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Dear Janet,

I was glad to get your letter today.

I am sending you a printout of my PAF, without the most recent generations since many of the entries are still living and I cannot compromise their information. It seems that because of identify theft, they might end up on the internet. I believe there is a way to eliminate the living from being printed, but find no directions in the program.

You will note that some of my references are from original vital records in (now) my possession. These original records were in a trunk in the basement of Gordon Revel Ballantyne, Sr., my father-in-law's house. The trunk had been moved there when Gordon, Sr. had to go clean out his uncle William's¹ little cabin on Graham Lake in Ellsworth, after "Uncle Bill" died. He had never opened the trunk, so when I started asking about the family, he and my husband (Gordon R. Ballantyne, Jr.) brought it up from the basement. Here were all the records which John and Matilda had brought with them from SCT. There were also many photos, some that we have not identified. They did not have names but would be "great grandmother", etc. So we have Uncle Bill to thank for keeping these records intact.

John (immigrant to CAN) gave the inscribed watch to his son, Andrew, who in turn gave it to Gordon, Sr., who gave it to my husband and it is now in my possession. It will go to one of my sons, or grandsons.

My husband, Grodon, Jr, died 30 April, 2001 of interstitial pulmonary fibrosis. He was b. West Warwick, RI, 25 August 1931. We m. 7 Sept 1952 at East Winthrop, ME. We have 3 children, b. 1955, 1956 and 1960. All are married and have children. I have 7 grandsons and but one granddaughter. All of the children have done well. The three oldest grandsons have graduated from college; one from Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburg, PA; one from Syracuse University, NY and one from Northeastern Univ. in Boston, MA.; one who will graduate next year from Emmanuel College in Boston and the rest are younger.

Gordon has an older sister, still living, a widow with 4 adult children. She, Gordon and I

¹ son of John and Matilda (Turnbull) Ballantyne

went to Galashiels in the 1990's. Since we had the information Uncle Bill preserved, we could go to the exact address where both John and Matilda (Turnbull) lived. It was a rather emotional scene for them both. We visited the Borders Historical Society but found nothing to help. We toured the Eastland Cemetery in Galashiels where we found much of the information we have and the Ladhope Cemetery in Melrose where we also found information. We were somewhat surprised to find that the stones seemed much softer than the marble here and very worn and difficult to read. We spent time in Edinburgh at the Old Parish Register House. Here I was the only one doing research. Gordon and his sister had never done genealogical research and since it was 17# each for ½ day, they elected to go to a library instead. They had no luck. What I found was a bit disappointing but I did find some, but more about the repetition of names who m. spouses with the same first names. Only the first name of the spouse was given which made it more difficult.

Do you have e-mail? My address is: gore@fairpoint.net

Under Subject, please make some reference to Turnbull if you write me so that I won't delete it as spam.

All I have on Stuart and his family came from Jim. It was very difficult to make out. He calls me occasionally. He used to print info off the internet and send me, but it was not connected and I could have copied it here. Since his mother died, he doesn't send me that stuff anymore. He now lives in a group home. He is clever in that he remembers all my children's names and dates. We have never met. I think I met his mother just once, over 50 years ago. I don't know how Jim keeps all of her marriages and children straight. I know Jim was the youngest.

I will add here that my in-laws, Gordon, Sr. and Doris were fine people. I took care of Doris for 9 years in our house and toward the end, she went to her daughter's in MA and died there. My husband, Gordon, Jr., was the best. He worked for what was Bell Telephone for 36 years, retiring in 1987. We traveled for a number of years, where he did consulting engineering for various phone companies. We also traveled for pleasure. Not only was he a wonderful son, husband and father, he was a happy person, and very handsome. He was over 6' tall, cold black wavy hair, clean cut features and stood out in a crowd. I was always so proud to walk by his side. (He was the smoothest dancer I have ever danced with and that is how we met. We danced all the years of his life). He was never sick a day in his life until he contracted the disease that took his life. The doctors told me that they suspect it resulted from a virus that had been in his system long before. He never worked in asbestos or other material known to cause this disease.

So there you have it. I would love to send you more on the living, but genealogy protocol today gives many reasons not to. It is even recommended that we have written permission from the living before printing it (to prevent lawsuits).

Sincerely,
Carolyn

Carolyn (Tibbatts) Ballantyne

Modified Register for Thomas TURNBULL

First Generation

1. **Thomas TURNBULL** was born about 1779 in Galashiels, , Scotland. He died on 26 May 1841. He was buried in Galashiels, Selkirk, Scotland, Old Parish cem.

Source: Chart completed by Louise Jack who m. Ronald Jack (Isabella, Janet, Thomas)

His death date is from cemetery inscriptions of Galashiels Old Parish cemetery 10/1996. OPR (Old Parish Records) checked Ettrick, Galashiels, Kirkhope and no death record found.

The marriage is recorded at the General Register House, Edinburgh in the OPR (Old Parish Registers Microfilm 799/5) and copied from microfilm. Both were listed on marriage record as being from "Parish of Melrose, Roxburgh".

Two births are recorded in the old parish records for Thomas Turnbull in 1778.

Thomas Turnbull b. 8 May 1778, Galashiels to William & Helen Douglas Turnbull. (Microfilm 775/1).

Thomas Turnbull b. 26 June 1778 at Innerleithen to John Turnbull & Christian Scott. (Microfilm 762/2).

It is most likely that this last entered is the birth of our Thomas as the earlier one would make him 63 at the time of death. The latter would make him 62 at time of death as stated on the gravestone. We found no death record for this Thomas.

Thomas married **Isabella BLACK** daughter of Alexander BLACK and Margaret HENDERSON on 12 Dec 1823 in Melrose, Roxburgh, Scotland. Isabella was born about 1800 in Galashiels, Selkirk, Scotland. She died on 10 Mar 1866 in Galashiels, Selkirk, Scotland. She was buried in Galashiels, Selkirk, Scotland, Old Parish cem.

Source: Death date is from copy of original DR in possession of compiler, C. Ballantyne

The original death certificate on file at Edinburgh General Register Office in Scotland (microfiche 1866 775 33) reads: Isabella Turnbull, widow of Thomas, mason journeyman, age 66 years, d. 7 March 1866 at 12 Bank Close, Galashiels. Father: Alexander Black (shoemaker deceased) and Margaret Henderson Black (deceased). Reported by John Ballantyne, son-in-law.

Thomas and Isabella had the following children:

- 2 M i. **James TURNBULL** was born about 1823 in , , Scotland. He died on 5 Sep 1871. He was buried in Galashiels, Melrose, Scotland, Ladhope cem..

Source: Gravestone in Ladhope cemetery, Galashiels - on stone with parents

- 3 F ii. **Margaret TURNBULL** was born about 1827 in , , Scotland. She died in 1834 in , , Scotland. She was buried in Galashiels, Melrose, Scotland, Ladhope cem..

Source: Gravestone in Ladhope cemetery, Galashiels - on parents stone

- 4 F iii. **Agnes TURNBULL** was born about 1828 in , , Scotland. She died on 11 Mar 1860 in , , Scotland. She was buried in Galashiels, Melrose, Scotland, Ladhope cem..

Source: Gravestone in Ladhope Cemetery, Galashiels, Scotland - on parents stone.

Agnes married James BROWN.

Source: Gravestone in Ladhope cemetery, Galashiels. His wife Agnes Turnbull is on stone with parents as "wife of James Brown"

5 M iv. **Alexander TURNBULL** was born in 1830 in , , Scotland. He died in 1830 in , , Scotland. He was buried in Galashiels, Melrose, Scotland, Ladhope cem..

Source: Gravestone in Ladhope cemetery, Galashiels - on stone with parents

+ 6 F v. **Janet Matilda TURNBULL** was born on 16 Jul 1839. She died on 19 Aug 1907.

Second Generation

6. **Janet Matilda TURNBULL (Thomas)** was born¹ on 16 Jul 1839 in Galashiels, Melrose, Scotland. She died² on 19 Aug 1907 in Neponset, Boston, Essex, MA. She was buried³ in Boston, Essex, MA, Forest Hills Cem..

Source: Birth & Death records in possession of compiler, C. Ballantyne.

The Marriage record says John Ballantyne was from Parish of Melrose and Janet was from Parish of Galashiels but the certificate was issued by Sessions Clerk of Melrose Parish.

Janet's announcement of death (letter edged in black) states cemetery at Neponset. Neponset was what is now Roxbury, MA. She is in the Forest Hills Cemetery with her husband, John.

Janet married **John B. BALLANTYNE** son of Andrew BALLANTYNE and Margaret FRASER on 28 Dec 1863 in Melrose Parish, , Scotland. John was born⁴ on 23 Apr 1838 in Galashiels, , Scotland. He died⁵ on 25 Apr 1920 in Roxbury, Essex, MA. He was buried in Boston, Essex, MA, Forest Hills Cem.

Source: FR

John and wife came with children to Galt, Ontario from Galashiels, Scotland.

They later came to Massachusetts where John was Supt. of woolen mills in Ware (and perhaps other Worumbo Woolen mills.)

Information on death date from chart of Louise Jack whose husband was Ronald (Isabella, John).

Source 1: History of Androscoggin County, Maine; John was Supt. of the Worumbo Woolen Mill in Lisbon Falls, Maine. Note also, that one of the overseers in the mill was Fenton Haigh. John's son, Andrew Ballantyne, m. Fenton Haigh's daughter, Clara Florence Haigh.

Source #2: Grave Record copied by Faith (Ballantyne) Whittier in 1996. Dates taken from photo which she took. John's mother, Margaret Fraser is also buried here. The place of death given as Roxbury as that part of Boston was Roxbury and in the Border Telegraph (Galashiels newspaper) May 19, 1920 "At Roxburgh on 25th ult., John Ballantyne, Sr., in his 83rd year; brother of the late Chamberlain Andrew Ballantyne". It does not say USA or MA but we know it is meant to be as the date of death is the same.

A watch was given to John Ballantyne on leaving Comely Bank Mill in Galashiels. It is inscribed as follows: "Presented to John Ballantyne on his leaving Comely Bank Mill for Canada Sept'r. 8th 1867" The watch is in possession of his descendant. While in SCT in 1996, we discovered an article in the local newspaper archives of this event.

John's mother, Margaret Fraser, came to Boston to reside with John, after the death of her husband, Andrew, in Galashiels. She is buried in the same lot with John and Janet (Turnbull) Ballantyne in Forest Hills Cemetery, (Faith (Ballantyne) Whittier, visited the cemetery and took photos).

John and Janet had the following children:

+ 7 M i. **Andrew BALLANTYNE** was born on 26 Jan 1865. He died on 30 May 1951.

- 8 M ii. Thomas BALLANTYNE was born on 18 Feb 1867 in Galashiels, , Scotland.
 9 M iii. William BALLANTYNE died in , , MA. He was buried in Hillside Cem., Lisbon Falls, Androscoggin, ME.

See separate letter.

Source: Family & GR
 * William spent many summers at his little house on Graham Lake, Ellsworth, ME. He was unmarried and considered rather eccentric by the family. He is buried in a lot near Andrew & Clara in Lisbon Falls, ME, Hillside Cem.

- 10 F iv. Margaret BALLANTYNE died in d. young.
 + 11 M v. John JR BALLANTYNE was born on 9 Jul 1869. He died on 9 Oct 1947.
 + 12 F vi. Isabella BALLANTYNE.
 13 F vii. Matilda BALLANTYNE.
 Matilda married Peter NESBIT.

Third Generation

7. Andrew BALLANTYNE (Janet Matilda TURNBULL, Thomas) was born on 26 Jan 1865 in Galashiels, , Scotland. He died on 30 May 1951 in Ellsworth, Hancock, ME. He was buried on 2 Jun 1951 in Lisbon Falls, Androscoggin, ME, Hillside Cem.

Source: Family, funeral book & GR, death certificate.

Andrew came from Scotland to Galt, Ont. Can. with parents as a child. His father, John, was Supt. of woolen mills. Andrew also followed the woolen trade and was Supt. in Ware, MA, ME & RI. He had a farm in Ellsworth, ME where he and Clara spent their summers for many years.

The grandchildren spent the summers on the farm with their grandparents, traveling from RI to Bangor, ME, often by train. The farm was sold in the 1950s by Clara and now (1993) nothing remains but the cellar hole.

The farm was on the shore of Graham Lake at the end of the Russian Rd.

Andrew married Clara Florence HAIGH daughter of Fenton HAIGH and Pauline RAVEL on 30 Aug 1894 in Lisbon Falls, Androscoggin, ME. Clara was born on 6 Dec 1870 in Woonsocket, , RI. She died in 1963 in Augusta, Kennebec, ME, KVMC. She was buried in Lisbon Falls, Androscoggin, ME.

Clara often used FLORENCE as her name.

Source: : FR

Clara was a graduate of Farmington, ME Normal School (now University of Maine, Farmington)

She also worked in the post office in Lisbon Falls, ME. Clara's father, Fenton Haigh, was an overseer in the Worumbo Woolen Mill in Lisbon Falls, Maine. [See History of Androscoggin County, Maine]

Andrew and Clara had the following children:

- 14 M i. Aubrey BALLANTYNE was born on 11 Jul 1895 in Lisbon Falls, Androscoggin, ME. He died on 4 Dec 1969 in Winston Salem, , NC, Duke Univ. He was buried⁶ in Gaffney, , SC Cherokee Creek Bapt. Cem..

Source: grandson, James R. Simpson, furnished information 3/30/97

Aubrey married Ruth JENKS in 1924. Ruth was born on 5 Jan 1900 in Spencer, , MA. She died on 4 Aug 1990 in Satellite Beach, Brevard, FL. She was buried⁷ in Grassy Pond Bapt. Ch. Cemetery, Gaffney, SC.

*Their 2 children:
 Stuart & Janet are
 both deceased (2008)
 Both children had issue.*

*See separate M
letter on the
Children of
Gordon & Doris*

Source: Information furnished by grandson, James R. Simpson of FL

- ii. **Gordon Revel BALLANTYNE Senior** was born on 20 Sep 1905 in Palmer, MA. He died on 7 Apr 1973 in Waterville, Kennebec, ME. He was buried in Resthaven Cem, Windsor, ME.

Source.: VR MA & ME

MA-Birth Record [orig. w/state seal imprinted, cracked and broken, found in bureau by dau., Faith (Ballantyne) Whittier, 4/1996]

Graduated from New England Institute of Anatomy And Embalming, Boston, MA October 11, 1929. (From original certificate in possession (1995) of son, Gordon, Jr.). Owner/Operator of Ballantyne/Reid Funeral Home, West Warwick RI. Owner of a Sportings Good Store in RI at the same time. Sold interests in both businesses in 1949 and moved to Coopers Mills Maine (Whitefield, Lincoln County) where he owned and operated Ballantyne's Superette 1949\1965. Moved to Windsor, Maine 1965 where he resided until his death in 1973. He was a registered Maine Guide.

Gordon married **Doris Edith GREENWAY** daughter of Thomas GREENWAY and Janet WILEY on 4 Jul 1928 in Gilbertville, , MA. Doris was born on 3 Dec 1906 in Gilbertville, MA. She died on 4 Feb 1986 in Boston, Essex, MA. She was buried in Resthaven Cem, Windsor, ME.

Source: VR MA & ME

Birth record recorded Jan 22, 1907, Vol 560 p329 no. 329-112 MA Div of Vital Statistics

Doris was an RN, graduating from Franklin County Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Greenfield, MA. During WWII she was a Red Cross Nursing Instructor. She assisted her husband in Ballantyne's Superette 1949/1964 and later worked part/time at Gardiner General Hospital, Gardiner, Maine.

11. **John JR BALLANTYNE (Janet Matilda TURNBULL, Thomas)** was born on 9 Jul 1869. He died on 9 Oct 1947.

Source: Family Records

John, Jr. was an attorney in Boston, MA.

The information of birth and death was provided by Joseph Firlotte of Winthrop, ME. He was related to Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne through the Hopkins. This is verified by his grandson, Harold Durgin, Jr. in 2004.

John married **Winifred Hopkins MOORE**. Winifred was born on 30 Nov 1876 in , , MA. She died on 4 Jun 1954.

Source: Family records and from information provided by Joseph Firlotte who was related to Winifred through the Hopkins. She was adopted. It is believed John Moore was her natural father but her mother is unknown. This information is confirmed by Richard Durgin, Jr. in 2004.

John and Winifred had the following children:

- 16 F i. **Margaret FRASER BALLANTYNE** Unmarried was born on 7 Feb 1898. She died on 30 Jan 1982.

Ref: Records of Joseph Firlotte [related through Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne.

- 17 F ii. **Florence BALLANTYNE** was born on 10 Jan 1900. She died on 27 Apr 1900. She was buried in Boston, Essex, MA, Forest Hills Cem.

Source: Records of Joseph Firlotte [Winthrop, ME] who was related to Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne. This was a child who d. age 13 months.

(Buried in same lot with John & Janet Turnbull Ballantyne and also in same lot is Margaret (Fraser) Ballantyne "Mother", who was the mother of John Ballantyne, immigrant.

- 18 M iii. **John Lester BALLANTYNE** was born on 13 Dec 1901. He died on 19 May 1967. *HE WAS AN ATTORNEY IN SHARON, MA.*

Source: Family records of Joseph Firlotte who was related through Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne. *At least no daughter, still living.*

John married **Thelma OLANDER** on 27 Dec 1931.

Source: From record furnished by Louise, wife of Ronald Jack

- 19 M iv. **Dr. Arthur Lorne BALLANTYNE** was born on 26 Jul 1903. He died on 21 Jun 1967. He was buried in Ellsworth, Hancock, ME, Greenwood Cem.

Source: Family records. He and wife, Kate, visited with Gordon, Sr. at the Ballantyne cottage on Sheepscot Lake in the 1960's.

Source [2]: Records of Joseph Firlotte [Winthrop, ME] related to Arthur through Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne.

Arthur was an anesthesiologist. [information by Harold E. Durgin 7/31/2004]

Note by author: We met them in the 1960's when he, with a wife and child, visited Gordon and Doris Ballantyne at their cottage on Sheepscot Lake, Palermo, ME. At that time I believe the wife's name was Kate.

Arthur married (1) **Elizabeth**. The marriage ended in divorce.

Ref: Records of Joseph Firlotte (Winthrop, ME) related to Arthur through mother Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne.

Arthur married (2) **Aurelia**. The marriage ended in divorce.

Ref: Records of Joseph Firlotte, Winthrop, ME, related to Arthur through Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne

Arthur married (3) **Kate**.

Source: Family records.

Note: She may have been a second wife.

- 20 F v. **Amy Evelyn BALLANTYNE** was born on 25 Jul 1904. She died on 28 Mar 1985.

Source: Family records. Amy resided Gorham, ME. We visited her several times there and she and Harold would visit here en route to their summer home in Ellsworth. Our son, Bruce, stayed with Harold and Amy the year after he was married, until he bought his own home. He was working for Standish Telephone Co.

Source [2]: Records of Joseph Firlotte, Winthrop, ME who was related through Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne.

Amy married **Harold Libby DURGIN** on 24 Nov 1927.

Source: FR. *Two sons, still living.*

- 21 F vi. **Dorothy BALLANTYNE** was born on 10 May 1906. She died on 18 May

1980.

Source: FR [furnished by Louise, wife of Ronald Jack.]

Source #2: Records of Joseph Firlotte, related through Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne.

Dorothy married Frank MOODY. Frank died on 20 Mar 1975.

Ref: From family record of Louise, wife of Ronald Jack Ref #2: Records of Joseph Firlotte, related through Winifred (Moore) Ballantyne.

12. Isabella BALLANTYNE (Janet Matilda TURNBULL, Thomas).

Isabella married Walter D JACK.

They had the following children:

22 M i. Melvin JACK.

Source: Family records. He had a cottage on Long Pond, Sandy River Plt. beside the one owned by his brother, Ronald. We visited them there. He d. some years before Ronald died. After we purchased the house in Rangely in 1979, we would visit with Ronald but Melvin had passed away by that time. There was no issue from this marriage.

23 M ii. Ronald JACK.

Source: FR of his wife, Louise

Ronald married Louise. *They had 3 children, one being Carol who is now deceased.*

I STOPPED PRINTING HERE, AS MANY ARE STILL LIVING.

Appendix A - Sources

1. Birth Record, Possession of Carolyn T. Ballantyne.

These birth records were originals used at immigration of John and Janet (Turnbull) Ballantyne when they came from SCTto Ontario, CAN.

Record extracted from the Register of Births & Baptisms for the Parish of Galashiels, county of Selkirk on 8 Dec 1885, signed by the Register General. In possession of Carolyn Ballantyne.

2. Death Record.
3. Death Record.
4. Birth Record.
5. Death Record.
6. Cemetery Record.
7. Information from Tamara, wife of Keith Ballantyne.
e-mail from Tamara Ballantyne 11/10/2001.