

TURNBULL FAMILY TREE

Annie Henderson lived in the north of Ireland. Her family was "Quality." (They had a pew in the Kirk.) Angus McDonald, a soldier was stationed in the north of Ireland. (He stood 6 feet 2 inches in his stocking feet.) Theirs was a run-away match. They had seven little girls: Annie, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, Catherine, Frances, and Isabella (Grandma). The mother died of a fever, and the father away fighting under Wellington in Egypt. (The doctor sat him down and cried.) Afterwards Catherine and Frances died of a fever.

Grandma went to the Reading school and learned to read but in Writing school she got a blot on her copy book and the master whacked her hand. She never went back. She worked in the cotton mills as a weaver till she was about eighteen when she married William Turnbull and they came to America, to Maryland.

He had two brothers, Hector and Thomas. One was a teacher and the other an actor in London (Shakesperian plays). He also had an uncle Gavin who wrote poetry. Violet used to have a book of Robert Burns' poems with some of his in the back.

Well, they were married and came to America when about 19 to Maryland. It was a slave state, so afterwards they came to Illinois then to Minnesota. Their children were:

John (died in infancy)

Thomas (1 child, died in infancy)

Annie (my mother) Mabel

William, not married

John (Leslie, Florence Buller, Everett, Arthur)

George (Violet's father)

Mary—"Aunt Mary" (Charles, died in infancy, Edith, Albert Roy, Irving, Margaret)

Charles (not married)

Grandma Turnbull's sisters:

Annie, married and stayed in Scotland (I know nothing about her)

Mary, married Mr. Harris, a good-for-nothing. Two children, a boy who stayed in Scotland and a girl Jane who came with her mother to America as a baby. She contracted Smallpox on the ship and was terribly pocked. She lived for many years with Aunt Bessie.

Margaret, married Mr. McKinley. Their children were John, George, Sandy, William, Sarah, Isabel. Margaret died of blood poisoning not very old. John was killed in the Civil War. George and Sandy lived on farms near Cannon Falls and had families, mostly boys. I knew them slightly. William was a Methodist preacher. I knew him quite well at Winona. Sarah married Mr. Williamson, also a farmer near Cannon Falls. Their children were George, Emma, Annie. Isabel married Emery North and lived on a farm near Moorhead for many years. Their children were George, Walter, William. William was about my age. I knew him quite well.

Elizabeth ("Aunt Bessie" married Mr. McNally and also lived on a farm near Cannon Falls. She had no children that lived. She was the one with the "Chany cupboard" pieces brought from Scotland. She took quite a fancy to me because I was rather plump ("a braw, muckle gearl" she said). So every summer when we went to visit her she gave me a little vase or pitcher or something from the China cupboard. She never gave to anyone else.

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