

TURNBULL HISTORY

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Sir Robert Turnbull was the commander of the H.M.S. Bellerophon. During the Battle of Trafalgar, Admiral Nelson was supposed to have transferred the flag to the Bellerophon when his ship sank according to family oral history. Nelson was supposed to have died in his arms. He is the oldest authentic member of this branch of the Turnbull clan. No mention of this has been recorded in the history of the battle, but there is a Turnbull Lane in Gibraltar.

His son, James Turnbull, was a sugar refiner born in Port Glasgow, Scotland in approximately 1787, but lived his life in Greenock. He married Isabella Aitken, daughter of John Aitken and Isabella Scotland, on March 19, 1836 in Port Glasgow. She was born June 8, 1814 in Glasgow and died April 11, 1876. James died in Greenock August 3, 1882. They had four children, John Aitken, born 1839 in Glasgow, baptized October 3, 1839. Janet or Jesse born 1842, Agnes in 1850, and Isabella in 1853. A son James was drowned in 1880.

John Aitken spent the early part of his life in Greenock. He married Euphemia Pender Gallacher April 22, 1869 in Glasgow. She was the daughter of James Gallacher and Agnes Brisbane. She was born in 1842 in Glasgow and died September 27, 1902 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. John was also a sugar refiner and manager of one of the Blair, Reed, and Steel refineries. He was later sent to London to rescue a property there where he lived on Campbell road for four years. He then returned to Greenock and subsequently was sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia to rehabilitate a refinery there. Later he built a new refinery in Dartmouth, N.S. and one in Moncton, New Brunswick. Before his death he was head of the entire Canadian Sugar Refining Industry. His son, David Rowan, developed the business even further after his father's death. The offices were located on the corner of Duke and Hollis (235-237 Hollis) in Halifax. The main offices were located at 66 Virginia Street in Glasgow. The family must have come to Halifax sometime after 1882. They lived at 49 E. Young Street, an area damaged in an explosion which has all been rebuilt. John died in Halifax September 3, 1905.

Their first son, James was born October 21, 1872 in Greenock. A second son, John Aitken, was born in 1876 probably in Greenock. He was a bank clerk in Halifax dying there December 1, 1898. Agnes Rowan was born October 13, 1877 in Bromley, England. She married William Farquarson Barclay in Halifax December 29, 1898 and died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin March 18, 1963. David Rowan was born August 31, 1879 in Greenock. He continued in the sugar refining business dying in Halifax August 11, 1950. He married Ruby Marita Kaye June 7, 1905 in Halifax She died May 13, 1947. A son, William Robert, was born in Greenock, in 1881 and died in March 16, 1882. The Turnbells are interred in Fairview Cemetery in Halifax.

James was a bank clerk in Halifax marrying Mary Dunlop Munnis, daughter of James K. Munnis and Martha Watson April 14, 1894. She was born in Halifax December 1, 1870 and died in Los Angeles, California October 27, 1948. James died in Los Angeles August 3, 1971. Both are interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Two of their daughters, Euphemia Render, November, 1896, and Martha Watson, September 17, 1897, were born in Rockingham, a suburb of Halifax. A third daughter, Margaret Mary was born June 5, 1903 in Sydney, Cape Breton at the home of her aunt, Alice Cameron. John Aitken was born February 16, 1907 in Canon City, Colorado where the family had moved from Halifax. James was involved in real estate and the fruit business there for a number of years. The family moved to Roswell, New

Mexico in 1912 and then to Houston, Texas in 1915 and finally to Los Angeles, California in 1923.

Euphemia Pender or Pender never married. She had a distinguished career as curator and bibliographer of rare books at Rice Institute in Houston, Texas for many years finally moving to Los Angeles where she passed away November 17, 1982. Martha Watson married Rev. George Sevier November 27, 1929 in Glendale, Ca. They moved to Denver, Colorado where two children were born. Joan Turnbull, November 10, 1931 and George Jr., October 10, 1939. Martha died in Denver November 28, 1980 in Denver and George, June 14, 1953.

Joan was married Rex William Sjostrom March 16, 1952 by her father at home in Denver, Co. Their daughter, Sandra Louise was born in Fort Collins, Co. April 3, 1955. Anne Margaret was born November 1, 1962 in Denver followed by John William, December 1, 1963 and Sharon Marie, August 31, 1966. Sandra Married David Wayne Link May 31, 1975 in Littleton, Co. He is the son of Rev. Robert and Virginia Link born June 17, 1955 in Des Moines Iowa. They have three children, Rachel Ruth, born May 13, 1985 in Greenville, N.C; Emily Elizabeth, born August 30, 1988 in Bakersfield, Ca; and Davis Robert, born May 22, 1994 in Greeley, Co.

None of the other children married and John passed away March 30, 2002 in Littleton, Co. after suffering with Multiple Myeloma.

George, jr. married Antonia Marie Henderson April 23, 1960. They divorced in 1972 and he married Blandine Mareschel Rickert November 14, 1989. He has three adopted children. Christopher, born September 1, 1962, Lisa, May 5, 1965, and Eric, July 15, 1965. Chris died in 1991.

Margaret Mary married Earle Smith Cain July 18, 1923 in Houston. He was an auditor for the Texas Company. The family moved to Glendale where Earl Smith Junior was born August 4, 1925 and returned to Houston where Marjorie Joan was born August 6, 1926. They returned to California in 1929. Beverly Anne was born December 8, 1934 in Los Angeles. Margaret received a Master's Degree from the University of California and taught school in the LA school district from 1949 to 1969. Earle died in April of 1969.

Earle, jr. married Margaret Anne Barger June 25, 1949 who died July 21, 1986 in Napa, Ca. They had two daughters, Cheryl Anne born Nov. 21, 1950 in Berkley, Ca. And Linda Ellen born August 11, 1952 in Berkeley. Cheryl Anne married Brian Walton and they have a son, Neal born February 23, 1984. Linda is married to Kurt Fischer. Their daughter, Lily, was born December 12, 1994. Earle married Jean Maloney August 24, 1991. They have since divorced,

Marjorie married George Hewes in 1951 in Riverside, Ca. Jeffrey Cain was born May 5, 1953 in Bishop, Ca. He married Jenny Ann Thompson December 9, 1978 and they have two children. Matthew William born April 30, 1983 followed by daughter, Lisa Karen born August 22, 1986.

Karen Elizabeth was born August 22, 1956 in Costa Mesa, Ca. She married Larry Achen November 19, 1988. They have two sons, Daniel Hewes born April 4, 1992 and David Larry born October 7, 1994.

Tony Cain Hewes was born July 27, 1959 in Glendale, Ca. And married Holly.

Beverly Anne married Alan Hendrickson August 3, 1957 in Glendale, Ca. He died in 2002. Their son, James Frederick, was born February 14, 1963 and married Heather Deets in January of 1993. They have two children Lynnea Marie born June 8, 1994 and Erick James born August 29, 1996. I

Lynne Margaret Hendrickson was born September 6, 1964 and married Jeffrey Sharpe July 23, 1989. Daughter Hailey Elaine was born September 29, 1993 followed by David Alan January 18, 1995.

John Aitken was a stockbroker for Dean Witter in Los Angeles. He married Katharine Olive Silliker in Pasadena, Ca. June 20, 1931. She was born in Halifax November 1, 1908 and died in Pasadena in 1990. John died in Pasadena December 2, 1976. There were no children.