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Dear Mrs. Berke -

It was a pleasure to speak with you recently and am enclosing a cheque for 15⁰⁰ re my application for membership with the Turnbull Clan.

Over the last few years I have collected a good deal of information about our Turnbull and Smith ancestors, but have not gotten it all organized in a chronological form. My intentions are good and hope to get it put together before it is too late. There is only 5 of my generation left, I am the youngest at 79. The other 4 is my sister and 3 first cousins, in their 80's

I have prepared an individual pedigree of every descendant of my Great Grandfather Thos Turnbull 1788-1883. who came to Canada (a widower) in 1860, with 8 of his children, my Grandfather Andrew Turnbull 1836-1923 had come to Canada in 1856. He married Jane Oliver Smith in 1868. They both came from Roxburghshire, near Hawick & Jedburgh. The Smiths arrived in Canada 1866.

Enclosed is a sample of the pedigrees on a form which I devised myself. ~~along~~ An index has been prepared alphabetically. so any descendant having access to it can trace their ancestry forward or backward. Since the enclosed chart was completed

I have obtained more information on some Turnbull and Smith ancestry previous to the starting points as per the chart. and I hope to incorporate that information in a new chart. I have a great niece who is interested in family history and has offered to put my records on a Computer program, according to the Mormon software program. As you will know the Mormons have a large and beautiful Temple here in Mesa, and a very good Family History Library associated with the library in Salt Lake City. It is a busy place in the winter time. I took Janet the software program home to Canada with me last Spring.

When visiting Mrs Myra Turnbull in Hawick 1987 she gave me the enclosed information re Michael Robson's history of the Turnbells 1100-1700. I filled out an order form, but have never heard anything further. Do you know anything about it?

In your letter to me dated Jan 25th 1988 you asked if my grandparents settled at Digby N.S. Well no they came straight up to Grey Township, Huron County. But I do have (I presume) the book re the Turnbells of Digby, written by John F. Turnbull. of Orillia, Ontario.

I met John F. Turnbull once many years ago. His son James D. Turnbull and his wife are very good friends of ours. The family gave me permission to copy some of the introductory material of his book, and to include it in my collection.

Feb. 5/92.

Thank you for your letter of Jan 29/92 with enclosures which I found quite interesting.

yes I do have a question.

Do you have access to the book "Ridewater and Its People"?

I would like to obtain some information re an Adam Turnbull, born probably about the middle of the 1600s. He owned a small estate by the name of Denesyde, in Hobkirk Parish, Roxburghshire. He is said to have favoured the Stuarts and lost it or sold it in 1715.

On account of rebellion in 1715, he and his family fled to the northern part of Northumberland to avoid exile.

(Question) - I would like to obtain a copy of page 259 and possibly 258, if it would be possible.

I have evidence that a Thos Turnbull who died in his 100th year at Tarssetfoot, Northumberland is my Great Great Great Grandfather. He may have been a son of Adam Turnbull who fled to

Northumberland about 1715.

The line of descent which I have established is

Thos Turnbull who died at Tarssetfoot,
Northumberland in his 100th year, Page 260.
His father may have been Adam
→ His sons.

Adam. b(ab) 1761. and William. b(ab) 1762

died June 22-1851.

Page 195.

died April 29-1842.

Page 196.

Both buried in Old Church yard of Abbotrule.
Both returned to Roxburgh shire from Northumberland

That is.

Thos.

William

Thos.

Andrew.

Oliver.

James

Thos Turnbull. 1788-1883

Came to Canada. 1860

Andrew Turnbull

1836-1923

Oliver Turnbull.

1872-1952

James Ross Turnbull.

1912.

This is getting a bit complicated so I will sign
off now until I get some more sorting out
done.

We will be returning home to Peterborough Ontario.
April 30th/92.



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Thanks again for your letter
Sincerely
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FOREWORD

"HE WHO CARETH NOT WHITHER HE GOETH, CARETH NOT WHENCE HE CAME".

THE ABOVE QUOTATION IS FROM A BOOK CALLED, 'THE ART OF ANCESTOR HUNTING', BY OSCAR FRANK STETSON, AND AS AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR STORY, I AM USING A FURTHER EXCERPT FROM THE SAME SOURCE. "THERE IS NO MORE FASCINATING SUBJECT IN WHICH A PERSON MAY BECOME OCCUPIED THAN AN EXAMINATION INTO THE HISTORY OF HIS ANCESTRY. THE STUDY OF HUMAN BEINGS IS AN INTERESTING ONE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE THE PARTICULAR HUMAN BEINGS FROM WHOM THE STUDENT HAS DERIVED HIS EXISTENCE, HIS CHARACTER, HIS LIKES AND DISLIKES AND THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH DIFFERENTIATE HIM FROM EVERY OTHER HUMAN BEING AND CONSTITUTE HIM AN ENTITY WITH AN INDIVIDUALITY".

IN 1953, LESLIE G. PINE'S BOOK CALLED 'TRACE YOUR ANCESTORS' WAS PUBLISHED IN LONDON, ENGLAND AS A LAYMAN'S GUIDE. HE IS MANAGING-EDITOR OF THE FAMOUS 'BURKES PEERAGE' AND A SPECIALIST IN TRACING PEDIGREES, AND HIS ADVICE IS VERY HELPFUL TO THOSE WHOSE ANCESTORS LIVED IN THE BRITISH ISLES. HE SAYS IT IS A NATURAL DESIRE AND, EXCEPT IN SOCIETIES LIKE THAT OF OUR MODERN, URBAN, RUSHING CIVILIZATION, MEN EVERYWHERE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO KEEP SOME RECORD OF THEIR FOREBEARS AND THE ROOTS WHENCE THEY HAVE SPRUNG.

HE WARNS, HOWEVER, THAT MOST PEOPLE WHO BEGIN LOOKING INTO THE FAMILY TREE HAVE NO NOTION OF WHAT MAY BE LURKING IN ITS BRANCHES AND THAT ONE IS APT TO FIND MORE VILLAINS THAN HEROES OR HEROINES. IN SPITE OF SUCH POSSIBILITIES, HE ADVOCATES TRACING OUR ANCESTORS AS FAR AS WE CAN AND ADDS "WHETHER YOU LIKE THEM OR NOT, THEY ARE YOURS AND NOTHING CAN ALTER IT. REMEMBER THAT IT IS A SHAME TO BE IGNORANT OF ONE'S FOREBEARS. PEOPLE WILL OFTEN INSIST ON A PEDIGREE FOR THEIR DOGS OR HORSES WHILE BEING INDIFFERENT ABOUT THEIR OWN. THIS IS THE CLEAREST FOLLY. LET US KNOW THE STOCK WHENCE WE CAME. WE SHALL THEN KNOW SOMETHING OF OURSELVES".

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My thanks are expressed to Mrs. Alice (Riley) Turnbull, a friend of many years, for permission to include the above "Foreword" which she used in her preparation of The Riley Family History.

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EARLY TURNBULL HISTORY

The following section was prepared by John F. Turnbull of Bramshott Farm, Orillia, Ontario.

In 1959, Mr. Turnbull prepared a book on the Turnbull family to which he belonged, most of whom settled around Digby, Nova Scotia.

Thanks are extended to his family for permission to include the introductory section of his book as part of this Turnbull history.

As a matter of interest, John F. Turnbull's son, James D. Turnbull married Jean Scott who boarded , while going to High School in Peterborough, Ontario, with our friend, Alice (Riley) Turnbull. Alice's husband, Lieutenant Colonel James Turnbull was overseas in World War 11. Alice and Jim had a son, James Riley Turnbull. It so happens that Velma and I were next door neighbours during the 1940's. So, here we had James Turnbull, James Riley Turnbull and James Ross Turnbull in the two houses as well as James D. Turnbull when he and Jean came to visit Alice. A book could be written about interesting incidents which involved the two households where two James R. Turnbolls and one James Turnbull lived -- all referred to as "Jim".

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INTRODUCTION

In 1860, Thos. Turnbull, a widower and native of Roxburghshire, Scotland, came to Canada with eight of his children. His second oldest son, Andrew, had come to Canada in 1856.

Thos. settled on Lot 8, Concession 15, Township of Grey, Huron County, Province of Ontario. Andrew settled on Lot 10, Concession 15, Grey Twp. This was largely uncleared land, covered mostly, by hardwood bush, such as Maple, Beech, Ash, Elm, etc..

Over the years, there have been many stories, anecdotes, etc. of family history recorded by various members and held within individual branches.

To my knowledge, to date (1987), there has not been a comprehensive collection of family records and history. In recent years, several of my great Neices and Nephews, now in their 30's, have asked for information of their ancestors and present relatives. I am sure that the same thing is happening within other branches of the family.

According to my information, there are, as of Dec. 1986, only twelve Great Grandchildren of Thos. Turnbull, 1788-1883, who are living, ranging in age from 62 years to 90. Eight of these twelve are Grandchildren of Andrew--the other four Grandchildren, of Adam. There are no living descendants of the other seven children of Thos.. As a result, in 1986, I conceived the idea of preparing a statistical record of Great Grandfather's descendants and to gather together family history which was available.

The response to my questionnaire has been excellent and as of Feb. 1987, I have a record of all descendants to Dec. 1985.

Introduction Continued

A chart has been prepared for each descendant, numbered and indexed, alphabetically and numerically. The system is designed that it may be continued into the future.

The narrative collection will be separate to the statistical records - each compatible but repetitious to some extent.

As long as I am able, I would be pleased to keep the statistical record up-to-date if advised of births, deaths, marriages, etc. and include in the narrative section any research articles or records which have been done by other members of the family.

For the assistance in putting this exercise together, I wish to thank my wife, Velma; my sister, Jean (Turnbull) Buchanan; my cousins, Margaret (Turnbull) Gow; Dr. Ian Turnbull; Viola (Turnbull) Lamont and all others who have made this, possible.

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Adam?

EARLY TURNBULL LINEAGE

Chart # 1

Thomas Turnbull

William Turnbull 1762 D 4/29/1842 Jeddburgh
m att 1788 age 80 yrs

Agnes Potts att 1768 -
D 29 May 1841 age 80 years

Their children

Mary 1793 married Thomas
Adam sec of 260 Jeddburgh
James
Margaret

Andrew Chisholm
m

Margaret Douglas

Their children

George
Other brothers
another daughter and

Thomas 1788 - Mar.16, 1883 married to Ellen Chisholm
D died 1860

Their children

Born

Died

Age

Fwd to
Chart #

William	-	-	-	-	-	1834	- 3 Dec	-	1920	-	86	-	2
Andrew	-	-	-	-	Feb.22	-	1836	-	Mar.14	-	1923	-	3
Adam	-	-	-	-	-	-	1837	-	Dec.22	-	1920	-	4
Margaret	-	-	-	-	-	-	1840	-	Dec.13	-	1902	-	5
Agnes	-	-	-	-	-	-	1842	-	-	-	1911	-	6
Ellen	-	-	-	-	-	-	1844	-	May 26	-	1900	-	7
Janet	-	-	-	-	-	-	1848	-	Apr. 5	-	1922	-	8
Thomas.	In	78th	yr.	-	-	-	1849	-	Nov.16	-	1926	-	9
Isabella	-	-	-	-	-	-	1845	-	May 13	-	1927	-	10

Thos. Turnbull, native of Roxburghshire, Scotland, was a tenant farmer (wife) first on the Whitehill Farm, and later on Hummelknowes, near Hawick. His wife died in Scotland. He and eight of his children came to Canada in 1860 and took Title to Lot 8, Concession 15, Township of Grey, County of Huron, Province of Ontario, in Nov. 18, 1861 by Deed - then called B. & S., Bargain & Sale, # 56 in Registry office; Goderich, Ontario.

His second son, Andrew, had come to Canada in 1856,

Thos. is buried in Brussels United Church Cemetery, Plot 8, Section B.

Chart #

3

The Family of

From Chart #

1

1 Andrew TurnbullJane Oliver Smith

Born Feb. 22 1836 Ormiston Mar 1 1837
 Where Whitehillbrae Farm. Parish of Carvers, Scotland
 Parish of Kirkton, near Hawick. near Jedburg.

Married Dec 18. 1868
 Where Grey Twp. Harwood Farm Lot 6 Con 5.
 Died OK MAR. 14 1923 88th yr. 92nd yr May 12 1928
 Where Both. Lot 10 Con 15 Grey Twp. Huron County.

Burial Both, Brussels United Church Cemetery. Plot 97F.
 Lot 30 Con 7 Morris Twp. 1 1/4 mile S. of Brussels.

Fwd. to
Chart
#

Their Children

Born

Died

Age

#

Helen (Ellen) Jane	Nov 12 1869	Jan 8 1957	88	12
Thomas	Mar 13 1871	Jan 26 1958	87	13
Oliver	Nov 23 1872	Dec 13 1952	80	14
William A	Dec 16 1874	Oct 10 1957	83	15

Andrew Turnbull, Went to Grammar School in Scotland and planned to become a minister but emigrated to Canada in 1856. from Hummelknowes Farm where his father was living at that time. He worked for people near Galt, but went up to Grey Twp. in the winter to clear bush. He took title to Lot 10 Con 15 Dec. 31. 1862.

Jane O. Smith came to Canada with her parents, her Grandmother and other brothers and sisters in 1866 They settled on Lot 6 Con 5 Grey Twp.

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Family notes, education, etc. of those on line 1

Chart # 14

The Family of

From Chart # 3

1 Oliver TurnbullClara Jane Ireland

Born	Nov 23 1872	June 8 1872
Where	Lot 10 Con 15 Grey Twp.	Either Lot 14 Con 4. H.R. Sarny Tuckersmith Twp. or S 1/2 27 Con 3 Morris Twp.
Married	Sept 10th 1895.	
Where		
Died	Dec 13 1952	Aug 23 1939
Where	Lot 10 Con 15 Grey.	Lot 10 Con 15 Grey
Burial	Brussels United Church Cemetery Plot 97 F	

Family notes, education, etc. of those on line 1

Their Children	Born	Died	Age	Fwd. to Chart #
Wilbur Evans	Aug 8 1896	Mar 7 1988	91	37
Andrew Chisholm	Sept 9 1902	Nov 1 1971	69	38
Jean	June 18 1905			39
James Ross	Aug 24 1912			40

Oliver took title to Lot 10 Con 15 from his father + mother, 1894. His parents continued to live with he + Clara until their death. In 1905 Oliver purchased the W 1/2 Lot 11. and in 1916 the E 1/2. In 1917 he sold Lot 11 to his son Wilbur. And in 1944 he sold Lot 10 to his grandson, Wm J. Turnbull.

Oliver took a keen interest in progressive farming and developed the 'Meadowbrook' strain of purebred Shorthorn Cattle and showed cattle at the London Fair, Guelph Winter Fair and Royal Winter Fair Toronto. He also judged beef cattle at Fall Fairs in Ontario for a number of years.

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The Family of

From Chart # 14

1 x James Ross Turnbull. Velma Pearl Jordan

Born	Aug 24 1912	April 19 1912
Where	Lot 10 Con 15 Grey Twp. Huron Cty.	S 1/2 Lot 26 Con 5 Morris Twp. Huron Cty.
Married	June 11. 1938	
Where	Watford, Ont.	
Died		
Where		
Burial		

Their Children	Born	Died	Age	Fwd. to Chart #
Elizabeth Jeannette	Aug 5 1940			66
David Jordan	Feb 21 1948			67

Jim attended Brussels Continuation School and graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College with B.S. A. degree in 1934. He worked for the Dominion Livestock Branch until 1956 when he transferred to the Canadian Farm Loan Board which later became the Farm Credit Corporation. This was a Crown Company which made loans to farmers on security of a first mortgage on their farm. He retired in 1971. Velma attended Brussels continuation School and graduated from Toronto General Hospital in 1934 as a Registered Nurse. She attended U. of Toronto for 1 year on scholarships, then returned to the T & H. being in charge of the Emergency Ward when she left to take up home making in 1938. In 1965 she returned to nursing at York County hospital ^{Macomart, Ont.} returning from there in 1972 as head nurse on a medical floor. She and Jim moved to Peterborough Cont'd on back of page in 1972 where Jim did part time appraisal work and Velma did some part time nursing & administration at Extend 2.

Family notes, education, occupation, etc. of those on line 1