching, but somewhere along the way many descend from a daughter and don't now have the Turnbull name, but that doesn't make them any less a Turnbull. We also know there is more than 50 different Turnbull families in Australia and New Zealand. **THOUGH WE HAVE SOME GREAT SUCCESSFUL BLOKES IN OUR ANCESTRY**, we've also produced a powerful group of girls in a couple of hundred years, many of whom have also made their mark on our history.

In the latest EBENEZER CHURCH NEWS, you will note their 208 years Heritage celebration is coming up in June.

Recently new information about another Scottish connection to the Turnbolls arrived in my mail and I'll include it all...as follows.

Grahame THOM lives in Victoria and has been another recipient of our News also from the beginning - His connection to the TURNBULLS came via Sarah TURNBULL who married Charles James BULLIVANT in 1852, in Sydney. A book has now been written by cousins, MARGARET MILLER and GRAHAME THOM, about the early years of this Bullivant family.

A Publican's Life in Early Sydney
CHARLES JAMES BULLIVANT
Ensign, 46th Regiment



Margaret J. Miller & Graham Thom

In 1990 Margaret Miller, and her cousin Grahame Thom, published the life story of their mutual ancestor Sergeant Obadiah Ikin of the NSW Corps. Following many years of research, Margaret and Grahame have now published an extension to the Ikin story documenting the life of Obadiah's colourful son-in-law Charles James Bullivant.

Charles arrived in 1816 as a 17 year old Ensign in command of a detachment of the 46th Regiment and a small party of the 56th Regiment responsible for guarding 218 male convicts on board the *Ocean*. On his arrival he fell under the influence of his superior officers who were in opposition to Governor Macquarie and in a moment of thoughtless levity drew a caricature of the Governor on the wall of the guard house which eventually came to Macquarie's attention. A public apology was requested and accepted but the episode led to Charles resigning his commission and without army pay he was unable to finance a return voyage to England and was destined to remain in the colony.

He went on to marry Maria Ikin, produce a large family, and become a popular and successful businessman. His pursuits were many and varied, but he was primarily a publican holding licences for inns in Sydney, Balmain and the North Shore. For over thirty years he owned and operated the Three Crowns Inn which stood opposite old St Philip's on Church Hill. Much activity took place in and around the inn due to its close proximity to the Military Barracks and The Rocks area, and it was frequently the venue for Coroner's Inquests, much of which was reported in the local press. Charles presence on Church Hill has faded from memory and he is now best remembered as having been the proprietor of the Rag and Famish Hotel at North Sydney where an adjoining lane has been named in his honour.

Charles was a colourful and eccentric character but those who knew him well described him as an astute businessman, splendid raconteur and Latin scholar. In keeping with his eccentric nature, he chose to be buried in a tomb built in the backyard of his St Leonard's home in a coffin which he had commissioned many years beforehand and carted with him on his travels. His unorthodox funeral service and burial scandalised the North Shore leading *The Evening News* to report a "Disgusting Burial at St Leonards". However, for decades after his death, his friends and patrons penned their reminiscences of "Old Bull" to *The Truth* and other papers; an indication of his popularity and the affection in which he had been held.

A Publican's Life in Early Sydney is not only the story of Charles James Bullivant, but equally an account of life in the early days of the colony.

Sarah Turnbull was the daughter of RALPH 1 {born 1791 London} and his 2nd wife Mary Ann Riley.

Grahame and his sister Carole are off to Scotland in August to attend the MacThomas Clan gathering and the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, WOW, they will be marching in the Tattoo big clan march, representing Australia, *I guess, HOW EXCITING.*

FOLLOWING the good news often comes the bad. IN JANUARY, we celebrated Fred Wrights 98th birthday, and he appeared to be in good health for a man his age, but not

much later his health took a turn for the worse and he died on the 27th of February 2017. *FRED* was a wonderful man who spent years searching for his ancestors - it had been rumored for a long time that he belonged to the Hawkesbury Turn bulls, but he could never get proof. The truth did come for him in an unexpected meeting when in Parkes in NSW, not so long ago. On that day, he just happened to run into the person, who knew the truth of what he had spent a big part of his life, searching for. YES, HE WAS THE G'SON OF THOMAS and Mary Riley, THE SON OF JAMES WRIGHT AND MARY ANN TURNBULL - but I think we all know the tragedy of that union and I won't repeat it.

Rest in Peace, Fred.

I think we all recognize now, we have a 'history' with a nose. IT'S CROOKED. The men of our family have 'it' far more prominently than the girls, but girls do have it too. It's been my habit to check the nose of every new Turnbull I see or a new Turnbull photo I receive. I've suspected it's a clue to who we are/were, but UNTIL very recently I'd never come across a different family of Turnbull's with that facial feature in Australia, BUT NOW I HAVE AND HE MAY BE A RELATIVE.

I had been corresponding with RICHARD TURNBULL for some time when the subject of THE nose came up and was astounded to learn RICHARD HAS A CROOKED NOSE, a very prominent one.

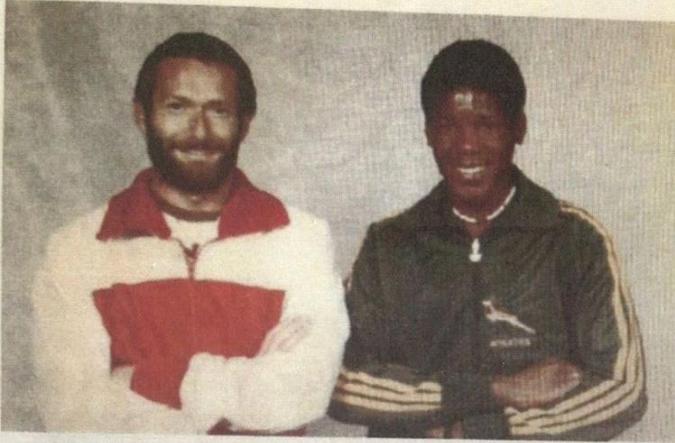
Because of what I'm involved with I have not been able to meet him personally, but he has done a DNA test which shows he has dominant links to Scotland and the UK.

I'LL come back to the nose later, but Richard has a great story to tell as he came to Australia from South Africa.

2016 INDUCTEES, COACHES HALL OF FAME.

RICHARD TURNBULL

By Richard Mayer



Richard Turnbull with his star athlete, Matthews Teman, in the 1980s

Extensively qualified for the job, Richard Turnbull has played a key role in the development of some of the country's top athletes, but he will be best remembered for his contribution to the career of South Africa's leading athlete during a golden era for distance running in the 1980s.

Turnbull was born in Kroonstad in 1952. At school he competed in middle distance athletics, gymnastics and rugby.

He went on to study at the Graaff-Reinet Teachers Training College,

and the Universities of Rhodes, North-West and Free State, obtaining a Diploma in Teaching, a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education, an Honours degree in Biokinetics and a Master's degree in Sports Science. Turnbull also obtained the highest athletics and rugby coaching accreditations both in South Africa and Australia.

He started coaching athletes while teaching in East London in 1979, producing a number of Border provincial juniors.

After his appointment in 1982 as a sports administrator at Kloof Gold Mine, Turnbull coached a number of prominent senior athletic medallists in events ranging from long jump to distance running. These included Comrades winners Shaun Meikeljohn and Helen Lucre, cross country and half-marathon star Warren Petterson and one of South Africa's greatest marathon athletes, Willie Mtolo.

Mtolo went on to win the New York marathon in 1992 after Turnbull had ceased coaching him.

but it was under Turnbull's tutelage that he was a protagonist in what is almost certainly the greatest 42km contest in South African history when he finished second in 2:08:15 to Zithulele Sinqe at the 1986 South African Marathon Championships. Mtolo's time remains the sixth fastest ever on the African continent.

Turnbull also guided Mtolo to a national marathon title in 1989 at a time when the depth of marathon running in South Africa was at its strongest.

Yet despite the long list of leading South African athletes with whom Turnbull worked, his most celebrated protege was undoubtedly Matthews Temane.

Temane featured in the pantheon of iconic South African athletes in the heady days of the 1980s when athletics vied with soccer, rugby and cricket as one of the country's most popular spectator sports.

Turnbull's intimate coaching relationship started when Temane arrived at Kloof Gold Mine in 1982 and led to Temane's eight-year domination of long distance running on the track, road and cross country.

Under Turnbull, Temane not only won a record seven national 5 000m titles, but also narrowly defeated Sinqe in an unofficial world best of 60:11 over the half-marathon distance and recorded victories over middle-distance great Johan Fourie over the mile on the track and road.

Temane's street mile in Port Elizabeth in 1986 (3:46.8) remains the fastest in South African history.

Turnbull's success has brought him accolades and extensive recognition. In 1983 he accompanied Temane and fellow Hall of Fame inductee Steve Rautenbach to the inaugural World Athletics Championships in Helsinki, and his periodisation of Temane's South African season in the mid-1980s is a case study in Tim Noakes' book 'Lore of Running'.

Turnbull emigrated to Australia in 1997 but has retained his South African citizenship.

In Australia he has successfully coached several first division rugby union teams to eight premierships, as well as the Brumbies provincial team during 2014 and 2015.

He continues to maintain a very keen interest in South African athletics.

RICHARD TURNBULLS family emigrated from Scotland to South Africa in 1797, then from South Africa to Australia in 1997. The family now lives in Orange in NSW. After arriving he soon established his own Health and Wellness business, calling it BODY DYNAMICS.

It operated similarly to his South African business.

Richard now works for his son Matt in Wagga Wagga and if you're interested in finding more about this Wellness program, simply type in the search box - BODY DYNAMICS HEALTH - and you will see extensive information about all this family does.

Also, Richard has been left a huge gift of VERY OLD paper Turnbull information from hundreds of years ago in Scotland about his Turnbull family. He forwarded to me a couple of them, one of much interest to me.... is below.....

Mr John Turnbull Junr Glasgow 22nd January 1801

the Council would execute an Agreement to us of the
Patent for England taken out in your name for a new
way of Bleaching, and also his along with John Crook
execute an Agreement to us of the Patent for Scotland
already obtained ^{shortly} for and expected to be obtained, in the joint names
of you and Crook, for the same discovery of a new
way of Bleaching.

It is just to be desired that the terms
upon which you have agreed to us your interest
in said Patents, should be known and specified
by a writing under our hands.

We thank you heartily because that it is
mutually understood and agreed between you and
us, that out of every hundred pounds that we
of clear Profit, We receive that is, after paying
the John Crook of the said John Crook in terms
of our Agreement with them, and all charges

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YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM READING THIS ONE - It mentions a JOHN TURNBULL in GLASGOW in January 1801 - that is the date very close to the day JOHN TURNBULL 1801 arrived in SYDNEY COVE and later wrote in a book he wrote stating it was 110 degrees that day.

I HOPE RICHARD WILL RELEASE OTHER OLD DOCUMENTS IN THE HOPE WE MAYBE ABLE TO MAKE SENSE OF SOME OTHER THINGS WE READ.

Regards
Marie Turnbull

