

The Turnbull Ancestry

Birth of Christina Turnbull

Christina Jenkins Adam Turnbull born 22 June 1918 at 58 Airlie Gardens, Glasgow

Daughter of Andrew Turnbull, shipbuilder's purchase clerk and Annie Wilkie Jenkins Adam (m.s.), who were married on 21 December 1915 in Glasgow

Also -

James Turnbull born 21 May 1920 at 58 Airlie Gardens, Glasgow
Mother – deceased.

Note: This certificate was clearly registered a couple of weeks after the birth, by which time James's mother had died.

Marriage of Andrew Turnbull and Annie Adam

On 21 December 1915 at Armstrong's Hotel, Buchanan Street, Glasgow after banns according to the forms of the Established Church of Scotland –

Andrew Turnbull, mercantile clerk, bachelor, aged 31, of Alverton, Drumchapel
Son of James Turnbull, ship plater, journeyman and Sarah Hannah (m.s.)

AND

Annie Wilkie Jenkins Adam, spinster, aged 27, of Glencarn, Gorton Street, Glasgow

Daughter of Thomas Adam, blacksmith, master and Christina Jenkins (m.s.)

Death of Annie Wilkie Jenkins Turnbull

Annie Wilkie Jenkins Turnbull, married to Andrew Turnbull, shipbuilder's buyer, died 3 June 1920 at 58 Airlie Gardens, Glasgow, aged 32.

Daughter of Thomas Adam, blacksmith (master) and Christina Jenkins (m.s.)

Cause: pneumonia with cardiac failure following birth of child on May 21st as certified by Berkeley Robertson, M.D.

Informant – Andrew Turnbull, widower

Second marriage of Andrew Turnbull

This took place on 7 September 1922 in the Douglas Hotel, Glasgow.

Catherine was described as a spinster, aged 38 – address 5 Lawrence Street, Partick, Glasgow. Both her parents were deceased: Andrew's were both still alive.

Death of Andrew Turnbull

Andrew Turnbull, shipping clerk, married to 1st Annie Adam, 2nd Catherine Stewart Andrew, died 20 April 1939 at 1301 Govan Road, Glasgow, usual residence 8 Ferryden Street, Glasgow, aged 54.

Son of James Turnbull, shipyard salesman and Sarah Hannah (m.s.)

Cause: exfoliate dermatitis, toxic myocarditis

Informant –John H. Turnbull, his brother, 16 Urrdale Rd, Glasgow

Death of Catherine Turnbull

Catherine Stewart Turnbull, widow of Andrew Turnbull, shipbuilder's buyer died 19th February 1963 at 18 Ladyloan Place, Glasgow, aged 78.

Daughter of James Andrew, butcher deceased and Ellen Stewart (m.s.) deceased.

Cause: coronary vessel occlusion and angina pectoris.

Informant – her executor in Enfield, Middlesex.

Note: death certificates do not state where a person was buried.

Search for death of James Turnbull (born in 1920)

No death certificate has been found registered in Scotland in the 1940's – perhaps he died outwith Scotland?

Birth of Andrew Turnbull

Born 1 May 1884 at 120 King Street, Govan

Son of James Turnbull, iron ship plater, apprentice and Sarah Hannah (m.s.) who were married on 9th November 1883 at Govan.

Other children born to James Turnbull and Sarah Hannah

Margaret Brownlie Turnbull born 7 January 1886 at 17 Langlands Road, Govan

John Hannah Turnbull born 5 November 1888 at 5 Harmony Row, Govan

Elizabeth Reid Turnbull born 12 October 1890 at 4 Langlands Row, Govan

Sarah Hannah Turnbull born 29 May 1893 at 4 Langlands Row, Govan

James Turnbull born 23 February 1898 at 16 Elder Park Street, Govan

Marriage of James Turnbull and Sarah Hannah

On 9 November 1883 at 17 Langlands Road, Govan, after banns according to the forms of the Church of Scotland -

James Turnbull, iron ship plater, apprentice, bachelor, aged 20, of 14 Greenhaugh Street, Govan

Son of Andrew Turnbull, shipwright and Elizabeth Reid (m.s.)

AND

Sarah Hannah spinster, aged 19, same address

Daughter of John Hannah, riveter and Margaret Brownlie (m.s.) deceased

Witnesses – Thomas Reid and Helen Reid

We now have access to digitised copies (indexed) of all the census returns in Scotland, (taken decennially) from 1841 – 1901 (there is a one hundred year's closure on access). The census returns are an interesting and useful source of information on people.

1891 Census for Govan

4 Langlands Road

James Turnbull	head of house	aged 27	ironship plater	born Govan
Sarah H.	“ his wife	aged 26		born Govan
Andrew	“ his son	aged 6	scholar	born Govan
Margaret	“ his daughter	aged 5		born Govan

John	“	his son	aged 2	born Govan
Elizabeth	“	his daughter	aged 5 mths	born Govan

It was one of the tasks of the enumerator (from 1861 onwards) to state how many rooms with one or more windows made up the living accommodation of the family. The Turnbull family were living in two rooms.

1901 Census for Govan

28 Greenfield Street, Govan

James Turnbull	head of house	aged 37	iron ship plater	born Govan
Sarah	“ his wife	aged 36		born Govan
Andrew	“ his son	aged 16	draper apprentice	born Govan
Margaret	“ his daughter	aged 15	skirt machinist	born Govan
John	“ his son	aged 12	scholar	born Govan
Elizabeth	“ his daughter	aged 10	scholar	born Govan
Sarah	“ his daughter	aged 7	scholar	born Govan
James	“ his son	aged 3		born Govan

The family were now living in three rooms.

Death of James Turnbull

James Turnbull, ship plater, widower of Sarah Hannah, died 5 October 1953 at Newark House, Paisley, aged 90.

Son of Andrew Turnbull, carpenter deceased and Elizabeth Reid (m.s.) deceased
Cause – arterio sclerosis

Informant – J.H. Turnbull, his son, 20 Woodlands Crescent, Thornliebank

Death of Sarah Hannah or Turnbull

Oddly enough, no entry for her death has yet been found anywhere in Scotland.

She was not stated to be deceased at the time of her son's death in 1939 but had clearly predeceased her husband. There are a number of mistakes in the indexing of the statutory registers which may be the reason, or possibly she could have died outwith Scotland.

Birth of James Turnbull

James Turnbull born 10 July 1863 at 18 Victoria Street, Govan

Son of Andrew Turnbull, ship carpenter, journeyman, and Elizabeth Reid (m.s.) who were married on 31 December 1849 at Glasgow.

Statutory registration was introduced in Scotland in January 1855. Before that time, recording of births and marriages (or of baptisms and proclamations which were often the actual events written down) was the responsibility of the minister and session clerk in each parish. Registration was officially obligatory but never enforced and a great many registers were very deficient. Deaths and burials were the least well kept records. Dates of commencement of the Old Parish Registers (as they are known) vary widely and the records were, in the main, only concerned with members of the Established Church of Scotland. The OPRs remain the most concentrated source of genealogical information on Scots before 1855 but many births and marriages were not recorded. The marriage of Andrew Turnbull and Elizabeth Reid was, however, duly entered in Barony parish (one of the four Glasgow parishes) on 16 December 1849.

Births of children to Andrew Turnbull and Elizabeth Reid 1849-54

No relevant entries found for Catherine, Ann or Andrew (see census returns below).

Births of children to this couple after 1854 (within the period of statutory registration):

John Reid Turnbull born 1 Nov, 1856 at McKean's Land, Govan
His father was described as a shipwright

William Turnbull born 21 February 1861 at 18 Victoria Street, Govan

Note: William died on 18 Nov. 1862 at the same address, aged 1 year 10 months. The cause was scarlet fever from which he had suffered for 3 weeks.

1861 Census for Govan

18 Victoria Street, Govan

Adam* Turnbull	head of house	aged 37	carpenter	born in Glasgow
Elizabeth "	his wife	aged 39		born in Paisley
Catherine "	his daughter	aged 10		born in Govan
Ann "	his daughter	aged 9		born in Govan
Andrew "	his son	aged 6		born in Govan
John "	his son	aged 4		born in Govan
William "	his son	aged 1 month		born in Govan

*The enumerator has clearly made a mistake in putting down Adam instead of Andrew.

1871 Census for Govan

24 Victoria Street, Govan

Andrew Turnbull	head of house	aged 46	shipcarpenter	born Glasgow
Elizabeth "	his wife	aged 47		born Paisley
Annie "	his daughter	aged 19	silk throwster	born Govan
Andrew "	his son	aged 16	apprentice boat builder	born Govan
John "	his son	aged 14	grocer's boy	born Govan
James "	his son	aged 7	scholar	born Govan

The family's accommodation consisted of two rooms.

By the time the 1891 census was taken, all the children had left home and Andrew and his wife were living in two rooms at 14 Greenhaugh Street, Govan.

Death of Andrew Turnbull

Andrew Turnbull, married to Elizabeth Reid, ship-wright, journeyman, died 24 December 1897 at 64 Harmony Row, Govan, aged 73

Son of Andrew Turnbull, hand loom weaver deceased and Ann Montgomery (m.s.) deceased.

Cause: senile decay

Informant – Andrew Turnbull, his son, 6 Park Place, Govan

Death of Elizabeth Reid or Turnbull

Elizabeth Turnbull, widow of Andrew Turnbull, shipwright journeyman, died 22 April 1899 at 150 McLean Street, Govan, aged 76

Daughter of John Reid, cotton manufacturer deceased and Catherine Wilson (m.s.) deceased.

Cause – senectus

Informant – Andrew Turnbull, his grandson

The Ancestry of the Adam Family

Birth of Annie Wilkie Jenkins Adam

Annie Wilkie Jenkins Adam born 16 Sept 1888 at 27 Thomson Street, Govan

Daughter of Thomas Adam, blacksmith journeyman and Christina Jenkins (m.s.) who were married on 11 June 1885 at Bridge of Earn

Other children born to Thomas Adam and Christina Jenkins

Elizabeth Lewison Adam born 11 March 1891 at 64 Langlands Road, Govan
She died on 10 May 1891 aged 2 months, the cause being given as bronchitis.

Thomas Adam born 23 April 1895 at 9 Shaw Street, Govan
Father – master blacksmith

James Jenkins Adam born 4 July 1898 at 9 Shaw Street, Govan
He died on 16 February 1899 at 9 Shaw Street, Govan, aged 7 months from pneumonia .

No entry was found for the birth of a twin to any of these children.

Thomas Adam, brother to Annie Adam, married in 1931 in Scotland :

On 22 June 1931 at Grosvenor Gordon Street, Glasgow, after banns according to the forms of the Church of Scotland –

Thomas Adam, oil company secretary, bachelor, aged 36, of 39 River Avenue, Palmers Green, London

Son of Thomas Adam, builder's ironmonger retired and Christina Jenkins (m.s.)
AND

Margaret Barr McEwan Robertson, spinster, aged 29, of St. Catherines, Poplar Avenue, Bishopton, aged 29

Daughter of Thomas Robertson, drapery buyer and Margaret Alexander (m.s.) deceased.

Marriage of Thomas Adam and Christina Jenkins –

On 11 June 1885 at Glencarn, Dron after banns according to the Forms of the Free Church of Scotland –

Thomas Adam, blacksmith, bachelor, aged 28, of 3 Helen Street, Govan

Son of Robert Adam, blacksmith and Elizabeth Lewison (m.s.)

AND

Christina Jenkins, spinster, aged 24, of Glencarn

Daughter of James Jenkins, coachman and Annie Wilkie (m.s.)

1891 Census for Govan

The address was unreadable)

Thomas Adam	head of house	aged 34	blacksmith	born Govan
Christina	“ his wife	aged 30		born Glasgow
Annie	“ his daughter	aged 2		born Govan
Elizabeth	“ his daughter	aged 1 month		born Govan
Annie Jenkins	his mother in law	aged 60	widow, living on private means	born New Monkland

They had one visitor and were living in 3 rooms.

1901 census for Govan

22 Lucania Place, Langland Road, Govan

Thomas Adam	head of house	aged 46	blacksmith & ironmonger	born Govan
Christina Jenkins	“ his wife	aged 39		born Glasgow
Annie Jenkins	“ his daughter	aged 12	scholar	born Govan
Thomas Jenkins	“ his son	aged 7	scholar	born Govan

The family must have been in good circumstances at this time as they had accommodation comprising 5 rooms which was generous for the time.

Death of Christina Jenkins or Adam

Christina Adam, married to Thomas Adam, blacksmith retired, died 27 January 1938 at 74 Kilmaurs Street, Glasgow, aged 76

Daughter of James Jenkins, coachman deceased and Anne Wilkie (m.s.) deceased.

Cause – arterio sclerosis

Informant – Thomas Adam, widower

Death of Thomas Adam

Thomas Adam, blacksmith retired, widower of Christina Jenkins, died 15 March 1945 at 67 Ardithie Road, Govan, aged 88.

Son of Robert Adam, blacksmith deceased and Elizabeth Lewison (m.s.) deceased

Cause – myocardial degeneration

Informant – Thomas Adam, his son, 85 Finehampstead Road, Wokingham, Berkshire

Birth of Thomas Adam

Thomas Adam born 26 September 1856 at West End, Govan

Son of Robert Adam, blacksmith and Elizabeth Lewison (m.s.)

Note: on birth certificates for the years 1856-60, no information is included as to the date of marriage of the parents.

Other children born to Robert Adam and Elizabeth Lewison

James Lewison Adam born 26 February 1859 at West End, Govan

Mary Brown Adam born 16 January 1861 at West End, Govan
She died on 19 March 1863 at West End, Govan, aged 2 years and 2 months,
the cause being given as pneumonia.

Marion Moffat Adam born 25 January 1863 at West End, Govan

Robert born 17 December 1865 at West End, Govan

Marriage of Robert Adam and Elizabeth Lewison

At Polmont on December 4th 1855 according to the rites and ceremonies of the
Church of Scotland

Robert Adam, of Govan (usual address), aged 38, blacksmith, bachelor,
Born November 1817 at Govan (registered)

Parents – Thomas Adam, blacksmith, deceased and Marion Moffat (m.s.)
AND

Elizabeth Louison (sic) of Springburn, Govan, aged 23, house maid, spinster
Daughter of James Louison, gardener deceased and Mary (m.s.blank)
Born May 1832 at Polmont (registered)

Witness – David Adam

Note: 1855 was the first year of statutory registration and certificates registered in that
year include some useful details which are omitted in later years.

1861 Census for Govan

James Reid's Land, Govan

Robert Adam	head of house	aged 43	blacksmith master empl. 2 men	born Govan
Elizabeth	“ his wife	aged 27		born Polmont
Thomas	“ his son	aged 4		born Govan
James	“ his son	aged 2		born Govan
Mary	“ his daughter	aged 3 mths		born Govan

Plus a boarder and visitor

They were living in 6 roomed accommodation.

1871 Census for Govan

373 Govan Road, Govan

Robert Adam	head of house	aged 53	blacksmith empl. 3 men	born Govan
Elizabeth	“ his wife	aged 37		born Polmont
Thomas	“ his son	aged 14		born Govan
James	“ his son	aged 12	scholar	born Govan
Marion	“ his daughter	aged 8	scholar	born Govan
Robert	“ his son	aged 6	scholar	born Govan

Death of Elizabeth Lewison or Adam

Elizabeth Adam, married to Robert Adam, blacksmith, master, died 25 September 1886 at 3 Helen Street, Govan, aged 53
Daughter of James Lewison, gardener deceased and Mary Brown (m.s.) deceased.
Cause – typhoid fever, 1 month 14 days.
Informant – Robert Adam, widower.

Death of Robert Adam

Robert Adam, blacksmith, master, widower of Elizabeth Lewison, died 17 October 1888 at 3 Helen Street, Govan aged 70.
Son of Thomas Adam, blacksmith master deceased and Marion Moffat (m.s.) deceased.
Cause – heart disease 1 year
Informant – Robert Adam, his son